City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting Agenda Item G-3 June 8, 2021

City Commission Chambers 405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, FL

City Commission

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Public Speaker(s)

Maria Cruz

Agenda Item G-3 [1:58 p.m.]

A Resolution of the City Commission directing the City Clerk and City Manager to schedule certain items, of great public importance, for certain City Commission Meetings that begin at 5:00pm.

(Sponsored by Commissioner Anderson)

(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)

Mayor Lago: Moving on to G-3. Commissioner Anderson...

City Attorney Ramos: G-3 is a resolution of the City Commission directing the City Clerk and City Manager to schedule certain times of great -- certain items of great public importance for certain City Commission meetings that begin at 5 PM. This item is sponsored by Commissioner Anderson and co-sponsored by Mayor Lago. Ms. Throckmorton, if you'd like to present it to help Commissioner Anderson.

Assistant City Attorney Throckmorton: Commissioner Anderson and Mayor, this is your item. This is the resolution, like the City Attorney mentioned, directing the City Clerk and City Manager to schedule certain items of great public importance for certain City Commission meetings that begin at 5 PM. I understand Commissioner Anderson has offered that perhaps this might be best suited for 6 PM time certain -- if that's the amendment you're making. I know you sent out some communications mentioning that time, so -- but we can discuss the time. But generally, this sets forth that certain items, if they're to be heard before the City Commission, will be heard at a later time than a 9 AM meeting, so at 5 or 6 o'clock, however, this Commission determines. Those items include ordinances of great public importance, as determined by a majority vote of the City Commission during first reading, ordinances amending the City's Zoning Code, amendments to the City's comprehensive plan and land use map, legislation changing the land use or zoning of a particular parcel, any item related to the transfer of development rights, any item where an applicant is utilizing the Mediterranean bonus structure outlined in the City's Zoning Code, certain mixed-use projects in certain areas, including the Central Business District, Crafts Section, Biltmore section, fronting particular roads, and projects within a thousand feet of historically designated properties. It also includes amendments to developments that have been previously approved by the City Commission, and amendments that decrease or alter conditions of approval, decrease impact fees, decrease public benefits, or decrease financial or in-kind contributions for previously approved developments, appeals of actions to the Historic Preservation Board, and increases to City fees where notice and 5 PM meetings are not already required by Florida state statutes. So, happy to answer any questions and let you present your item or discuss those times.

Commissioner Anderson: Okay. Well, we're blessed with a community that wants to participate, and these are the areas that residents have approached me on of their greatest concerns. I suggested that, you know, we start at 6 PM as opposed to 5 PM after surveying, number one, what the residents have expressed concerns with, you know, and what times that they can appear either via Zoom or otherwise, because they need to, you know, leave work and get home. Majority of municipalities by far meet at 7 PM, but I have heard from residents that 6 PM is acceptable to them. It's the same time that we meet for our Planning and Zoning Board meetings, so it would be consistent with the topic area that we're discussing here. I've gotten overwhelming support from the community to opening this up at a time when they can hear it. A few people wanted all our matters heard in the evening, but that was, you know, one or two people. 99 percent of the people are happy with us handling these types of matters in the evening. Do any of you have any comments or questions?

Vice Mayor Mena: My only thought was, would it -- and I'm just throwing this out there and it kind of dovetails with the last thing you said. Most issues of significant public importance -- most I would say -- are -- tend to be two-reading issues. There's some that aren't, but for the most part, the development issues for the most part that come to us, they need a first reading and a second reading. Rather than kind of parse through what is or is not an item of significant importance, or whether that time of the day is better for some people and maybe not better for others, the only thing I would throw out there is does it make sense to simply have a schedule whereby we do every other meeting late, you know, at whatever time. Let's call it 5 o'clock for now. We could talk about that in a minute. But you know, if you did one meeting as we do now and the next meeting at 5, and you just alternated back and forth for every meeting throughout the year, I think, you know, then not only would you make sure that any item of significant public importance -- either on first or second reading -- will be heard at that time, but also, other items too that maybe other people think are important, but you know, don't necessarily make the list, at least this initial list set forth in your proposal. And then I think also for people who it may be more convenient for during the day, you know, young families with kids who are -- you know, that time of day actually is frankly very difficult. I can tell you, like for example, for like my wife to do 6 o'clock, it would

be nearly impossible, you know. She and the kids are getting baths, getting fed, you know, the

whole thing. And so, I think that would balance it out. That's just a suggestion. It wouldn't have

us sort of picking and choosing what's significant and what's not. It wouldn't have us choosing

what's the best time (INAUDIBLE). It would just be a fixed schedule that goes back and forth,

and then you can hear everything on those meetings in the afternoon. And if you're sponsoring

something, let's say, that's maybe even just a resolution, it's not a two-reading item, and you want

it to be a 5 o'clock item, if you will, you just schedule it for that -- one of those meetings, right,

and now you know when you have control of the schedule. You know, well, the first meeting in

October is going to be a 5 o'clock meeting, and so on and so forth. So, I'm just throwing that out

there as a clean way to approach it that, you know, I thought as I was reading your memo.

Commissioner Anderson: Right.

Vice Mayor Mena: It might be workable, but I thought it would be good to hear from everybody

else. I obviously understand your position of how to structure this, so I wasn't sure where

everybody else was with it.

Commissioner Anderson: Well, I was trying to hit a, you know, happy medium. If you guys want

to split the meetings, that's fine. If you want to, you know, go this every other route, that's fine

too. Conceptually, what I was thinking with the way it's written right now is the first meeting we

do during the daytime. Everybody can watch the recording, learn about the project, and then come

in with some intelligent comments and suggestions, send in emails if they can't attend.

Vice Mayor Mena: Right.

Commissioner Anderson: So, that was the method of my madness, if you want to call it that. So,

I don't know if there's a way we can get that rhythm where...

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Vice Mayor Mena: Yeah. I also wasn't sure if you were -- I think I know, but just to clarify. Was

it your intention that for the -- as you proposed it, that we'd have a 9 o'clock meeting and then

come back for those items? Is that what you're...

Commissioner Anderson: That as it's written because I heard some opposition to...

Vice Mayor Mena: Yeah, yeah, yeah.

Commissioner Anderson: To doing it at night, but I thought for at least these matters that people

are concerned with the most, we need to do it at a time that more people can attend.

Mayor Lago: Or why not just do -- I don't know if I heard somebody say this before. You know,

you could have meetings that start at 4 o'clock.

Vice Mayor Mena: Yeah, that's what I was thinking. If we go every other meeting -- if you're

going to do the whole meeting...

Mayor Lago: Yeah.

Vice Mayor Mena: I would agree with you, start it at, say, 4 o'clock.

Commissioner Anderson: Right.

Vice Mayor Mena: That way, you do all the, you know, acknowledgments...

Commissioner Anderson: We could do the...

Vice Mayor Mena: And everything and stuff, and by the time it's five or six, you're already getting

to the meat of the agenda.

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certain items, of great importance, for certain City Commission Meetings that begin at 5:00pm.

Commissioner Anderson: Yeah. We could probably, you know, time certain all the more

important...

Vice Mayor Mena: Yeah.

Commissioner Anderson: Issues.

Vice Mayor Mena: Not to start before six or whatever.

Commissioner Anderson: And we could take a break and, you know...

Vice Mayor Mena: Yeah.

Mayor Lago: We could figure out a way.

Commissioner Menendez: At...

Commissioner Anderson: A mini dinner.

Commissioner Menendez: I know you -- in your memo -- and I have a couple questions. But in the memorandum, you mentioned different municipalities. City of Miami, if I'm not mistaken, one

meeting is strictly Planning and Zoning.

Commissioner Anderson: Right.

Commissioner Menendez: They may have some, you know, administrative minor matters, but that one meeting is planning and zoning. I almost prefer that if we do, at some point, go in the direction

of an afternoon meeting, that it didn't -- not get caught up with so many other issues, that we sort

of separate the planning and zoning, like the City of Miami does, for the afternoon. That way --

the biggest complaint I've had -- and this is something I'm going to suggest -- is folks are on Zoom

waiting for their item to come up. Four hours later, they're still waiting on Zoom, and they can't

do anything because they never know when it's their turn. I mentioned it -- I had a meeting

yesterday with a proponent of this, of your resolution. And I said, you know, we should find a

way to have the public comment section time certain, that way folks can go about their daily

business and know that at 4:30, or 5 o'clock, or 5:30, we're opening it up for public comment.

Vice Mayor Mena: Well, that was the idea behind Mayor Lago's public comment period currently.

Obviously, that's at 9 or whatever...

Commissioner Menendez: Yeah.

Vice Mayor Mena: But I think if you do something in the afternoon, I agree with you. It would

be the same thing, just later in the day. You'd say, "Okay, we're going to have public comment at

5 or whatever."

Assistant City Attorney Throckmorton: So...

Mayor Lago: The whole point...

Assistant City Attorney Throckmorton: I'm sorry.

Mayor Lago: No, no, please.

Assistant City Attorney Throckmorton: Oh, just one issue with that is sometimes we have sworn

testimony depending on what -- certain items. So, the public comment period is a little bit different

than being -- testifying on a certain particular item, so that needs to be heard with the item. So,

that will depend on the issue.

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Vice Mayor Mena: Sure.

Assistant City Attorney Throckmorton: And just -- I just want to note with the other -- every

other meeting idea, which is certainly one we could work on -- there are certain items on this initial

list that need to be heard within a certain number of days. For instance, an appeal of the Historic

Preservation Board needs to be heard at the next City Commission meeting, or items like that,

which may not be one of those evening meetings. We have notice requirements for mailed notice

for certain Planning and Zoning items, so that might not match up with a 5 PM meeting, so it's just

something to be aware of, that not all of these items may be able to be -- the timeline might not

match up. And even items heard on second read -- two readings, it might not be back-to-back

meetings. So, it's just something to consider as well.

City Attorney Ramos: For example, mailed notice is 13 days.

Mayor Lago: So, let's do this. So, let's do this. I think we're all in agreeance here in regards to

that we are going to try this. So, let's -- Commissioner, do you want to vote on this today and start

enacting this at the next Commission meeting, or do you want to start after the summer? There's

a reason why I'm asking that. The reason I'm asking that is because I want to, you know, compile

all these comments and prepare some sort of schedule. How do you want to handle this? I've been

trying to pass this since 2016, and I think it's a great idea. I'm 110 percent -- if not, I wouldn't have

supported it and co-sponsored it with you. But I don't think we're going to, you know, finalize the

schedule and the way that it has to be done. There's issues with notice, like the City Attorney just

mentioned. I want to know what you want to do here to get this done. Do you want staff to present

one week off, another week on, and then bring it back to the Commission?

Commissioner Anderson: Here's my concern. There's projects in the pipeline and residents want

to have greater participation.

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Mayor Lago: Okay, so let's do this then. Next Commission meeting, starting at 4 o'clock, we'll have public comment at 5 o'clock, and we'll time certain anything that's important after 5 o'clock.

Commissioner Fors: I like the idea of having staff bring back sort of a logistics analysis of the one-on, one-off approach versus a more detailed report on some potential unintended effects of your criteria approach, which I think can work too. I was initially against blanket all meetings at 5 PM because I thought that would lead to some meetings being unnecessarily to 5 PM and prejudice some folks who prefer during the day instead. I would like to see us -- exactly what the Mayor suggested is a study of logistics of doing the one-on, one-off, and a more detailed -- instead of just verbally explaining potential issues with it, what are the real potential issues of doing the criteria. Does the criteria work with a couple of tweaks, et cetera, so I can really analyze it? What I thought the Mayor was going to say was, if there's projects in the pipeline that you believe should be heard at 4 PM -- and by the way, I don't think we have to wait until the end of the summer to do it. I was talking about one more meeting, review both options at the next meeting. But what I thought the Mayor was going to say is if there's any in the pipeline that you believe should be heard at -- in the afternoon, bring those to the next meeting. And like we did when every -- the last two times the Mayor had suggested it, we'll vote the next meeting to assure that those are at 4 PM in the event that the policy is not changed by the time they come up. But I'm only talking about one more meeting to analyze both options, not necessarily waiting until the end of the summer to do it.

Vice Mayor Mena: Yeah. Look, I also -- let's not let like perfect be the enemy of good, right? Like there may be something, a historic appeal that is on a 9 o'clock meeting, and you know, that'll happen, but I think the goal is to have more opportunities for input on items after hours and so you have a better balance. But we can -- I'm open to any time there's something like that, if we want to punt it to the next meeting for the later time slot, you know, we'd have to navigate it with the City Attorney's Office to not run afoul of any, you know, actual legal deadlines that we have to abide by.

City Attorney Ramos: Well, and the Commission can always say -- like we have before -- we

want to set -- even though this is supposed to be at 9 o'clock, we're going to set it for 5 because

there's a historic appeal that needs to be heard.

Vice Mayor Mena: And I also just like the certainty of it because then I don't know if -- I don't

know sitting here today, you know, in June, whether for our August meeting, you know, we're

going to be here at 5 or 6 o'clock, or it's just going to be a 9 o'clock meeting.

Mayor Lago: Case in point today.

Vice Mayor Mena: If we do it every other meeting, we know exactly what the schedule is, and we

can all plan the rest of our lives, as can everybody else, and you're not -- all of a sudden it's like,

well, look, we have an item of great public importance for the October meeting in the afternoon at

6, and we may have already scheduled something else, not knowing there was going to be an item

of great public importance for that particular meeting. So, again, the other thing I like about the

alternating is just having certainty. You know your schedule the rest of the year is X...

Commissioner Anderson: Right.

Vice Mayor Mena: And you can plan around it, that's all.

Commissioner Anderson: Yeah, some -- you know, like Doral does all their zoning at 6 PM. I

mean, that's one approach.

Mayor Lago: So, what would you like to do?

Commissioner Fors: If you...

Mayor Lago: Because if not, I'm going to break for lunch.

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Commissioner Fors: If you put it up for vote, we can still -- even if we're not prepared to vote for

this today, we can bring back the next approach on the next meeting and maybe have some

combination of this and the one-on, one-off.

Mayor Lago: Yeah. Listen, I think...

Commissioner Fors: Or reconsider both options.

Mayor Lago: We all agree. I think we all agree that we're in support of having, you know,

afternoon meetings for items of great public importance. Who's going to judge what is great?

That's a different story for another day.

Commissioner Anderson: Well, that's why I made -- tried to make a list.

Mayor Lago: Yes, but I'm willing to move forward today and we can iron this out over the next

meeting or two.

Assistant City Attorney Throckmorton: So, to be clear what the sort of general consensus is,

looking at a regularly scheduled...

Mayor Lago: Yes.

Assistant City Attorney Throckmorton: Later meeting where attempts would be made to schedule

items similar to these ones for those meetings...

Mayor Lago: Yes.

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Assistant City Attorney Throckmorton: When possible and within the bounds of notice and the

timeline of applicants and so on.

Commissioner Menendez: I would like, as I mentioned earlier, when you're doing that analysis of

what works, what -- you know, how it can happen, to see if the later meeting could be primarily

historical preservation issues -- matters, sale of the City property, planning and zoning, so that we

don't get tied up, so the community is not waiting for us to get to those items of importance to them

while we're dealing with so many other non-zoning, non-planning issues. If that's -- I mean, at

least throw that into the analysis, if that might work as well.

Mayor Lago: So, moving forward, what would you like to do?

Commissioner Anderson: Moving forward, I really would like to get the zoning matters heard in

the evenings for the folks, at least for one of the meetings, and then we can tweak this one later on

with some presentations. I'm not objectionable to that at all, but I'm just concerned with the level

of things that we have coming down the line that, you know, the community wants us to move

forward, at least to allow greater participation.

Mayor Lago: Is that a motion?

Commissioner Anderson: That's a motion.

Mayor Lago: Do I have a second?

Commissioner Menendez: Could you clarify which is...

Vice Mayor Mena: I'm not sure I follow what we're voting on.

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Mayor Lago: Okay, so what we're voting on today is future proposed development projects that

are under consideration right now that are going through the process, that have potentially been

through DRC, Planning and Zoning, and they're going to be coming to the Commission for

consideration, that those would be held after 5 o'clock.

Commissioner Menendez: I ask that...

City Attorney Ramos: It would be helpful if the Commissioner could detail which of her 12 items

we're voting on.

Commissioner Menendez: I have a question with the -- I have an issue with the wording on the

resolution. And my issue from my legal standpoint is of the items that were listed, I logged out of

the 12, the first one's the only one that says, if I'm not mistaken, decided by the majority of the

Commission. I read that somewhere.

Assistant City Attorney Throckmorton: Yes

City Attorney Ramos: Yeah, that's what we do now.

Commissioner Menendez: But it didn't apply, in my opinion, the way it read, to all the other items.

Assistant City Attorney Throckmorton: It does not. It's my understanding that the rest of the items

would regularly be scheduled for the 5 PM meetings. It's just the category of ordinances amending

the City Code that's...

Commissioner Menendez: Right.

Assistant City Attorney Throckmorton: Like every ordinance.

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Commissioner Menendez: I just personally think that the City Commission should always have

the authority, not lose the authority, to decide on things of such importance in the majority vote.

So, if we could make sure that the rest of these items allows the City Commission as a whole to

decide, okay, if this item came up, do we move it, just not automatically, we send it forward.

Commissioner Anderson: Well...

Commissioner Fors: That's what we do now is the problem. That's just not much of a change. Is

it too late for me to move for deferring the item even though a motion's standing?

City Attorney Ramos: Do we have a motion and a second?

Commissioner Fors: Because I don't want to vote against it...

City Clerk Urquia: We have a motion, not a second.

Commissioner Fors: Because I think...

Mayor Lago: No, we don't.

Commissioner Fors: I think it has potential.

City Attorney Ramos: We don't have a motion and a second, so it's not too late.

City Clerk Urquia: We have a motion, not a second.

City Attorney Ramos: Okay.

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Commissioner Fors: I'd like to move to defer it for the specific reason that I don't want to vote

against it. I think that in this is the right answer, but I think it might be with a combination of the

one-on, one off. So, I...

Commissioner Anderson: Do we have any zoning matters that would be coming up by the next

Commission meeting?

Commissioner Menendez: Can we identify...

Commissioner Fors: I'm not sure.

Commissioner Menendez: What the items might be, yeah.

Commissioner Fors: I'll...

Commissioner Menendez: And then we could...

Commissioner Fors: I'll also commit -- well, I don't know if I'm allowed to do this, but I think I

could do it now that we're here in public, is I'll commit to vote in favor of putting any meeting in

the interim at 5 PM, if you wish, anything you identify -- if we don't get that done at the next

meeting.

Vice Mayor Mena: Why don't we just try every other meeting and start next meeting?

Mayor Lago: That's what I...

Vice Mayor Mena: That way if you have a concern...

Mayor Lago: That would be -- that's -- listen...

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Vice Mayor Mena: If you have a concern about there being something on the next agenda...

Commissioner Anderson: Yeah. I have no idea if there's a...

Vice Mayor Mena: Let's commit to...

Commissioner Anderson: Project coming.

Vice Mayor Mena: Do the next meeting at that time. We can do that today, right? I mean...

Assistant City Attorney Throckmorton: We could do a...

Mayor Lago: Let's commit to have the next meeting start at 4 o'clock, and any time certain item that is required will be heard after 5 o'clock, of great importance. And I'm more than willing to do one meeting on, one meeting off, just flip back and forth. And I think that will solve the issue of trying to push items of great public importance to the meetings that commence at 4 o'clock.

City Attorney Ramos: So, we can have a...

Mayor Lago: And the meetings that are held once a month will be held at 4 o'clock to ensure that nothing slips through the cracks.

City Attorney Ramos: So, we could have a resolution today setting the next meeting for 4, and then a resolution deferring the item and taking under advisement everything you've all said, and we'll bring something back.

Commissioner Menendez: I'm good with that.

Vice Mayor Mena: Yeah, and I would -- and just to make sure -- we talked about it earlier, and I think everybody agreed, but just to make sure, we'll time certain anything that's on the list of Commissioner Anderson's proposal, let's time certain it not to start before 6, since I know...

Commissioner Anderson: Right.

Vice Mayor Mena: I know you wanted 6.

Commissioner Anderson: Yeah, I wanted 6.

Vice Mayor Mena: Yeah, but for those items.

Commissioner Anderson: Right.

Vice Mayor Mena: So, let's agree we won't start any of those items before 6.

Commissioner Anderson: Right.

Vice Mayor Mena: That way, between 4 and 6, we can get a lot of the other things done.

Commissioner Anderson: Yeah.

Vice Mayor Mena: Using today as an example, it'd be 9:20 right now.

Mayor Lago: Yeah.

Vice Mayor Mena: You know, if we started at 4.

Commissioner Anderson: Right.

Vice Mayor Mena: And so, let's -- if we start at 6, it would be 11:20.

Commissioner Anderson: Yeah, yeah. No, no. That's why I only put the zoning items basically

on there.

Mayor Lago: So...

Vice Mayor Mena: Right.

Commissioner Menendez: Exactly.

Mayor Lago: Why don't we do this? Why don't we take a lunch break at 2:30 or right now, and

we come back? Because we've got a lot of things on this agenda, and we seem to not be deciding

on certain things. I wanted to try to finish today a little earlier so everybody can get to work and

do the things they have to do, but it seems like we have a pretty long agenda after us.

Vice Mayor Mena: No. I think most of the items under I are being heard together, right?

Mayor Lago: Yeah, and I'm...

Vice Mayor Mena: Just FYI.

Mayor Lago: I'm willing to defer H-1 too, the art...

City Attorney Ramos: Before we go, can we have a motion to defer and a motion to set the next

meeting at 4?

Vice Mayor Mena: Is that what we're doing, or are we just saying we're doing every other meeting?

Mayor Lago: I was saying that I...

Assistant City Attorney Throckmorton: We're going to bring back...

Mayor Lago: I had said...

City Attorney Ramos: I think we need detail.

Vice Mayor Mena: Okay, okay, fair enough.

Mayor Lago: I will do it again.

Vice Mayor Mena: Yeah, I thought that's what he just did.

City Attorney Ramos: Yeah.

Mayor Lago: Exactly what I just said, but I will do it again.

Commissioner Anderson: The problem is we're hungry, that's it.

Assistant City Attorney Throckmorton: Yeah.

Mayor Lago: No, no, no. I'm just -- no, I'm not hungry. I just want to -- I just -- I see how long this Commission meeting is and we need to get things done. Okay, every other meeting will start at 4 o'clock. Every item that deals with great public importance, we'll start at 5 o'clock in those 4 o'clock meetings. Any summer meetings where there's one meeting a month, that meeting will be held at 4 o'clock ensuring that nothing slips through the cracks.

Assistant City Attorney Throckmorton: Mayor, just...

City Attorney Ramos: Yes, that's how we'll draft it.

Vice Mayor Mena: You want to make a motion?

Assistant City Attorney Throckmorton: Yeah.

Mayor Lago: Hmm?

Vice Mayor Mena: You want to make the motion, or no?

Mayor Lago: No, no, no. I...

City Attorney Ramos: That's what...

Assistant City Attorney Throckmorton: Mayor, just...

City Attorney Ramos: That's how we'll draft it, but I think today we need a motion...

Mayor Lago: No, that's what I'm voting for right now.

Assistant City Attorney Throckmorton: Okay, and just to be clear, that's...

Mayor Lago: That's my motion.

Assistant City Attorney Throckmorton: The Vice Mayor had mentioned...

Commissioner Anderson: I'll second it.

Assistant City Attorney Throckmorton: Items of great public importance after 6 o'clock, not 5

o'clock. I just want to make sure the motion is...

Commissioner Menendez: If there are any, obviously, yes.

Mayor Lago: Yes.

Assistant City Attorney Throckmorton: Is it 5 o'clock or 6 o'clock, matters of great public

importance as defined in the list?

Mayor Lago: 4 o'clock.

Assistant City Attorney Throckmorton: The meeting begins.

Mayor Lago: The meeting starts at 4 o'clock. At 5 o'clock, we have public comment.

Assistant City Attorney Throckmorton: Okay.

Mayor Lago: And whenever public comment ends, which is usually one hour, or the Mayor can

extend that, we'll hear the items of great public importance.

Commissioner Menendez: Perfect.

Mayor Lago: I make the motion. I passed the gavel on to the Vice Mayor, which is now the

Mayor.

Commissioner Anderson: I second it.

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Mayor Lago: Can I get a roll call vote? Go ahead.

Vice Mayor Mena: Roll call, please.

City Clerk Urquia: We do have a member of the public requesting to speak on this item, Mr.

Mayor.

Mayor Lago: Go ahead.

City Clerk Urquia: Ms. Maria Cruz.

Mayor Lago: Ms. Cruz, the floor is yours.

Maria Cruz: I must say that I never thought this day would come. Thank you, Commissioner Mena, for making your proposals. Thank you all of you for recognizing the fact that we, the people, would like to be able to participate, whether we're retired or not. That schedule is wonderful. Meeting starts at 4, 5 o'clock public comment, and then whatever, great. Good things happened today. Thank you.

Commissioner Fors: Yes.

Vice Mayor Mena: Yes.

Commissioner Menendez: Yes.

Commissioner Anderson: Yes.

Mayor Lago: Yes.

(Vote: 5-0)