

City of Coral Gables

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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 23, 2018

9:00 AM

**Pre-meeting presentations will be held in the
City Hall Courtyard at 8:30 am.
City Hall, Commission Chambers**

City Commission

*Mayor Raul J. Valdes-Fauli
Vice Mayor Patricia Keon
Commissioner Vince Lago
Commissioner Michael Mena
Commissioner Frank C. Quesada*

*Cathy Swanson-Rivenbark, City Manager
Miriam Soler Ramos, City Attorney
Walter J. Foeman, City Clerk*

**Pre-meeting presentations will be held in the City Hall Courtyard at 8:30 am.
Agenda Items A-1 through A-2.**

ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Vice Mayor Keon, Commissioner Lago, Commissioner Mena,
Commissioner Quesada and Mayor Valdes-Fauli

INVOCATION

Reverend Phillip Short from the First United Methodist Church of Coral Gables gave the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Mena led the Pledge of Allegiance.

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

The following minutes summary includes all presentations made, and actions taken which information is supplemented by the following exhibits on file in the Office of the City Clerk, and which are by reference made a part of the record herein: (a) Ordinance(s) adopted (Ordinance No. 2018-05 through Ordinance No. 2018-06) (b) Resolution(s) adopted (Resolution No. 2018-20 through Resolution No. 2018-31); (c) Video; (d) Audio Recording; (e) Minutes Folder with Agenda and background information, including items which were submitted at the meeting.

A. PRESENTATIONS AND PROTOCOL DOCUMENTS

- A.-1. [18-6972](#) Presentation of twenty-five year service pin to Jeffery D. Stone, Fire Department.

Attachments: [Jeff Stone 25 years](#)

[Note for the Record: Following Mayor Valdes-Fauli's reading of the title to Agenda Item 1 (i.e. Presentation of twenty-five year service pin to Jeffery D. Stone, Fire Department), Mayor Valdes-Fauli stated that the first item of business here, and is always a pleasure and a delight, is to present a 25-year service pin to Jeffrey Stone of our Fire Department.

Chief Marcos de la Rosa asked to Lieutenant Stone to join the Mayor and himself at the dais and congratulated him on his 25-years of service, adding what it really is about, is what you do in those 25 years. Chief de la Rosa stated that Lieutenant Stone is not one of those people that does his job and just goes home. Quite to the contrary, he contributes to the department and amongst his many accomplishments, he has taught the entire department rope rescue and dive rescue, and he has been instrumental in creating the succession plan for the advance life support teams, that takes on new members and prepares them for advanced life support competition and training that takes a lot of advanced training and scene management. Chief de la Rosa further stated that this effort creates an incredible effective foundation for our employees, and as we congratulate Lieutenant Stone for 25-years of service we also congratulate you for your accomplishments to the Department].

This Presentation/Protocol Document was Presented and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 1

- A.-2. [17-6862](#) Congratulations to Catherine Cathers, who holds the title Arts and Culture Specialist, recipient of the "Employee of the Month Award," for the month of January, 2018.

Attachments: [Nomination Form](#)
[Cover Memo EOM of Jan 2018](#)
[Nomination Letter](#)

[Note for the Record: Following Mayor Valdes-Fauli's reading of the title to Agenda Item 2 (i.e. Congratulations to Catherine Cathers, who holds the title Arts and Culture Specialist, recipient of the "Employee of the Month Award," for the month of January, 2018), City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark stated as the Human Resources Director and the Historical and the Cultural Resources Director came forward that she would like to say she is so glad that this is happening, since she had the privilege of hiring Catherine Cathers, and we saw the qualities of professionalism, the commitment to excellence, the patience because public art is a conversation, and she is thrilled with everything she has done that the Selection Committee recommended her number 1 for this award.

Human Resources Director Karla Greene stated that she is very happy to recognize the "Employee of the Month" for January 2018, Catherine Cathers of the Historical Resources and Cultural Arts Department. Human Resources Director Greene further stated that Catherine began her career with the City in December of 2008, and further stated that she remembered Cathy when she came to the interview and she impressed the interview group as being a driven and dedicated applicant, who takes pride and joy in her craft. Human Resources Director Greene stated it did not take long to convince the interview group that we had made the right selection since Cathy has always displayed self-motivation and initiative going above and beyond the call of duty. Human Resources Director Greene stated regardless of the challenges to her, Catherine has always performed with a smile and a positive attitude, which has endeared her to so many of her co-workers. Human Resources Director Greene stated we are very proud to present Catherine Cathers as the "Employee of the Month" for January of 2018 and we congratulate her and her little daughter Jessie, who is here today as well. A video tape was then played showing Catherine's work regimen.

Arts and Culture Specialist Cathers thanked the Mayor, Commissioners, City Manager, City Attorney and City Clerk. Arts and Culture Specialist Cathers stated that she especially wanted to thank the City Manager who supported and encouraged her, and was her mentor during these many years and has been a role model for exceptional ethics and integrity and she is forever grateful to her. Arts and Culture

Specialist Cathers stated she is honored and humbled to be included on the list along with other honorees and with all of the people who have graciously helped and challenged me to do my best and be my best. Arts and Culture Specialist Cathers stated she wanted to start by thanking her daughter, Jessie, who is with her today, and who loves this City as much as she does; and jokingly added that Jessie really has her eye on those edible straws. Arts and Culture Specialist Cathers stated she would like to thank her Department Director and her colleagues who make coming to work an absolute joy and something she looks forward to every day, recognizing by name Dona, Kara, Elizabeth, Amanda, Jessie, and Laura; and further adding her appreciation to Jessie for all of her support and the hard work she does for us. Arts and Culture Specialist Cathers further stated she would also like to give a big thanks to the 2 departments that she previously worked with, including the Police Department Records Section, further recognizing Jessica from the Police Department who is here today, who has been her rock through the years, and also the Economic Development Department and adding that one of the great benefits about her position is that she has been fortunate to work with individuals in every department in the City. Arts and Culture Specialist Cathers stated she also drew a “High Ace” when it came to assisting the two Boards who help champion the arts in Coral Gables, the Cultural Development Board and our Arts Advisory Panel; further recognizing Dr. Bernice Matalon Roth and Bobbie Litt, who are also in attendance today. Arts and Culture Specialist Cathers thanked the Commission for appointing such wonderful people, who volunteer their time and expertise and work extremely hard to ensure that the Arts are maintained at a high standard and are integrated in a thoughtful and engaging way for all the City residents. Arts and Culture Specialist Cathers thanked all the cultural organization who present their talented artists and exceptional art experiences in Coral Gables, their supporters and attendees and added that she loves what they do and it is great joy to work with them to facilitate such a gift to our community of residents and visitors.

Historical Resources and Cultural Arts Department Dona Spain presented the “Employee of the Month Award” to Arts and Culture Specialist Cathers, who stated that she relies on Catherine’s expertise in art and work ethic, and added she is amazing].

This Presentation/Protocol Document was Presented and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 3

**Non 18-7066
Agenda**

Presentation regarding "Miami is Not Plastic" Event.

[Non-Agenda Item: Mayor Valdez-Fauli stated humorously that we now have a special treat, Commissioner Lago asked for 4 minutes and because he did not bring what he was supposed to, namely pastelitos, he instead brought cookies, he will now get only 3½ minutes. Commissioner Lago thanked the Mayor for indulging him and thanked Miriam and the Girl Scouts for providing today's delicious cookies and mentioned that he has two young daughters, one of them is six years old and is becoming a member of the Girl Scouts, and he advises everyone to go out and get your cookies and that his daughters are selling cookies in front of Publix, adding jokingly to buy them because anything that is not sold he has to buy.

Commissioner Lago stated he wanted to take a few moments before we get on with today's business, because he was really touched by the fact that when he spoke at an event called "Miami Is Not Plastic", a non-for-profit event that was started by a good friend of ours, Aabad Melwani, whose main effort is to get us away from our addiction to plastic and to stop all the pollution happening to our oceans. Commissioner Lago further stated that one of the vendors at the event, whose product he was so impressed by, he asked if they could give him a personal tour of what went into their product, so he can give as much exposure to the product as possible, because this is possibly an answer to our lack of recycling, the extensive pollution and that were not working in concert to resolve a lot of the issues. Commissioner Lago stated that the name of the company is called VeriFood, besides having an incredible product, the gentleman who owns this company is a Coral Gables resident and his name is Roberto Cavallini. Commissioner Lago stated Mr. Cavallini is here and he is going to speak for about 2 minutes about his product. Commissioner Lago stated what you have before you is not only biodegradable within minutes, a week, 3 weeks at most, but it is also edible.

Mayor Valdez-Fauli asked humorously if Commissioner Lago was going to give us a demonstration?

Commissioner Lago stated he is not only going to give a demonstration, but as he knows how fearless this Commission is, he has also provided the necessary utensils, including plates, cups and a straw, so that one can also vouch for what he saying. Commissioner Lago stated what you have here is a straw that works perfectly well and you can put it in your coffee or other drink, and if you eat the straw it has a lemon flavor. Commissioner Lago stated that Commissioner Quesada is about to test a cup

with water that is made from a byproduct of wheat, the cup holds water perfectly fine. Commissioner Lago further stated what you are seeing here, is something that you can potentially start using instead of paper and plastic. Commissioner Lago asked if the Mayor would indulge him for a minute as he would like to have Roberto and his daughter to come up and give us a little background on why he is involved in the company.

Mr. Cavallini said he had the pleasure of meeting Commissioner Lago at the “Miami Is Not Plastic” event. Mr. Cavallini stated “Miami Is Not Plastic” is an organization focused on saving the riches of the ocean and our environment, and he would like to connect the last word you spoke regarding your daughters, as the future of our world is in the hands of our daughters, kids and family and he has his daughter Isabel here, and added he has been a resident of Coral Gables since 2008. Mr. Cavallini stated that at the meeting in Key Biscayne they presented their product, which is a biodegradable and compostable wheat grain plate made from the husk from milling wheat and is completely natural and edible. Mr. Cavallini stated that his product disappears in 4 weeks in your garden and 2-3 hours in the ocean when the fish eat the plate and at my house when the birds eat the plate and what happens is there is no waste with this product. Mr. Cavallini stated our company's commitment is no waste and no pollution.

Commissioner Lago asked what is the name of your company again in case you would like to get additional more information about it? Mr. Cavallini stated that the company is named VeriFood US.

Mr. Lago stated that he should have mentioned before that he has no affiliation with this company; he was just impressed as to what a game changing opportunity this is for the environment, so when we are talking about eliminating waste, maximizing recycling, this is zero waste.

Commissioner Quesada stated for someone who has never tried this and are hearing this for the first time, the straw tastes like candy, and the cup has no taste, which is good, because if you the drink water it tastes like water. Commissioner Quesada stated he has been conducting a little experiment as he left the cup filled with water to see if the water holds in the cup through the meeting, and so far so good.

Commissioner Lago asked how long the water will stay in the cup? Mr. Cavallini stated the straw can stay in the cup and the cup can hold water 30 to 40 minutes and

the cup can now hold coffee and can be used in a conventional oven and is microwavable.

Mayor Valdez-Fauli thanked Mr. Cavallini for his presentation].

City Clerk Item No. 2

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None

City Clerk Item No. 4

C. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-20

C.-1. [17-6899](#) Discussion regarding Traffic Calming Devices.

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Item C-1 is available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk and in Legistar].

A motion was made by Commissioner Mena, seconded by Commissioner Lago, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2018-20. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas : 5 - Vice Mayor Keon, Commissioner Lago, Commissioner Mena, Commissioner Quesada and Mayor Valdes-Fauli

City Clerk Item No. 5

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-30**C.-2. [18-6974](#)**

A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Coral Gables, Florida, directing the City's Administration to make opposition to Senate Bill 1304/House Bill 1033 part of the City's Legislative Agenda, and urging the Florida House of Representatives and Senate not to adopt Senate Bill 1304/House Bill 1033, or similar legislation.
(Sponsored by Mayor Valdes-Fauli)

Attachments: [Cover memo -bicycle sharing](#)
[Reso - bikesharing bills](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, DIRECTING THE CITY'S ADMINISTRATION TO MAKE OPPOSITION OF SENATE BILL 1304/HOUSE BILL 1033 PART OF THE CITY'S LEGISLATIVE AGENDA AND URGING THE FLORIDA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND SENATE NOT TO ADOPT SENATE BILL 1304/HOUSE BILL 1033 OR SIMILAR LEGISLATION.

A motion was made by Commissioner Quesada, seconded by Commissioner Mena, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2018-30. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas : 4 - Commissioner Lago, Commissioner Mena, Commissioner Quesada and Vice Mayor Keon

Absent : 1 - Mayor Valdes-Fauli

City Clerk Item No. 28

D. CONSENT AGENDA

All items listed within this section entitled "Consent Agenda" are considered to be self-explanatory and are not expected to require additional review or discussion, unless a member of the City Commission or a citizen so requests, in which case, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered along with the regular order of business. Hearing no objections to the items listed under the "Consent Agenda", a vote on the adoption of the Consent Agenda will be taken.

Passed the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Commissioner Lago, seconded by Commissioner Quesada, to Adopt the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yeas : 4 - Vice Mayor Keon, Commissioner Lago, Commissioner Mena and Commissioner Quesada

Absent : 1 - Mayor Valdes-Fauli

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-24

D.-1. [17-6967](#)

A Resolution authorizing the acceptance and execution of the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Emergency Medical Services (EMS) County Grant #C6013 Letter of Understanding and Agreement from the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners and the State of Florida Department of Health; further amending the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Annual Budget to recognize the \$2,190 grant award as revenue and appropriate such funds to cover the cost of the grant expenditures.

Attachments: [Draft Resolution - EMS Grant C6013](#)
[Cover Memo - EMS GRANT #C6013](#)
[FY17-18 EMS Grant MOU](#)
[Copy of State Award Letter](#)
[Work Plan Projects Summary per New Revenue Expected from State](#)
[Work Plan Projects Detail per New Revenue Expected from State](#)
[M-D County's Projects Work Plan, revised 8-21-2017](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE AND EXECUTION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018 EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS) COUNTY GRANT #C6013 LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING AND AGREEMENT FROM THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND THE STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH; AND AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018 ANNUAL BUDGET TO RECOGNIZE THE \$2,190 GRANT AWARD AS REVENUE AND APPROPRIATE SUCH FUNDS TO COVER THE COST OF THE GRANT EXPENDITURES.

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2018-24 on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 10

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-25

- D.-2. [17-6915](#) A Resolution of the City of Coral Gables, Florida, adopting the Local Mitigation Strategy of Miami-Dade County; and providing for an effective date.

Attachments: [Cover Local Mitigation Strategy](#)
[Reso - adopting LMS 2015 - MSR edits 12-20-17](#)
[2015 NFIP Small Brochure](#)

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE LOCAL MITIGATION STRATEGY OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2018-25 on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 11

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-26

- Non 18-7061**
Agenda A Resolution appointing Shedrick "Shed" Boren (nominated by Mayor Valdes-Fauli), to serve as a member of the Coral Gables Advisory Board on Disability Affairs, for the remainder of a two (2) year term, which began on June 1, 2017 and continues through May 31, 2019.

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING SHEDRICK "SHED" BOREN (NOMINATED BY MAYOR VALDES-FAULI), TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE CORAL GABLES ADVISORY BOARD ON DISABILITY AFFAIRS, FOR THE REMAINDER OF A TWO (2) YEAR TERM, WHICH BEGAN ON JUNE 1, 2017 AND CONTINUES THROUGH MAY 31, 2019.

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2018-26 on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 17

1. **Presentation of Boards and/or Committees minutes requesting no action from the City Commission:**

- 1.-1. [18-6976](#) Advisory Board on Disability Affairs Meeting of December 6, 2017.

Attachments: [12 06 17 Minutes](#)
[Cov Memo mins 12 06 17](#)
[12 06 17 Attendance Form CITY CLERK OFC](#)

This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 12

- 1.-2. [18-6977](#) Budget/Audit Advisory Board Meeting of December 6, 2017.
Attachments: [Agenda - Budget Audit Board meeting of December 6, 2017](#)
[Budget Audit Advisory Board Meeting Minutes of 12-6-17](#)
This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.
City Clerk Item No. 13
- 1.-3. [17-6872](#) Parking Advisory Board Meeting of October 26, 2017.
Attachments: [PAB MINUTES 102617](#)
This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.
City Clerk Item No. 14
- 1.-4. [17-6873](#) Parking Advisory Board Meeting of November 16, 2017.
Attachments: [PAB MINUTES 111617](#)
This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.
City Clerk Item No. 15
- 1.-5. [18-6975](#) Pinewood Cemetery Advisory Board Meeting of December 4, 2017.
Attachments: [12.04.17MinutesCCMtg01.23.18](#)
[Pinewood -December 4 2017 Minutes - SIGNED](#)
This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.
City Clerk Item No. 16

E. PERSONAL APPEARANCES

Time Certain 10:00am (Agenda Item E-1).

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-21

- E.-1. [17-6947](#) Comments regarding Riviera bike paths by concerned residents.
[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Item E-1 is available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk and in Legistar].
A motion was made by Mayor Valdes-Fauli, seconded by Commissioner Mena, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2018-21. The motion passed by the following vote.
Yeas : 5 - Commissioner Lago, Commissioner Mena, Commissioner Quesada, Vice Mayor Keon and Mayor Valdes-Fauli
City Clerk Item No. 6

F. PUBLIC HEARINGS

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING

ORDINANCE NO. 2018-05

F.-1. [17-6897](#)

An Ordinance of the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida, amending Chapter 74 of the City of Coral Gables Code to make the act of obstructing lanes of traffic in commercial and mixed-used zones a code enforcement violation with prescribed penalties; providing for repealer provision, severability clause, codification, and providing for an effective date.

(Sponsored by Commissioner Lago)

Attachments: [Cover Memo-Ordinance on First Reading-obstructing lanes of traffic-1-9-2018 Ordinance - Obstructing Lanes of Traffic-CMS edits](#)
[Cover Memo-Ordinance on Second Reading-obstructing lanes of traffic-1-23-2018](#)
[Draft Ordinance on Second Reading-Obstructing Lanes of Traffic](#)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 74 OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES CODE TO MAKE THE ACT OF OBSTRUCTING LANES OF TRAFFIC IN COMMERCIAL AND MIXED-USE ZONES A CODE ENFORCEMENT VIOLATION WITH PRESCRIBED PENALTIES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, REPEALER, CODIFICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Item F-1 is available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk and in Legistar].

A motion was made by Commissioner Lago, seconded by Commissioner Quesada, that this matter be adopted by Ordinance Number 2018-05. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas : 4 - Commissioner Lago, Commissioner Mena, Commissioner Quesada and Vice Mayor Keon

Absent : 1 - Mayor Valdes-Fauli

City Clerk Item No. 18

ORDINANCE NO. 2018-06**F.-2. [17-6935](#)**

An Ordinance of the City of Coral Gables, Florida, amending Chapter 113 "Flood Damage Prevention," of the City of Coral Gables Code to adopt flood hazard maps, to designate a floodplain administrator, to adopt procedures and criteria for development in flood hazard areas, and for other purposes; providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, codification, and providing for an effective date.

Attachments: [Ordinance - adopting Amending Chapter 113 - MSR edits 12-29-17](#)
[Cover Memo](#)
[DRAFT-Cover Memo 1.23.18](#)
[Chapter 113 FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION Final Markup - MSR 1-2-18 - 1st Reading Draft Ordinance](#)
[Chapter 113 FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION - 2nd Reading](#)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 113 "FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION", OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES CODE TO ADOPT FLOOD HAZARD MAPS, TO DESIGNATE A FLOODPLAIN ADMINISTRATOR, TO ADOPT PROCEDURES AND CRITERIA FOR DEVELOPMENT IN FLOOD HAZARD AREAS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, REPEALER, CODIFICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Item F-2 is available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk and in Legistar].

A motion was made by Commissioner Lago, seconded by Commissioner Quesada, that this matter be adopted by Ordinance Number 2018-06. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas : 4 - Commissioner Mena, Commissioner Quesada, Vice Mayor Keon and Commissioner Lago

Absent : 1 - Mayor Valdes-Fauli

City Clerk Item No. 19

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING**Agenda Items F-3 and F-4 are related.**

- F.-3.** [17-6744](#) An Ordinance of the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida requesting an amendment to the Future Land Use Map of the City of Coral Gables Comprehensive Plan pursuant to Zoning Code Article 3, "Development Review", Division 15, "Comprehensive Plan Text and Map Amendments", and Small Scale amendment procedures (ss. 163.3187, Florida Statutes), from "Residential Single-Family Low Density" to "Conservation Areas" for the property legally described as all of Tract 3, Avocado Land Company Subdivision, Coral Gables, Florida; and, providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, and providing for an effective date. (11 08 17 PZB recommended approval, Vote 7-0)

Attachments: [11 08 17 PZB Staff Report - Avocado Land Co w attachments](#)
[01 23 18 CC Cover Memo - Avocado Land Co CP and ZC Map Amendments 1st r](#)
[01 23 18 Exhibit A - Draft Ordinance - Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment](#)
[01 23 18 Exhibit B - Draft Ordinance - Zoning Map Amendment](#)
[01 23 18 Exhibit C - 11 08 17 PZB Staff Report](#)
[01 23 18 Exhibit D - Excerpts of 11 08 17 PZB Meeting Minutes](#)
[01 23 18 Exhibit E - PowerPoint](#)

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Items F-3 and F-4 is available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk and in Legistar].

A motion was made by Commissioner Lago, seconded by Commissioner Quesada, that this matter be approved as an Ordinance on First Reading. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas : 4 - Commissioner Mena, Commissioner Quesada, Vice Mayor Keon and Commissioner Lago

Absent : 1 - Mayor Valdes-Fauli

City Clerk Item No. 20

- F.-4.** [17-6745](#) An Ordinance of the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida requesting a change of zoning pursuant to Zoning Code Article 3, "Development Review", Division 14, "Zoning Code Text and Map Amendments", from Single-Family Residential District (SFR) to Preservation (P) for the property legally described as all of Tract 3, Avocado Land Company Subdivision, Coral Gables, Florida; and providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, and providing for an effective date. (11 08 17 PZB recommended approval, Vote 7-0)

Attachments: [11 08 17 PZB Staff Report - Avocado Land Co w attachments](#)
[01 23 18 Exhibit A - Draft Ordinance - Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment](#)
[01 23 18 Exhibit B - Draft Ordinance - Zoning Map Amendment](#)
[01 23 18 Exhibit C - 11 08 17 PZB Staff Report](#)
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A motion was made by Commissioner Lago, seconded by Commissioner Mena, that this matter be approved as an Ordinance on First Reading. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas : 4 - Commissioner Quesada, Vice Mayor Keon, Commissioner Lago and Commissioner Mena

Absent : 1 - Mayor Valdes-Fauli

City Clerk Item No. 21

G. COMMISSIONER INITIATIVES

- G.-1.** [17-6969](#) Commission Action Items Spreadsheet.

Attachments: [Action Item Spreadsheet 1.23.18 Commision Meeting](#)
[CCO Item Back-Up](#)
[CCO Item Back-Up 2](#)
[Tree Committee](#)

This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 29

- G.-2.** [17-6970](#) Initiative Tracker Requested by Commissioner Lago.

Attachments: [Commissioner Lago's Initatives 1.23.18 Commission Meeting](#)

This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 30

H. CITY COMMISSION ITEMS

Time Certain 11:30am (Agenda Item H-1).

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-23

- H.-1. [17-6954](#) A discussion regarding sale of Lot 24 to Doctors Hospital originally proposed in Resolution 2017-212.
(Sponsored by Commissioner Quesada)

Attachments: [Signed Resolution No. 2017-212](#)
[Appraisal - Waronker](#)
[Appraisal - Gallaher](#)
[EXCERPT PAB Meeting Minutes 8-9-17](#)
[EXCERPT EDB Meeting Minutes 8-2-17](#)
[Doctors Hospital LOI 6-26-2017](#)
[Commission Cover 8-29-17](#)
[Commission Cover 2-13-18](#)

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Item H-1 is available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk and in Legistar].

A motion was made by Commissioner Quesada, seconded by Commissioner Mena, that this matter be continued by Resolution Number 2018-23. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas : 5 - Commissioner Quesada, Vice Mayor Keon, Commissioner Lago, Commissioner Mena and Mayor Valdes-Fauli

City Clerk Item No. 9

- H.-2. [18-6979](#) A discussion regarding Betsy Adams Garden Club Park.
(Sponsored by Commissioner Lago)

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Item H-2 is available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk and in Legistar].

This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 22

I. BOARDS/COMMITTEES ITEMS

[Note for the Record: Board Appointments are an Administrative Act not a Legislative Act, therefore, the City Clerk has requested of the Mayor to have a motion made have the City Clerk accept each elected and appointed officials list of appointees].

J. CITY MANAGER ITEMS

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-22

J.-1. [17-6792](#)

A Resolution accepting the recommendation of the Procurement Officer to award the Planning Services for Zoning Code Update contract to DPZ PARTNERS, LLC d/b/a DPZ CoDESIGN, the top-ranked proposer, pursuant to Section 2-763 of the Procurement Code entitled "Contract Award" and Request for Proposals (RFP) 2017.05.MS, further authorizing the City Manager to negotiate a final contract amount acceptable to the City for this project, not to exceed the budgeted available funds.

Attachments: [Evaluation Committee Total Scores and Ranking Sheet - RFP 2017.05.MS](#)
[DPZ PARTNERS, LLC dba DPZ CODESIGN - RFP 2017.05.MS](#)
[RFP 2017.05.MS Draft Resolution](#)
[RFP2017.05.MS Memo](#)

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PROCUREMENT OFFICER TO AWARD THE PLANNING SERVICES FOR ZONING CODE UPDATE CONTRACT TO DPZ PARTNERS, LLC D/B/A DPZ CODESIGN, THE TOP-RANKED PROPOSER, PURSUANT TO SECTION 2-763 OF THE PROCUREMENT CODE ENTITLED "CONTRACT AWARD" AND REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) 2017.05.MS; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE A FINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT ACCEPTABLE TO THE CITY FOR THIS PROJECT (NOT TO EXCEED THE BUDGETED AVAILABLE FUNDS).

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Item J-1 is available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk and in Legistar].

A motion was made by Commissioner Lago, seconded by Vice Mayor Keon, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2018-22. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas : 5 - Commissioner Mena, Commissioner Quesada, Vice Mayor Keon, Commissioner Lago and Mayor Valdes-Fauli

City Clerk Item No. 8

K. CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS**RESOLUTION NO. 2018-27**

- K.-1. [18-6978](#)** A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Coral Gables, Florida, authorizing a ninety-day extension of a Zoning in Progress related to access to the public rights-of-way for wireless facilities; providing an effective date.

Attachments: [Cover Memo-Resolution Approving 90-day extension of ZIP for wireless facilities](#)
[Resolution Approving 90-day Extension of ZIP for Wireless Facilities](#)

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Item K-1 is available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk and in Legistar].

A motion was made by Commissioner Lago, seconded by Commissioner Quesada, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2018-27. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas : 4 - Commissioner Lago, Commissioner Mena, Commissioner Quesada and Vice Mayor Keon

Absent : 1 - Mayor Valdes-Fauli

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- K.-2. [18-6980](#)** A discussion regarding recent national opioid legal actions and how they may impact Coral Gables.

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Item K-2 is available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk and in Legistar].

This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed

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- K.-3. [17-6971](#)** Request for Executive Session (if any).

This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 25

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-28

**Non 18-7062
Agenda**

A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Coral Gables, Florida, in opposition to Florida Constitution Revision Commission Proposal 95.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, IN OPPOSITION TO FLORIDA CONSTITUTION REVISION COMMISSION PROPOSAL 95.

A motion was made by Commissioner Quesada, seconded by Commissioner Lago, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2018-28. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas : 4 - Commissioner Mena, Commissioner Quesada, Vice Mayor Keon and Commissioner Lago

Absent : 1 - Mayor Valdes-Fauli

City Clerk Item No. 26

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-29

**Non 18-7063
Agenda**

A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Coral Gables, Florida, in support of Florida Constitution Revision Commission Proposal 61, and the proposed Amendment to Proposal 61.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, IN SUPPORT OF FLORIDA CONSTITUTION REVISION COMMISSION PROPOSAL 61, AND THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO PROPOSAL 61.

A motion was made by Commissioner Quesada, seconded by Commissioner Mena, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2018-29. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas : 4 - Commissioner Quesada, Vice Mayor Keon, Commissioner Lago and Commissioner Mena

Absent : 1 - Mayor Valdes-Fauli

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L. CITY CLERK ITEMS

None

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M. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Vice Mayor Keon: The only thing on the agenda is the Commission Tracking items, if anyone has anything on that.

Commissioner Lago: The two items that I had on it were, obviously, the Transportation Master Plan and 25 miles per hour and that was addressed before.

Vice Mayor Keon: OK. Commissioner Mena do you have anything before we leave?

Commissioner Mena: No. Thank you.

Vice Mayor Keon: Commissioner Quesada.

Commissioner Quesada: Yes. One quick item. The item that we started with today, Commissioner Lago's with the cups and the plates, I think it's awesome, I think it's great. I want to be able to encourage that more in the City. I know we can't create preferential vendors, but can we create a database online on our website, deal the Chamber of Commerce, deal with the Economic Development Department and have a database of vendors that you can use in the City for alternative plates and cups and other items, because I recall we had a, I forget exactly what meeting it was a few months back, it was the plastic bag ordinance; and one of the complaints that I heard was from businesses, I remember there was an Italian restaurant and they said, I can't put the takeout lasagna or the takeout pasta, it's going to break through the whole thing; and then I remember someone else stood up and said, hold on a second, my product does that. And we had discussed, I remember I had discussed at that meeting was, why don't we have a central database, we are not encouraging anyone, but whoever has a bio-degradable product or sustainable product, turn it in, we'll clear the list, and as new businesses open up we'll just give them that list. It's not an exhaustive list, but these are the companies that have communicated to us, just let them know its competitive pricing.

City Attorney Ramos: From a legal standpoint, I think we just have to make sure that we say on there that we are not recommending any particular company and that it's open to everybody for selection.

Commissioner Quesada: Why can't we have that as an additional resource with all the

qualifying language that we need, why not?

Public Works Director Santamaria: With sustainability in the Public Works Department will definitely help in the creation or generation of that list and the publishing of it.

Commissioner Quesada: What I would like to see is...

Public Works Director Santamaria: If it's OK with...

Commissioner Quesada: If the Commission is OK with that, but I don't see what the harm is. Maybe we have a site on the website that hey, if you want to register, you have these products, put your link and put your pricing, or whatever it is, and when a business comes to pull a permit to open up, like say a restaurant, they get a copy of that list or they get directed to that website, so they understand. I remember watching the restaurants argue about that and they didn't realize that the bio-degradable and the sustainable products are two cents more expensive, I mean it was comparable pricing, so just an added resource for residents and businesses.

Commissioner Lago: So again, this technology is advancing every day. Right now it's a little bit cost prohibitive like you said. I think he was saying its 5-6 cents a plate versus one cent or two cents for Styrofoam or plastic, but I think...

Commissioner Quesada: Let's make people aware, that's it.

Commissioner Lago: But the good thing about it, if you buy in quantity your priced is reduced, so that's what he was telling me. I think it's a great idea to make as many people aware.

Vice Mayor Keon: So maybe at a future meeting you can have Sustainability, maybe Matt Anderson, so they can come back and give us the details as how you want to implement that.

Public Works Director Santamaria: As long as there is no legal implication, if it's the will of the Commission, we are happy to do so.

Vice Mayor Keon: Thank you. Commissioner Mena.

Commissioner Mena: What's the status of, I know several months ago we had a meeting about redoing some of our website or all of our website and some of the transparency features. I was just curious what the latest was on that.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: We'll get you an update for the next meeting, because I know staff is near ready to unveil it.

Commissioner Mena: OK.

Commissioner Quesada: I'm sorry, I had this in front of me, I forgot to mention it. I have a Board appointment, Construction Regulation, Hilda Cadenis-Miller, Coral Gables resident, who's got a 30-year history in construction.

Vice Mayor Keon: OK. Have you given a copy of that to the Clerk?

Commissioner Quesada: The Clerk gave me a copy it.

Vice Mayor Keon: Good for him. Thank you. I'll ask you to pass this down to the Clerk.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: If you are going to vote, I think a vote is in order to accept that and then I have one comment.

Vice Mayor Keon: OK. Can I have a motion?

Commissioner Quesada: So moved.

Vice Mayor Keon: Seconded?

Commissioner Lago: Second.

Vice Mayor Keon: Thank you - call the roll.

Commissioner Quesada: Yes

Commissioner Lago: Yes

Commissioner Mena: Yes

Vice Mayor Keon: Yes

(Vote: 4-0)

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Absent

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: Just to update the Commission, the Blue Ribbon Committee, we've contacted all of the members and we are scheduling a date, I believe it's either going to be the 7th or 8th of February, and it will be in the 427 Conference Room. It will be either at 8 o'clock or 9 o'clock in the morning. We gave them both options, and so we are waiting to hear back on that. So the Blue Ribbon Committee on Irma is moving forward.

Commissioner Quesada: Can we have an update in the near future Andalusia Garages, what's going on with that?

Vice Mayor Keon: Yes, I'd like to know about the garages too.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: Absolutely. January 31, we are waiting on a counter-development proposal from Allen Morris.

Commissioner Quesada: Got it.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: And we look forward to seeing them.

Vice Mayor Keon: On January 31.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: From them so we can give you all an update after that.

Vice Mayor Keon: Right - the date was January 31 that you are expecting the update, is that what you said?

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: Yes ma'am.

Vice Mayor Keon: So sometime in February we would be able to have information. OK. I only have one thing and it again, deals with this issue of trash pits. Every time we have any discussion on the collection of trash it creates such divisiveness within our City that I don't even want to talk about how we collect trash. What I would like us to try and do at this moment is, I know that we can train our drivers to not create pits. I know that we can train our drivers to utilize that bucket to be able to pick up trash without causing a pit or digging a hole. There is the ability to pick it up and leave

the grass perfectly intact. I would like us to begin to put a plan together to fill every trash pit in the City and to sod it, so there are no pits left in our City, and you undergo a training program for your drivers and whatever reward and incentives you may chose or think is necessary to give them, in order to have them maintain the swales in that pristine condition and not have a trash pit and let us go forward with collecting our trash for the moment in the way that we currently do without damaging our swales and I'd like you to put that together and please come back to us whether that is possible and how you will implement that and when we can begin to see that; and if that works then maybe we can move to another discussion as to what and enforce what is supposed to be in those trash piles and then we can talk about it after that. But I think that we do have the ability to get rid of those pits with the proper training of your drivers and the crews.

Public Works Director Santamaria: It's possible definitely to improve the situation and we are already working on that. We are filling trash pits Citywide and we are developing a program where drivers are incentivized and trained and held accountable for irresponsibly using the equipment, which is what it boils down to.

Vice Mayor Keon: OK. Will we sod over those areas where those pits currently exist?

Public Works Director Santamaria: Where there is a trash pit, we will restore the trash pit, whether it's resodded or not that's a case-by-case basis. Typically it's not resodded because it's just going to be a trash pit again.

Vice Mayor Keon: Well you know what, if you move that stuff around, it will not destroy and if they don't pick it up, if they don't put stuff out until they are supposed to be putting it out, it's not going to sit there long enough to destroy the swale.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: So Vice Mayor you asked for a plan...

Commissioner Mena: Is that true of the...

Vice Mayor Keon: Yes. It's for 4 to 5 days, 4 to 5 days; it's only 4 to 5 days. Would you look into all this and at some point you'll come back to us shortly with that plan.

Public Works Director Santamaria: Absolutely.

Vice Mayor Keon: OK. Thank you.

Commissioner Lago: I know you don't want to get into a long discussion about this...

Vice Mayor Keon: I know, but I know how you feel.

Commissioner Lago: But I'm getting rid of my trash pits, OK. It's done. I already filled out all my paperwork and it's getting permitted right now.

Vice Mayor Keon: But we know that there are people that are very offended by, or very opposed to not having that their trash pick-up in their front yard. I'd like to at least start with cleaning up the swales and then we can move onto even better ideas as to what we do with garbage.

Commissioner Lago: What if once we cleaned up our swales, we took a baby step forward and we just stopped picking up cardboard and we said, instead of picking up cardboard, if someone had cardboard on their swale we'll leave them a note saying listen, we are picking it up this time, but next time we won't, make sure you recycle your cardboard, you break it down you put it next to your recycling bin. We'll pick up everything else, pick up your couches, your refrigerators, whatever you want to throw in your pit, pick it all up, why don't you stop.

Vice Mayor Keon: OK, but I think once we get through this, absolutely. I think we can move forward until we have better....

Commissioner Lago: But you are willing to have that discussion.

Vice Mayor Keon: Absolutely. Yes. Yes.

Commissioner Mena: Fix the recycling situation first though. We need to have a viable...

Commissioner Lago: What is fix...

Commissioner Mena: People put the cardboard in their recycling bins, it rains, because its Miami, it rains half of the year and it gets soaks.

Commissioner Lago: Are we getting new bins?

Commissioner Mena: But we don't have them, that's what we are saying. Get that first and then we can talk about....

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: Commissioner your simple little discussion tells me that we will have a presentation at the next meeting to give the Commission an update on recycling, what we are doing with the recycling?- what the options are?- and also we'll dabble a little bit in the trash pit discussion, but we'll put it on the next agenda.

Vice Mayor Keon: Thank you.

Commissioner Quesada: No cardboard and trash pits...

Commissioner Lago: Don't do it to yourself, don't do it to yourself, don't do it to yourself. OK guys, we'll deal with it another day.

Commissioner Quesada: We've got to find an answer. There has to be an answer.

Commissioner Lago: There is an answer, it's called new bins, like Mike was saying, new bins that close, so when it rains your recycling doesn't go to waste, but we've had this discussion till we are blue in the face. I told you its real simple. It's a three step process. We start with Commissioner Keon, Vice Mayor Keon's comments right now, then we move unto Commissioner Mena with the lids, and then we move onto me, which is, we'll leave everything the way it is, we are not changing your trash pick-up, but we are going to stop picking up your cardboard, you have to include it inside your recycling. That's it.

Vice Mayor Keon: You just have to recycle it and have recycling bins that will be able to accommodate them. But we can continue that discussion at the time that we put that on the agenda. Is there anything else? Do you have anything else?

Commissioner Quesada: No.

Vice Mayor Keon: Commissioner Mena?

Commissioner Mena: No.

Vice Mayor Keon: Commissioner Lago?

Commissioner Lago: Great meeting by the way.

Vice Mayor Keon: The meeting is adjourned.

City Clerk Item No. 32

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-31

**Non 18-7064
Agenda**

A Resolution of the City Commission confirming the appointment of the following individual, namely, Hilda Cardenas-Miller, (nominated by Commissioner Quesada), to serve as a member of the Construction Regulation Board, for a two (2) year term, which began on June 1, 2017 and continues through May 31, 2019.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUAL, NAMELY, HILDA CADENAS-MILLER, (NOMINATED BY COMMISSIONER QUESADA), TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE CONSTRUCTION REGULATION BOARD, FOR A TWO (2) YEAR TERM, WHICH BEGAN ON JUNE 1, 2017 AND CONTINUES THROUGH MAY 31, 2019.

A motion was made by Commissioner Quesada, seconded by Commissioner Lago, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2018-31. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas : 4 - Commissioner Quesada, Vice Mayor Keon, Commissioner Lago and Commissioner Mena

Absent : 1 - Mayor Valdes-Fauli

City Clerk Item No. 33

N. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Time Certain 12:30pm (Agenda Item N-1).

1. [17-6946](#) Attorney-client executive session closed to the public for purposes of discussing the litigation styled City of Coral Gables v. Instagram LLC and Facebook Miami, Inc., Case No. 17-017420-CA-01. This session may be attended by the following individuals: Mayor Raul Valdes-Fauli, Vice Mayor Patricia Keon, Commissioner Vince Lago, Commissioner Michael Mena, Commissioner Frank Quesada, City Manager Cathy Swanson-Rivenbark, City Attorney Miriam Soler Ramos, Deputy City Attorney Cristina M. Suarez, special counsel Frances Guasch de la Guardia, special counsel Jose Casal. A certified Court Reporter will be present to ensure that the session is fully transcribed, and the transcripts will be made available to the public upon the conclusion of the above-stated litigation. At the conclusion of the attorney-client session, the public meeting will be reopened, and termination of the attorney-client session will be announced.

City Clerk Item No. 7

ADJOURNMENT

[Note for the Record: There being no further business on the Regular City Commission Meeting Agenda. The Commission of the City of Coral Gables adjourned its meeting at 3:12 p.m. The next regular meeting of the City Commission has been scheduled for Tuesday, February 13, 2018, beginning 9 a.m.]

WALTER J. FOEMAN
CITY CLERK