

City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Agenda Item E-6
December 15, 2009
City Commission Chambers
405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, FL

City Commission

Mayor Donald D. Slesnick, II
Vice Mayor William H. Kerdyk, Jr.
Commissioner Maria Anderson
Commissioner Rafael “Ralph” Cabrera, Jr.
Commissioner Wayne “Chip” Withers

City Staff

City Manager, Patrick Salerno
City Attorney, Elizabeth Hernandez
City Clerk, Walter J. Foeman
Deputy City Clerk, Billy Urquia

Public Speaker(s)

Dr. Carol Damian, Chair, Cultural Development Board

E-6 [Start: 10:58:00 a.m.]

An Ordinance of the City Commission of Coral Gables amending the Zoning Code, Article 3, Division 20, entitled “Art in Public Places”, in particular Section 20-102, entitled “Definitions”; Section 20-103, entitled “Art Funds”; and Section 3, entitled “Applicability of the Ordinance” to allow for collection of funds to the Historic Public Art Fund and Art Acquisition Fund; providing for severability, repealer and effective date.

Mayor Slesnick: E-6.

Dr. Damian: Item E-6 is to amend the Zoning Code, Article 3, Division 20, entitled “Art in Public Places”, in particular Section 20-102, entitled “Definitions”; Section 20-103, entitled “Art Funds”; and Section 3, entitled “Applicability of the Ordinance” to allow for collection of funds to the Historic Public Art Fund and Art Acquisition Fund. If you recall the Commission approved the Arts in Public Places ordinance by unanimous vote on December 11, 2007, the ordinance was made effective upon the approval of a Public Art Master Plan; however we have the opportunity to collect the funds now so that they will be available when the Master Plan is finalized. As you are aware we...

Mayor Slesnick: I’m sorry, what number are we on?

Dr. Damian: E-6.

Mayor Slesnick: Its pensions on my agenda.

City Attorney Hernandez: That's E-5.

Mayor Slesnick: I'm sorry, now I'm on the same sheet of music.

Dr. Damian: OK. As you are aware we obtained a matching grant from the State of Florida Division of Cultural Affairs to allow us to hire a consultant to assist with the Master Plan, which is scheduled to be finalized by the end of June. In the meantime we would recommend making the ordinance effective now with regard to the collection of public art funds.

Mayor Slesnick: Do I have a motion?

Vice Mayor Kerdyk: So moved.

Mayor Slesnick: Moved by Mr. Kerdyk – second?

Commissioner Cabrera: Oh, you want a second?

Mayor Slesnick: Mr. Cabrera. OK, this is first reading, we'll get back to this on second reading; if there are any questions or any further discussion, if there is not some now that's great, but there will be a second reading, and its to implement what we adopted before, we left hanging, sorry that we did leave it hanging, but good to bring it to the forefront now.

Mr. Clerk

Commissioner Cabrera: Yes

Vice Mayor Kerdyk: Yes

Commissioner Withers: Yes

Mayor Slesnick: Yes

(Vote: 4-0)

Mayor Slesnick: Thank you all and thank your whole Board for its hard work and its good work.

Dr. Damian: And also I would like to say I am stepping down as Chairperson as of now, my term limit is over, so I'm still on the Board but not as the Chairperson right now, but I thank you for your vote of confidence and I thank my Board as well.

Mayor Slesnick: Who is our next Chair?

Dr. Damian: Bernice Matalon.

Mayor Slesnick: Very good.

[End: 11:00:22 a.m.]