

City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Agenda Item C-6
December 16, 2014
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)

Agenda Item C-6 [Start: 12:36:55 p.m.]

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE KIWANIS CLUB OF LITTLE HAVANA TO SELL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AT FRED B. HARTNETT PONCE CIRCLE PARK FROM 7:00 P.M. TO MIDNIGHT ON FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 2015, AND FROM 10:00 A.M. TO MIDNIGHT ON SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 2015 AND ON SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2015 ON MIRACLE MILE FROM DOUGLAS TO LEJEUNE AS PART OF THE CARNAVAL ON THE MILE, SUBJECT TO FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION REQUIREMENTS.

Mayor Cason: Who pulled C-6?

Commissioner Keon: I did. I pulled C-6, and we probably could have done it with the Mile. The only reason that I pulled it was, yes I'm supporting the event, but as we go forward with the Mile and addressing issues on the Mile, you know, we really need to decide what kind of events and what we want on the Mile. I know that this is a very big event for the Kiwanis of Little Havana. That expands over Saturday and Sunday. You get a lot of complaints from the merchants when they are food vendors and things there, so they're not using the restaurants that

are along the Mile and people avoid the Mile, unless you're going to the event, so it doesn't really help with regard to the retail part of it. So I would like the City Manager to...I mean, it's fine for this year, but going forward, I think we really need to look at, what are our other spaces where people can gather and you can have events for very worthy causes in the City that really don't disrupt the retail market in the City.

Commissioner Quesada: The other thing is we can do as well, and working with the Kiwanis, I think a lot of the restaurants, they just closed.

Mayor Cason: Yes.

Commissioner Keon: Because they know.

Commissioner Quesada: Which if you look at what we do in “Giralda Under the Stars,” it’s such a successful event when the restaurants are encouraged to come out onto the street. So I think maybe we can work with...

Commissioner Keon: because it's a restaurant event.

Commissioner Quesada: I know, but what I'm saying is with all the people that come there “Carnaval on the Mile”, keep an open mind for a second. Because it's an event where there's so many vendors that come in, maybe we can discourage the Kiwanis from having those vendors come in and to encourage the restaurants to come out. Because I go to this event every year. I love listening to the live jazz and everyone's eating. So even though it's not a purely eating event, everyone's still eating at all different locations that are open. So if we can encourage them to come outside, maybe we can work with them, but I think it's a better conversation suited for having Marina present, to see what we can do there.

Commissioner Keon: OK. But I mean, I also think that maybe you can look at, like Alhambra where there aren't restaurants and there isn't retail much along Alhambra; that there are other

gathering spaces in our City that are less disrupted by these sorts of things, and I would just ask if...

Commissioner Quesada: That's a good idea.

Commissioner Keon: That the Manager will just look at that. So you know, rather than every walking and bike event goes through this little section of the north Gables and they'd like some relief from every weekend, having the streets closed off where those things.

Commissioner Quesada: I think that's a great idea.

Commissioner Keon: Maybe there are other places, and the City staff could identify.

Commissioner Quesada: Switching events to Alhambra.

Commissioner Keon: You know, Alhambra, there is no retail; there is very few restaurants. I mean, there are some, but very few.

Mayor Cason: There's only two or three that would...

Commissioner Keon: And you might be able to do something with them.

Mayor Cason: And they might like it.

Commissioner Keon: Especially on these events that go over two days, you know, that particularly cover Saturday, going forward, not for this one because I know this already planned, but it was only asking that maybe going forward.

Commissioner Quesada: I think that's a great idea. Makes a lot of sense.

Commissioner Keon: All right. So we'll give direction to the Manager to look into that. OK, thank you.

Mayor Cason: You have anymore?

Commissioner Keon: I think that's all of your whole consent agenda now.

Mayor Cason: OK. No, we have one more, can I have a motion on this one?

Commissioner Quesada: So moved.

Mayor Cason: Commissioner Quesada makes the motion.

Vice Mayor Kerdyk: Second.

Mayor Cason: Vice Mayor seconds. City Clerk.

Commissioner Lago: Yes.

Commissioner Quesada: Yes.

Commissioner Keon: Yes.

Vice Mayor Kerdyk: Yes.

Mayor Cason: Yes.

[End: 12:40:00 a.m.]