

City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Agenda Item E-8 and E-9
March 15, 2016
City Commission Chambers
405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, FL

City Commission

Mayor Jim Cason
Commissioner Pat Keon
Commissioner Vince Lago
Vice Mayor Frank Quesada
Commissioner Jeannett Slesnick

City Staff

City Manager, Cathy Swanson-Rivenbark
City Attorney, Craig E. Leen
City Clerk, Walter J. Foeman
Deputy City Clerk, Billy Urquia
Planning and Zoning Director, Ramon Trias

Public Speaker(s)

Agenda Items E-8 and E-9 [3:16:44 p.m.]

An Ordinance of the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida providing for text amendments to the City of Coral Gables Official Zoning Code, Article 4 “Zoning Districts,” Division 2, “Overlay and Special Purpose Districts,” Section 4-201, “Mixed Use District (MXD)” amending parking requirements for ground floor uses, adding shared parking reduction standard reference, and adding LEED Certification standards for new Mixed Use Developments providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, codification and providing for an effective date. (PZB recommended approval, Vote 7-0).

City Attorney Leen: So E-9 is an Ordinance of the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida providing for text amendments to the City of Coral Gables Official Zoning Code, Article 4 “Zoning Districts,” Division 2, “Overlay and Special Purpose Districts,” Section 4-201, “Mixed Use District (MXD)” amending parking requirements for ground floor uses, adding shared parking reduction standard reference, and adding LEED Certification standards for new Mixed Use Developments providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, codification and providing for an effective date. Planning and Zoning Board recommended approval by a vote 7-0). Both E-8 and E-9 are public hearing items, they are consolidated for purposes of discussion and public hearing. Each will require a separate vote.

Mayor Cason: I don't see anybody in the audience, so do we have any speaker cards?

City Clerk Foeman: No Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Cason: So we'll close the public hearing on E-8. Any speaker cards for E-9?

City Clerk Foeman: No Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Cason: Close the public hearing on E-9. E-8? Any discussion? Motion?

Vice Mayor Quesada: So moved.

Commissioner Lago: Second.

Mayor Cason: Vice Mayor makes the motion, Commission Lago seconds. City Clerk.

Commissioner Slesnick: Yes

Commissioner Keon: Yes

Commissioner Lago: Yes

Vice Mayor Quesada: Yes

Mayor Cason: Yes

(Vote: 5-0)

Mayor Cason: E-9.

City Attorney Leen: E-10, pardon me, E-9, I'm sorry sir, E-9. E-9 is sponsored by Commissioner Lago.

Commissioner Lago: Yes. I just have a quick question. After reviewing the ordinance on First Reading, we had discussed, Ramon can you step up for one second?- thank you sir. We had discussed after numerous discussions here on the dais and in the office the issue of having a certain threshold, like the City of Miami has a 50,000 square foot threshold for any project above that has to be LEED at a minimum standard. I don't see that within this ordinance.

Mr. Trias: That's a separate ordinance. This ordinance deals only with the mixed use projects and it's a way to make sure that all of the different regulations we have are consistent. You will see that ordinance for LEED as another point.

Commissioner Lago: Well let me ask you a quick question. Why don't we have this ordinance a minimum threshold in regards to square footage requirements? Is there a reason why?

Mr. Trias: It applies to all mixed use projects, all of them.

Commissioner Lago: So no matter what. The reason why I mention that because you may have some smaller projects that maybe this Commission doesn't want.

Mr. Trias: This is exclusive. This is just a way to update the requirements for mixed use projects and one of those requirements is LEED Certification.

Mayor Cason: Mixed use is 20,000 square feet?

Mr. Trias: Of the parcel; the parcel has to be 20,000 square feet.

Mayor Cason: At least that.

Mr. Trias: Yes.

Mayor Cason: OK. So we have the Vice Mayor make a motion.

Commissioner Lago: So moved.

Mayor Cason: Commissioner Lago seconds. City Clerk.

Commissioner Keon: Yes

Commissioner Lago: Yes

Vice Mayor Quesada: Yes

Commissioner Slesnick: Yes

Mayor Cason: Yes

(Vote: 5-0)

[End: 3:19:20 p.m.]