

City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Agenda Item F-7
December 13, 2022
City Commission Chambers
405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, FL

City Commission

Mayor Vince Lago

Vice Mayor Michael Mena

Commissioner Rhonda Anderson

Commissioner Kirk Menendez

City Staff

City Attorney, Miriam Ramos

City Manager, Peter Iglesias

City Clerk, Billy Urquia

Assistant City Attorney, Gus Ceballos

Public Speaker(s)

Mark Trowbridge

Agenda Item F-7 [9:53 a.m.]

An Ordinance of the City Commission providing for a text amendment to the City of Coral Gables Official Zoning Code by amending Article 15, "Notices" to include mailed notice to all properties within the applicable mailing distance; providing for severability clause, repealer provision, codification, and providing for an effective date. (Sponsored by Commissioner Anderson)

Mayor Lago: Moving onto F-7.

City Attorney Ramos: F-7 is An Ordinance of the City Commission providing for a text amendment to the City of Coral Gables Official Zoning Code by amending Article 15, "Notices" to include mailed notice to all properties within the applicable mailing distance; providing for severability clause, repealer provision, codification, and providing for an effective date.

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Assistant City Attorney Ceballos: Good morning again. So this notice provision just makes one quick change. One line that's added to the code. Any time a required mail notice is being sent out, if on the Miami-Dade County Property Appraiser's there is a different address for the property than the mailing address, notice will be sent to both addresses.

Mayor Lago: Again, another step-in transparency, another step in ensuring that everyone is heard. So, I think it's a great piece of legislation. Thank you Commissioner.

Commissioner Anderson: You're very welcome. And you led the way with transparency. I noticed this gap, I was a business owner at one time and I had courtesy of a good business owner that gave me ample notice and I was able to do that type of thinking that businesses need to do as to whether I needed to downsize, merge with somebody, buy a new place. I think this accomplishes that purpose. So, I'll move it, if you have no comments folks.

City Clerk Urquia: We do have comments, Mr. Mark Trowbridge.

Commissioner Anderson: Thank you.

Mayor Lago: Come on in.

Mr. Trowbridge: Good morning again leaders, Mark Trowbridge with our Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce, 201 Alhambra, here in the City Beautiful. We rise in support of this ordinance and again to each and every one of you this concept, and very important idea of transparency. We agree with Commissioner Anderson. I want to really thank her for reaching out to me and allowed us an opportunity to reach out to our leadership and get their feedback which was in full support, and we want to continue to work with you collaboratively on opportunities like this that not only increase transparency, but especially, I think about on the special events side, we have to give notice for something that's going to last a few minutes, when in this case, you know something that could last for years and years to come. So, thank you very much and we give our support to this ordinance.

Commissioner Anderson: Thank you.

Mayor Lago: Thank you, Mark, I appreciate it.

Commissioner Anderson: I think we had a motion and a second.

Commissioner Menendez: Yes

Commissioner Anderson: Yes

Vice Mayor Mena: Yes

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Mayor Lago: Yes

(Vote: 4-0)

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