

City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Agenda Item H-1
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City Commission Chambers
405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, FL

City Commission

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Commissioner Pat Keon
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City Clerk, Walter J. Foeman
Parking Director, Kevin Kinney

Public Speaker(s)

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Timeline on migration of Parking Code
(Sponsored by Commissioner Lago)

Commissioner Lago: We are talking about H-1, in reference to a timeline issuing a Parking Code.

City Attorney Ramos: There's a memorandum that's included in the materials, Mr. Kinney, in case the Commission has any questions.

Commissioner Lago: Mr. Kinney how we doing? I'm excited to see the fact that we are actually putting a schedule to this.

Parking Director Kinney: Well actually, the IT Director and I have been meeting with a number of vendors and our next meeting...

Commissioner Lago: You told me that two months ago.

Parking Director Kinney: At the last meeting I told you the ones we had met with. We've met with a couple more. We have bid some work over the summer, but we are now going to schedule a meeting with Procurement Director.

Commissioner Lago: The Procurement Director in our building in the City of Coral Gables?- so why don't you just schedule it for this afternoon, we're here. Let me explain to you and I don't want to put you on the hot spot. When did we passed this legislation?

Parking Director Kinney: I believe it was in June.

Commissioner Lago: We passed it in June. We need to move forward and let me tell you why, because I need to make sure that if we are going to get some pushback from the County in regards to doing this, I need to know where we stand. So what I need to do is, I don't want to look at this two years from now and say hey, what's going on? I want a schedule that shows all deliverables, the long lead items. What is the most direct path to our end goal here, which is the migration? So, what I need from you is to provide by the next Commission meeting, you haven't done it yet, I haven't seen the memo, I apologize. I need to know an end goal.

City Attorney Ramos: That memorandum lays out the process on HR for hiring, IT for the system, as well as the equipment that's needed, Procurement to put out the bids. It's about a 12 to 18 month process.

Commissioner Lago: I don't have a problem with it being 12 to 18 months, it's perfectly fine, as long as we can adhere to this schedule, and Peter shakes his head because he knows this is what I do every day. So, I need to understand and I need to make sure that you can meet this schedule.

Parking Director Kinney: No, no, no.

Commissioner Lago: Hold on, let me just finish for a second. When you tell me 12 to 18 months that's a massive gap where I know that you don't want to spread yourself too thin and you want to meet expectations, but I think that we can do this within 12 months, not 18 months.

Parking Director Kinney: That is my goal.

Commissioner Lago: What are your concerns why you couldn't do it in 12 months?

City Attorney Ramos: Explain the difference between the 12 and the 18 months with the piggyback.

Parking Director Kinney: This is how we do Procurement. If we have to go for a full-blown RFP that delays the process. If we can find a procurement tool that will allow us to move a little bit quicker that's what gets us to less than a year. What we did was, we sat down with all of the departments that are impacted. The City Attorney's office helped put that together. We had IT, we had HR. We have to set up an appeals process from scratch, we do have to sit down with the Clerk's office. In fact, I'm having I think my third meeting with the Clerk's office next week just to make sure we can have an amicable separation, because we will need to be able to share information even after we are separated. So we are working on all of those things. But yes, my goal would be less than 12 months, but there are certain things that might cause an extension of the process.

Commissioner Lago: Kevin, you are aware because you were at that meeting, so was I, and the Clerk is not going to let this go without a fight obviously. They don't want to set a precedent, because we would be the first City to do this. So, we are going to obviously engage in a back and forth. I want to get to that point as quickly as possible, so that we can find out whether this is viable or not and we can bring it before the Commission to see if that's a battle that we really want to go after. I'm willing to do it, because I think that we should do everything in our power to not just give away money. That's revenue that belongs to the City and the residents deserve that revenue. So, what I really want to make sure is we engage in a discussion as quickly as possible, because I was in a meeting and so were you where they basically told us, we are going to have a fight on our hands in reference to the Clerk. He brought his attorney and there was a back and forth in regards to our future proposal. Are any other cities doing this?

Parking Director Kinney: Not in Miami-Dade County. Although, I would have to qualify that, Miami-Dade County is the only county I'm aware of that controls local parking enforcement.

Commissioner Lago: But the City of Miami doesn't go through Miami-Dade County, they do? - OK. But other municipalities outside of Miami-Dade County, in Broward, Palm Beach, they have a completely different scenario.

Parking Director Kinney: For us the first step was finding the technology that we needed and Raimundo and I are very comfortable with where we are now and that's why we are moving, I guess, if we want to call it Phase II, which is Procurement and we will be meeting with Celeste this week. I will make sure it happens this week.

Commissioner Lago: OK. Your first item here is, I can see is March 31, 2019, it's the interlocal agreement, handicap space violation revenue generated. I have to look at it in more detail. Can I get a more drawn, a more detailed schedule, which will kind of show us step by step by step what are the next few steps that we have here, because these are just main points, but I'd like to see how we can get there in 12 months.

Parking Director Kinney: That is absolutely my goal.

Commissioner Lago: Because, what I'm going to do with your schedule is I'm going to start putting items on the actual Commission agenda, so that we can move forward, either with some sort of litigation if we have no other choice and my colleagues support me on that, or abandon the process altogether if they are not interested in moving in that direction.

Parking Director Kinney: Absolutely.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Thank you.

Commissioner Lago: Does anybody...

Vice Mayor Quesada: I agree. I agree a hundred percent. Do we need to make a motion or anything?

Commissioner Lago: No. I just wanted to...

Mayor Valdes-Fauli:...to the Commission.

Vice Mayor Quesada: It's a hundred percent agreement, let's make it happen, that's really it.

Commissioner Lago: Would you need the Commission to...a Resolution in support.

Parking Director Kinney: Not a resolution at this time. The feeling I currently get from the Clerk's office is they are probably not going to take action or do anything until they are given the notice.

Commissioner Lago: That's what I'm saying, I don't want to waste any more time; I don't say we are wasting time. Let me take that back. I want to be very clear. I want to engage the Clerk, so that if they are going to provide us with notice, if they are going to litigate this, then let's move forward and we'll make a decision as a Commission whether we want to engage in that.

Parking Director Kinney: And, we will keep you posted as we reach milestones and the next one should be Procurement.

Commissioner Lago: Thank you. I appreciate that. Thank you Kevin, great work.

City Manager Iglesias: Commissioner we will check the waters on that.

Commissioner Lago: OK. I think it's important to do that. We know that they are going to pushback.

City Manager Iglesias: They are going to pushback.

Commissioner Lago: That's fine, but we are talking about a lot of money here that can be used, reoccurring revenue every single year. Can be used to fund a lot of interest that this Commission has in the City of Coral Gables.

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