

City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Agenda Item E-1
April 26, 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

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 E-1 [Start: 9:45:28 a.m.]

An Ordinance of the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida, pursuant to the authority granted by the Dade County Home Rule Amendment to the Florida Constitution, conflicting with, modifying, and nullifying the preemption of polystyrene regulations in Chapter 2016-01, Laws of Florida (to be encoded as Section 500.90 of the Florida Statutes), to the extent that such preemption is a local, special or general law applicable only to the City of Coral Gables in Miami-Dade County, and determining that the City's polystyrene regulations are not preempted and remain enforceable.

Mayor Cason: Let's move onto Item E-1, which is an Ordinance on Second Reading.

City Attorney Leen: Thank you Mr. Mayor. Item E-1 is an Ordinance on Second Reading. An Ordinance of the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida, pursuant to the authority granted by the Dade County Home Rule Amendment to the Florida Constitution, conflicting with, modifying, and nullifying the preemption of polystyrene regulations in Chapter 2016-01, Laws

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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: My comments are pretty brief. Thank you again to the Commission, to staff for an incredible job. Like I mentioned before in my letter to the Herald, that I sent to the governor, preemption laws do not favor local government. I think it's a shame what transpired, but the City of Coral Gables is very resilient. I think that we again blaze the trail here, and we are showing that we are putting the environment, like we did on one of our first presentations on Earth Day that we are putting the environment first. Again, quality of life is directly correlated to open space, to good environment, and this is an example of us really blazing the trail in South Florida and I hope that other cities do not fall asleep in regards to this preemption law and truly walk with us down this path and hopefully making polystyrene a thing of the past.

Mayor Cason: So do we have a motion on E-1, Second Reading.

Commissioner Slesnick: So moved.

Vice Mayor Quesada: Second.

Mayor Cason: Commissioner Slesnick makes the motion, the Vice Mayor seconds it. City Clerk.

Commissioner Slesnick: Yes

Commissioner Keon: Yes

Commissioner Lago: Yes

Vice Mayor Quesada: Yes

Mayor Cason: Yes

(Vote: 5-0)

Commissioner Lago: Thank you.

[End: 9:47:25 a.m.]