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CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD HEARING
CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS
405 BILTMORE WAY
CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

April 18, 2018
Thursday
8:30 a.m.

B E F O R E:

ANDRES MURAI, JR., Chairperson
GEORGE KAKOURIS
J.M. GUARCH
CHRISTOPHER ZOLLER
JEFF FLANAGAN
IGNACIO BORBOLLA

ALSO PRESENT:

MR. WILLIAM ORTIZ, DIVISION MANAGER
CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD

MS. MIRIAM SOLER RAMOS,
CITY ATTORNEY

MS. YVONNE CUTIE,
CODE ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANT

MR. CARLOS CORREA,
CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

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2 A RESOLUTION OF THE CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD OF
3 THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES REQUESTING THAT
4 THE CITY COMMISSION OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA
5 ADDRESS STAFFING IN THE CODE ENFORCEMENT DIVISION
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7 MS. RAMOS: So, there was one other matter
8 you asked that we bring back, a resolution of
9 the Code Enforcement Board. If you'll allow
10 me, I'll pass it up through Officer Correa.

11 At the last meeting, you brought up some
12 concerns about staffing at the Code Enforcement
13 Division, and you asked that I prepare a
14 resolution that is before you.

15 It's a resolution of the Code Enforcement
16 Board of the City of Coral Gables requesting
17 that the City Commission of Coral Gables
18 address staffing in the Code Enforcement
19 Division.

20 If you choose to adopt this resolution, it
21 will be put on the commission agenda as a board
22 item requesting action from the City
23 Commission. It would likely not make it on the
24 meeting for the 24th, but it could go on the
25 May 8th agenda.

CHAIRMAN MURAI: This has to do with the

1 issue that we discussed at length in the
2 previous meeting?

3 MS. RAMOS: Correct.

4 CHAIRMAN MURAI: Regarding staffing on
5 early mornings. It used to be like that.

6 MS. RAMOS: I've made note. I listened to
7 the meeting and I read the transcript, and I
8 made note to early morning hours, on the
9 weekends specifically, which seemed to be the
10 concern.

11 CHAIRMAN MURAI: Yes. And since you will
12 be at the commission meeting, this is not a way
13 of us -- you know, things can change at the
14 commission level.

15 This is not a way of us telling staff or
16 the commission what to do. This is just
17 bringing in a matter that we are fully aware of
18 and that needs to be corrected. Because
19 there's a lot of complaints of contractors
20 working before 7:30 in the morning, working
21 before 9:00, especially on Saturdays and
22 Sundays, you know, and working late. And it
23 needs to be addressed.

24 MS. RAMOS: If you chose to adopt the
25 resolution, one of you could appear on behalf

1 of the Board before the City Commission if you
2 chose to do so.

3 CHAIRMAN MURAI: All right.

4 MR. FLANAGAN: I'll move to adopt it.

5 MR. GUARCH: Second.

6 MR. BORBOLLA: And we are not recommending
7 a specific --

8 MS. RAMOS: Just that you have --

9 (Simultaneous speaking.)

10 MR. BORBOLLA: Just that there's an issue
11 and they need to be addressed.

12 CHAIRMAN MURAI: We have to address the
13 hours and address how we're going to staff and
14 what needs to be staffed. That's up to the --

15 MR. BORBOLLA: How they --

16 CHAIRMAN MURAI: Whoever --

17 MS. RAMOS: If you look at Section 2, it
18 basically says "respectfully requests that the
19 City Commission address staffing...particularly
20 to improve coverage in the early morning hours
21 and during the weekend."

22 CHAIRMAN MURAI: All those in favor?

23 (All respond "Aye.")

24 CHAIRMAN MURAI: Motion carries.

25 MS. RAMOS: I will notify you, sir, if

1 you'd like, when it's put on the commission
2 agenda, in case you would like to appear.

3 CHAIRMAN MURAI: Not that I would like to,
4 but I'll be there.

5 MS. CUTIE: For which agenda? Is it
6 for --

7 MS. RAMOS: That will be up to the City
8 Commission. It doesn't have to be part of
9 this.

10 MS. CUTIE: Okay. But you said about
11 putting it for the next commission agenda,
12 which is April 24 or May --

13 MS. RAMOS: I don't think it will make the
14 April 24th. I think it will probably be in
15 May, but that would just depend on the clerk's
16 office.

17 CHAIRMAN MURAI: Let her know way in
18 advance, please. Because maybe other members
19 will want to come over also. So as soon as you
20 know the date, so we can make --

21 MS. RAMOS: Absolutely. I would hold a
22 space on the May date on your agendas. It's
23 likely --

24 CHAIRMAN MURAI: And if you could give us
25 guidance as to what hour span, you know, so we

1 don't have to be here from 8:00 in the morning.

2 MS. RAMOS: I can request a time certain
3 from the mayor.

4 CHAIRMAN MURAI: A time certain, whatever.
5 But at least a window, you know?

6 Is there anything else further from the
7 board?

8 (No response.)

9 CHAIRMAN MURAI: Okay. Meeting adjourned.
10 Thank you.

11 (Thereupon, the proceedings were concluded
12 at 8:55 p.m.)

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6 I, MARY J. WICK, RPR, certify that I was
7 authorized to and did stenographically report
8 the foregoing proceedings and that the
9 transcript is a true and complete record of an
10 excerpt (regarding Resolution) from my
11 stenographic notes.

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13 Dated this 26th day of June, 2018.

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