

City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Agenda Item F-1
January 14, 2020
City Commission Chambers
405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, FL

City Commission

Mayor Raul Valdes-Fauli
Vice Mayor Vince Lago
Commissioner Jorge Fors, Jr.
Commissioner Pat Keon
Commissioner Michael Mena

City Staff

City Manager, Peter Iglesias
City Attorney, Miriam Ramos
City Clerk, Billy Urquia
Assistant City Attorney, Gus Ceballos

Public Speaker(s)

Agenda Item F-1 [9:31:25 a.m.]

An Ordinance of the City of Coral Gables, Florida amending the City of Coral Gables Code Chapter 78, Article I, Section 78-1 entitled “Restricted use of utility easement property,” and Chapter 1, “General Provisions,” Section 1-7 entitled “Penalties,” to include additional penalties for violations of Section 78-1; providing for repealer provision, severability clause, codification and providing for an effective date. (Sponsored by Vice Mayor Lago)

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: We’ll go on now to ordinances on Second Reading, F-1, Mr. City Manager, and if you wish to stay for this very, very interesting part of the agenda having to do with contracts for tours and whatever it is, you are welcome to stay. Otherwise, we are not offended if you leave. I’d like to wait for them to vacate.

City Attorney Ramos: F-1 is an Ordinance of the City of Coral Gables, Florida amending the City of Coral Gables Code Chapter 78, Article I, Section 78-1 entitled “Restricted use of utility
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easement property,” and Chapter 1, “General Provisions,” Section 1-7 entitled “Penalties,” to include additional penalties for violations of Section 78-1; providing for repealer provision, severability clause, codification and providing for an effective date. There have been some changes between First and Second Reading, Mr. Ceballos.

Assistant City Attorney Ceballos: Good morning Mr. Mayor, Mr. Vice Mayor, Commissioners, Gus Ceballos, Assistant City Attorney. This item is coming before you on Second Reading. The only significant changes are Section 4 and 5 have been added. Basically, it shifts burden of FPL to basically restore, and repair sort of damage caused by an easement. It also has some indemnification language for these utility companies so they wouldn’t indemnify the City for any damage caused by their operations.

City Attorney Ramos: This is a public hearing item.

City Clerk Urquia: No speaker cards.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Anybody wishes to speak from the public? Do I hear a motion?

Commissioner Keon: So moved.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Second?

Vice Mayor Lago: Second.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Its been moved and seconded.

Vice Mayor Lago: I just want to say thank you to staff for working on this legislation that I put together over the last six months. I think this is going to pay significant dividends over the next year and forthcoming years, as we obviously try to make sure that we clean up the lines as much as possible in preparation, hopefully we don’t have any natural disasters, but if there is anything of significant magnitude that we limit the amount of time that we have issues in regards to power outages. So that’s the real reason behind this legislation. We are trying to ensure as much compliance and having the ability to address those issues which a little bit of overgrowth that’s occurring. So, thank you to staff for all your hard work over the last six months. Thank you.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Will you call the roll please.

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Commissioner Keon: Yes
Vice Mayor Lago: Yes
Commissioner Mena: Yes
Commissioner Fors: Yes
Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Yes
(Vote: 5-0)

[End: 9:33:51 a.m.]

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Article I, Section 78-1, entitled “Restricted Use of Utility Easement Property”*

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