



To: Maria Anderson

From: Craig E. Leen, City Attorney for the City of Coral Gables 

RE: Legal Opinion Regarding Member Of Public On Agenda For A Personal Appearance

Date: January 30, 2013

My understanding of your question is whether a Commissioner may place a member of the public on the agenda for a personal appearance. Section 2-69(e)(1) of the City Code governs personal appearances. As a general procedural matter, a member of the public could make a request with the City Manager's office to be placed on the agenda, and the item would be heard following the City Manager's "investigation and review" of the issue to be discussed. Section 2-69(e)(1) goes on to state, however, "unless otherwise directed by the mayor or a member of the commission." This section indicates that the Mayor or a Commissioner may direct that a citizen be placed on the agenda for a personal appearance. Likewise, section 2-69(i) indicates that any member of the Commission may place an item on the agenda. Accordingly, as a Commissioner, you may place a member of the public on the agenda for a personal appearance. Your request to place a personal appearance on the agenda should be directed to the City Manager .

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From: Leen, Craig
Sent: Wednesday, January 30, 2013 1:58 PM
To: Hernandez, Cristina
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Subject: FW: Leona Cooper

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From: Maria Anderson [<mailto:whatmeworry535@gmail.com>]
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I'm boarding for Boston. Please remember to send me email advising on this matter.