

City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Agenda Item I-1
February 28, 2023
City Commission Chambers
405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, FL

City Commission

Mayor Vince Lago

Vice Mayor Michael Mena

Commissioner Rhonda Anderson

Commissioner James Cason

Commissioner Kirk Menendez

City Staff

City Attorney, Cristina Suárez

City Manager, Peter Iglesias

City Clerk, Billy Urquia

Public Speaker(s)

Agenda Item I-1 [12:21 p.m.]

A Resolution of the City Commission authorizing the acceptance of grant funds in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 from the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) for the Last Mile Transit Stop Improvements Program; authorizing execution of the grant contract; and authorizing an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Annual Budget to recognize the \$1,000,000.00 grant as revenue and to appropriate such funds to put toward the cost of the program.

Mayor Lago: I'm going to jump to I-1, a simple one, finish this up, City Manager item.

City Attorney Suarez: I-1 is a Resolution of the City Commission authorizing the acceptance of grant funds in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 from the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) for the Last Mile Transit Stop Improvements Program; authorizing execution of the grant contract; and authorizing an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Annual Budget to recognize the \$1,000,000.00 grant as revenue and to appropriate such funds to put toward the cost of the program.

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Mayor Lago: Congratulations Mr. Manager, very well done.

City Manager Iglesias: Thank you Mayor. Mayor, Commissioners, we are using this money for two trolley stops to make them ADA compatible and also roof structures to the trolley stop. This is a Last Transit Stop Improvement Program and so, I think we can very effectively use it for a transit system through the trolley system.

Mayor Lago: Thank you Commissioner Anderson for always being an advocate on behalf of ADA issues and leading the charge on that, so I just wanted to recognize you for that.

Commissioner Anderson: Thank you. I spoke with the Manager, although it's a million dollars, doesn't cover the full price tag. We still need to continue our mission in Tallahassee.

City Manager Iglesias: It's about a 45- cover about 55 percent of the cost, so we cover the other 45 percent.

Mayor Lago: We'll get there.

Commissioner Anderson: Okay. Okay. Good work.

Mayor Lago: Listen, I hate to say it, we were always very strong on ADA issues, but you brought a lot of light to that, so that's something that I have to, we've got to give credence to.

Commissioner Anderson: Thank you. Well, I'll move it, so we can.

City Manager Iglesias: We move about 1.25 million people in a trolley per year, so it's a fantastic improvement to our system.

Commissioner Menendez: Second.

Commissioner Anderson: I'll enjoy the roof covering when it's raining.

City Manager Iglesias: There's eight of them.

Mayor Lago: We have a first and a second.

Commissioner Anderson: Yes

Commissioner Cason: Yes

Vice Mayor Mena: Yes

Commissioner Menendez: Yes

Mayor Lago: Yes

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