

**City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting**  
**Agenda Item C-4**  
**January 22, 2019**  
**City Commission Chambers**  
**405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, FL**

**City Commission**

**Mayor Raul Valdes-Fauli**  
**Vice Mayor Vince Lago**  
**Commissioner Pat Keon**  
**Commissioner Michael Mena**  
**Commissioner Frank Quesada**

**City Staff**

**City Manager, Peter Iglesias**  
**City Attorney, Miriam Ramos**  
**City Clerk, Billy Urquia**

**Public Speaker(s)**

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Agenda Item C-4 [9:55:56 a.m.]

A discussion regarding establishing a Sister City relationship with the City of Seville, Spain.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Next item – discussion regarding establishing a Sister City relationship with the City of Seville, Spain. To my great delight and a little surprise, the City of Seville, which is about 250 times our size, expressed, I’m exaggerating, but much bigger, expressed a desire or interest in having us establishing a relationship with them. And that has to do with our quality of life, in large part with our IT progress department, Raimundo Rodolfo’s technical wonderful qualifications and what he has done for us; and I think it would be very, very good because we could learn a lot from them and this puts us in a different category in having a Sister City relationship with a city much bigger than us. And we can learn from them, their growing pains and what not to do, what has worked, etc. I think it would be a wonderful relationship.

City Attorney Ramos: I would ask for a motion of intent to move forward. We will take it to the Coral Gables International Affairs Coordinating Council for a vote and then bring back a resolution for the Commission.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Yes.

City Attorney Ramos: OK. We'll bring back a resolution on the February 12<sup>th</sup> for a formal vote.

Vice Mayor Lago: Make a motion.

Commissioner Keon: Do we have to make a motion.

City Attorney Ramos: Yes, just to move forward with the process. We'll confirm that, put a resolution together and bring it back to you.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Alright. Will you call the roll please?

Vice Mayor Lago: Yes

Commissioner Mena: Yes

Commissioner Quesada: Yes

Commissioner Keon: Yes

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Yes

(Vote: 5-0)

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: And we are also looking at other possible cities, including Andorra and others, Salzedo, which is next to Buenos Aires and our goal is not to establish 50 different Sister Cities, but to have meaningful relationships that we can learn from them and they can learn from us.

[End: 9:57:58 a.m.]