

**City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting**  
**Agenda Items F-7, F-10, F-11 and F-12 are related**  
**March 23, 2021**  
**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 Jorge Fors**

**City Staff**

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

**Public Speaker(s)**

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Agenda Items [Start: 11:38 a.m.]

F-7: An Ordinance of the City Commission of City of Coral Gables, Florida amending Ordinance No. 2016-43 (Amended), which approved a Planned Area Development (PAD) for the project known as “Gables Station,” providing for amended conditions of approval; providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, codification, and providing for an effective date.

F-10: A Resolution of the City Commission amending Resolution No. 2018-171, which approved the waiver of payment of the Park Impact Fees due on the project known as “Gables Station,” located at 211-237 South Dixie Highway, Coral Gables, Florida, providing for a repealer provision, severability clause and providing for an effective date.

F-11: A Resolution of the City Commission amending Resolution No. 2016-172 (Amended), which approved a mixed-use site plan for the project known as “Gables Station,” providing for amended conditions of approval; providing for a repealer provision, severability clause and providing for an effective date.

F-12: A Resolution of the City Commission authorizing an amendment to the Declaration of Restrictions entered into for the Gables Station Project located at 211-237 South Dixie Highway; providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, and providing for an effective date.

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Mayor Valdes-Fauli: F-7, 10.

City Attorney Ramos: F-7 is an Ordinance of the City Commission of City of Coral Gables, Florida amending Ordinance No. 2016-43 (Amended), which approved a Planned Area Development (PAD) for the project known as “Gables Station,” providing for amended conditions of approval; providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, codification, and providing for an effective date. This is a public hearing item. Its related to items F-10, 11, and 12, and if anyone wished to speak, they need to be sworn in.

Vice Mayor Lago: Mr. Clerk, do we have anyone who wishes to speak?

City Clerk Urquia: No sir.

Vice Mayor Lago: Does anyone on the Commission have any comments in regard to this? Pretty simple. Just to get a TCO and get them on the tax roll as quickly as possible. We have a motion by Commissioner Mena, Second?

Commissioner Keon: Second.

Vice Mayor Lago: Mr. Clerk, please call the roll.

Commissioner Fors: Yes

Commissioner Keon: Yes

Commissioner Mena: Yes

Vice Mayor Lago: Yes

(Vote: 4-0)

(Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Absent)

Vice Mayor Lago: F-8.

City Attorney Ramos: Vice Mayor, do you want to take the three related items at the bottom?

Vice Mayor Lago: Yes, let’s do that. Thank you. Thank you, Madam City Attorney.

City Attorney Ramos: F-10 is a Resolution of the City Commission amending Resolution No. 2018-171, which approved the waiver of payment of the Park Impact Fees due on the project

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known as “Gables Station,” located at 211-237 South Dixie Highway, Coral Gables, Florida, providing for a repealer provision, severability clause and providing for an effective date.

Commissioner Keon: I’ll move it.

Vice Mayor Lago: Second anyone?

Commissioner Fors: Second.

Vice Mayor Lago: Mr. Clerk.

Commissioner Keon: Yes

Commissioner Mena: Yes

Commissioner Fors: Yes

Vice Mayor Lago: Yes

(Vote: 4-0)

(Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Absent)

Vice Mayor Lago: F-11.

City Attorney Ramos: A Resolution of the City Commission amending Resolution No. 2016-172 (Amended), which approved a mixed-use site plan for the project known as “Gables Station,” providing for amended conditions of approval; providing for a repealer provision, severability clause and providing for an effective date.

Vice Mayor Lago: Are there any comments by the Commission? Can I get a motion, please?

Commissioner Keon: I’ll move it.

Commissioner Fors: Second.

Commissioner Mena: Yes

Commissioner Fors: Yes

Commissioner Keon: Yes

Vice Mayor Lago: Yes

(Vote: 4-0)

(Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Absent)

Vice Mayor Lago: Thank you Mr. Clerk. Madam City Attorney, F-12.

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Vice Mayor Lago: Does staff have any comments?

City Manager Iglesias: No comments Vice Mayor.

Vice Mayor Lago: Commission. May I have a motion please?

City Clerk Urquia: Before the vote we do have someone, who wishes to speak on this, Mr. Jackson Rip Holmes has requested to speak.

Vice Mayor Lago: Allow him to have the floor.

City Clerk Urquia: Mr. Holmes.

Mr. Holmes: Thank you very much. I know that all of you at City Hall care about the city and so I'll hope you'll take my comments to heart, because its somewhat troubling and scary. I've learned from the Police-Fire Union, who I highly commend for helping bring this to people's attention that there have been no, and this gets back to Gables Station now, because this relates, if anyone is listening from Gables Station, I hope you listen carefully. Over the past 30 years, we've had no additional hires for firefighters despite the fact that there have been at least 50 buildings during this time, major buildings, either already built long since and open long since, or like Gables Station coming on board. So, if we look at the people who will be residing in Gables Station, what I submit to you and this is new to me, so I don't want to pretend otherwise, but I've researched this with very learned people, former Commissioners, we don't have enough firefighters and so, we have a public safety issue. Please, Mayor Valdes-Fauli, Mr. Iglesias, all of you, we are in, I believe, that we need a minimum of 9 probably 11 more firefighters to bring us fully up to code. This is a very serious situation. Please hire more firefighters. Take care of the people at Gables Station and all around the city.

Vice Mayor Lago: Thank you sir, we appreciate your comments, they'll be taken into consideration. Madam City Attorney, do you want to move onto F-8?

City Clerk Urquia: We just need a vote on F-12.

City Clerk Urquia: You need a vote on this one. I'm sorry, who made the motion?

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Commissioner Keon: I'll move it.

Vice Mayor Lago: I need a second.

Commissioner Fors: Second.

Commissioner Fors: Yes

Commissioner Keon: Yes

Vice Mayor Lago: Yes

(Vote: 3-0)

(Commissioner Mena: Absent)

(Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Absent)