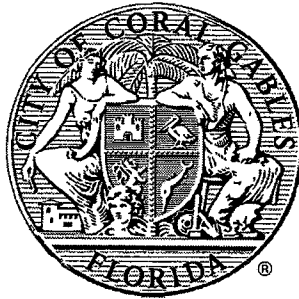


# **City of Coral Gables**

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## **Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, October 10, 2017**

**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  
Craig E. Leen, 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-2 through A-5**

**ROLL CALL**

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

**INVOCATION**

Reverend Jorge R. Cotto from the Central Christian Church gave the Invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Vince Lago 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. 2017-38 through Ordinance No. 2017-40) (b) Resolution(s) adopted (Resolution No. 2017-290.1 through Resolution No. 2017-307); (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**

**Agenda Items A-1 and J-1 are related.**

- A.-1. 17-6610** Presentation of a Proclamation declaring October 2017 as "Americans with Disabilities Month" in Coral Gables.

[Note for the Record: Following Mayor Valdes-Fauli's reading of the title to Agenda Item 1 (i.e. Presentation of a Proclamation declaring October 2017 as "Americans with Disabilities Month" in Coral Gables), Mayor Valdes-Fauli read the Proclamation and presented the Proclamation to Parks and Recreation Department Special Populations Coordinators Erika Kofkin and John Heckel].

**This Presentation/Protocol Document was Presented and Filed**

City Clerk Item No. 1

**A.-2. 17-6541**

Presentation of a Proclamation declaring October 2017 as "National Arts and Humanities Month" in Coral Gables.

[Note for the Record: Following Mayor Valdes-Fauli's reading of the title to Agenda Item 2 (i.e. Presentation of a Proclamation declaring October 2017 as "National Arts and Humanities Month" in Coral Gables), Mayor Valdez-Fauli read the Proclamation and presented it to Historical Resources and Cultural Arts Director Dona Spain and Arts and Culture Specialist Catherine Cathers.

Director Spain stated we actually have some grant recipients here today, and asked that they come up for a photograph, and further stated we have a special performer. Director Spain introduced Charles Castleman who is a Professor of Classical Violin at the University of Miami and he had a special introduction for the performer.

Professor Castleman stated that the Frost School of Music, University of Miami has very distinguished faculty and students and acknowledged Miclén LaiPang who has an International career even though he is still a student, he will be playing with the Atlanta Symphony and the LA Philharmonic and he has played at BBC Proms, the Sydney Opera House and he played for those present during this event. Professor Castleman added that he played on a very famous Guarnerius violin that was donated by a member of the University Board of Trustees. Mayor Valdez-Fauli thanked Miclén LaiPang stating that his performance was very beautiful and added what a way to start the day, and it is a privilege and a tribute to have you perform for us].

**This Presentation/Protocol Document was Presented and Filed**

City Clerk Item No. 2

- A.-3. 17-6585 Congratulations to the Coral Gables Fire Department, for achieving an ISO Class -1 Rating

**Attachments:** Notification Letter  
Cover Memo, ISO Class-1 Rating

[Note for the Record: Following Mayor Valdes-Fauli's reading of the title to Agenda Item 3 (i.e. Congratulations to the Coral Gables Fire Department, for achieving an ISO Class -1 Rating), Mayor Valdez-Fauli asked that Fire Chief Marcos de la Rosa come forward.

Chief de la Rosa asked the members of the Fire Department here today to join him in presenting this award. Chief de la Rosa stated he is honored to announce that effective this November, Coral Gables continues its longstanding tradition of achieving a Class 1 ISO Rating. Chief de la Rosa further stated that this tradition of excellence dates back to 1992, and if one doesn't know about ISO, ISO rates a Fire Department's capability to not only mitigate structure fires, but also its efforts toward preventing loss of life and property through fire prevention and public education. Chief de la Rosa stated it is an external evaluation that in essence validates that our City's Fire Department is performing at or above standards. Chief de la Rosa added that we are were a unique company, as we are one of only 44 departments nationwide that are ISO Class 1 and Internationally accredited as well, and we are one of 240 out of 10,000 departments nationwide that have achieved a Class 1 Rating. Chief de la Rosa stated this is a collective achievement of the men and women of the Coral Gables Fire Department and further thanked the Mayor, the City Commission and the City Manager for their commitment and support that enabled our continued success. Chief de la Rosa congratulated the men and women of the Coral Gables Fire Department and our City as well.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli thanked the Fire Department and stated we are very proud of you and what you have achieved, and that you guys touch our lives intimately in that whenever there is a problem you are there to help us, and he added that he had an experience recently with one of you, when an elderly relative who you couldn't have been kinder to without knowing who she was, and added that we are very lucky to have you as members of our Fire Department].

**This Presentation/Protocol Document was Presented and Filed**

City Clerk Item No. 3

**A.-4. 17-6577**

Congratulations to the Finance Department represented by Diana M. Gomez, Finance Director, recipient of the Government Finance Officers Association's Certificate of Achievement Award for the Fiscal Year ended September 30, 2016.

**Attachments:** Agenda - Presentation of CAFR Award 2016  
GFOA Correspondence for CAFR 2016

[Note for the Record: Following Mayor Valdes-Fauli's reading of the title to Agenda Item 4 (i.e. Congratulations to the Finance Department represented by Diana M. Gomez, Finance Director, recipient of the Government Finance Officers Association's Certificate of Achievement Award for the Fiscal Year ended September 30, 2016), Mayor Valdes-Fauli said humorously, we can't do anything without the Finance Department being present and asked that Finance Director Diana Gomez come forward and join him at the podium.

Finance Director Gomez stated that this award is given for the preparation of our Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, which is our audited financial statements, and it just reiterates the fact that our financial statements are clearly presented and all the information is accurate. Director Gomez further stated she is very glad that we are able to obtain this award each year and added that she wants to thank her staff, because it is really them that put it together and provide assistance during the audit season. Director Gomez thanked her staff and asked them to join her at the podium.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli's thanked everyone and said the Commission meeting will continue in the Commission Chambers at 9 am and invited everyone to look back at those seven or eight palm trees appearing in the courtyard, and after the hurricane and everything we went through, every one of those trees has new growth and he thinks that beautiful, because it is in Coral Gables].

**This Presentation/Protocol Document was Presented and Filed**

City Clerk Item No. 4

**A.-5. 17-6589**

Congratulations to Deputy Fire Chief Gil Hernandez, recipient of the City of Coral Gables "Firefighter of the Month Award," for the month of September 2017.

**Attachments:** Cover Memo, FF of Month, Sept 2017  
Notification Letter, Sept 2017 FF of the Month

[Note for the Record: Following Mayor Valdes-Fauli's reading of the title to Agenda Item 5 (i.e. Congratulations to Deputy Fire Chief Gil Hernandez, recipient of the City of Coral Gables "Firefighter of the Month Award," for the month of September 2017), Mayor Valdes-Fauli asked that Chief de la Rosa to come forward.

Chief de la Rosa stated this morning that Deputy Chief Hernandez was being recognized for his meritorious display of job performance, and although the effective and efficient response during and after Hurricane Irma was a collective effort, to him Chief Hernandez stood out, because long before we all heard of Irma, he was planning for hurricanes as the Coordinator for Rescue-Recon. Chief de la Rosa further stated that the Deputy Chief's rostering and staffing, ensured that we had all the equipment we needed, such initiative started a very long time ago, and with his attention to detail, and commitment to excellence, distinguished him because of that. Chief de la Rosa stated in addition to Rescue-Recon, he was in charge of coordinating all of the Fire Department operations, so his span of control and his ability to manage it all was very vast, and he did it with exceptional planning and coordination, and most of all dedication, and for that he is proud to present his friend and Deputy Fire Chief Hernandez as "Firefighter of the Month".

Deputy Chief Hernandez thanked Chief de la Rosa for the kind words and the nomination, stating it's always nice to be recognized, it just validates the hard work and the effort that he tries to put forth every day, adding that the guys who know him well know that he doesn't work hard looking for a pat on the back or an accolade. Deputy Chief Hernandez further stated he works hard, because he cares about the City and in the 25 years it has given him, he works hard as he is passionate about his Fire Department and is driven to make it a better place, and he works hard for his team, referring to his beautiful wife Ann and their 3 beautiful children Isabella and his twins, Michael and Olivia; further saying that's what it's all about. Deputy Chief Hernandez said he shares this recognition with all 147 members of the Coral Gables Fire Department, who worked tirelessly before, during and after Hurricane Irma; saying they worked hard trying to restore normalcy to our City, and it's because of their effort and their hard work that he is standing here today, further thanking them for making him look good].

**This Presentation/Protocol Document was Presented and Filed**

City Clerk Item No. 5

**A.-6. 17-6566**

Congratulations to Jose Rodriguez who holds the title Personnel Analyst/Public Safety, recipient of the "Employee of the Month Award," for the month of September, 2017.

**Attachments:** Jose Letter  
jose recommendation..  
Cover Memo EOM of September 2017

[Note for the Record: Following Mayor Valdes-Fauli's reading of the title to Agenda Item 6 (i.e. Congratulations to Jose Rodriguez who holds the title Personnel Analyst /Public Safety, recipient of the "Employee of the Month Award," for the month of

September, 2017), City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark stated it is critically important that we have an uncompromising highly credentialed process for the recruitment of Public Safety Aides, that we are pro-active, that we are searching the country for the best candidates, and that we follow a process that is credible and defensible. City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark further stated that the success that this City has achieved over the last 1½ to 2 years is a direct result of the “Employee of the Month’s” leadership; that he meets with candidates and groups that can recruit candidates, he does expos and job fairs and does follow-up helping with the applications because we know it’s a challenging process. City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark stated today because of his individual passion and professionalism, we now have only four vacancies in the Police Department, and she has met all the new recruits and they all have the caliber and the credentials that our City wants. City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark added that she was thrilled that Jose Rodriguez had been selected as the “Employee of the Month” for September and personally congratulates him and thanks him for his good work.

HR Director Karla Green stated we are proud to present Jose Rodriguez of the Human Resources Department as the “Employee of the Month” for September, 2017. HR Director Green further stated that Jose started with the HR Department in November 2015, as a Personal Specialist I, and only seven months later he was promoted to his current position as Personnel Analyst for Public Safety. HR Director Green further stated that the HR Department knew that we really made the right choice in having selected Jose to do all of the recruitments for Public Safety, from the very first time we interviewed Jose he stood out among all of the candidates, and added that that the interview panel felt very confident that he would be a future star on the HR team. HR Director Green stated that Jose has proven to be a true leader in so many ways, he has taken complete ownership to move forward our current goals, regardless of the challenges that we encounter every day. HR Director stated that Jose is very motivated and enthusiastic and he is very popular too, he is everywhere recruiting, you will find him driving his car to every recruitment event. HR Director Green said that Police and Fire work very closely with Jose on a daily basis, and she is sure that they would attest that he is always coming up with innovative ideas and problem solving suggestions to improve efficiency and effectiveness in the recruitment process. HR Director Green stated as we are almost reaching our goal in filling vacancies, and that there are few remaining police vacancies, she is proud of Jose accomplishments and so is the HR team who has come here today to support him and to congratulate him on his efforts. HR Director Green congratulated Personnel Analyst /Public Safety Rodriguez on this very well deserved award.

Personnel Analyst /Public Safety Rodriguez thanked HR Director Green and CM Swanson-Rivenbark for their kind words and said like Deputy Chief Hernandez he works hard, because he enjoys his job, he works hard for the residents, and was truly surprised and honored to receive this award. Personnel Analyst /Public Safety Rodriguez stated he wanted to give a few thanks, because although he spearheads Public Safety recruitment, he gets a lot of support from a lot of different areas, first the HR Department, with the increased workload, they are on the phone just as much as he is in answering questions, helping with the paperwork, bouncing off ideas with Director Green and Assistant Director Milian; adding that they have definitely changed the process, and its grown and evolved since he has been in the position, and thinks we are in a good place and on the right path, but the job is not done yet. Personnel Analyst /Public Safety Rodriguez also thanked the Police Department for increasing the applications they are getting backgrounds on, and their support to him on the recruiting as well. Personnel Analyst /Public Safety Rodriguez thanked his beautiful wife, who is his most important support system at home and also thanked the City Commission].

**This Presentation/Protocol Document was Presented and Filed**

City Clerk Item No. 6

**A.-7. 17-6606**

Congratulations to Frank Albritton who holds the title Maintenance Worker II, recipient of the "Employee of the Month Award," for the month of October, 2017.

**Attachments:** Cover Memo EOM of October 2017..  
EOM October 2017 nomination  
EOM October letter

[Note for the Record: Following Mayor Valdes-Fauli's reading of the title to Agenda Item 7 (i.e. Congratulations to Frank Albritton who holds the title Maintenance Worker II, recipient of the "Employee of the Month Award," for the month of October, 2017), City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark stated that "Irma" shuffled our schedule, so we announced September today and it was well deserved, but it is also October, and it is an opportunity to announce our October "Employee of the Month", and one of the reasons she is so excited about this is the passion that nominees immediate Supervisor, Kenny Larkin described him, as the "go-to-man" and that he can assign a project to him and it will be handled in fierce detail, whether it is replacing the basketball nets or maintenance of Rotary Park. City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark Park further stated that Kenny knew that Frank Albritton would take on the great detail that was needed, including picking up cigarette butts by hand, and there was plenty of them, so when she heard that passion and pride, she heard the October "Employee of the Month".



HR Director Green said we are also happy to be recognizing as our “Employee of the Month” for October, 2017, Frank Albritton of the Community Recreation Department. In March of 2006, Frank began his employment as a Maintenance Worker II, and ever since that time he has been instrumental in contributing to his Department’s success and implementing many important initiatives. HR Director Green stated that Frank has taken on more responsibilities than was expected of him, including oversight and training of the Park Rangers, as well as the quick roll-out and installation of dog waste stations and pressure cleaning maintenance to maintain the parks in the “City Beautiful”. HR Director Green further stated that Frank is best known in his Department for his passion and dedication to his work, and it is for this reason we are proud to present and congratulate Frank Albritton as the “Employee of the Month” for October 2017, thereby presenting the video segment.

Parks and Recreation Director Fred Couceyro stated we are very excited to have Frank as the “Employee of the Month” as the video shows and in the words of Kenny Larkin, who is his direct supervisor and Troy who leads that Division. Director Couceyro further stated he is not a man of many words, so we were excited to see him in a suit today and we can’t wait for him to say some things, but the great thing about him is that we give him a task, as he is not man of many words, it’s just OK yes and he gets it done, and his efforts have really has made a change. Director Couceyro said one of the big things he wanted was to improve cleanliness and our detailed stuff and Frank is the cleanliness and detail man and does a great job, so he is excited to have Frank as the “Employee of the Month” and the Park’s staff is too.

Maintenance Worker II Albritton thanked the Mayor, City Commission, Director Couceyro and Assistant Director Carolina Vester, his immediate supervisors Troy and Kenny, Mark and the rest of the Parks Crew for this honor and for letting him make the parks clean. Maintenance Worker II Albritton added that it’s nice to know that your hard work is truly accepted, and that he will continue do the best job he can for the City].

**This Presentation/Protocol Document was Presented and Filed**

City Clerk Item No. 7

**B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

B.-1. 17-6572 Commission Meeting of August 29, 2017.

**Attachments:** CCMtg Aug 29 2017 - Agenda Item E-1 - Legislative updates by Florida State Sen  
CCMtg Aug 29 2017 - Agenda Item F-5 - Resolution granting conditional use appr  
CCMtg Aug 29 2017 - Agenda Item G-4 - Discussion on metal roofs in Coral Gabl  
CCMtg Aug 29 2017 - Agenda Item G-8 - Discussion regarding invocation of Char  
CCMtg Aug 29 2017 - Agenda Item I-2 - Resolution accepting the recommendatio  
CCMtg Aug 29 2017 - Agenda Item I-5 - Resolution accepting the recommendatio  
CCMtg Aug 29 2017 - Agenda Item I-6 - Resolution authorizing the City Manager ;  
CCMtg August 29 2017 - Agenda Item 2-1 - Reso recommending a line item in 20  
CCMtg August 29 2017 - Agenda Item 2-2 - Resolution by Transportation Advison  
CCMtg August 29 2017 - Agenda Item F-1 - Ordinance amending sec. 101-182 Qi  
CCMtg August 29 2017 - Agenda Item F-2 - Ordinance creating Section 2-244 - C  
CCMtg August 29 2017 - Agenda Item F-3 - Ordinance requesting vacation of pub  
CCMtg August 29 2017 - Agenda Item F-4 - Ordinance creating Section 62-101 pr  
CCMtg August 29 2017 - Agenda Item G-1 - Discussion regarding water quality fir  
CCMtg August 29 2017 - Agenda Item G-2 - Discussion regarding adoption of Cor  
CCMtg August 29 2017 - Agenda Item G-3 - Update on the PACE programs expa  
CCMtg August 29 2017 - Agenda Item G-5 - Presentation of updated abandoned ;  
CCMtg August 29 2017 - Agenda Item G-7 - Resolution directing staff to advertise  
CCMtg August 29 2017 - Agenda Item I-1 - Resolution accepting recmmendation ;  
CCMtg August 29 2017 - Agenda Item I-4 - Resolution authorizing CM to market c  
CCMtg August 29 2017 - Agenda Item I-7 - Resolution directing city staff to prepar  
CCMtg August 29 2017 - Agenda Item I-8 - Resolution authorizing the CM to appr  
CCMtg August 29 2017 - Agenda Item I-9 - Resolution authorizing a public project  
CCMtg August 29 2017 - Agenda Item J-1 - Report on Special Taxing Districts  
CCMtg August 29 2017 - Agenda Item J-5 - Public Records and Information Requ  
CCMtg August 29 2017 - Agenda Items H-1 thru H-4 - Boards and Committee lten  
CCMtg August 29 2017 - Agenda Items J-2 and J-3 - nuisance abatement matter ;  
CCMtg August 29 2017 - Agenda Items Mayors Comments - C-1 thru C-4  
CCMtg August 29 2017 - Non-Agenda Item - Harvey Ruvin asking for resolution t  
Commission Meeting Minutes of August 29, 2017

**A motion was made by Commissioner Lago, seconded by Commissioner Mena, that this motion be approved . The motion passed by an unanimous vote.**

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

City Clerk Item No. 8

**B.-2. 17-6573** Budget Hearing of September 14, 2017.

**Attachments:** 09-14-17 Budget Hearing Transcript  
Budget Hearing Minutes of September 14, 2017

**A motion was made by Commissioner Lago, seconded by Commissioner Mena, that this motion be approved . The motion passed by an unanimous vote.**

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

City Clerk Item No. 9

**B.-3. 17-6609** Budget Hearing of September 26, 2017.

**Attachments:** 09-26-17 - Transcript  
Budget Hearing Minutes of September 26, 2017

**A motion was made by Commissioner Lago, seconded by Commissioner Mena, that this motion be approved . The motion passed by an unanimous vote.**

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

City Clerk Item No. 10

**C. 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.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2017-293****C.-1. 17-6594**

A Resolution of the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida, amending Ordinance 2015-17, as amended, to revise various Local Business Taxes by the Finance Department and False Alarm Fees by the Fire Department; providing severability clause, and an effective date.

**Attachments:** Agenda - Fee Resolution for October 10 2017  
Fee Resolution 10-10-2017  
Revised Fee Schedule 2017 10-10-17  
Signed Resolution 2017-293

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2015-17, AS AMENDED, TO REVISE VARIOUS LOCAL BUSINESS TAXES BY THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT AND FALSE ALARM FEES BY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**A motion was made by Vice Mayor Keon, seconded by Commissioner Quesada, that this motion be adopted by Resolution Number 2017-293. The motion passed by an unanimous vote.**

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

City Clerk Item No. 22

## Passed the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Commissioner Lago, seconded by Commissioner Menato Approve the Consent Agenda A motion was to Approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

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

### RESOLUTION NO. 2017-290.1

C.-2. 17-6582

A Resolution authorizing Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce to sell alcoholic beverages at Fred B. Hartnett Ponce Circle Park on Thursday, November 2, 2017, from 5:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. during the "Burgerliscious" event, to benefit Coral Gables Community Foundation, subject to Florida Department of Professional Regulation Requirements.

Attachments: Burgerliscious Complete Info

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION AUTHORIZING CORAL GABLES CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO SELL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AT FRED B. HARTNETT PONCE CIRCLE PARK ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2017, FROM 5:30 P.M. UNTIL 10:00 P.M., DURING THE "BURGERLISCIOUS" EVENT TO BENEFIT CORAL GABLES COMMUNITY FOUNDATION; SUBJECT TO FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION REQUIREMENTS.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lago, seconded by Commissioner Mena, that this Resolution be adopted by Resolution Number 2017-290.1 passed BY VOICE VOTE

City Clerk Item No. 11

### RESOLUTION NO. 2017-291

C.-3. 17-6587

A Resolution authorizing the Coral Gables Community Foundation to sell alcohol on Merrick Way, between Alhambra Plaza and Giralda Avenue on Saturday, October 21, 2017, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., during the "Pumpkin Patch" at Pittman Park event, subject to Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation requirements.

Attachments: Commission Cover 10.10.17 (Alcohol Permit for Pumpkin Patch)  
ABT SIGNED Form Community Foundation  
Pumpkin Patch Special Events Permit  
Resolution - 10-10-17 Alcohol at Pumpkin Patch  
Signed Resolution 2017-291

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CORAL GABLES COMMUNITY FOUNDATION TO SELL ALCOHOL ON MERRICK WAY BETWEEN ALHAMBRA PLAZA AND GIRALDA AVENUE ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2017, FROM 11:00 A.M. TO 5:00 P.M., DURING THE "PUMPKIN PATCH" AT PITTMAN PARK EVENT; SUBJECT TO FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION REQUIREMENTS.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lago, seconded by Commissioner Mena, that this Resolution be adopted by Resolution Number 2017-291 passed BY VOICE VOTE

City Clerk Item No. 12

**RESOLUTION NO. 2017-292**

**C.-4. 17-6592**

A Resolution authorizing the execution of an agreement for sewer connection for property located outside the City's sewer district at 5827 and 5855 Ponce de Leon Boulevard, Coral Gables, Florida to the City of Coral Gables wastewater collection / transmission system, subject to the requirements of the Public Works Department as provided under chapters 62 and 78 of the City Code, Ordinance No. 2007-29 and 2009-39 and Resolution No. 2008-07; and provided that the executed agreement be made part of this resolution.

**Attachments:** city code 78-106  
Ordinance 2007-29  
Ordinance No. 2009-39  
Resolution No. 2008-07  
UM Ponce Building outside sewer connection - COVER  
UM Ponce Building outside sewer connection - RESOL  
Signed Resolution 2017-292

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT FOR SEWER CONNECTION FOR PROPERTY LOCATED OUTSIDE THE CITY'S SEWER DISTRICT AT 5827 AND 5855 PONCE DE LEON BOULEVARD, CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA TO THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES WASTEWATER COLLECTION / TRANSMISSION SYSTEM, SUBJECT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT AS PROVIDED UNDER CHAPTERS 62 AND 78 OF THE CITY CODE, ORDINANCE NO. 2007-29 AND 2009-39 AND RESOLUTION NO. 2008-07; AND PROVIDED THAT THE EXECUTED AGREEMENT BE MADE PART OF THIS RESOLUTION.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lago, seconded by Commissioner Mena, that this Resolution be adopted by Resolution Number 2017-292 passed BY VOICE VOTE

City Clerk Item No. 13

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

**1.-1 17-6611** Anti-Crime Committee Meeting of July 26, 2017.

**Attachments:** Anti-Crime Committee Minutes of July 26, 2017

A motion was made by Commissioner Lago, seconded by Commissioner Mena, that this Minutes be approved passed BY VOICE VOTE

City Clerk Item No. 14

- 1.-2. 17-6612 Anti-Crime Committee Meeting of August 30, 2017.
- Attachments:** Anti-Crime Committee Minutes of August 30, 2017
- A motion was made by Commissioner Lago, seconded by Commissioner Mena, that this Minutes be approved passed BY VOICE VOTE
- City Clerk Item No. 15
- 1.-3. 17-6601 Advisory Board on Disability Affairs Meeting of July 5, 2017.
- Attachments:** Comm 10 10 17 Cov Memo mins 07 05 17  
07 05 17 Minutes  
07 05 17 Attendance Form CITY CLERK OFC
- A motion was made by Commissioner Lago, seconded by Commissioner Mena, that this Minutes be approved passed BY VOICE VOTE
- City Clerk Item No. 16
- 1.-4. 17-6604 Advisory Board on Disability Affairs Meeting of August 9, 2017.
- Attachments:** 8-9-17 Minutes  
Comm 10 10 17 Cov Memo mins 08 09 17  
08 09 17 Attendance Form CITY CLERK OFC
- A motion was made by Commissioner Lago, seconded by Commissioner Mena, that this Minutes be approved passed BY VOICE VOTE
- City Clerk Item No. 17
- 1.-5. 17-6588 Budget/Audit Advisory Board Meeting of September 6, 2017.
- Attachments:** Agenda - Budget Audit Board meeting of September 6, 2017  
Meeting Minutes of Sptember 6, 2017 - Transcript
- A motion was made by Commissioner Lago, seconded by Commissioner Mena, that this Minutes be approved passed BY VOICE VOTE
- City Clerk Item No. 18
- 1.-6. 17-6559 Coral Gables Arts Advisory Panel Meeting of June 28, 2017.
- Attachments:** 06.28.17 MinutesforCC10.10.17  
AAP Meeting June 28 2017
- A motion was made by Commissioner Lago, seconded by Commissioner Mena, that this Minutes be approved passed BY VOICE VOTE
- City Clerk Item No. 19

- 1.-7. 17-6354 Cultural Development Board Meeting of August 1, 2017.

**Attachments:** CDB Minutes August 01 2017  
08.01.17 MinutesforCC10.10.17

A motion was made by Commissioner Lago, seconded by Commissioner Mena, that this Minutes be approved passed BY VOICE VOTE

City Clerk Item No. 20

- 1.-8. 17-6602 Retirement Board Meeting of August 10, 2017.

**Attachments:** CC.08-10-2017 October 10, 2017  
Minutes 08-10-2017

A motion was made by Commissioner Lago, seconded by Commissioner Mena, that this Minutes be approved passed BY VOICE VOTE

City Clerk Item No. 21

**2. Presentation of Boards and/or Committees draft/final minutes requesting action from the City Commission [Note: A vote to accept the minutes does not mean approval of the substance within the minutes]:**

- 2.-1. 17-6613 A Resolution by the Coral Gables Anti-Crime Committee recommending that the City of Coral Gables address the facilities at Phillips Park and requesting that the City Commission direct City staff to make all necessary repairs.

**Attachments:** Anti-Crime Committee Minutes of July 26, 2017  
Phillips Park Resolution from Anti-Crime Committee  
Cover Memo - Anti-Crime Resolution - Phillips Park

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Item 2-1 is available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk and in Legistar].

**This Resolution was Discussed and Filed**

City Clerk Item No. 23

**D. MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

- D.-1. 17-6576 A discussion regarding the adoption of a State of Emergency Ordinance.  
(Sponsored by Mayor Valdes-Fauli)  
(Sponsored by the City Attorney)

**Attachments:** memo on state of emergency ordinance

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Item D-1 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. 24



- D.-2. 17-6615 Update regarding Mayor's meeting with the Superintendent of Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

(Sponsored by Mayor Valdes-Fauli)

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Item D-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. 25

## E. PERSONAL APPEARANCES

- E.-1. 17-6574 Introduction of the University of Miami Student Government and Get Out the Vote organizations.

[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].

**This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed**

City Clerk Item No. 26

## F. PUBLIC HEARINGS

### ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING

#### ORDINANCE NO. 2017-38

- F.-1. 17-6570 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 50 of the "Code of the City of Coral Gables," entitled "Pensions," amending Section 50-26, "Compulsory Participation" to allow non-bargaining unit police officers and firefighters hired from outside the City the option to elect to participate in a defined contribution retirement plan, instead of the Coral Gables Retirement System; and providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, codification and providing for an effective date.

**Attachments:** Cover Memo - Pension Participation 2nd reading  
Coral Gables Pension Ordinance Optional Participation  
No Actuarial Impact Letter - 8-31-2017  
Signed Ordinance 2017-38

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 50 OF THE "CODE OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES," ENTITLED "PENSIONS," AMENDING SECTION 50-26, "COMPULSORY PARTICIPATION" TO ALLOW NON-BARGAINING UNIT POLICE OFFICERS AND FIREFIGHTERS HIRED FROM OUTSIDE THE CITY THE OPTION TO ELECT TO PARTICIPATE IN A DEFINED CONTRIBUTION RETIREMENT PLAN, INSTEAD OF THE CORAL GABLES RETIREMENT SYSTEM; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, REPEALER, CODIFICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Quesada, seconded by Vice Mayor Keon, that this matter be adopted by Ordinance Number 2017-38. 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. 31

**ORDINANCE NO. 2017-39 (As Amended)**

F.-2. 17-6499

An Ordinance of the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida, identifying the Duties and Powers of each Member of the City Commission (including the Mayor and Vice Mayor in their roles as Commissioners) and creating Section 2-29 of the Code of the City of Coral Gables entitled "Commissioners; Duties and Powers," establishing the functions, duties, and responsibilities of the Office of Commissioner; providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, codification, and providing for an effective date.  
(Sponsored by Commissioner Lago)

- Attachments:**
- Cover Memo - commissioner ordinance - first reading
  - Ordinance - Commission - 1st reading
  - Cover Memo - commissioner ordinance - first reading - 09-26-2017
  - Ordinance - Commission - first reading - 09-26-2017
  - Cover Memo - commissioner ordinance - second reading
  - Ordinance - Commission - 2nd reading
  - Signed Ordinance 2017-39

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA IDENTIFYING THE DUTIES AND POWERS OF EACH MEMBER OF THE CITY COMMISSION (INCLUDING THE MAYOR AND VICE MAYOR) AND CREATING SECTION 2-29 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES ENTITLED "COMMISSIONERS; DUTIES AND POWERS," ESTABLISHING THE FUNCTIONS, DUTIES, AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE OFFICE OF COMMISSIONER; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER PROVISION, SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, 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 as amended by Ordinance Number 2017-39 . 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. 32

**ORDINANCE NO. 2017-40**

- F.-3. 17-6522** An Ordinance of the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida, amending Chapter 10 of the City of Coral Gables Code Entitled "Animals" by creating Section 10-4 entitled "Peafowl," providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, codification, enforceability, and providing for an effective date.  
(Sponsored by Commissioner Lago)

**Attachments:** Peafowl Ordinance Cover Memo 9-12  
Peafowl- Creation of Section 10-4  
Peafowl- Creation of Section 10-4 Second Reading  
Peafowl Ordinance Cover Memo Second Reading 10-10  
Signed Ordinance 2017-40

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 10 OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES CODE ENTITLED "ANIMALS" BY CREATING SECTION 10-4 ENTITLED "PEAFOWL", PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, REPEALER, CODIFICATION, ENFORCEABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Item F-3 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 Lago, that this matter be adopted by Ordinance Number 2017-40. 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. 33

**G. CITY COMMISSION ITEMS****RESOLUTION NO. 2017-307**

- G.-1. 17-6581** A discussion on implementing a tracking tool to keep track of requests made by the Commission.  
(Sponsored by Commissioner Lago)

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Item G-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 2017-307. 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. 34

**RESOLUTION NO. 2017-298**

**G.-2. 17-6584**

A discussion on the possible reconsideration of the lot at Doctors Hospital.  
(Sponsored by Commissioner Quesada)

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Item G-2 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 Lago, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2017-298. The motion passed by the following vote.**

**Yeas :** 3 - Commissioner Quesada, Commissioner Lago and Commissioner Mena

**Nays :** 2 - Vice Mayor Keon and Mayor Valdes-Fauli

City Clerk Item No. 35

**RESOLUTION NO. 2017-299**

**Non 17-6735  
Agenda**

A Resolution of the City of Coral Gables City Commission to commence negotiations with Doctors' Hospital, Inc. in relation to a 99 year lease for Municipal Parking Lot 24, located on the northwest corner of University Drive and Pisano Avenue, Coral Gables, FL 33146.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Quesada, seconded by Commissioner Lago, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2017-299. The motion passed by the following vote.**

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

**Nays :** 1 - Mayor Valdes-Fauli

City Clerk Item No. 36

**G.-3. 17-6600**

A discussion regarding the US-1 Corridor Study.  
(Sponsored by Commissioner Lago)

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Item G-3 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. 37

**RESOLUTION NO. 2017-301****G.-4. 17-6614**

A discussion regarding Governor Rick Scott's appointment of Ritch Workman to the Public Service Commission and possible action urging the Miami-Dade County Legislative Delegation to use close scrutiny in deciding whether to confirm the appointment because of concerns raised in an article published in the Miami Herald on October 2, 2017.

(Sponsored by Vice Mayor Keon)

**Attachments:** Miami Herald article 10-02-2017 - page 2  
Miami Herald article 10-02-2017 - page 1

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA URGING THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY STATE LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION TO GIVE CLOSE SCRUTINY AND CAREFUL CONSIDERATION TO THE NOMINATION OF DAVID "RITCH" WORKMAN TO THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION.

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

**A motion was made by Vice Mayor Keon, seconded by Commissioner Lago, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2017-301. 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. 39

**H. 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].**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2017-294****Non  
Agenda 17-6731**

A Resolution of the City Commission confirming the appointment of Tony Bello, 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 TONY BELLO, 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 Vice Mayor Keon, that this motion be adopted by Resolution Number 2017-294. The motion passed by an unanimous vote.**

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

City Clerk Item No. 27

**RESOLUTION NO. 2017-295**

**Non** 17-6732  
**Agenda**

A Resolution of the City Commission confirming the appointing of Patricia Fuller, to serve as a member of the Insurance Advisory Committee, 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 PATRICIA FULLER, TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE INSURANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE, 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 Vice Mayor Keon, that this motion be adopted by Resolution Number 2017-295. The motion passed by an unanimous vote.**

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

City Clerk Item No. 28

**RESOLUTION NO. 2017-296**

**Non** 17-6733  
**Agenda**

A Resolution of the City Commission confirming the appointment of Alec Schneider, to serve on the Parks and Recreation Youth Advisory 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 ALEC SCHNEIDER, TO SERVE ON THE PARKS AND RECREATION YOUTH ADVISORY 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 motion be adopted by Resolution Number 2017-296. The motion passed by an unanimous vote.**

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

City Clerk Item No. 29

**RESOLUTION NO. 2017-297**

**Non**     **17-6734**  
**Agenda**

A Resolution of the City Commission confirming the appointment of Elizabeth Parnes, to serve as a member of the Landscape Beautification Advisory 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 ELIZABETH PARNES, TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE LANDSCAPE BEAUTIFICATION ADVISORY 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 Mena, that this motion be adopted by Resolution Number 2017-297. The motion passed by an unanimous vote.**

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

City Clerk Item No. 30

**I. CITY MANAGER ITEMS****RESOLUTION NO. 2017-329**

**I.-1.**     **17-6603**

A Resolution approving an agreement with Gables Estates Club, Inc. for the design and implementation of Leucadendra Neighborhood Park.

**Attachments:**    Cover Memo-Resolution approving agreement with Gables Estates Club, Inc.-Oct  
Resolution Approving Leucadendra Park Agreement  
Leucadendra Park Agreement-clean  
10-24-2017 Cover Memo-Resolution approving agreement with Gables Estates Cl  
10-24-2017 Resolution Approving Leucadendra Park Agreement  
10-24-2017 Leucadendra Park Agreement - 10-18-2017 - clean version

**This Resolution was Continued**

City Clerk Item No. 40

**J. CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS**

Agenda Items A-1 and J-1 are related.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2017-302**

- J.-1. 17-6607 A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Coral Gables, Florida, declaring Principles of Inclusion for all individuals with disabilities, and urging action by national, state, and local governments, businesses, and residential communities consistent with these Principles.  
(Sponsored by Vice Mayor Keon)

**Attachments:** Principles of Inclusion Resolution October 2017  
Inclusion Resolution Cover Memo October 2017  
Signed Resolution 2017-302

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, DECLARING PRINCIPLES OF INCLUSION FOR ALL INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES, AND URGING ACTION BY NATIONAL, STATE, AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, BUSINESSES, AND RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITIES CONSISTENT WITH THESE PRINCIPLES.

[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 Commissioner Quesada, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2017-302. 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. 41

**RESOLUTION NO. 2017-303**

- J.-2. 17-6593 A Resolution directing the City Attorney to take all necessary action to protect "Miracle Mile" as a trademark.  
(Sponsored by Mayor Valdes-Fauli)

**Attachments:** Draft Resolution Regarding Miracle Mile Trademark Final  
Miracle Mile Trademark Cover Memo  
Signed Resolution 2017-303

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA DIRECTING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY ACTION TO PROTECT "MIRACLE MILE" AS A TRADEMARK.

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Item J-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 Vice Mayor Keon, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2017-303. 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. 42

**Time Certain 11:30am (Agenda Item J-3)**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2017-300**

J.-3. 17-6553 Commission update on annexation feasibility report.

**Attachments:** Coral Gables Cover  
Exhibit 5 LG  
Exhibit 5 HP-PD final  
Exhibit 4  
Exhibit 2  
CGs Annex Report updated 10-5-17  
Exhibit 1 DG Edits  
Exhibit 3

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

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Keon, seconded by Commissioner Lago, that this motion be adopted by Resolution Number 2017-300. The motion passed by an unanimous vote.

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

City Clerk Item No. 38

J.-4. 17-6571 Request for an Executive Session (if any).

**This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed**

City Clerk Item No. 43

**K. CITY CLERK ITEMS****RESOLUTION NO. 2017-304**

- K.-1. 17-6590** A Resolution in accordance with Section 2-26 of the City Code, entitled "Regular Meetings, Special Meetings", setting forth the meeting dates through December 2017, as follows: Tuesday, November 14, 2017 and Tuesday, December 5, 2017.

**Attachments:** Cover Memo - 2017 - Commission Meeting Holiday Schedule  
R-2017 - Draft - Commission Meeting Holiday Schedule  
Signed Resolution 2017-304

A RESOLUTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 2-26 OF THE CITY CODE, ENTITLED "REGULAR MEETINGS, SPECIAL MEETINGS" SETTING FORTH THE MEETING DATES THROUGH DECEMBER 2016, AS FOLLOWS: TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2017 AND TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2017.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Lago, seconded by Commissioner Mena, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2017-304. 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. 44

**RESOLUTION NO. 2017-305**

- K.-2. 17-6591** A Resolution with attachments, officially accepting the City Clerk's Certification and Declaration of Results using a petition process to ascertain whether a majority of the property owners support the continued existence of the Coral Gables Business Improvement District.

**Attachments:** Cover Memo - Accepting the City Clerk's certification and declaration of results - B  
R-2017 - Draft BID Certification and Declaration of Results  
Certification and Declaration of Results  
Signed Resolution 2017-305

A RESOLUTION WITH ATTACHMENTS, OFFICIALLY ACCEPTING THE CITY CLERK'S CERTIFICATION AND DECLARATION OF RESULTS FROM THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (BID) PETITION ELECTION OF JULY 21ST THROUGH AUGUST 31ST, 2017.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Lago, seconded by Commissioner Quesada, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2017-305. 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. 45

**K.-3. 17-6599**

An Ordinance of the City Commission of Coral Gables adopting and enacting a new Code for the City of Coral Gables, Florida; providing for the repeal of certain ordinances not included therein; providing a penalty for the violation thereof; providing for the manner of amending such code; and providing when such code and this ordinance shall become effective; providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, codification, and providing for an effective date.

**Attachments:** Legal Review  
Substantive Changes  
Cover Memo - Recodification of Code  
Ordinance - City Code

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

City Clerk Item No. 46

**L. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Commissioner Lago: Commissioner Comments - this will be quick. Vice Mayor, do you want to go first?

Vice Mayor Keon: No, I'm good, thank you.

Commissioner Lago: Sunshine meeting, Sunset Elementary, Commissioner Mena, you want to have a meeting down the street?

Commissioner Mena: Absolutely.

Commissioner Lago: Alright. Madam City Manager can we put it together? This is going to be like my third meeting, I think, we've done two already, this is my third, so we'll keep doing them till we can figure this out.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: And, I also called and asked for a Sunshine meeting on the Public Safety Building and its adequacy, etc., Madam City Manager will you set it up?

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: Yes.

Commissioner Lago: In reference to that, maybe we should invite someone from the

School Board to come out if they want to come to our Sunshine meeting.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: And, the School Community Relations Committee are your partners in this, maybe we could, if it's alright with you, check with the Chair through Naomi, we know it's an important issue.

Vice Mayor Keon: And, we should notify our School Rep.

Commissioner Lago: One last issue, I don't know how everybody else feels. I'm getting a lot of calls on bulk pickup; I talked to the Manager about this. I know that a lot of individuals in our team right now who are doing an exceptional job, I think it is the sixth time I said it today, they are helping out with debris pickup, which is moving very well, but in my yard, I need some help. I had somebody who literally came to dump up and down our street everything. We are all getting e-mails. I have probably about 150 tiles, roof tiles on my side yard that somebody just came and dumped a ton of garbage, to the point where I've actually spoken with staff and the City Manager and I will be removing my trash pit. Once this is all said and done in about two or three months, I've already spoken with my neighbors, they weren't very happy about it, because everybody comes on my yard, but I will no longer have a trash pit.

Commissioner Quesada: You know I've been getting calls non-stop, I'm sure everyone has and the e-mails. It's a hard thing, how do we police that?

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: There are multiple issues, all of them important. On the issue of FEMA reimbursement, once we begin collecting bulk pickup, which is a mixture of landscape and garbage, is Diana here?- no, so I will share with you what she explained to me. Then we are no longer able to apply for FEMA reimbursement. I asked her knowing how important it is, I asked her, what is the financial implication, because if it wasn't that much we could go ahead. Unfortunately, with another 70,000 to 100,000 cubic yards of debris expected, it will cost about \$1.7 million to \$2.5 million dollars impact if we start collecting bulk early. Thank you Diana, you can up. I am regurgitating what you had explained to me. We can continue to work on the ficus trees, which are a separate issue, and yes, we've lost almost 50 trees and that is a complicated process that is singularly related to our contract teams, but if we move to the question of bulk pickup and the mixture of landscape and non-landscape materials and how you spoke to Witt O'Brian, our FEMA monitors and you discussed with them what happens and then we are also talking about at what point

can we institute bulk pick-up again and I'd had a conversation with Ed Santamaria, so he can answer that, but on the financial impact on bulk pick-up and bringing it together while we still have not completed our FEMA collections. I shared with them the gross estimates based on the 70,000 - 100,000 cubic yards remaining. Again, I shared with all of you that this storm, although it's a tropical storm created more debris than Hurricane Wilma; Hurricane Wilma being 215,000 cubic yards for Coral Gables and already as of Monday we were 231,000 yards if not more - thank you 245,000 cubic yards, so we are already 30,000 cubic yards larger. The cost?

Finance Director Gomez: Based on that 70,000 to 100,000, its anywhere from \$1.75 million to \$2.5 million dollars, plus maybe another \$50,000 to \$100,000 for tipping fees or other incidentals. That's just based on the cubic yard rate times the volume, so somewhere between \$1.75 million and \$2.50 (million).

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: Commissioner Lago, I also spoke knowing how important the issue is to Ed Santamaria as to when we could anticipate moving forward with bulk pickup, because it was an important issue and can you share with me the discussions?

Public Works Director Santamaria: Certainly Madam. It's all contingent upon how this process unfolds in terms of collecting hangers and also doing leaners, this is all part of the methodical process defined by FEMA in the reimbursement; and also what we are going to be doing is going to generate more piles. We are going to be coming back for subsequent passes through the City. Once we are done with these subsequent passes, we will be able to start putting back things in the proper order in terms of offering services that we normally do. We anticipate that this could take maybe two weeks, it could be a little bit longer, because there is a lot of debris out there and there is still a lot of work that needs to be done.

Commissioner Lago: May I just interject, you guys are doing an exceptional job, seven times today I've said it. I want to make sure that you guys are under the understanding that everywhere I drive in the City and I've noticed there is garbage everywhere, and I know that we are low on manpower, because we are picking up the debris, but people are taking advantage and they are dumping in our City and now it's becoming more and more prevalent because it happens on the normal, because people use the trash pits, but now that nobody is picking them up the piles are just getting bigger and bigger. You can see it on 57th Avenue, couches, there are all kinds of pieces of furniture that are not from the City of Coral Gables, like for example my

yard, and my swale, there is 100 to 150 tiles that were thrown there. None of my neighbors have white concrete 8 inch tile, none of them do. They all have Spanish S tile or gray tile like myself, so I know it's not coming from my neighborhood. Why would anybody drag 150 tiles that probably weigh I don't even know hundreds of pounds down the block to drop it on my swales. Somebody came with a massive truck and just dumped it there. I know we are trying to do the best we can, you guys are doing an exceptional job, but I just don't know, I don't know two weeks could be a long time.

Commissioner Mena: That's a long time.

Commissioner Lago: It could be rough out there and it's a health hazard, you know it's a lot.

Public Works Director Santamaria: It's hard for us to say exactly how long, but it's going to be about two weeks, I think, that's my opinion. Now one thing that can actually help us tremendously is if folks continue to observe the mantra that the debris pile supposed to be separated and to the extent that you can control that as a resident, you should do it. If you absolutely put something out on the swale that is not vegetative it should be separate from the debris pile.

Commissioner Lago: And, another issue that we've gotten several e-mails about is the fact that when these individuals come to pick up the debris piles and there is contaminated garbage in the sense of, not radioactive, but there are items that are not going to be picked up as per FEMA requirements, it's just thrown all up and down the street and the swale, of course the swales are going to be destroyed. I tried to explain to people, because their next statement is, OK, is the City going to pay for my swale?- and I try to explain to them as gently as possible, the City is not going to replace your swale. This is an emergency issue and we have to try to be as cooperative as possible. I'm going to replace my entire swale on my side of the street, it's going to cost me a lot of money, but I understand that and people are under the false impression that for some reason the City may be correcting the swales and I've told them very clearly, no it's not going to happen. Are you getting that also?

Commissioner Quesada: I've gotten ten phone calls in the last few days. They just started the phone calls on that issue just started coming in the last few days.

Commissioner Mena: Not just this...but the mess that's being left behind after it's

picked up. The conditions that sometimes are being left behind. I understand they are in a rush, I understand they are trying to get to as much as they can every day, but we've just got to be mindful of that, because it really upsets the residents.

Public Works Director Santamaria: I can tell you what happened to me personally where there was debris that was left in my swale that I had nothing to do with and it was not vegetative debris, it was actually just discarded shutters and just miscellanea and that is because in the process of picking up, they had centralized points to facilitate the collection of debris and they left the non-vegetative stuff behind, so it's a complication.

Commissioner Mena: You know you were making the point earlier about putting FEMA reimbursement at risk, is that if we combine, sort of non-vegetative with vegetative, is there a way to do some sort of pickup of just purely non-vegetative that would not risk FEMA reimbursement?

Finance Director Gomez: So, once you resume your bulk trash pickup, FEMA assumes that you are done with the removal of the debris related.

Commissioner Lago: But how can that...

Finance Director Gomez: Because you are back to normal operations.

Commissioner Quesada: So, in other words we're prevented...

Commissioner Mena: We are not in an emergency anymore.

Finance Director Gomez: Right - because how do you know which pile was what and it gets very complicated and things get...

Commissioner Quesada: Even if we have a separate team performing that service, that's interesting, that gives a lot of clarity that statement you just gave me.

Assistant City Manager Iglesias: We have already started our first pass as of Monday, we are probably 99 percent.

Commissioner Quesada: And is that not risk?- from what I just heard from...

Assistant City Manager Iglesias: We are looking at doing and we discussed this yesterday, we have two production meetings every day and that is to look at our crews and have our crews go behind - we can't pick up a sofa, but we can pick up certain things, for instance, a fence, tile, things like that, so we are trying to coordinate our crews with the contractors crews. They are on production, we are not, we can be more gentle, so we are looking at coordinating their crews with our crews so we can pick up everything at the same time. It's going to be difficult because our crews are only 16 trucks, but I do think that we are trying to make the best of it right now.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: But, we haven't announced that yet, so we wouldn't want the public to quickly start putting things out.

Assistant City Manager Iglesias: No, no, no. Once we officially start trash then FEMA stops, so what we are doing is picking up hurricane debris, not furniture, not things that are trash. So for instance, if the roof tiles that came from a house where the roof is damaged, then that can be reimbursed by FEMA. If somebody throws away a couch in a non-flood zone then that would not be reimbursable, so we would take the debris that's reimbursable along with the vegetative matter and try to do the best we can from that perspective, but that's kind of the distinction between what FEMA will pay and what FEMA will not pay.

Commissioner Lago: The main focus here is obviously if there is an audit in the near future, we are as transparent and clear with no arguments here whether we did everything on the up and up.

Assistant City Manager Iglesias: That's correct Commissioner.

Commissioner Lago: But, let me tell you it's going to be tough for them the next two weeks.

Assistant City Manager Iglesias: The first pass was getting as much as we could, we took care of 233,000 cubic yards by Sunday and we ended the first pass at 99 percent, maybe a nook and cranny here a small part that we didn't catch, so that's why we are not saying 100 percent. But, now comes the second pass and in that second pass we have to sort it out that way to make sure that we are clear as far as FEMA, as far as FEMA reimbursement.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: You also explained to me that in second pass we



are going to be using different equipment, so we'll be more gentle in the collection.

Assistant City Manager Iglesias: We try to use grapple equipment that grabs instead of scooping up and putting up to be more gentle. It's very difficult to collect a quarter million cubic yards with very gentle equipment, it would have taken us forever to do that and that's just the way things are done. If we start scooping by scooping a quarter million cubic yards we'd be here forever. Second pass is more gentle, if we have to do a third pass we will do a third pass, but now comes the more difficult stage of that debris that's out there whether we get the roof tile versus the actual sofa, which we cannot take and get reimbursed for. And by the way, they go to different areas; vegetation goes to one of our mulching sites, the other general debris has to go to the waste facility for Dade County.

Commissioner Mena: Are we at full capacity for lack of a better term as far as 80 trucks or so that we had in the past, are we going to have that through second pass?- the same manpower?

Assistant City Manager Iglesias: We are having pretty much the same trucks, there is less debris now, so we are probably collecting one-third of what we were collecting.

Commissioner Mena: But, are we going to keep the same amount of manpower out there collecting that less debris, so that it gets picked up more efficiently?

Assistant City Manager Iglesias: Yes we are. We are just trying to do neater job second pass.

Commissioner Mena: Right - I just want to say again, cut back, hey we have less debris now, so let's cut it in half.

Assistant City Manager Iglesias: We are not cutting back. We are trying to keep as much as we can with our resources, as you know everybody is stealing from everybody else and we have kept our prices, you've kept our efficiency and we are going to try to keep as much resources as we can.

Commissioner Quesada: Just want to clarify something you said, stealing from everyone else, meaning that other municipalities are stealing trucks, not stealing, but offering different rates.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: Poaching.

Assistant City Manager Iglesias: Poaching - whatever you want to call it. We have been able to maintain our prices through our efficiency.

City Attorney Leen: Can I raise one issue and this is from our FEMA attorney. The Mayor, remember we talked earlier about the Mayoral Emergency Orders why we need them sometimes. Right now the City is picking up debris in Journeys End and Tahiti Beach by direction of the City Manager and an emergency order of the Mayor and the Manager, and we believe that that's sufficient and we are going to do our best to try to get FEMA reimbursement, although we may not be able to and we've been told that by Ms. Parsons, the FEMA attorney, nevertheless she gave us a number of things that if we did would make it more likely. One thing she mentioned to me was that it was helpful that the Public Health Authority of the City would make a finding that the City should be doing this, in particular that the picking up of debris in Journeys End and Tahiti Beach that right now that debris is an immediate threat to the public safety and health and a threat to real property, which we believe it is, it poses a danger to the public to have that debris stay there, it can cause a public hazard, it smells, it could lead to people driving and having issues with visual distraction, with blocking driveways, there are a lot of issues, they are all in the Mayor's order. I would ask Mr. Mayor if it's OK, whether the Commission could do a resolution on that order supporting that order and making those same findings. We are just doing it for that order in an abundance of caution in order to show that our public health authority has made that determination.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: In order to allow us to pick up the debris in Journeys End and Tahiti Beach.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: You circulated that.

City Attorney Leen: Yes and you've all seen the order, its signed, you'd be making the same findings as an order that's been published to you and it would be a motion to support that.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Motion? Second?

Commissioner Lago: So moved.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Will you call the roll please.

Vice Mayor Keon: Yes

Commissioner Lago: Yes

Commissioner Mena: Yes

Commissioner Quesada: Yes

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Yes

(Vote: 5-0)

Assistant City Manager Iglesias: We are documenting that completely separate to make sure there is no issue as far as FEMA is concerned, we want to be as clear as possible in everything we do to make sure that we get as much reimbursement as possible.

Vice Mayor Keon: Thank you. There is about an 8-foot wall of debris on Edgewater Drive.

Assistant City Manager Iglesias: They should be there, I believe today.

Vice Mayor Keon: OK. It's enormous.

Assistant City Manager Iglesias: We are cutting all the hangers and leaners, so we don't want a branch to fall on someone. So, in some areas it's generating quite a bit of new debris and we are coming back and picking that up on the second pass. We are almost through with the City on hangers and leaners and probably be on our second pass by the end of the week.

Vice Mayor Keon: Thank you. What do we do about, I've gotten a couple of people have asked about, I think that their cable and AT&T lines that are hanging down.

Assistant City Manager Iglesias: We have contacted AT&T and Comcast. As a matter of fact, Commissioner Lago, the light that you saw that you sent, I've moved that light and put bags on it to safe it up, a week before we contacted FPL, a week or two weeks before that, so actually it was lighting. I saw that the conductors were OK, physically moved it and if you notice there are two bags in front of it, I did those myself, because it was such a danger there and the Director contacted them two weeks ago, so we've contacted them again to make sure that they get that job done.

Commissioner Lago: There are three lights.

Assistant City Manager Iglesias: Yes, the three lights.

Commissioner Lago: Three lights that are down.

Assistant City Manager Iglesias: They are down in that area, yes, one was by UM and we've done the best we can.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Thank you very much. You've done a great job as always.

Vice Mayor Keon: Does FPL also replace like the globes that go over the street light?

Assistant City Manager Iglesias: Those are day lights and we straighten them up.

Vice Mayor Keon: Do we keep a list of those to tell them?

Public Works Director Santamaria: We assessed all the lighting in the City, including the ones that we own and there are a number of light fixtures that were damaged during the storm, there are a number on Bird Road that are quite visible, and we have also brought everything that we saw to the attention of FPL.

Vice Mayor Keon: Thank you. You really have done a great job. I need to really compliment you and tell you what a great service all of you have provided to the City.

Commissioner Lago: Incredible job. One last item. As many of you are probably aware or not, I'll tell you right now, 475 Biltmore Way could potentially be coming on the market again, it's probably been like two or three times that the property has come on the market, I think under the same ownership. It's an interesting property in the sense that we control the parking, so that could be something that we could consider in the near future or not consider.

Commissioner Quesada: You said 475 Biltmore Way?

Commissioner Lago: Yes, the building next door. So, that's the last remaining piece to finish off the block.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Maria Cruz wanted to speak.

Ms. Cruz: [Inaudible - off mic]...The smoking mirrors...

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Smoking mirrors continue, why?

Ms. Cruz: I have a list right here of all the places that haven't been picked up.

Commissioner Lago: If you have areas come up please and tell us what the areas are, so we can address them.

City Attorney Leen: Ms. Cruz you are speaking as your individual capacity here.

Ms. Cruz: Of course. When I do otherwise I identify myself.

City Attorney Leen: Of course you do.

Ms. Cruz: You know I sit here and I listen and we would like to believe and we meaning most of us that we live in a place that's so wonderful there are no issues. But you know what, there are issues and there is nothing wrong with recognizing the issues. Unless we recognize them they don't get fixed, OK. I just heard we picked up 99 percent of the hurricane debris. From my house on Miller Road to this place this morning I saw one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten places that the first pass didn't go through. How do you know?- because you can tell the old stuff from the new stuff, it's very clear. In my neighborhood in front of the priest's house there was a tree that fell down, the limbs from that tree they were blocking the sidewalk are still there. The first pass never went there, OK. I'm sorry, you know we are very concerned about our image, no sand bags because it doesn't look good; no ice because it doesn't look good. There are people that are sending me pictures, there are toilets, there are wet mattresses all over the place and that doesn't affect our image, that's OK, come on.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: That means we have slobbs throwing mattresses and toilets.

Ms. Cruz: I know, but meanwhile you know there are other things that we are concerned about. Let me tell you something. I can see - if we keep this up and we keep holding those things in front of our homes, you know we do have rats in the City of Coral Gables, because all you have to do is look at the wires on the top and you

see them. Well rats come to that kind of garbage and unless we do something, that's number one; number two, what's wrong with picking up our garbage the regular way?- why are we asking people to still take it outside? I'm sorry, a lot of people like me, I can't take my garbage can outside.

Commissioner Mena: That's not a requirement though.

Ms. Cruz: Well then it doesn't get picked up.

Commissioner Mena: That's not true. That's absolutely not true.

Ms. Cruz: Excuse me, I had to call twice, because twice they missed my...because they didn't take it out.

Commissioner Mena: Nobody is disputing there are going to be houses that get skipped or small areas...that's not a requirement...

Ms. Cruz: Wait a second. I'm sorry and if they take it out they leave it out, because I have a neighbor that sent me a picture, she did not take it out, they took the garbage can out and then left it outside.

Commissioner Mena: Understood.

Ms. Cruz: There are issues.

Commissioner Mena: Of course there are issues that's why we are here.

Ms. Cruz: All I'm saying is, let's fix the issues instead of pretending that nothing is wrong.

Commissioner Mena: But who's saying, who's pretending nothing is wrong?

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Who is pretending Maria?

Ms. Cruz: 99 percent picked up.

Commissioner Mena: They didn't say 99 percent, they actually said we picked up 245,000 cubic yards and that there is a remaining 70 to 100, so that's not 99 percent

ma'am.

Ms. Cruz: They said 90 percent was picked up on the first pass.

Commissioner Lago: What they said was 99 percent of the first phase was picked up, correct?

Ms. Cruz: I'm telling you the first phase it hasn't been picked up.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Thank you very much. Thank you.

Commissioner Lago: I have a list of five or six areas that I drive through every day that needs to be picked up, but again, its areas is it first, is it second phase, there are some hangers, there are some large fichus trees that fell, we are going to get to it, but I agree about the bulk issue; the bulk trash is a major issue and I think we all agree on that, we all agree on that.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Mr. City Attorney you wanted to say something?

City Attorney Leen: Yes. So the last item....

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: No. I have a discussion item too, because of the Miracle Mile Carnival on the Mile at some point, because we have a difference of opinion in the Commission and it would be helpful for me to get direction.

City Attorney Leen: OK. So, you better go now because this is the last item.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: Mr. Mayor if I may, Carnival on the Mile is March 3rd and 4th, it was last year on Alhambra, the streetscape was being built, it worked well on Alhambra. They come to us and said are they going to be on Alhambra or are they going to be on the Mile this year? A couple of things happened - we asked the Business Improvement District to survey their merchants and asked what was their opinion. Their first result was just forwarding us individual findings and we said no, we need the Board to take a position. The Board's position is they would like Miracle Mile, Carnival on the Mile brought back to the Mile, point one. We asked the Carnival on the Mile, they were very kind, they said they could do either way, but their preference, their strong preference would be coming back to the Mile. I also chatted with Peter Iglesias on March 3rd and 4th the concerns about the

streetscape, what are his thoughts and he felt that one, we would be ready in time and that from a protocol standpoint it could work on the Mile, but when I polled each one of you and I had the poll and I did it individually, there are differences of opinion on yes, come back to the Mile, no preference, or no don't come back to the Mile for fear of the condition of streetscape. Clear good opinions, good observations, but they are not unified, thank you sir, so I'm just asking because I need to be able to tell the Carnival Little Havana Kiwanis are they going to be on Alhambra or are they going to be on Miracle Mile. So, I'm throwing it out to you all to decide amongst yourselves.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: I think my opinion is that you have done a wonderful job for Miracle Mile and that is to be used and their strong preference you tell us is they should be back on the Mile and I'm very much for that.

Commissioner Mena: The only thing I would say though is, Madam City Manager correct me if I'm wrong, they did some sort of survey you gave us the results for, and it was like 50/50, right?

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: And so we went back to the B.I.D., the individual merchants were not unified, so we said to the B.I.D., we said B.I.D. you've given us this survey, some are in favor and some are against, what is the B.I.D. Board's recommendation. So, we forced them to have a recommendation rather than just forward us the individual findings and they came back saying, the recommendation and Javier you facilitated that that their recommendation is to come back to the Mile.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: And that would be wonderful, it's bringing traffic and bringing people to the Mile.

Vice Mayor Keon: How many days is it?

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: What?

Vice Mayor Keon: How many days is it?

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: March 3rd and March 4th; they do set up March 2nd, the Friday night they begin setup, so it all depends. If you decide to stay on Alhambra then they'll setup March 2nd and it will be the 3rd and 4th. If you come to the Mile then there is a possibility that the March 2nd setup, which is the Friday night



setup happens a little bit earlier and you grab it as the opening, because it's the first thing that will have happened on the Mile that you grab it as an opening to streetscape, the celebration of streetscape.

Commissioner Lago: I'm in favor.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: You make a motion?

Commissioner Lago: Personally after seeing what we've been through with the Mile, I'm in favor of moving it to Alhambra.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Alhambra? Why?

Commissioner Lago: I think the material is incredibly sensitive, I think it's porous. I didn't vote for the material myself, but I walk it every day, I see it, and I don't think personally that that area can really withstand the thousands of people on top of it. It's an issue and it's an issue I think we should try to keep it as pristine as possible.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Yes, but the point is to use it and to keep it as pristine as possible means an issue to put traffic on it.

Commissioner Lago: I don't have an issue with traffic. I don't have an issue with...

Commissioner Quesada: Stages and the setup, it can crack and scratch.

Commissioner Lago: I don't have an issue with smaller scale events that are there; smaller scale a few hundred people. This is thousands of people, stages; this material is very soft.

Commissioner Mena: The stages and booths don't go on the - they stay on the street, do they?

Commissioner Lago: They spill over into certain areas, you have the railing, you have certain things....

Vice Mayor Keon: And, there is stuff that gets spilt on it as you walk along there.

Commissioner Lago: It's porous, it's a porous material.

Vice Mayor Keon: I'd rather see it moved to Alhambra although no matter where you move it the businesses will tell you that generally they don't do any business that day.

Commissioner Quesada: It's a mix, I used to think that and then I try to frequent the Mile businesses and honestly they either love it or they hate it, there is no in between, no one does mediocre, they either do great or they do horrible.

Commissioner Mena: The B.I.D. survey asked about that and I actually asked them how they did relative to...

Vice Mayor Keon: For me it's more just to preserve the material.

Commissioner Mena: Is there a distinction in terms of like traffic impact from the City staff perspective, does one location have a lesser impact on traffic than another logistics as far as public safety, anything like that?

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: From a special events standpoint in delivering it, the staff said they could do either one. We don't want to tell Little Havana Kiwanis one thing and then have it change, they need to be able to plan, so they've been very nice about it and so we just want to get since there was not a clear consensus on the Commission it was easier for us to toss it to you all as a discussion.

Vice Mayor Keon: Well then let them go back and let them try it and you really need to evaluate what happens afterwards and there has to be some sort of a security deposit of something that's going to pay for that, because if those tiles and that sidewalk - well I can't say it has to be scrubbed, I don't know, because it hasn't been there, but I think you need to evaluate the effect that it has on the Mile and the plants and everything else, that large of an event and if its negative then I think going forward you don't do it on the Mile anymore.

Commissioner Lago: Can I ask for Peter's opinion, I really value his opinion. I don't want to put you on the spot, but I will, we were there the first day we broke ground when we were milling that night at 10:00 o'clock...

Assistant City Attorney Iglesias: We call this tile a science experiment, we really do, because...

Commissioner Lago: You've gone with the Vice Mayor's give it one shot with a security deposit and then we take it away from you?

Assistant City Attorney Iglesias: It's an experiment. I think Giralda is granite, so we know that. This product, I don't know if anybody has used it before, so it's really an experiment to see how it's going to, how things are going to hold up.

Commissioner Quesada: Wow. You saying that changes my opinion, because I was for Miracle Mile and if you think it could cost significant damage.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: Wait a minute - before I talked with Little Havana Kiwanis, I called Peter and said look, what do you think?

Commissioner Quesada: Your honest opinion, forget about what we think.

Assistant City Attorney Iglesias: I think there will be issues, it will be cleaning, it will be expensive. Since we don't have - there is very little information out there as to a long term performance of this tile, but I do think that we could - it could be something as the Vice Mayor said, maybe something...

Commissioner Quesada: I remember when we were voting on this, on this tile

### **RESOLUTION NO. 2017-306**

**Non 17-6740  
Agenda**

A Resolution supporting the Mayor and City Manager's determination that the debris resulting from Hurricane Irma in the communities of Journeys End and Tahiti Beach poses an immediate threat to the public safety and health of residents in those areas, as well as a threat to the real property and that removal of the debris is in the best interest of the City.

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE MAYOR AND CITY MANAGER'S DETERMINATION THAT THE DEBRIS RESULTING FROM HURRICANE IRMA IN THE COMMUNITIES OF JOURNEYS END AND TAHITI BEACH POSES AN IMMEDIATE THREAT TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND HEALTH OF RESIDENTS IN THOSE AREAS, AS WELL AS A THREAT TO REAL PROPERTY AND THAT REMOVAL OF THE DEBRIS IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE CITY.

**A motion was made by Vice Mayor Keon, seconded by Commissioner Lago, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2017-306. 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. 47

**M. EXECUTIVE SESSION****Time Certain 12:00 pm (Agenda Item M-1)**

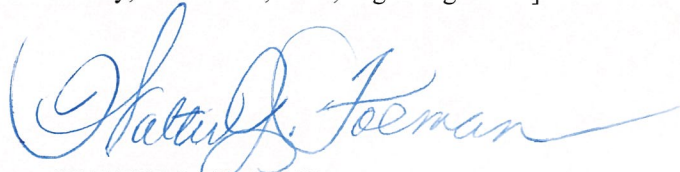
1. 17-6501 Attorney-Client executive session, closed to the public, for purposes of discussing the litigation styled City of Coral Gables v. Instagram LLC and Facebook Miami, Inc., Case No. 17-017450-CA-01. This session may be attended by the following individuals: Mayor Raul Valdes-Fauli, Vice Mayor Patricia Keon, Commissioner Vince Lago, Commissioner Michael Mena, Commissioner Frank Quesada, City Manager Cathy Swanson-Rivenbark, City Attorney Craig Leen, Deputy City Attorney Miriam S. Ramos, and Special Counsel Annie Hernandez-Gamez. 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.

**This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed**

City Clerk Item No. 48

**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 1:33 p.m. The next regular meeting of the City Commission has been scheduled for Tuesday, October 24, 2017, beginning 9 a.m.]



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