

City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting

Agenda Item E-2

July 15, 2008

City Commission Chambers

405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, FL

City Commission

Mayor Donald D. Slesnick, II

Vice Mayor William H. Kerdyk, Jr.

Commissioner Maria Anderson

Commissioner Rafael “Ralph” Cabrera, Jr.

Commissioner Wayne “Chip” Withers

City Staff

City Manager, David Brown

City Attorney, Elizabeth Hernandez

City Clerk, Walter J. Foeman

Public Works Director, Alberto Delgado

Public Speaker(s)

E-2 [Start: 11:31:03 a.m.]

An Ordinance amending Article IV of Chapter 78 of the Code of the City of Coral Gables titled “Stormwater Management Utility,” for the purpose of redefining developed property, dwelling, impervious area, nonresidential developed property, and residential developed property; and providing a definition and utility fee computation for mixed use developed property, reserving the City’s right to commence in-house billing, increasing the City’s discretion to not file notices of lien for amounts less than \$100.00, providing an effective date, and repealing all Ordinances inconsistent herewith.

City Manager Brown: Mr. Delgado.

Mr. Delgado: This refers to the rain tax ordinance, which is the stormwater utility; and currently there is no provision in the Code of the City for dealing of both residential and nonresidential units on the same property. So, its either residential or nonresidential; we don’t have a mixed use in the Code, so we would like to make a provision that that would be included, because right now we are loosing revenue by not doing that type of calculation. By doing that, that would provide a formula in which we are going to be calculating when there is mixed use in a particular property. In addition to that, we would like also to have the flexibility of being able to bill directly the residents, not depending on Miami-Dade Water and Sewer, because there is no meter in that particular property. For example, if there is a condominium sometimes you only have one meter, or an apartment building, you only have one meter; and then we cannot bill the other units independently based on the meter because there is only one meter. So we’d like to kind of also be flexible on that type of bill. By achieving this, we can get additional revenues, and this was one of the items that was brought to us by the audit people, Internal Audit, when they did the

review of our fees for this stormwater utility. We will be coming back to the Commission in the second reading in order to propose a new rate schedule, you know, for the fees, but we are doing an investigation right now checking how the other communities in the area are doing, and we will come back to this Commission with recommendations to increase the rate.

Mayor Slesnick: On the motion that we are considering this minute, is there any dollar impact on single family residents?

Mr. Delgado: No, on single family residents will remain as it is; there is no change in the single family residents.

Mayor Slesnick: Thank you. Can I have a motion; do I have any questions?

Commissioner Anderson: I'll move it.

Vice Mayor Kerdyk: I'll second it.

Mayor Slesnick: It's been moved by Ms. Anderson seconded by Mr. Kerdyk, any discussion?

Mr. Clerk

Vice Mayor Kerdyk: Yes

Commissioner Withers: Yes

Commissioner Anderson: Yes

Commissioner Cabrera: Yes

Mayor Slesnick: Yes

(Vote: 5-0)

[End: 11:34:00 a.m.]