

**City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting**  
**Agenda Items F-2 and F-7**  
**September 14, 2021**  
**City Commission Chambers**  
**405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, FL**

**City Commission**

**Mayor Vince Lago**

**Vice Mayor Michael Mena**

**Commissioner Rhonda Anderson**

**Commissioner Jorge Fors**

**Commissioner Kirk Menendez**

**City Staff**

**City Manager, Peter Iglesias**

**Assistant City Manager, Ed Santamaria**

**City Attorney, Miriam Ramos**

**City Clerk, Billy Urquia**

**Planning and Zoning Director, Ramon Trias**

**Public Speaker(s)**

---

Agenda Items F-2 and F-7 are related

F-2: An Ordinance of the City Commission amending the Future Land Use Map of the City of Coral Gables Comprehensive Plan pursuant to Zoning Code Article 14, "Process", Section 14-213, and Comprehensive Plan amendment procedures (ss. 163.3187, Florida Statutes), changing the land use designation for property legally described as Lots 6 and 19, and the west 25 feet of lots 7 and 18, Block 219, Riviera Section #14, Coral Gables, Florida, from Religious/Institutional to Public Buildings and Grounds; providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, and providing for an effective date. (Legal Description on file)

F-7: A Resolution of the City Commission pursuant to Zoning Code Article 1, "General Provisions," Section 1-104 "Jurisdiction and applicability," granting Site Plan approval of a city-owned firehouse, known as Fire House No. 4, legally described as Lots 6 and 19, and the west 25 feet of lots 7 and 18, Block 219, Riviera Section #14, Coral Gables, Florida; providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, and providing for an effective date.

*City Commission Meeting*

---

[Date]

1

*September 14, 2021*

*Agenda Items F-2 and F-7 are related – Ordinance amending Future Land Use Map; Process; Riviera Section; and Resolution-General Provisions-Jurisdiction and applicability-Fire House No. 4*

Mayor Lago: F-2 and F-7 are related.

City Attorney Ramos: Yes Mayor, and if we could consolidate the public hearing for both. Mr. Clerk we need anyone wishing to testify in this matter to be sworn in, including staff. F-2 is an Ordinance of the City Commission amending the Future Land Use Map of the City of Coral Gables Comprehensive Plan pursuant to Zoning Code Article 14, "Process", Section 14-213, and Comprehensive Plan amendment procedures (ss. 163.3187, Florida Statutes), changing the land use designation for property legally described as Lots 6 and 19, and the west 25 feet of lots 7 and 18, Block 219, Riviera Section #14, Coral Gables, Florida, from Religious/Institutional to Public Buildings and Grounds; providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, and providing for an effective date. And F-7 is a Resolution of the City Commission pursuant to Zoning Code Article 1, "General Provisions," Section 1-104 "Jurisdiction and applicability," granting Site Plan approval of a city-owned firehouse, known as Fire House No. 4, legally described as Lots 6 and 19, and the west 25 feet of lots 7 and 18, Block 219, Riviera Section #14, Coral Gables, Florida; providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, and providing for an effective date. Mr. Trias.

City Clerk Urquia: Mr. Trias please raise your right-hand sir. Do you swear or affirm that the testimony you will provide today will be the truth and nothing but the truth?

Planning and Zoning Director Trias: I do. Thank you very much. The first item is the second reading of the land use change, which we saw last time. It's a very straightforward issue. The resolution is the municipal facility site plan approval, which allows for the Commission to waive or modify slightly some of the zoning requirements. In my view, this is exactly the reason why you have this process, the Fire House is exactly the issue. You may recall that last time we mentioned the landscape is a little bit less than required. It requires 21 percent instead of 35 percent. Part of the reason is because of the approach and the parking that is required for the fire trucks. The FAR is slightly higher. The parking is located in the front again, because of the unique uses of the Fire House and the fence is 8 feet, which again, it all reflects the uniqueness of the requestor. Staff recommends approval.

Mayor Lago: Mr. Clerk are there any comments from the public?

City Clerk Urquia: No sir.

Mayor Lago: Are there any comments from the Commission?

Commissioner Anderson: No.

Mayor Lago: If not, I'll entertain a motion.

Commissioner Anderson: I'll move it.

Vice Mayor Mena: Second.

*City Commission Meeting*

City Attorney Ramos: So that would be on F-2.

Mayor Lago: Yes.

Commissioner Fors: Yes

Vice Mayor Mena: Yes

Commissioner Menendez: Yes

Commissioner Anderson: Yes

Mayor Lago: Yes

(Vote: 5-0)

Mayor Lago: Move onto item F-7.

Planning and Zoning Director Trias: F-7 – I describe it also in my presentation. It is the process that allows the waiver of some certain requirements.

Mayor Lago: Thank you. Do we have any public comment?

City Clerk Urquia: No sir.

Vice Mayor Mena: This is not really tied into this, but I just want to reiterate what we discussed last time about the softening of the design itself.

Planning and Zoning Director Trias: Yes. The City Manager may want to...

Vice Mayor Mena: We don't need to belabor it now.

City Manager Iglesias: Vice Mayor we are working with – we have very good comments from the Board of Architects to do that with stone and so forth.

Vice Mayor Mena: Thank you.

Mayor Lago: Thank you for bringing that up Vice Mayor. Mr. Clerk.

City Clerk Urquia: May I have a motion.

Vice Mayor Mena: Move it.

Commissioner Anderson: Second.

Vice Mayor Mena: Yes

Commissioner Menendez: Yes

Commissioner Anderson: Yes

*City Commission Meeting*

Commissioner Fors: Yes  
Mayor Lago: Yes  
(Vote: 5-0)