

City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Agenda Item H-14
August 25, 2020
City Commission Chambers
405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, FL

City Commission

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

City Staff

City Manager, Peter Iglesias
Assistant City Manager, Ed Santamaria
City Attorney, Miriam Ramos
City Clerk, Billy Urquia

Public Speaker(s)

Agenda Item H-14 [12:58 p.m.]

A discussion regarding outdoor dining and the partial street closure of Giralda Plaza.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: The next item is 14. And with the closing of the restaurants, we had discussed -- or I had discussed with the City Manager there are five restaurants in Giralda in the first half of the block, east of Ponce. And I had discussed with the City Manager closing -- partial street closing of Giralda for the restaurants -- the five restaurants in a, what, 50-yard area or less, to put tables outside and valet parkers, which you don't have, in the street. With the opening of the restaurants on Monday, I think that this -- I'm going to take this off the agenda, if you don't

mind because the restaurants will open again, and they already have outdoor seating for whoever wants to sit out there in this heat. But the restaurants will open on Monday, thank god.

City Manager Iglesias: And Mayor, we've issued almost 50 outside dining permits, which will certainly augment the 50 percent that will be allowed inside. So, they'll -- we'll have over 50 dining permits, plus now the 50 percent on the inside.

Commissioner Mena: Which is...

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Our Administration has done a wonderful job in issuing these permits. And they're issued from one day to the next. The City Manager is supervising them correctly, and I've heard nothing but good things from the restaurants as to how helpful we have been in keeping them open.