

City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Agenda Item E-2
March 10, 2015
City Commission Chambers
405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, FL

City Commission

Mayor Jim Cason

Vice Mayor William H. Kerdyk, Jr.

Commissioner Pat Keon

Commissioner Vince Lago

Commissioner Frank Quesada

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)

Laura Russo, Attorney Representing the Applicant

Agenda Item E-2 [10:22:48 a.m.]

An Ordinance of the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida providing for text amendments to the City of Coral Gables Official Zoning Code, by amending Appendix A, "Site Specific Zoning Regulations," Section A-95, "Sunrise Harbour," by adding provisions for dock facilities for the Gables Harbour Condominium; providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, codification and providing for an effective date (PZB Vote: 6-0, Recommended Approval).

Mayor Cason: Agenda Item E-2 is also an Ordinance on First Reading. It's an Ordinance providing for text amendments to the City of Coral Gables Official Zoning Code by amending Appendix A, "Site Specific Zoning Regulations". Madam City Manager please read the title of Agenda Item E-2 into the public record.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: Absolutely. An Ordinance of the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida providing for text amendments to the City of Coral Gables Official Zoning Code,

by amending Appendix A, "Site Specific Zoning Regulations," Section A-95, "Sunrise Harbour," by adding provisions for dock facilities for the Gables Harbour Condominium; providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, codification and providing for an effective date. This was approved by Planning and Zoning, recommended for approval by 6-0.

Mayor Cason: So since this is a public hearing, do we have any speaker cards?

City Clerk Foeman: No Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Cason: Let me say that I've been out to look at this project with Millie and others over several times and this is a community that has some pilings that were basically falling down, they are a danger.

Commissioner Quesada: They really are.

Mayor Cason: And so I'm very much in favor of this. Laura are you going to make a presentation?

Ms. Russo: A very short presentation. Good morning Mr. Mayor, members of the Commission. For the record, Laura Russo with offices at 2655 LeJeune Road. I'm here this morning representing Gables Harbour Apartments Condominiums Association, located at 6901 Edgewater. I'm here on behalf of the Association this morning is the current President, Mr. Nigel Patterson, Board Member Millie Garcia Navarro, and a unit owner for 32 years, Marilyn Myman. Some of you, I know have been out to see it. This is a project that was built in the late 60's, it's a 4-story, 30 unit condominium building that was subject to litigation back in its day. It was approved by the City Commission to have 26 slips over the years. Finger peers were built and the City didn't have any record of the finger peers. Over the years people have been replacing some of the finger peers as they became endangered and right now the entire sea wall needs to be repaired and there is a lot of construction that needs to be done to bring the marina facilities into compliance. So we are here adding a site specific section to the Zoning Code under Sunrise Harbour, which is the underlying subdivision prior to its becoming a condominium, and we went through and basically what we are approving is what is there, what is existing. We submitted a very detailed survey that gives you the number of finger peers, the width, the depth, how much they extend, and we know that it has the right distance from the docks across the waterway on both sides, both the east and the south side. So we respectfully request your approval of a site specific text amendment. And if you have any questions, we are more than happy to respond.

Mayor Cason: Thank you. No other speaker cards and we'll close the public hearing portion.

Commissioner Quesada: Yes, just a quick comment. I went out there a few months ago now, time flies. It's a dangerous condition what is out there now, I mean those finger peers, I'm very much in favor of this item. It's not anything out of the ordinary; it's really just giving them the ability to be able to repair these slips, which are in dire need of repair. When you go out there and you actually walk, I'm actually fearful that a child is going to go out there and fall through one of the planks. I hate to put it that way, but that's the impression I get. So yes, I'm very much in favor of this item.

Mayor Cason: You want to make a motion?

Vice Mayor Kerdyk: I'll make a motion.

Commissioner Quesada: Second.

Mayor Cason: Vice Mayor makes the motion, Commissioner Quesada seconds.

City Clerk

Commissioner Keon: Yes

Vice Mayor Kerdyk

Commissioner Lago: Yes

Commissioner Quesada: Yes

Mayor Cason: Yes

(Vote: 5-0)

Commissioner Keon: Thank you very much. I'd also like to recognize Glenn Kephart. He was the one that when you talked about having your parking striped, he was the one that all we had to do was mention it to him and he went out and took care of striping that parking that's adjacent to your building.

Ms. Russo: It makes a huge difference.

Commissioner Keon: Yes – they are my neighbors. I'm really glad that you were able to have all this done. I'm sorry that you had to go through so much and for so long to get here.

Mayor Cason: May the construction begin.

[Laughter]

Mayor Cason: Thank you.

City Attorney Leen: Mr. Mayor on Item E-1, I received a note from the Clerk. I just wanted to clarify that the continuance is until – we said until the Commission meeting, so that generally means till 9 a.m. when its reached on the agenda, that's going to be in the motion that you approved, that its continued till 9 a.m. when the matter is reached on the agenda. Normally we say Commission meeting and that's what it means.

Mayor Cason: That's fine.

[End: 10:27:52 a.m.]