

City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Agenda Item E-2
August 23, 2016
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

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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 E-2 [1:21:20 p.m.]

An Ordinance of the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida providing for a text amendment to the City of Coral Gables Official Zoning Code, Article 3, "Development Review," Division 3, "Uniform Notice and Procedures for Public Hearing," Section 3-302, "Notice" and Article 8, "Definitions" expanding the notice area from one-thousand (1,000) feet to one-thousand five-hundred (1,500) feet for certain applications, amending the definition for aggrieved party and revising procedural requirements for public hearing notifications; providing for repealer provision, severability clause, codification, and providing for an effective date. (PZB) recommended approval, Vote: 7-0)

Mayor Cason: We are going to now take up E-2, an Ordinance on Second Reading.

City Attorney Leen: Thank you Mr. Mayor. Item E-2 is An Ordinance of the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida providing for a text amendment to the City of Coral Gables Official Zoning Code, Article 3, "Development Review," Division 3, "Uniform Notice and Procedures for Public Hearing," Section 3-302, "Notice" and Article 8, "Definitions" expanding the notice

area from one-thousand (1,000) feet to one-thousand five-hundred (1,500) feet for certain applications, amending the definition for aggrieved party and revising procedural requirements for public hearing notifications; providing for repealer provision, severability clause, codification, and providing for an effective date. There is a correction and an amendment. First is the correction, on page 4, Article 8 “Definitions,” it should say, and it does say it in your packets, but for some reason it didn’t say it in Legistar, but the definition will now say, aggrieved, means any applicant or any person who receive courtesy notice of a public hearing from the City. That had been changed to property owner from person, but remember part of this ordinance will have tenants receive notice is situations where the tenant is listed on the Property Appraiser’s website. So it needs to say person instead of property owner. The second thing is, and this is an amendment that’s been approved by the sponsor, Commissioner Slesnick, because the concern that she has raised is related to comprehensive plan changes, where an application includes a comprehensive plan change. She’d like to make sure that people within 1,500 feet have notice, C-1 will now say, it is provided however that the radius for a courtesy notice of public hearings for applications for change in land use before the Planning and Zoning Board, change of zoning or planned area developments will no longer be included, it’s for – Now if there happens to be a planned area development or change of zoning in conjunction with the change in land use then there would be notice, but it’s the change in land use that is what leads to the notice being provided to address the situation that Commissioner Slesnick has raised. She’s agreed to that, so it’s a friendly amendment and that’s how it’s going to be presented to you now. This is a public hearing item.

Mayor Cason: Do we have any speaker cards?

City Clerk Foeman: No Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Cason: So we’ll close the public hearing. Discussion?

Commissioner Lago: I think the friendly amendment makes a lot of sense; obviously it allows staff to not have to deal with so much workload or...obviously the cost that the applicant will incur if they are not making those significant changes.

Vice Mayor Quesada: So moved.

Commissioner Keon: I’ll second it.

Mayor Cason: Vice Mayor makes the motion, Commissioner Keon seconds – City Clerk.

Commissioner Lago: Yes

Vice Mayor Quesada: Yes
Commissioner Slesnick: Yes
Commissioner Keon: Yes
Mayor Cason: Yes
(Vote: 5-0)

[End: 1:24:23 p.m.]