

**City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting**  
**Agenda Item F-8**  
**March 12, 2019**  
**City Commission Chambers**  
**405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, FL**

**City Commission**

**Mayor Raul Valdes-Fauli**  
**Vice Mayor Vince Lago**  
**Commissioner Pat Keon**  
**Commissioner Michael Mena**  
**Commissioner Frank Quesada**

**City Staff**

**City Manager, Peter Iglesias**  
**City Attorney, Miriam Ramos**  
**City Clerk, Billy Urquia**  
**Deputy City Attorney, Cristina Suarez**

**Public Speaker(s)**

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Agenda Item F-8 [9:55:10 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, Article 4, “Zoning Districts,” Section 4-206, “Business Improvement Overlay District (BIOD),” to amend provisions regulating hours of operation and amplified music indoors and outdoors for establishments fronting Miracle Mile and Giralda Plaza, providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, codification and providing for an effective date. (Sponsored by Commissioner Quesada).

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Next item is F-8.

City Attorney Ramos: F-8 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,” Section 4-206, “Business Improvement Overlay District (BIOD),” to amend provisions regulating hours of operation and amplified music indoors and outdoors for

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establishments fronting Miracle Mile and Giralda Plaza, providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, codification and providing for an effective date, Ms. Suarez.

Deputy City Attorney Suarez: Good morning. So as you all know, they've been a moratorium in place on the enforcement of the restriction on amplified music or noise on Giralda and Miracle Mile; and at your direction this ordinance sets the standards for the noise levels for pre-recorded music or noise or also live amplified music. Pre-recorded music or noise will be allowed up to 65 decibels measured from 30 feet from the property line, and then live amplified music will be allowed up to a sound level of 80 decibels on Giralda and 85 decibels on Miracle Mile. The ordinance also just makes a change to the hours of operation for Thursday nights to treat Thursday nights as Friday and Saturday nights, so that the establishments can stay open until 1 a.m. And staff can answer questions. I know that they discussed the sound levels. They went out there and they did different measurements and they've discussed this with the merchants and they've observed...If you have any questions on that.

Commissioner Quesada: So thank you, Assistant City Attorney. As you guys all know, I've been working on this for a year and-a-half maybe, maybe longer, and my biggest concern is, I never wanted one restaurant or establishment to drown out a neighboring establishment. So the 65 and the 80 decibels came with a year's worth of testing and analysis. The last conversation really came down to Thursday night also, treat it like Friday and Saturday; and going out there and testing over time showing that it still works fine and obviously you want to get the foot traffic out there. So again, this has been tested, and used over the last 12 to 18 months and it's worked out great. So thank you to staff for working on this and if you have any comments, if not, I'll make a motion.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Will you call the roll please.

Commissioner Keon: Yes

Vice Mayor Lago: Yes

Commissioner Mena: Yes

Commissioner Quesada: Yes

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Yes

(Vote: 5-0)

Commissioner Quesada: And thank you to staff for getting this done.

[End: 9:57:40 a.m.]

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