

# **City of Coral Gables**

*City of Coral Gables*  
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## **Agenda**

**Tuesday, September 25, 2007**

**9:00 AM**

**City Hall, Commission Chambers**

## **City Commission**

*Mayor Donald D. Slesnick, II  
Vice Mayor William H. Kerdyk, Jr.  
Commissioner Maria Anderson  
Commissioner Rafael "Ralph" Cabrera, Jr.  
Commissioner Wayne "Chip" Withers*

*David L. Brown, City Manager  
Elizabeth M. Hernandez, City Attorney  
Walter J. Foeman, City Clerk*

**INVOCATION**

*The Reverend Eric Kahl, St. Philips Episcopal Church*

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE****EXECUTIVE SESSIONS**

**Beginning at 11:00 a.m., a closed-door, attorney-client session will be held to discuss the pending litigation regarding Granada LLC vs. City of Coral Gables, under F. S. 286.011 (8) [2005].**

**Beginning at 1:30 p.m., a closed-door, client-attorney session will be held to discuss pending litigation regarding Courtelis vs. City of Coral Gables, under F. S. 286.011 (8) [2005].**

**A. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS**

- A.-1. [07-0879](#) Presentation of a Proclamation proclaiming the month of September 2007 as Nicaraguan-American Heritage Month in Coral Gables
- A.-2. [07-0878](#) Presentation of a Proclamation proclaiming the week of October 1 - 7, 2007 as Financial Planning Week in Coral Gables.
- A.-3. [07-0832](#) Welcome to Roger Carlton, Chief of Staff to Commissioner Carlos A. Gimenez
- A.-4. [07-0868](#) Congratulations to Alain Gracia, Building and Zoning Department, recipient of the City of Coral Gables Employee of the Month Award, for the month of October 2007

**B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- B.-1. [07-0884](#) Regular City Commission meeting of September 11, 2007
- B.-2. [07-0885](#) First Budget Hearing of September 11, 2007

**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.*

- C.-1. [07-0860](#) Resolution accepting the recommendation of the Economic Development Board that, in consideration of potential public health and safety issues and the communications needs of business and personal users, the City Manager assign an Assistant City Manager to

manage improvements in wireless communications service and address the issue of expended WI-FI coverage in the City, including identifying all City properties that could serve as potential wireless communications antenna sites, and to move forward with the Business Improvement District's project to provide wireless coverage to the Downtown Business District.

C.-2. [07-0880](#) Resolution confirming the reappointment of Louan Zagarino (Board-As-A-Whole) to serve as a member of the Pinewood Cemetery Advisory Board, for a two (2) year term, beginning June 1, 2007 through May 31, 2009.

C.-3. [07-0892](#) Resolution of the City Commission of Coral Gables authorizing the use of the City seal by WPBT Channel 2 on uVu, a video sharing website.

**Presentation of Boards and/or Committees Minutes requesting no action from the City Commission**

C.-4. [07-0893](#) Board of Adjustment Meeting of August 6, 2007

C.-5. [07-0855](#) Economic Development Board minutes of July 10, 2007

C.-6. [07-0882](#) Historic Preservation Board Meeting of August 16, 2007

C.-7. [07-0866](#) Landscape Beautification Advisory Board Meeting of September 6, 2007

Attachments: Minutes BC 9-6-07.doc

[BC Cover Sheet 9-6-07 na.DOC](#)

[Final LBAB Minutes 9-6-07.pdf](#)

**D. PERSONAL APPEARANCES**

D.-1. [07-0853](#) Carlos Lacasa, member of the Florida Taxation and Budget Reform Commission, to speak about the work of the Commission.

D.-2. [07-0886](#) Mark A. Trowbridge, President, CEO, Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce, to present Quarterly Report.

D.-3. [07-0862](#) Laura L. Russo, Esq., of Russo & Baker, P.A., on behalf of Venera Holdings LLC, Owner, requesting permission to encroach into the right-of-way with twenty-two (22) light fixtures projecting approximately 1'-3" from building face at an elevation of 8'-3" above the sidewalks adjacent to 6701 Red Road, Coral Gables, Florida.

**Items D-4, E-1 and E-2 are related**

D.-4. [07-0864](#) Laura L. Russo, Esq., of Russo & Baker, P.A., on behalf of Ponce Circle Developers, LLC., Owners, requesting permission for encroachments into the right-of-way consisting of building architectural elements including but not limited to decorative balconies,

balcony extensions, roof overhangs, building portions, colonnade, cornices, stone veneer, entry vestibule, doors, steps and landings and concrete bands, and with site improvements including but not limited to, pavers, planters, a six inch (6") drain underground storm water pipe, lighting, landscaping, tree grates, fountains, pedestrian bridge, entrance feature pylons, landscape lighting and up lighting, adjacent to the "Old Spanish Village" project in Coral Gables, Florida.

**D.-5. 07-0861**

Laura L. Russo, Esq., of Russo & Baker, P.A., on behalf of the Gables Estates Club, Inc., for permission to encroach into the right-of-way of Arvida Parkway, Casuarina Concourse and Old Cutler Road with landscape lighting, at Gables Estates Subdivision, Coral Gables, Florida.

**E. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

*All Individuals desiring to give testimony shall be sworn in.*

**Items E-1, E-2 and D-4 are related****E.-1. 07-0676**

Ordinance on Second Reading. Amendments to Previously Approved PAD Site Plan. An Ordinance of the City Commission of the City of Coral Gables approving amendments to the site plan of the previously approved mixed use Planned Area Development (PAD) known as "Old Spanish Village", located on property legally described as all of Block 20, Block 23 less a portion of Lot 11 and Lot 12, all of Block 24 and 30, and Lot 45, Block 31 and a portion of Lot 13, Block 33, and adjacent public rights-of-ways (ROW), Crafts Section, Tracts A, B, and C, Catamal Corner, Coral Gables, Florida; and including required conditions; providing for a repealer provision, a savings clause, and a severability clause, and providing for an effective date. (Passed on First Reading August 28, 2007)

PZB recommended approval (vote: 5-0).

**E.-2. 07-0677**

Ordinance on Second Reading. Amendments to Previously Approved Abandonment and Vacation of a Street. An Ordinance of the City Commission of the City of Coral Gables approving an amendment to a previously approved abandonment's and vacation of a street of the previously approved mixed use Planned Area Development (PAD) known as "Old Spanish Village", located on property legally described as all of Block 20, Block 23 less a portion of Lot 11 and Lot 12, all of Block 24 and 30, and Lot 45, Block 31 and Lots 12-13, Block 33, and adjacent public rights-of-ways (ROW), Crafts Section, Tracts A, B, and C, Catamal Corner, Coral Gables, Florida; and including required conditions; providing for a repealer provision, a savings clause, and a severability clause, and providing for an effective date. (Passed on First Reading August 28, 2008)

**E.-3. 07-0723**

Ordinance on Second Reading. An Ordinance of the City Commission of the City of Coral Gables, Florida, amending Chapter 78 of the City Code by amending Section 78-98 adding definition of sewer district and by adding Section 78-106 to provide for connection to the sanitary sewer system by properties located outside existing sewer districts, and by adding Section 78-107 to provide for dedication of sanitary sewer service extensions and for a permissible repayment period of ten (10) years to original applicant for subsequent connections, and to provide for community development district situations and administrative fees, and clarifying provisions as described herein, providing for inclusion in the Code, and providing for an effective date. (Passed on First Reading August 28, 2007)

**F. CITY COMMISSION ITEMS**

F.-1. **07-0891** Discussion regarding approval process for use of the City Seal  
Mayor Donald D. Slesnick, II

F.-2. **07-0895** Discussion regarding Segovia Median  
Commissioner Rafael "Ralph" Cabrera, Jr.

**H. CITY MANAGER ITEMS**

H.-1. **07-0870** Resolution authorizing an extension of the existing contract with Bay Plumbing Company until November 30, 2007, for miscellaneous plumbing projects throughout the City of Coral Gables.

H.-2. **07-0872** Resolution authorizing an extension of the existing contract with Wilco Electrical Contracting, Inc., until November 30, 2007, for miscellaneous electrical projects throughout the City of Coral Gables.

**I. CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS**

I.-1. **07-0883** Pending Litigation Report

**J. CITY CLERK ITEMS****None****K. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

*This time is for informal discussion among the City Commissioners, the City Manager and the City Attorney.*

**ADJOURNMENT****NOTE**

*Any person who acts as a lobbyist pursuant to the City of Coral Gables Ordinance No. 2006-11, must register with the City Clerk, prior to engaging in lobbying activities before city staff, boards, committees and/or the City Commission. A copy of the Ordinance is available in the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall.*

*Any person, or persons, wishing to appeal any decision made by the City Commission with respect to any matter considered at this meeting or hearing, will require a verbatim record of the proceeding upon which the appeal is based. Interested persons should, therefore, take the necessary steps to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made which contains the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is based.*

*Any person making impertinent or slanderous remarks or who become boisterous while addressing the Commission, shall be barred from further audience before the Commission by the Chair, unless permission to continue or again address the Commission is granted by the majority vote of the Commission Members present. Clapping, applauding, heckling or verbal outbursts or any remarks in support or opposition to a speaker shall be prohibited. Signs or placards shall not be permitted in Commission Chambers.*

*Any person requiring special accommodations for participation in the meeting should contact R. Alberto Delgado, Public Works Director, at 305-460-5001, with requests for auxiliary aids or services at least one business day before the meeting.*

**David L. Brown**

**City Manager**