

City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Agenda Item I-4
March 28, 2023
City Commission Chambers
405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, FL

City Commission

Mayor Vince Lago

Vice Mayor Michael Mena

Commissioner Rhonda Anderson

Commissioner James Cason

Commissioner Kirk Menendez

City Staff

City Attorney, Cristina Suárez

City Manager, Peter Iglesias

City Clerk, Billy Urquia

Public Speaker(s)

Maria Cruz

Agenda Item I-4 [2:16 p.m.]

A Resolution of the City Commission authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Cooperative Agreement with the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, for Project Victory, a program that assists young adults with disabilities by providing work skills and employment training within the City of Coral Gables.

Mayor Lago: Moving onto I-4. We already passed that, right.

City Attorney Suarez: No, we have not done this one yet, Mayor.

Mayor Lago: Okay.

City Attorney Suarez: I-4 is a Resolution of the City Commission authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Cooperative Agreement with the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, for Project Victory, a program that assists young adults with disabilities by providing work skills and employment training within the City of Coral Gables.

Mayor Lago: I love it.

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Commissioner Anderson: I thought we already did it.

City Attorney Suarez: We adopted the principles of inclusion, but we haven't approved this.

Deputy City Attorney Throckmorton: This item renews the program for an additional year.

City Manager Iglesias: It's a program extension.

Mayor Lago: So, do we have a motion?

Commissioner Anderson: I'll move it.

Commissioner Menendez: Second.

Mayor Lago: Do we have any public comment, Mr. Clerk?

City Clerk Urquia: Yes, I do, Ms. Maria Cruz.

Mayor Lago: Ms. Cruz.

Ms. Cruz: Alright, this is another good one. Twenty-sum years ago, when I was still teaching, oh, Maria Cruz, 1447 Miller Road. I don't want to be accused of not giving my information. Like I said, twenty-sum years ago when I was a schoolteacher, we had Project Victory. We had kids that were transported from Beach High, before lunch I think, because they had lunch, at Mercy Hospital. They went from the school to work at Mercy, exactly what you all do now. I did not know whether they did it for government, but I think this is fantastic. This is a wonderful idea and I really think that if we just started it, we are a little behind the times, but it's very good. Okay.

Mayor Lago: Madam City Attorney, we're not just starting this now, we've actually been doing this for some time.

City Attorney Suarez: I believe this will be our second year, yes.

Mayor Lago: So, just to clarify the record. Are there any other further comments?

City Clerk Urquia: No sir.

Mayor Lago: Alright. Perfect. I'll entertain a motion.

City Clerk Urquia: I have a motion, Mr. Mayor.

Vice Mayor Mena: Yes
Commissioner Menendez: Yes
Commissioner Anderson: Yes
Commissioner Cason: Yes
Mayor Lago: Yes
(Vote: 5-0)