

City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Agenda Item F-6
August 25, 2015
City Commission Chambers
405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, FL

City Commission

Mayor Jim Cason
Commissioner Pat Keon
Commissioner Vince Lago
Vice Mayor Frank Quesada
Commissioner Jeannett Slesnick

City Staff

City Manager, Cathy Swanson-Rivenbark
City Attorney, Craig E. Leen
City Clerk, Walter J. Foeman
Deputy City Clerk, Billy Urquia

Public Speaker(s)

Agenda Item F-6 [4:08:20 p.m.]

A Resolution of the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida expressing support for sustainable construction development and design standards and directing staff to prepare an Ordinance for the City Commission's consideration incorporating said standards into applicable City and Zoning Codes, as appropriate providing for severability and an effective date. (Sponsored by Commissioner Vince Lago).

Mayor Cason: F-6 – let's do F-6.

Commissioner Lago: I'll be very brief. Basically, I'm proffering this resolution requesting that staff and our sustainability team take a real in depth look. I know that one of our directors was already looking into and the City Manager was given some information in reference to what other cities are doing in regards to the requirements, in regards to new versus renovation construction, and what are their LEED requirements. The City Manager was giving us – you had

some updated information regarding other cities and new construction and it met at a certain threshold, what were the requirements, the basic minimums...?

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: And some are not necessarily LEED-type, but Florida Green Building, so that they can look at a variety of maybe 20 items and pick 15 of them as a part of that. So we are looking at what other cities have done and the important thing is several of them are already revising original codes that they had to make sure that it really applies well. So we are gathering up all of that information in order to develop a code that works for development while also recognizing the best sustainable development is redevelopment of existing buildings.

Commissioner Lago: So basically just to make it brief. What I'm asking for in this resolution is for my colleagues to support that staff move forward and put together a plan, so when there is a new construction project similar to what we did with Collection Residence and what we did with Mediterranean Village, instead of having an awkward moment where they are in front of the Commission and we say, hi, would you like to make your project LEED or the equivalent?- they've already come to us prepared because its already required in regards to the development agreement and its already required as per City ordinances. So, I'm just asking, right now there really is no delineated plan and I'm just asking for basically the Commission's support so that staff can work on a detailed plan and bring it before us in the next 60 days.

Vice Mayor Quesada: Love it. So moved.

Mayor Cason: Motion from Commissioner Quesada – second?

Commissioner Keon: I'll second it.

Mayor Cason: Commissioner Keon. City Clerk

Commissioner Slesnick: Yes

Commissioner Keon: Yes

Commissioner Lago: Yes

Vice Mayor Quesada: Yes

Mayor Cason: Yes

(Vote: 5-0)

[End: 4:10:40 p.m.]