

City of Coral Gables Virtual Commission Meeting
Agenda Item A-1
March 31, 2020
City Commission Chambers
405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, FL

City Commission

Mayor Raul Valdes-Fauli
Vice Mayor Vince Lago
Commissioner Jorge Fors
Commissioner Pat Keon
Commissioner Michael Mena

City Staff

City Manager, Peter Iglesias
City Attorney, Miriam Ramos
City Clerk, Billy Urquia

Public Speaker(s)

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A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Coral Gables, Florida, in accordance with the Florida Governor's Executive Order 20-69, adopting Rules of Procedure for Virtual City Commission meetings that take place during the pendency of the state of emergency declared in Florida Governor's Executive Order 20-52.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Now, using my prerogative as Mayor, I'd like to introduce an item here which calls for -- I would like to call for this Commission to pass a resolution congratulating and thanking and recognizing and admiring the work that our doctors, nurses, health professionals are doing, helping us statewide combat this epidemic, combat what's happening, and they're doing a

heroic job. And I would like for our City Clerk to draft a resolution -- an appropriate resolution recognizing our health professionals for their heroic efforts. All those in favor, say "aye."

The Commission (Collectively): Aye.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Opposed?

City Clerk Urquia: Mr. Mayor, can I have a mover and a seconder, please?

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: What?

Commissioner Mena: Second.

Vice Mayor Lago: So moved.

City Clerk Urquia: Thank you.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: It passed. Thank you. Now, we go to Miriam, A-1.

City Attorney Ramos: Yes, sir. A-1 is a resolution of the City Commission of the City of Coral Gables, Florida, in accordance with the Florida Governor's Executive Order 20-69, adopting Rules of Procedure for Virtual City Commission meetings that take place during the pendency of the state of emergency declared by the Governor's Executive Order 20-52. On March 20, the Governor of the state of Florida issued Executive Order 20-69, suspending any Florida statute that requires a quorum to be present in person or that requires a local government to meet in a specific public place. The order expressly permits local government bodies to utilize communication media technologies, such as telephonic and video conferencing, as provided in State Statute 120.54(5)(b)(2). The order expressly does not waive any other requirement under the Florida Sunshine Law. And it does require that local bodies adopt rules of procedure for these virtual

meetings. This resolution has attached to it our rules of procedure for these dealings. The rules stipulate that will be a platform used, which is Zoom, the platform we are using now, and that the video of the virtual meeting is at the same time being streamed at the City's website. In addition, we have a dedicated phone line where members of the public may listen to the meeting. Notice for the Zoom conference number, the phone number and instructions on how to provide comment via eComment and an email address have been provided everywhere that the notice has been published. In addition, the notice provides that anyone needing an accommodation under the ADA should contact the City's ADA administrator. Public participation on any item on the agenda which the Commission is voting on may be heard from the Zoom platform through the dedicated phone number and, in addition, an eComment could have been submitted before the meeting started, as well as an email to the City Clerk. The Clerk will read any eComment or email before the Commission takes a vote on any item on the agenda. The Chair of the City Commission, the Mayor, may of course exercise his authority to limit the length of time that an individual may speak. And the Mayor may also preserve the quorum. Minutes will be taken as is customary. Some housekeeping items. If you're on the phone, please keep your line muted until it is your turn to speak. And also, it is important for everyone on the Zoom call to speak one at a time so that everyone can be heard and also so that the closed captioning that's occurring online on the TV channel may be accurate. With that, I'm going to ask the Commission if there is a vote to adopt this resolution, which adopts our rules of procedure for virtual meeting.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Do I hear a motion?

Commissioner Keon: I'll move it.

Commissioner Fors: Second.

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

Commissioner Keon: Yes.

Vice Mayor Lago: Yes.

Commissioner Mena: Yes.

Commissioner Fors: Yes.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Yes.

(Vote: 5-0)

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: There's something wrong with...

City Clerk Urquia: Vice Mayor and Commissioner Mena are muted.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: There's something wrong with your microphone, Mr. City Clerk.

City Clerk Urquia: The Commission can't hear me?

City Attorney Ramos: It's muffled.