

City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Agenda Item H-2
February 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

Public Speaker(s)

Agenda Item H-2 [12:05:10 p.m.]

A discussion regarding reconsideration and amendment to “A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Coral Gables, Florida, Adopting a Policy for City Commissioner Expense Accounts / Office Budgets.”

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Next is H-2 – Commissioner Keon.

Commissioner Keon: This is a motion for reconsideration of the resolution of the City Commission on adopting the policy for City Commissioner expense accounts. I’ll tell you why I’d like it reconsidered. I’d like the remaining dollars in those accounts to go back to the General Fund. I really don’t believe that we should be making contributions to people...

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: I think that’s a very, very good idea.

Commissioner Keon: I really do. I think it’s taxpayer money. If somebody wants to make a contribution, they can make a contribution, but I really believe it should go back into the General Fund.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: We'll make a motion on the resolution.

Commissioner Keon: First I have to have a motion for reconsideration.

Commissioner Lago: I make a motion.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Second?

Commissioner Keon: Second.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: All those in favor.

All: Aye.

Commissioner Keon: I would like to have the dollars from the expense accounts just go back to the General Fund.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: There's a motion, is there a second?

City Attorney Ramos: Actually there are two other amendments that are being proposed. One is to allow the dollars to also be used with a hosting of dignitaries in our City; and the other is to allow for the dollars to be used for the cost of attendance at events in the City in your official capacity where tickets are not otherwise procured by the City or donated by the organization to the City.

Commissioner Keon: I think those have been suggested by other people.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: And, there are many events like that where you have to cut a ribbon and you have to do something.

Commissioner Keon: Would you like that to just come back as an item, so you can really look at, instead of just...or we can just amend it from the floor.

Commissioner Lago: Yes, we can amend it from here.

Commissioner Keon: OK. OK.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Make a motion and second it, will you call the roll please?

Commissioner Keon: I'd like to make the motion that it be returned to the General Fund and...

City Attorney Ramos: And the hosting of dignitaries and the attendance at City events.

Commissioner Keon: Yes.

City Attorney Ramos: Events in the City.

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

Commissioner Quesada: Yes

Commissioner Keon: Yes

Vice Mayor Lago: Yes

Commissioner Mena: Yes

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Yes

(Vote: 5-0)

[End: 12:07:10 p.m.]