

City of Coral Gables

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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 10, 2015

9:00 AM

City Hall, Commission Chambers

City Commission

*Mayor Jim Cason
Vice Mayor Frank C. Quesada
Commissioner Patricia Keon
Commissioner Vince Lago
Commissioner Jeannett Slesnick*

*Cathy Swanson-Rivenbark, City Manager
Craig E. Leen, City Attorney
Walter J. Foeman, City Clerk*

ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Mayor Cason, Commissioner Keon, Commissioner Lago, Vice Mayor Quesada and Commissioner Slesnick

INVOCATION

Chaplain Mario E. Milian from the United States Air Force Reserve gave the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by a group of City of Employees who served in the United States military.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Cason requested a moment of silence in memory of the late former Commissioner Jim Barker.

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. 2015-30 through Ordinance No. 2015-32) (b) Resolution(s) adopted (Resolution No. 2015-273 through Resolution No. 2015-288); (c) Video; (d) Audio Recording; (e) Minutes Folder with Agenda and background information, including items which were submitted at the meeting.

A. PRESENTATIONS AND PROTOCOL DOCUMENTS

- A.-1. [15-4473](#) Presentation of a Proclamation declaring November 28, 2015 as "Small Business Saturday" in Coral Gables.

[Note for the Record: Following Mayor Cason's reading of the title to Agenda Item A-1, he read the proclamation into the public record, thereby declaring Saturday, November 28th, 2015 as "Small Business Saturday" in Coral Gables; further calling upon Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce President Mark Trowbridge to join him in presenting this item. Mr. Trowbridge thanked the City Commission for allowing him to be present, and for the City's assistance in helping celebrate "Small Business Saturday," further noting that how appropriate it is to pay homage to a great employee of the City, one who has done so much to help residents of our City and for all that he has done in helping small businesses navigate and get open; further thanking Madam City Manager for creating the position of ombudsman, a role that the Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce cherishes every day, and that Tony Silio has been a great partner.

Mr. Trowbridge further commented on the itinerary for this year's event, noting that Saturday, November 28th, 2015 the Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce will celebrate the fifth year of "Small Business Saturday" in the City of Coral Gables; adding that each year the Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce has been so fortunate to make said event bigger and better; further acknowledging the presence of John Allen, Chairman Elect for the Chamber, along with Bill Dukes, who chairs the Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce Small Business Committee, and the City's own Javier Betancourt, Director of the Department of Economic Development, who serves on the Board of Directors, along with Commissioner Keon, who will be in attendance to present the proclamation; further explaining that said event will begin at 10 am, at Snow's Jewelers on Miracle Mile, those desiring an interest in coming will be invited, the Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce will be re-presenting the proclamation; there will also be a donation made by the Chamber from the proceeds from the Burgerliscious event to the Coral Gables Community Foundation, along with a presentation by American Express; he further notes that there will be other goodies to kick off the day.

Mr. Trowbridge pointed out that the City of Coral Gables has been incredible with its support each year, explaining that last year the Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce was able to offer parking in our municipal garages free of charge, and will be doing the same again this year, with the generosity of the City, and running the trolley from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m., up and down Ponce de Leon Blvd., thus presenting an opportunity to connect our retail sectors-not only for our "Mom and Pop" stores, but to our retailers

and our restaurants, encouraging folks to work off their turkey from Thanksgiving and their shopping on Friday; further urging the viewing public to come out and shop small, thereby supporting small businesses; further pointing out that small businesses are creating two-thirds of the jobs that we are now creating in this country; adding that this is happening very much here, locally, noting that one sees it each and every day by the number of new businesses, citing that many of our officials have been out and about in our community, as evidenced by the welcoming of new businesses, from small shops to large corporations; further stating that if it wasn't for the support from the City, as evidenced by the support from Javier Betancourt's office, and the leadership from the City Commission, then the Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce would not be up on the dais thanking the City; finally, urging the City to make "Small Business Saturday" a huge event].

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City Clerk Item No. 7

A.-2. [15-4371](#)

Congratulations to Officer Emilio Flores, recipient of the City of Coral Gables "Officer of the Month Award," for the month of August, 2015.

Attachments: [NOMINATION - OFFICER OF THE MONTH AUGUST 2015 FLORES](#)
[COMMISSION COVER MEMO - OFFICER OF THE MONTH AUGUST 2015](#)

[Note for the Record (Agenda Item A-2): Following the Mayor's reading of the title to Agenda Item A-2, Police Chief Ed Hudak was requested to present this item recognizing Emilio Flores as the Officer of the month for the month of August, 2015.

This recognition resulted from the actions taken by Officer Flores that targeted an unsuspected victim as she waited for the Coral Gables Trolley, when a suspect deprived her of her purse and placed her in fear in the vicinity of Ponce de Leon and Salamanca Avenue. The victim who was robbed provided a somewhat vague description of the suspect, indicating that he ran eastbound on Salamanca Avenue and then southbound midblock.

Officer Flores who was in the area searching for the suspect was advised by a witness that he saw a possible suspect running north on the 100 block of Menores Avenue. He received help from Officer Bans, who was also on the scene. Officer Flores noticed two individuals who appeared suspicious; said suspects informed Officer Flores that they were looking at a motorcycle that had just pulled up with an unknown male. Upon examining the motorcycle, the engine felt cold, which indicated that the suspects were not being truthful.

Officer Flores requested Officer Banks to detain said individuals and conduct further investigation. Officer Flores also noticed that one of the individuals matched the BOLO description, but with different clothing. Since the suspects did not provide a

good enough reason for being in the area, another officer, namely Officer Williams drove the subjects to the victim's location to conduct a show-up. The victim positively identified the first juvenile offender as the suspect who snatched her purse. The officers were able to recover the victim's purse and returned all of her property to her. The victim's mother was impressed with Officer Flores's handling of the incident, and for his efforts his supervisor, namely Lieutenant Joe Werner stated that Officer Flores is deserving of the award recognition and should be recognized for his role in solving this crime].

This Presentation/Protocol Document was Presented and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 2

- A.-3.** [15-4481](#) Congratulations to Sergeant Luis Lanz, recipient of the City of Coral Gables "Officer of the Month Award," for the month of September, 2015.

Attachments: [NOMINATION - SGT. LANZ - SEPTEMBER COMMISSION COVER MEMO - OFFICER OF THE MONTH SEPTEMBER 2015](#)

[Note for the Record: Agenda Item A-3 was deferred].

This Presentation/Protocol Document was Presented and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 1

- A.-4.** [15-4480](#) Congratulations to Detective Brad Baena, recipient of the City of Coral Gables "Detective of the 3rd Quarter Award," for the months of July through September, 2015.

Attachments: [NOMINATION - DETECTIVE OF THE THIRD QUARTER 2015 BAENA COMMISSION COVER MEMO - DETECTIVE OF THE QUARTER \(JULY-SEPT\) :](#)

[Note for the Record: Following Mayor Cason's reading of the title to Agenda Item A-4, Police Chief Hudak was called to the podium wherein he explained that in Calendar Year 2014, the department felt that it was important to recognize the long standing casework that detectives perform and to come up with the appropriate award recognition, thus creating the Detective of the Quarter Award, to supplement the Employee of the Month award recognition-further explaining that with detective, casework is on-going, wherein at the end of the day they can go home and return and draw upon the leads to apprehend an offender, which is what the detectives do, which can take weeks and months to solve these cases.

The Employee of the Month's Supervisor, namely Sergeant Dean Wellinghoff, was requested by Police Chief Hudak to present the Employee of the Month, wherein he explained that this nomination recommendation by him, profiles a couple of cases that Detective Brad Baena was involved with; further pointing out that Detective Baena's tenacity as an investigator is outstanding, following every lead, adding that he was his supervisor for three years; further stating that on April 3, 2015 a residential burglary

was committed in the 600 block of Greenway Drive, taking an estimated \$350,000 worth of artwork, which was placed on a bulletin by Detective Baena; Sgt. Wellinghoff further stated that Detective Baena is excellent in terms of his networking-utilizing his contacts in Homeland Security, the F.B.I., the Broward Sheriff's Office, Metro-Dade, and countless numbers of agencies to conduct surveillance on the suspect; further noting that Detective Baena met with the suspect through an informant and eventually recovered several pieces of artwork, which culminated in the arrest of the suspect and his wife. Wellinghoff added that there was another piece of artwork that was still missing; Detective Wellinghoff mentioned that Detective Baena continued to work through the State Attorney's Office until he was able to recover said artwork; further summarizing that in short, two people were arrested, which resulted in being an outstanding case, something that he says is beyond the norm. Sgt. Wellinghoff stated that the second case involved a man and women suspect driving in a white Lexus, who were allegedly targeting houses in Coral Gables, more particularly they were targeting those houses that contained packages that were recently delivered; further pointing out that they had them on video, but could not determine who they were-they Coral Gables Police Department used facial recognition, but could not determine who they were, which necessitated Sgt. Baena to reach out to his contacts throughout the County until finally there was a break in the case, wherein these guys went into a garage, stole some items, and tried to cover up a tag, but missed the last three digits.

Sgt. Wellinghoff further explained that the homeowner who had the video surveillance was contacted, and the homeowner provided the Coral Gables Police Department with a copy of said video; Detective Baena got on the case and was able to solve the case before Miami-Dade County was able to assign it to a detective; as for part of this case, Detective Baena did social network searches, and was able to identify the suspect on his facebook page and pull the guy up, noting that the guy was wearing the same attire as when the burglary occurred; further stating that he was able to clear eight cases for that arrest; further stating that it was because of these reasons, that Detective Baena was selected as the Detective of the Quarter.

Detective Baena thanked everybody for supporting him in his selection as Detective of the Quarter, starting with Sergeant Wellinghoff, along with those other detectives from other agencies, adding that he is very thankful for the people whom he works with, as well].

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City Clerk Item No. 3

- A.-5. [15-4489](#) Congratulations to Capt. Thad Ovcarrich, recipient of the City of Coral Gables "Firefighter of the Month Award," for the month of November, 2015.

Attachments: [Notification Letter, November 2015](#)
[Cover Memo, FF of Month, November](#)

[Note for the Record: Following Mayor Cason's reading of the title to Agenda Item A-5, Fire Chief Marc Stolzenberg was called to the podium; he in return called up Battalion Chief Carla Rossby and the Firefighter of the Month recipient Captain Thad Ovcarrich; Fire Chief Stolzenberg further explained that each month nominees get nominated for Firefighter of the Month, and said names go to the Selection Committee, which results in the Selection Committee coming up with a dedicated employee, which most of the firefighters tend to be; further explaining that Captain Ovcarrich was also nominated because of all of his outside endeavors he takes on, quite often with a phone call, such activities such as the education requests that the department takes on, along with the Firefighters Employee picnic mentioned Fire Chief Stolzenberg, who at this point turn the presentation over to Battalion Chief Rossby prefaced her remarks by stating that it is very important to begin the day by recognizing all of the positive things that Captain Ovcarrich has done way above and beyond the scope of his duties-his involvement with the Benevolent Association is extensive; he has been on the Benevolent Association for 15 years, and he has served as the Treasurer, Trustee and he is currently serving as president, where he has done an outstanding job; further adding that the position as Benevolent member covers a wide variety of thing-working with the community, working with the firefighters, when it comes to helping residents in the community in terms of need, Thad is the one to get with the other firefighters to coordinate their efforts; he has also been involved with the Union board-14 years as a Sergeant-At-Arms and as a Trustee; he also volunteers his time with other organizations, working with the youth at sporting events, being involved with the Boy Scouts, participating in the wearing of pink ribbons, as a show of support by our City in the fight against breast cancer; Captain Ovcarrich was instrumental in bringing our organization together in support of the initiative against breast cancer; Battalion Chief Rosby says that Thad has been flat out their "go to" guy, when something is needed to be done, whether it's going to the administration, Fire Chief, to the Battalion Chief, etc., one can just turn to Thad, and he can get it done, and with phenomenal speed-she says that it is amazing how quick and effective that he can get things done; further adding that she is absolutely thrilled and honored to have Thad on her shift, and to have the pleasure of working with him; further congratulating on his recognition.

Thad thanked the viewing public in accepting this recognition; further saying that that he has been with this organization for the past 22 years, and has tried to be involved with not only the formal but the informal aspects, just to help the organizations whenever its

needed; further stating that he has tried to do a lot of great things with the organization; in reference to the pink T-Shirts, they have raised \$1,500-that is the most that they have ever done, selling an estimated 400-500 T-Shirts to residents, employees and passerby's alike.

Finally stating that he is proud to be a firefighter here in Coral Gables for some 22 plus years; pointing out that he has another 10-11 years remaining in his career, adding that he is optimistic that the last 10 years will be just as good or better as the previous 22].

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City Clerk Item No. 4

A.-6. [15-4502](#)

Congratulations to the Coral Gables Fire Department Extrication Team, on their success at the "2015 National Traffic Incident Extrication Challenge," during the week of October 28, 2015.

Attachments: [Cover Memo, Extrication Competition](#)

[Note for the Record: Following Mayor Cason's reading of the title to Agenda Item A-6 (i.e. Congratulations to the City of Coral Gables Fire Department Extrication Team on its success at the "2015 Traffic Incident Extrication Challenge," during the week of October 28, 2015), Fire Chief Stolzenberg stated that the extrication team has always been something that the department has been proud of in Coral Gables, dating back to 1998, when they had their first competition; further explaining that the concept of the team is to perfect their skills, so far as leadership, senior management, tool operations, and ultimately to affect the patients' outcome; further noting that with this said, that they have always been faced with those scenarios that have been presented in certain emergency situations with extrication; Chief Stolzenberg further requested of the extrication team to join him at the podium, including the extrication team leaders, namely Ricky and Carlos, who have been associated with the team since its inception, said team who has travelled to South Africa back home and captured international first place awards, as well as having trained lots of other agencies; further pointing out that last week, he went out to the junk yard to watch the extrication team practice wherein a team from Cali, Colombia was out there watching them practice and trying to learn some skills from the Coral Gables team, describing it as a very good exchange of information.

Fire Chief Stolzenberg further explained that as it pertains to the junkyard physically, the team physically go to a junkyard where they are confronted with a multitude of cars and front end loaders and they work in the not so nice elements, being in full gear on a flat tarment trying to simulate actual car extrication scenarios; more specifically stating that both Ricky and Carlos have led the charge for Chief Stolzenberg, thereby providing the vision for the team to go, but the team has been the entity to carry out

that vision; further expressing how proud that he is to have the extrication team out there pushing to achieve the departments' goals of which the primary goal has been patient outcome, adding that the team can learn everything that they want, buy their own tools, but if one cannot affect our patients in a positive manner, then what are we doing?- further acknowledging the team that travelled for the international competition, showcasing the older members of the group possessing knowledge and skill from the younger group members; expressing delight in being most proud of the fact that we are showing continuity through intermingling both past and present in passing information and skill over to our next generation of firefighter extrication team; Fire Chief Stolzenberg introduced Lieutenant Commander Christian Garcia, Marc Sam Pedro, Carlos Revilla, Daniel Amador, Jader Tobon and Sergio Morejon; turning over the presentation to Lieutenant Chris Garcia, to discuss the international competition, who thanked the Commission for their support of the team in furtherance of training, a task that he says they take a lot of pride in; further mentioning Carlos Eguiluz, firefighter/driver engineer, Firefighter Driver Engineer Richard Fernandez, John Zipse, Firefighter David Vargas, and former Deputy Fire Chief Neal De Jesus.

Lieutenant Garcia (Incident Commander) further informed the viewing public that the extrication team was able to obtain a first place finish in the Unlimited Class in their Rookie Year, adding that there was a lot of pressure on the team going out to compete for the first time, but pointed out that they were a very hungry group of guys, and they wanted to go out and show what they could do, which culminated into a first place result in the Unlimited Class, and that the skills and knowledge of the team members was paramount to the team's success; further clarifying that without the team members, who knows what they would have done, or where they would have been; stating that he was very proud of these men, and proud to call his team members his brothers and far prouder of the knowledge and skill that they bring back to the Fire Department and to the City; further noting that for the future this program is looking bright, which will allow them to transition from a good to a great program and to bring forth knowledge to all members of the Fire Department.

Mayor Cason stated that Coral Gables has a lot of Sister Cities, and that the Fire Chief of Guatemala wants to visit our City and learn from our Fire Department. Commissioner Lago also commended our Fire Extrication Team for their efforts, adding that no one wants to be in a horrific situation, but if one were to encounter such a situation, that one would only want the best; further noting that the Coral Gables Extrication Team defines what a Class One Service Organization is, and that they make the City of Coral Gables look good every day].

This Presentation/Protocol Document was Presented and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 5

A.-7. [15-4501](#)

Congratulations to Antonio Silio who holds the title Ombudsman for Residents and Small Businesses, recipient of the "Employee of the Month Award," for the month of November, 2015.

Attachments: [antonio silio](#)
[antonio silio letter](#)

[Note for the Record: Following Mayor Cason's reading of the title to Agenda Item A-7 into the public record, City manager Cathy Rivenbark-Swanson presented the item, stating that she was really proud in acknowledging those Employees of the Month, noting that there are those employees that go above and beyond in anticipating what our residents need, as well as to work with their fellow co-workers in solving potential problems before they become problems.

The City Manager further explained that there is a nomination process regarding the Employee of the Month, and that she had received an inquiry as to whether it was OK to nominate Tony Silio, and that she had checked with Elsa Jaramillo-Velez, our Human Resources Department Director and was informed that one is allowed to nominate Tony, and that said nomination was so well deserved; further referencing yesterday, where she was informed that there was a very repugnant odor on the first floor, and that people were unable to detect what the problem was; further explaining that this was an example of above and beyond, and that the recent experience is a good one-pointing out that it was Tony who identified an overflowing diaper in the restroom and took care of it; further explaining that with Tony, the issue is how do I get it done?- what do I need to do?-further explaining that the entire office was closed in support of Tony because he is so special-introducing said staff as Naomi Levi-Intergovernmental Affairs Manager; Frank Fernandez, Assistant City Manager/Director of Public Safety; Assistant City Manager Carmen Olazabal; Jeanmarie, Executive Assistant to the City Manager and Cindy Dorrel, Special Projects Coordinator, who are all present in support of Tony's appointment.

Human Resources Director Elsa Jaramillo-Velez stated that she is always receiving emails recognizing for his great work and service, adding that he will have been with the City for 29 years next week; further turning to the videotape portion of the presentation wherein City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark pointed out that one of the things that is so special about the City of Coral Gables is the phenomenal number of employees in all departments and at all levels; she further states that they are all so dedicated, and that each month time is taken out to recognize each employee, and that during this month of November, she is particularly excited that the employee being recognized is Tony Silio, our City's ombudsman for our residents and small businesses-further explaining that one may see Tony helping residents through different

permitting issues, as he does it with a smile, and that the City is really grateful-beginning his career in the City as a stonemason in the Public Works Department, only to be promoted to the Code Enforcement Division of Building and Zoning.

As Tony explains it, he is having the time of his life in helping the residents of the City of Coral Gables; further noting that in his words, his career is almost over, and that 30 years of service is closely approaching, adding that it is the peoples' time; further thanking Madam City Manager, the Mayor and City Commission for this opportunity].

This Presentation/Protocol Document was Presented and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 6

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

B.-1. [15-4522](#) Regular City Commission Meeting of September 22, 2015.

Attachments: [Meeting Minutes.pdf](#)
[Verbatim Transcript - Agenda Item E-1 and E-3 - HPB Appeal Coral Gables Council](#)
[Verbatim Transcript - Agenda Item E-2 - Ordinance amending Chapter 50 of the Code](#)
[Verbatim Transcript - Agenda Item E-4 - Ordinance granting guardhouse operator](#)
[Verbatim Transcript - Agenda Item H-2 - Resolution - Authorizing Negotiation of Terms](#)
[Verbatim Transcript - Agenda Item I-1 - Reso re-designating traffic circle at intersection](#)
[Verbatim Transcript - Agenda Item I-2 - Solid Waste Non Ad Valorem Special Assessment](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Lago, seconded by Vice Mayor Quesada, that this matter be approved. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas : 5 - Commissioner Keon, Commissioner Lago, Vice Mayor Quesada, Commissioner Slesnick and Mayor Cason

City Clerk Item No. 9

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.

Passed the Consent Agenda

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

Yeas : 5 - Commissioner Lago, Vice Mayor Quesada, Commissioner Slesnick, Commissioner Keon and Mayor Cason

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-273**C.-1. [15-4484](#)**

A Resolution authorizing the execution of an Off-System Construction and Maintenance Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to construct safety improvements on Alhambra Circle, a road not on the State Highway System.

Attachments: [FDOT Off site agreement RESOL Off System Agreement Coral Gables C1 Signed Resolution 2015-273](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN OFF-SYSTEM CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT) TO CONSTRUCT SAFETY AND CAPACITY IMPROVEMENTS ON ALHAMBRA CIRCLE, A ROAD NOT ON THE STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM.

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2015-273 on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 10

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-274

- C.-2. [15-4491](#) A Resolution authorizing an expenditure in the amount of \$4,793 from previously encumbered State Forfeited Asset Fund (F.A.F.) monies, to support the 2015/2016 Fiscal Year operations of the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) program, conducted by the Coral Gables Police Department Youth Resource Unit.

Attachments: [Resolution-\\$4,793-FY16 DARE](#)
[C2](#)
[Signed Resolution 2015-274](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN EXPENDITURE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,793.00 FROM PREVIOUSLY ENCUMBERED STATE FORFEITED ASSET FUND (F.A.F.) MONIES, TO SUPPORT THE 2015/2016 FISCAL YEAR OPERATIONS OF THE DRUG ABUSE RESISTANCE EDUCATION (D.A.R.E.) PROGRAM, CONDUCTED BY THE CORAL GABLES POLICE DEPARTMENT YOUTH RESOURCE UNIT.

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2015-274 on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 11

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-275

- C.-3. [15-4492](#) A Resolution authorizing an encumbrance in the amount of \$5,048 or 15% of the State Forfeited Asset Fund (F.A.F.) monies received in the 2014/2015 Fiscal Year, to provide for the support and operation of school resource officer, crime prevention, safe neighborhood and drug abuse and prevention programs, as required under the Florida Contraband Forfeiture Act.

Attachments: [Resolution-\\$5,048-FY16 15% Set Aside](#)
[C3](#)
[Signed Resolution 2015-275](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN ENCUMBRANCE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,048.00 OR 15 PERCENT OF THE STATE FORFEITED ASSET FUND (F.A.F.) MONIES RECEIVED IN THE 2014/2015 FISCAL YEAR, TO PROVIDE FOR THE SUPPORT AND OPERATION OF SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER, CRIME PREVENTION, SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD AND DRUG ABUSE AND PREVENTION PROGRAMS, AS REQUIRED UNDER THE FLORIDA CONTRABAND FORFEITURE ACT.

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2015-275 on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 12

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-276

- C.-4. [15-4493](#) A Resolution authorizing an expenditure in the amount of \$8,334 from previously encumbered State Forfeited Asset Fund (F.A.F.) monies, to support the 2015/2016 Fiscal Year operations of the Police Explorer Post #594 program, conducted by the Coral Gables Police Department Youth Resource Unit.

Attachments: [Resolution-\\$8,334-FY16 Explorers Post C4](#)
[Signed Resolution 2015-276](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN EXPENDITURE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,334 FROM PREVIOUSLY ENCUMBERED STATE FORFEITED ASSET FUND (F.A.F.) MONIES, TO SUPPORT THE 2015/2016 FISCAL YEAR OPERATIONS OF THE POLICE EXPLORER POST #594 PROGRAM, CONDUCTED BY THE CORAL GABLES POLICE DEPARTMENT YOUTH RESOURCE UNIT.

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2015-276 on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 13

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-277

- C.-5. [15-4495](#) A Resolution authorizing an expenditure in the amount of \$22,000 from State Forfeited Asset Fund (F.A.F.) monies, to support the 2015/2016 Fiscal Year operations of the Coral Gables Police Athletic League (P.A.L.) program, conducted by the Coral Gables Police Department Youth Resource Unit.

Attachments: [Resolution-\\$22,000-FY16 PAL C5](#)
[Signed Resolution 2015-277](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN EXPENDITURE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$22,000.00 FROM STATE FORFEITED ASSET FUND (F.A.F.) MONIES, TO SUPPORT THE 2015/2016 FISCAL YEAR OPERATIONS OF THE CORAL GABLES POLICE ATHLETIC LEAGUE (P.A.L.) PROGRAM, CONDUCTED BY THE CORAL GABLES POLICE DEPARTMENT YOUTH RESOURCE UNIT.

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2015-277 on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 14

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-278

- C.-6. [15-4496](#) A Resolution authorizing expenditures in the amount of \$41,000 from Federal Forfeited Asset Fund (F.A.F.) monies for law enforcement equipment; the purchase of biometric fingerprint scanners and associated software for utilization by the Coral Gables Police Department.

Attachments: [Resolution-\\$41,000-Biometric Fingerprint Scanners](#)
[C6](#)
[Signed Resolution 2015-278](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$41,000.00 FROM FEDERAL FORFEITED ASSET FUND (F.A.F.) MONIES FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT EQUIPMENT; THE PURCHASE OF BIOMETRIC FINGERPRINT SCANNERS AND ASSOCIATED SOFTWARE FOR UTILIZATION BY THE CORAL GABLES POLICE DEPARTMENT.

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2015-278 on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 15

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-279

- C.-7. [15-4497](#) A Resolution authorizing an expenditure in the amount of \$500 from previously encumbered State Forfeited Asset Fund (F.A.F.) monies, to support the 2015/2016 Fiscal Year operations of the "Do The Right Thing" program, conducted by the Coral Gables Police Department Youth Resource Unit.

Attachments: [Resolution-\\$500-FY16 Do The Right Thing](#)
[C7](#)
[Signed Resolution 2015-279](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN EXPENDITURE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$500.00 FROM PREVIOUSLY ENCUMBERED STATE FORFEITED ASSET FUND (F.A.F.) MONIES, TO SUPPORT THE 2015/2016 FISCAL YEAR OPERATIONS OF THE DO THE RIGHT THING PROGRAM, CONDUCTED BY THE CORAL GABLES POLICE DEPARTMENT YOUTH RESOURCE UNIT.

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2015-279 on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 16

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

- 1.-1. [15-4438](#) Communications Committee meeting minutes of October 15, 2015.

Attachments: [Minutes October 2015](#)
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This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 17

- 1.-2. [15-4479](#) Cultural Development Board meeting minutes of October 8, 2015.

Attachments: [10.08.15MinutesforCC11.10.15](#)
[CDB Minutes October 8 2015](#)

This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 18

- 1.-3. [15-4488](#) Economic Development Board meeting minutes of October 7, 2015.

Attachments: [EDB Minutes 10-27-15 DRAFT](#)
[1-3](#)

This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 19

- 1.-4. [15-4486](#) Property Advisory Board meeting minutes of October 21, 2015.

Attachments: [10.21.2015 minutes](#)
[1- 4](#)

This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 20

- 1.-5. [15-4477](#) The School Community Relations Committee meeting minutes of October 16, 2015.

Attachments: [10-16-15 Agenda](#)
[Cover Memo](#)

This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 21

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-279.1

Non [16-4674](#)
Agenda

A Resolution appointing Vincent Damian (Nominated by Chief Hudak) to serve as a member of the Anti-Crime Committee, for the remainder of a two (2) year term, which began on June 1, 2015 and continues through May 31, 2017.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lago, seconded by Commissioner Keon, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2015-279.1. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas : 5 - Vice Mayor Quesada, Commissioner Slesnick, Commissioner Keon, Commissioner Lago and Mayor Cason

City Clerk Item No. 21.1

D. PERSONAL APPEARANCES

- D.-1. [15-4509](#) Introduction by former Coral Gables Commissioner Wayne "Chip" Withers of Ms. Caroline Parker, Interim Director of the Coral Gables Museum.

This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 8

- D.-2. [15-4518](#) Junior Orange Bowl Executive Director Jessica Cerda has requested to provide the Commission with an update regarding the upcoming November 29, 2015 Junior Orange Bowl Parade, which will take place in Downtown Coral Gables, featuring this year's theme, "Our Historic Hometown."

This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 22

E. PUBLIC HEARINGS**EMERGENCY ORDINANCE****ORDINANCE NO. 2015-30 (As Amended)****E.-1. 15-4500**

An Emergency Ordinance of the City of Coral Gables, Florida, amending the Code of the City of Coral Gables, Florida, by amending Chapter 66, "Taxation," Article VI, "Ad Valorem Taxation," Division 2, "Homestead Exemption for Low-income Elderly Persons," adopting property tax exemption under State Amendment 11 for qualifying income seniors, 65 years of age or older, who are living in a residence for 25 years or more, with a homestead property valued under \$250,000.00; Providing for submission of appropriate documentation to the Miami-Dade County Property Appraiser; Providing for repealer provision, severability clause, codification, and providing for an effective date. (This ordinance does not affect the 2015 Tax Year or the FY 2016 City Budget; it would affect the 2016 Tax Year and the FY 2017 City Budget).

(Sponsored by Commissioner Lago)

Attachments: [Emergency Ordinance- Amendment 11 E-1](#)
[Signed Ordinance 2015-30.pdf](#)

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

Yeas : 5 - Commissioner Slesnick, Commissioner Keon, Commissioner Lago, Vice Mayor Quesada and Mayor Cason

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-30 (As Amended)

Attachments: [Emergency Ordinance- Amendment 11 E-1](#)
[Signed Ordinance 2015-30.pdf](#)

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, BY AMENDING CHAPTER 66, "TAXATION," ARTICLE VI "AD VALOREM TAXATION," DIVISION 2 "HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION FOR LOW-INCOME ELDERLY PERSONS", ADOPTING PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION UNDER STATE AMENDMENT 11 FOR QUALIFYING INCOME SENIORS, 65 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER, WHO ARE LIVING IN A RESIDENCE FOR 25 YEARS OR MORE, WITH A HOMESTEAD PROPERTY WITH A JUST VALUE UNDER \$250,000.00; PROVIDING FOR SUBMISSION OF APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTATION TO THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PROPOSERT APPRAISER; PROVIDING FOR REPEALER, CODOFICATION, SEVERABILTY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

A motion was made by Commissioner Keon, seconded by Commissioner Lago, that this matter be adopted by Ordinance Number 2015-30. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas : 5 - Commissioner Keon, Commissioner Lago, Vice Mayor Quesada, Commissioner Slesnick and Mayor Cason

City Clerk Item No. 23

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-31

E.-2. [15-4443](#)

An Ordinance of the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida, granting subpoena power to the City Attorney on behalf of the City, and providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, codification, and providing for an effective date.

Attachments: [Ordinance - Subpoenas \[FINAL\]](#)
[Cover Memo - Subpoena Ordinance.pdf](#)
[E-2](#)
[Signed Ordinance 2015-31.pdf](#)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, GRANTING SUBPOENA POWER TO THE CITY ATTORNEY ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, AND PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER PROVISION, SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, CODIFICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Quesada, seconded by Commissioner Lago, that this matter be adopted by Ordinance Number 2015-31. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas : 5 - Commissioner Lago, Vice Mayor Quesada, Commissioner Slesnick, Commissioner Keon and Mayor Cason

City Clerk Item No. 24

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-32E.-3. [15-4442](#)

An Ordinance of the City of Coral Gables, Florida, creating a False Claims and Presentations Ordinance to prohibit false or incomplete presentations to or false or fraudulent claims against the City of Coral Gables, providing for enforcement; and providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, codification, and providing for an effective date.

Attachments: [Ordinance - False Claims](#)
[Cover Memo - False Claims Ordinance.pdf](#)
[E-3](#)
[Signed Ordinance 2015-32.pdf](#)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, CREATING A FALSE CLAIMS AND PRESENTATIONS ORDINANCE TO PROHIBIT FALSE OR INCOMPLETE PRESENTATIONS TO OR FALSE OR FRAUDULENT CLAIMS AGAINST THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, PROVIDING FOR ENFORCEMENT; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER PROVISION, SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, CODIFICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Quesada, seconded by Commissioner Keon, that this matter be adopted by Ordinance Number 2015-32. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas : 5 - Vice Mayor Quesada, Commissioner Slesnick, Commissioner Keon, Commissioner Lago and Mayor Cason

City Clerk Item No. 25

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING**AGENDA ITEMS E-4 AND E-5 ARE RELATED****Time Certain 10:30 A.M.****ORDINANCE NO. 2015-33**

- E.-4.** [15-4475](#) An Ordinance of the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida, providing for text amendments to the City of Coral Gables Official Zoning Code by amending Article 4, Division 4 “Prohibited Uses”, by amending Article 5, Division 19 “Signs”, and by amending Article 8 “Definitions”; providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, codification, and providing for an effective date.

Attachments: [11 10 15 CC Cover Memo - Sign Code 1st R](#)
[11 10 15 Exhibit A - Draft ZC Text Change Ordinance](#)
[11 10 15 Exhibit B - Draft City Code Text Change Ordinance](#)
[11 10 15 Exhibit C - 10 14 15 Staff Report and recommendation with attachments](#)
[11 10 15 Exhibit D - 10 14 15 Excerpts of PZB Minutes re Signs](#)
[Exhibit E - Clean Ord.](#)
[Exhibit F - Clean Ord.](#)
[E-4 E-5](#)
[12 08 15 Exhibit A - Signs ZC Text Change Ordinance](#)
[12 08 15 Exhibit B - Signs City Code Text Change Ordinance](#)
[12 08 15 Exhibit C - Signs ZC Text Change Second Reading Ord. Clean Version](#)
[12 08 15 Exhibit D - Signs City Code Text Change Second Reading Ord. Clean V](#)
[12 08 15 CC Cover Memo re Sign Code 2nd Reading](#)
[Signed Ordinance 2015-33.pdf](#)

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

Yeas : 5 - Commissioner Slesnick, Commissioner Keon, Commissioner Lago, Vice Mayor Quesada and Mayor Cason

City Clerk Item No. 26

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-34**E.-5. [15-4476](#)**

An Ordinance of the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida, providing for text amendments to the City of Coral Gables Code by amending:

- Chapter 14, Article III, Section 14-70 "Advertising Sign Requirements";
 - Chapter 62, Article I, Section 62-1 "Sidewalk Advertising; Using Streets Or Sidewalks For Advertising Purposes";
 - Chapter 62, Article VI, Section 62-185 "Application, Contents";
 - Chapter 62, Article VI, Section 62-186 "Application Permit Required For Work Or Commercial Activities That Obstruct Or Close A Public Right-Of-Way Or Impede Traffic; Permit For Assemblies; Permit For Parades; Prohibitions"; and
 - Chapter 105, Article II, Section 105-27 "Condition Of Commercial Property";
- providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, codification, and providing for an effective date.

Attachments: [11 10 15 Exhibit A - Draft ZC Text Change Ordinance](#)
[11 10 15 Exhibit B - Draft City Code Text Change Ordinance](#)
[11 10 15 Exhibit C - 10 14 15 Staff Report and recommendation with attachments](#)
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[12 08 15 Exhibit D - Signs City Code Text Change Second Reading Ord. Clean V](#)
[12 08 15 CC Cover Memo Sign Code 2nd Reading](#)
[Signed Ordinance 2015-34.pdf](#)

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

Yeas : 5 - Commissioner Keon, Commissioner Lago, Vice Mayor Quesada, Commissioner Slesnick and Mayor Cason

City Clerk Item No. 27

F. CITY COMMISSION ITEMS**RESOLUTION NO. 2015-280**

F.-1. [15-4362](#) Board of Adjustment Appeal - Application No. BA 12-12-3657 (4635 Granada Boulevard).

Mr. Leonardo L. Cornide, applicant, has filed an appeal to the Coral Gables City Commission from a decision of the Board of Adjustment at its regular meeting of Monday, September 14, 2015, wherein it denied a variance request as outlined under the applicant's proposal.

Attachments: [Signed Cover Memo.pdf](#)
[Photos.pdf](#)
[Log of Drawings.pdf](#)
[Packet submitted to Board of Adjustment.pdf](#)
[Letter informing applicant of the Board's Decision.pdf](#)
[Transcript of the September 14, 2015 Board of Adjustment Meeting.pdf](#)
[Application for Appeal from Board of Adjustment.pdf](#)
[Legal Ad - Notice of Appeal.pdf](#)
[Notice of Public Hearing on Variance.pdf](#)
[A-1 Cabana with new setback.pdf](#)
[Transcript of May 4 Board of Adjustment Meeting](#)
[Packet submitted to Board of Adjustment May 4, 2015](#)
[F-1](#)
[Signed Resolution 2015-280](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CORAL GABLES CITY COMMISSION, AFFIRMING THE DECISION OF THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT THEREBY DENYING THE APPEAL BY LEONARDO L. CORNIDE, OF APPLICATION NO BA 12-12-3657, ISSUED ON SEPTEMBER 14, 2015, AND UPHOLDING THE DECISION OF THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT TO DENY A VARIANCE REQUEST AS OUTLINED UNDER THE APPLICANT'S PROPOSAL FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4635 GRANADA BOULEVARD, CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA 33146, LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS CORAL GABLES COUNTRY CLUB SEC. 5 PB 23-55, LOTS 4 AND 5 AND PT OF UNDUG W/W LYG ADJ THERETO BLK 110 OR 18412-3064 12981.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Keon, seconded by Commissioner Slesnick, that this appeal be denied and the decision of the Board of Adjustment be upheld by Resolution Number 2015-280. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas : 4 - Commissioner Keon, Vice Mayor Quesada, Commissioner Slesnick and Mayor Cason

Nays : 1 - Commissioner Lago

City Clerk Item No. 29

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-281F.-2. [15-4498](#)

A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Coral Gables, Florida, in support of the New York Attorney General's Office in their defense of the United States EPA's Clean Power Plan.

(Sponsored by Mayor Cason, Commissioner Keon and Commissioner Lago)

Attachments: [Signed Cover Memo](#)
[Draft Resolution](#)
[Signed Resolution 2015-281](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, IN SUPPORT OF THE NEW YORK ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE IN THEIR DEFENSE OF THE UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA) CLEAN POWER PLAN.

[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 Vice Mayor Quesada, seconded by Commissioner Lago, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2015-281. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas : 5 - Vice Mayor Quesada, Commissioner Slesnick, Commissioner Keon, Commissioner Lago and Mayor Cason

City Clerk Item No. 30

G. BOARDS/COMMITTEES ITEMS

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-282

G.-1. [15-4520](#) A Resolution of the City Commission appointing Andrea Molina (Nominated by the Commission-As-A-Whole) to serve as a member of the Property Advisory Board, for the remainder of a two (2) year term, which began on June 1, 2015 and continues through May 31, 2017.

Attachments: [R-2015 Draft-Property Advisory Board - Commission As A Whole Appointment](#)
[Anthony Blanco Bio](#)
[Andrea L Molina Resume](#)
[Signed Cover Memo](#)
[Signed Resolution 2015-282](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION APPOINTING ANDREA MOLINA (NOMINATED BY THE COMMISSION-AS-A-WHOLE) TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE PROPERTY ADVISORY BOARD, FOR THE REMAINDER OF A TWO (2) YEAR TERM, WHICH BEGAN ON JUNE 1, 2015 AND CONTINUES THROUGH MAY 31, 2017.

A motion was made by Commissioner Keon, seconded by Vice Mayor Quesada, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2015-282. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas : 5 - Commissioner Slesnick, Commissioner Keon, Commissioner Lago, Vice Mayor Quesada and Mayor Cason

City Clerk Item No. 31

H. CITY MANAGER ITEMS**RESOLUTION NO. 2015-284**

- H.-1. [15-4490](#) A Resolution accepting the recommendation of the Chief Procurement Officer to authorize contract negotiations with AECOM Technical Services, Inc., as the professional services consultant to conduct a comprehensive fifteen year Community Recreation Master Plan, pursuant to Florida Statute 287.055, known as the "Consultants Competitive Negotiation Act," and Request for Qualifications (RFQ) 2015.09.24.

Attachments: [AECOM Response](#)
[Draft Reso](#)
[Signed Cover Memo](#)
[Signed Resolution 2015-284](#)

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER TO AUTHORIZE CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS WITH AECOM TECHNICAL SERVICES, INC., AS THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONSULTANT TO CONDUCT A COMPREHENSIVE FIFTEEN YEAR COMMUNITY RECREATION MASTER PLAN PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTE 287.055, KNOWN AS THE "CONSULTANTS COMPETITIVE NEGOTIATION ACT", AND REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ) 2015.09.24.

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

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Quesada, seconded by Commissioner Keon, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2015-284. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas : 5 - Commissioner Lago, Vice Mayor Quesada, Commissioner Slesnick, Commissioner Keon and Mayor Cason

City Clerk Item No. 33

Time Certain 11:00 A.M.

- H.-2. [15-4482](#) Update on the Miracle Mile and Giralda Avenue Streetscape project.

Attachments: [Signed Cover Memo](#)

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

This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 28

- H.-3. [15-4508](#) Update on Building Permit Focus Group Meeting report.

Attachments: [Focus Group Results - Snapshot](#)
[Focus Group Action Plan 11.3.15](#)
[Focus Group Comments](#)
[Signed Cover Memo -11 10 15 Focus Group Report](#)

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Item H-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. 34

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-286

- H.-4. [15-4511](#) A Resolution directing the City Manager and City Staff to undertake a study of the possible annexation to the City of Coral Gables of the areas known as "Little Gables," "Ponce-Davis," and "High Pines," and provide a report to the City Commission.

Attachments: [Signed Cover Memo](#)
[Draft Resolution.pdf](#)
[Signed Resolution 2015-286](#)

A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER AND CITY STAFF TO UNDERTAKE A STUDY OF THE POSSIBLE ANNEXATION TO THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES OF THE AREAS KNOW AS "LITTLE GABLES," "PONCE-DAVIS," AND "HIGH PINES," AND PROVIDE A REPORT TO THE CITY COMMISSION.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Keon, seconded by Vice Mayor Quesada, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2015-286. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas : 5 - Commissioner Slesnick, Commissioner Keon, Commissioner Lago, Vice Mayor Quesada and Mayor Cason

City Clerk Item No. 37

I. CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS

- I.-1. [15-4505](#) Status report regarding potential ordinance legalizing ride-sharing networks in Coral Gables, under section 6.02 of the Miami-Dade County Charter.

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Item I-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. 35

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-285

- I.-2. [15-4510](#) Status update regarding discussions with USPS relating to mail delivery to townhomes at 515 to 533 Anastasia Avenue.

Attachments: [Signed Resolution 2015-285](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, REQUESTING THAT THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE (USPS) TAKE CERTAIN ACTION AS A MATTER OF COMITY TO RESOLVE THE CITY'S CONCERNS AND DELIVER MAIL DOOR-TO-DOOR TO CERTAIN TOWNHOMES WITHIN THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Keon, seconded by Vice Mayor Quesada, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2015-285. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas : 5 - Vice Mayor Quesada, Commissioner Slesnick, Commissioner Keon, Commissioner Lago and Mayor Cason

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-283

- I.-3. [15-4517](#) Request for Authority to modify Dispute Resolution Agreement relating to Lots 13, 14, and 15 of Coral Gables Granada Section (1011 and 1015 Lisbon Street) whereby the City would purchase Lots 14 and 15, which includes the specimen trees referred to as Sherman's Oak and the surrounding tree protection zone.

Attachments: [Shermans Oak Memo w attachments](#)
[Email - FW Settlement \(Modification to Dispute Resolution Agreement\)](#)
[Signed Resolution 2015-283](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, IN SUPPORT OF PURCHASING 1013 AND 1015 LISBON STREET.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Keon, seconded by Commissioner Lago, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2015-283. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas : 5 - Commissioner Keon, Commissioner Lago, Vice Mayor Quesada, Commissioner Slesnick and Mayor Cason

City Clerk Item No. 32

J. CITY CLERK ITEMS

City Clerk Item No. 38

K. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Mayor Cason: Let's start with Commissioner Keon; do you have any discussion items?

Commissioner Keon: Well, I was talking to Cathy before and I'm not sure whether it's right to discuss yet, but it was with the mosquito issue down in Kings Bay. You know that we have a resident who has been e-mailing us a lot about the mosquitoes and I think at first in fairness to her, people were like, nobody thought that the mosquito problem was that bad. Well it turns out that the mosquito problem is that bad and she is very justified in her concerns that she has raised and I'm working with - that area is - mosquito control is through the county and so Commissioner Daniella Levine Caba's office has been working with us to make sure that the mosquito control goes out there. So finally, this resident continued to complain even though they kept treating and treating, they said something is wrong, because there are all these mosquitoes. So they went back to the Old Cutler electric site that FPL has closed down that's actually in Palmetto Bay and found that there was a lot of standing water and it was breeding mosquitoes, and yes the mosquito problem was terrible and yes it was, and so the county is now going in and treating all that water on a regular basis. I think they are out there almost every day for the last month to treat the standing water to get rid of the mosquitoes. I would like us to ask FPL what they are going to do with this. It's my understanding that there is a proposal to purchase; someone is looking to purchase that site.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: They know they came forward wanting to do soil testing and that we believe that that is a precursor to that discussion.

Commissioner Keon: It's a huge site; it's the Old Cutler power plant. It's actually in Palmetto Bay, but it's going to affect us because it's right behind Kings Bay, so it's going to border us. That's a very significant site, how big...

Commissioner Lago: It's huge.

Commissioner Keon: It's a huge, huge site; it's for a huge development down there.

Vice Mayor Quesada: It's probably three times the size of the Youth Center.

Commissioner Keon: Yes, it's huge. It's a very big site that somebody is working to purchase.

Mayor Cason: What is your proposal?

Commissioner Keon: Well, I'd like FPL to come in - I would like us to instead of just waiting until they sell the site, I'd like them to tell us if they are going to clean it up and to get rid of the standing water and make it a site that is not a public health risk issue.

Mayor Cason: Isn't that something that Miami-Dade would be doing with them right now because they are on their property.

Vice Mayor Quesada: That's a great point, let's bring them in.

Commissioner Keon: I mean I find we have a lot of trouble and it's our residents that are complaining, it's our residents that are suffering with the issue.

Vice Mayor Quesada: You are absolutely right. Let's bring them in and also we need to have a follow up conversation to relate the lights. They told us they were going to have a system in place...

Commissioner Keon: They don't have a system in place; they haven't responded and they haven't done in many instances what they have told us to do.

Mayor Cason: Let's invite FPL back to discuss that and the other issue too, which are the parallel power lines which we never got an answer on.

Commissioner Keon: Right - which we never got an answer to either. I'd like us to...

Mayor Cason: I'd like them to come to a future meeting. Anything else?

Commissioner Keon: No. Thank you.

Vice Mayor Quesada: Actually on that topic, did our outside counsel get back to us on running the light parallel?

City Attorney Leen: We are going to be having a phone call. He told me that the response wasn't - the information wasn't good.

Vice Mayor Quesada: OK.

City Attorney Leen: I need to sit down with him and go over. He is going to come and present back to you probably in December.

Vice Mayor Quesada: Well at that same meeting can we also have a FPL representative so we can address all these points?

City Attorney Leen: Certainly. One other thing you should know. Remember I talked to you about the \$1.3 million and the dispute we had; FPL has come to us and they've indicated that they may be willing to do that in-kind, which under the contract - well the contract allows it, our agreement, our settlement agreement allows them to do direct payment to the City or in-kind services, which means that they could provide us equivalent value to the \$1.3 million which could be anything.

Mayor Cason: LED lights.

City Attorney Leen: It could be the lights; it could be a lot of things.

Commissioner Lago: Let me just give you a heads-up. I met last week with the new representative for the City, it used to be Mr. Ramon Ferrer and this gentleman is Charles Knight, I met with him last week, a very nice guy, very soft spoken, and he mentioned the fact that they wanted to avoid having that payoff, they wanted to move in a direction of some sort of in-kind donation and what the City - again, I went into the direction, I mentioned what Vice Mayor Quesada was able to achieve by gaining control of those 4,000 lights that we have in the City, and I started the conversation with him. I said that what I wanted was what exactly this Commission is requesting - come before the Commission, reach out to the City Manager and let's get you before the Commission, let's speak on this issue. First let's introduce you and let's see how we can really move forward. I was very clear and said that this Commission has made the lights throughout the City a major focal point, and I also mentioned, so Commissioner Slesnick can feel comfortable, what we are looking for is not a bright white light, what we are looking for is an amber light, but that we are looking for LED, I ran the gamete, so he's ready. I told him to reach out to the Manager, so hopefully he'll reach out to you so we can really move this forward. I gave, just to be clear; I said this is a priority for 2016 for everyone. Two quick things. I just want to say congratulations to staff and to the Morale Committee and to our City Manager on the employee annual luncheon, it was spectacular. We had a great time, I took my wife out

and the kids, it was an incredible showing. The food was great, the atmosphere was great, everybody was really happy; it was just good to be amongst the employees. It was a good gathering of people who really take a lot of pride in the City. So I want to commend you of bringing that back, because that's something that just shows that we really care about our employees and that they work tirelessly representing the residents and the business community and they deserve at a minimum to have that luncheon and it was very well received. Everybody said thank you to me, I said, don't thank me, thank the Morale Committee, thank the City Manager, they kept coming to me to say thank you, thank you - no, don't thank me, thank the people who came up with the idea who really made this possible. So that's one thing.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: Thank you Commissioner. It really was the Morale Committee, they worked hard, they came up with a great program and people are already talking about next year. So we are grateful that they came together, that they wanted to do it, and that it went off so well.

Commissioner Lago: And I wanted to just put it on the record. We lost the first tug-of-war, I wasn't involved, but the second one we won and the third one won and our City Attorney lost (laughter), he was on the losing side, he was on the losing side of the tug-of-war. He is very competitive, very competitive.

Mayor Cason: But in the future you need to change the rules, you are not allowed to tie the rope around a tree on the other side.

Commissioner Lago: But the Mayor was underneath an umbrella, he didn't want to get near the tug-of-war, he was in a suit and tie.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: In fairness to the Mayor, he was going immediately after to Commissioner Barker's funeral, so he did not volunteer for the...

Mayor Cason: Otherwise my team would have won.

Commissioner Lago: And the second and final point was, I wanted to thank Matt Anderson, City Manager, City Staff, Jessica Keller, and Bill Miner for putting together yesterday evening's sustainability visioning workshop. It's just the final step in getting input from the residents in reference to our sustainability master plan, which is about to

come out at some point. What do you think Madam City Manager, a month?- two months?- something like that.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: They gave us a date, I believe it was March, but would have to look at it.

Commissioner Lago: Yes, so it's coming out...

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: It's a year process, so I may be wrong, you may just be getting an update in March.

Commissioner Lago: I'm not holding...I just wanted to give you an update. It was great to see, we didn't have a lot of people, but we really did publicize it, we had a few people that came out and we celebrated sustainability and we got ideas from the residents and we told them where the City was headed. Kind of gave them a recap about solar, about the electric vehicles that we are buying, LED lighting, recycling, a lot of different things that a lot of the residents weren't aware of. So it was a good evening at the museum. Thank you.

Vice Mayor Quesada: Yes, I have one item. Unfortunately, it's not that quick. So this relates to a homeowners association down south. We had a line item in our budget two years ago for the homeowners association to fix up the neighborhood and there was a design, and we approved that design. I think we allocated \$200,000...

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: I believe you are talking Old Cutler?

Vice Mayor Quesada: Old Cutler, right.

Commissioner Keon: The entrance?

Vice Mayor Quesada: The entrance to Old Cutler - so we allocated those funds, we went out to RFP and asked Ernesto Pino to be here because I know Glenn is out of town, and Ernesto if you don't mind coming up here and correcting anything I misspeak. So, we went out to RFP, the RFP came back for the designers. I think the lowest bid we got was north of \$300,000...

Mr. Pino: In the low \$300's.

Vice Mayor Quesada: In the low \$300's, so it was \$100,000 over budget. That neighborhood, I've gone to a lot of neighborhood meetings there with the homeowners

association, I know that neighborhood well. Toni Schreiber, you guys may or may not know her, she is the President of the association, she's great. The conversations with her and a few of the other residents, they mentioned to me that they have developers and contractors that live in the neighborhood, that they are willing to do it for cost, that they can do the exact design that this Commission approved for cost and they can do it for the \$200,000. So what I ask is, well if I were to bring this up to the Commission, we have to guarantee that all the requirements are met and no corners are cut and everything is done to Code, inspectors, the full weight, no short cuts can be taken. They said, no problem, they are homeowners that live in the neighborhood and they are willing to do it for cost so that they can improve their neighborhood. So obviously, we are fortunate in Coral Gables to have quite a few successful people that live in our City, so I'm bringing it to you guys. I spoke to the City Attorney about it, I spoke to Glenn about it, Cathy and I didn't have a chance, the Manager and I didn't have a chance to discuss this, because either she was travelling or I was travelling in the last two weeks. So, I'm bringing it up now. We need to have a vote on it, if we are going to allow it and what the vote would be and the motion I will make, if I feel the support up here, is to allocate those funds that we've set aside for this project to the homeowners association so that they can select the contractor to do the project. Now, something I had thought is, we would allocate those ones specifically only toward the project that we approve, that this Commission approve and if they don't use those funds within a certain timeframe for that the money reverts back to us.

Mayor Cason: And the other option that I had discussed with them was, if not break it into two parts and come back later, which would cost the City more money. In other words, if they broke it into two parts, did what they could with the money that they have now and then come back with the money they need, that would cost the City more money, so this way what you are basically saying is, we will get the results.

Vice Mayor Quesada: What I'm saying is, we are making our money work twice as hard for us; we are getting a project for 50 percent of the cost.

Mayor Cason: That's my point.

Vice Mayor Quesada: So the neighborhood benefits, the City benefits, we all benefit at a greatly reduced cost. We already went through the RFP process and saw the lowest price we'll get was about \$300,000, and we are going to be able to do the entire project for \$100,000 less. So in my eyes I see all benefit and no detriment.

Commissioner Lago: Let me ask you just a quick question. I don't have any experience in reference to kind of doing things a little backwards. Madam City Manager have you ever seen anything done quite like this?

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: I understand the concept and so what I'd love to do is work with the City Attorney on how to best make that happen.

Commissioner Lago: Because I'm asking, again, would they have to pay for a permit, pull a permit and pay for it?

Mr. Pino: Yes.

Commissioner Lago: Because that would be a waste of funds.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: I hear what you are saying and also the insurance and all of those requirements, but what you would like is the entrance completed the way that we had originally planned it, in the price that we had budgeted working with the homeowners association, which may mean, and in a timely manner, which also may mean the possibility of re-bidding given that there are contractors that would come to the table and do that. I just want to be careful with the City Attorney and the precedents that we are setting in giving \$200,000 to a homeowners association, so we can figure it out; I'm just not sure what the right way is to do it yet.

Vice Mayor Quesada: So I had that conversation with the City Attorney...

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: You've done a lot more research, I'm just listening.

Vice Mayor Quesada: Here's what my motion will be, but I'll let everyone else chime in before I make the motion to give the authority to staff to study it further and move in the appropriate fashion to achieve that end goal, which however it may be.

City Attorney Leen: My view of this is that the City always has the ability if you can show that it's for a better price to do that with the homeowners association. Certainly

you can always waive the Procurement Code there is no question, so that's a four-fifths vote and that's clear, but we haven't done something exactly like this, but we've done similar things in the past where the Commission, as long as the Commission is doing it openly.

Vice Mayor Quesada: I was told it had been done in the past. This wasn't my idea, I've been told that this had been done in the past many years ago, prior to this dais being up here and during your tenure Craig, so. Again, I don't know the specifics of the situation of when it happened, but if we designate the monies for the specific purpose of the homeowners association, in conjunction, they still have to work with staff, follow the plan that we approved to meet that financial threshold, that's what this is. Now as far as working out the particulars, I'll leave it to staff to work with the homeowners association to make sure that the insurance; everything is done the right way. I didn't want any corners cut.

Mayor Cason: So the benefit would be that they would get their project done much faster than breaking into two parts.

Mr. Pino: In one phase.

Mayor Cason: And secondly, it would cost us less money because they'd come back and ask another couple hundred thousand dollars.

Vice Mayor Quesada: What we are doing is we are taking advantage of the experience of the residents that live in our City.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: If I can just ask the City Attorney. As the Commission considers passing this resolution, can we also assume it gives us authority to waive the Procurement Code?

City Attorney Leen: Yes.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: OK. As long as the Procurement Code is waived, we can figure that out.

Vice Mayor Quesada: The nice thing about this is, we've gone through that process, we have the prices that are out there and we know that if we are getting anything less than \$300,000, we are winning, we are coming out way ahead.

Mr. Pino: That is correct.

City Attorney Leen: As part of that you would be rejecting all bids essentially. So you would be rejecting the bids, you'd be... whatever term you use...

Vice Mayor Quesada: I would not want to reject the bids until the moment that you, I'm sorry, the City Attorney and the City Manager meet with the homeowners association and work out the details.

Commissioner Lago: Can I ask you a question Frank. When did we get these construction numbers?

Vice Mayor Quesada: Two months ago?

Mr. Pino: Approximately a little more than that, maybe four or five months ago.

Commissioner Lago: That's when we went to the RFQ?

Mr. Pino: Yes - it's a bid.

Commissioner Lago: The reason why I ask that, I thought you said two years ago and....

Vice Mayor Quesada: We allocated the funds.

Commissioner Lago: That's why we don't have enough money, because construction cost has gone up in the last two years, 30-40 percent in many cases.

Commissioner Slesnick: A point of clarification. Is it \$200,000?

Vice Mayor Quesada: I think the number was \$230,000.

Mr. Pino: Its \$230,000.

Commissioner Slesnick: And these funds were appropriated from the City to maintain the entrance to this property?

Mr. Pino: It's basically a beautification project to improve the main entrance into Old Cutler Bay, yes.

Vice Mayor Quesada: In the budget cycle two years ago.

Commissioner Lago: Walkways, sidewalk.

Vice Mayor Quesada: Well hold on let me update.

Commissioner Slesnick: It's our property, this is our property there?- it's a City property?

Vice Mayor Quesada: Yes, yes, it is. So to understand, the budget cycle about two years ago, correct me if I'm wrong, we discussed that we hadn't put a lot of money into parks and into public spaces going down south Gables because it's so expensive, so we were looking for different areas where we can actually improve those properties and we found that as a potential opportunity. There is some curbing, there is some lighting, there is some landscaping, it's a combination of those features, so we voted on it at that time, and it passed unanimously, we allocated the monies. During that time we went through a design process, which a design was approved, it went to landscaping, which was approved, and the last thing was this RFP process to get the contractor to build it and that's where everything stalled because the price was considerably more than what we had anticipated. So this will allow us to move forward to get it done for a cheaper price.

Commissioner Slesnick: And let the homeowners be in charge of the general contractors so-to-speak.

Vice Mayor Quesada: Correct. Actually if you think about it, as I was having this conversation with the homeowners association, this might be something that we want to consider every time we do an RFP because if we have a resident that wants to do something at cost and we can get it done cheaper, we save money and still carry out the project and get that benefit to the community. It's a win-win for everyone.

City Attorney Leen: So the way I understand though your motion. You would be waiving the Procurement Code, you are not waiving all the requirements of the Procurement Code; you are not waiving all the requirements because you want staff to still require sufficient security materially similar to what the bid was, what parties bid on. You want that part of it, but you are allowing us to look outside of those who bid, but not necessarily the contractor, specifically to the homeowners association...special circumstance.

Vice Mayor Quesada: Here's my motion. I don't know if anyone else has any feedback, but I'm going to make the motion now. So my motion is to have staff work with the homeowners association and for the homeowners association to select a

contractor and we have to approve the selection of that contractor ensuring that, that contractor meets the minimum requirements when it comes to insurance and licensing and all the other items that I may not be aware of sitting here now.

Commissioner Lago: May I add an addendum to your motion?

Vice Mayor Quesada: When I finish.

Commissioner Lago: All and any cost overruns will be paid by the homeowners. Again, remember we talked about this.

Vice Mayor Quesada: OK.

Commissioner Lago: Like Commissioner Keon says, I understand what unforeseen conditions are. Trust me when you get to the point where you open up the ground and you see a pipe there and you are not expecting it, they charge you \$15,000 to move it because it happened to me at a project.

Vice Mayor Quesada: This motion, this motion, the intent of this motion...

Commissioner Lago: Is to get the ball rolling.

Vice Mayor Quesada:...is to give - is this body giving staff and the homeowners association to move forward with a contractor that they feel comfortable with.

Commissioner Lago: I agree with you, that's fine. But the issue is...

Vice Mayor Quesada: I understand the cost overruns.

Commissioner Lago: Not only the cost overruns. When you have control of the contractor as a government body, as the City of Coral Gables does during projects, you can force certain things to happen, you can push certain things. Now that contract with the contractor is not going to be with the City of Coral Gables, it's going to be with the homeowners, so we are basically stuck in limbo. I just want to make sure that - by the way, I'm in favor of what you are saying, I just want to clarify.

Vice Mayor Quesada: I want to address that point. The City Attorney and the City Manager can contract those obligations and requirements between the homeowners association and ourselves, that can be controlled through contract.

Commissioner Lago: Who paid for the design fees?

Mr. Pino: The community did.

Mayor Cason: It's already done, right?

Commissioner Lago: Are you sure?

Mr. Pino: Yes, they did.

Commissioner Lago: Because when you find something unforeseen you've got to go back to the architect and engineer to redesign, somebody's got to pay for that, they'll never do it for free. Just giving you all the angles just to make sure we are covered.

City Attorney Leen: To protect the City, I know when we talked about it today when you mentioned to me, I didn't think we necessarily had to waive the Procurement Code, but as a protection for the City, I would waive the Procurement Code.

Mayor Cason: So we need a four-fifths vote for that?

Commissioner Lago: Well that's why the City Manager mentioned...

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: Vice Mayor can I read back your motion basically. It's rejecting all bids, waiving the Procurement Code and authoring staff to work with the homeowners association to select a contractor, to construct the project as previously envisioned within the budgeted amount with all and any cost overruns to be borne by the homeowners association.

Mayor Cason: And to be constructed with a certain period of time you mentioned?

Vice Mayor Quesada: No, it doesn't have to be within a certain period of time, but they can't sit on the money for five years.

City Attorney Leen: But you are authorizing the Manager to reject all bids. I thought he said that he wanted you to talk to them first before you rejected all the bids.

Vice Mayor Quesada: Before the bids are rejected I would like for you guys to have a conversation with the homeowners association. Is that a problem?

Ms. Gomez: Diana Gomez, Finance Director. I believe we already rejected all the bids, I think we might have because the bid was cancelled because it was so expired, it was past the 90 day that they were supposed to hold the pricing, I'm almost positive the Chief Procurement Officer is here.

Vice Mayor Quesada: You guys can clarify that. If they are expired then they are already rejected. If they are not then they'll be pending cancellation after your

conversation.

Commissioner Lago: I will second the motion.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: And just for understanding. We are not giving a check for \$200,000. We are going to have a meeting, we are going to discuss it, there may be scheduled disbursements, but we appreciate what you are wanting.

Vice Mayor Quesada: The point is we want to get this moving, we want to get it done, we want to get it done for a cheaper amount, which this will achieve all those goals.

Commissioner Keon: And they are willing to do it.

City Attorney Leen: And it's a four-fifths vote.

Mayor Cason: Four-fifths vote.

Vice Mayor Quesada: So moved.

Commissioner Lago: Second the motion.

Mayor Cason: We have Vice Mayor made the motion, Commissioner Lago seconds.

City Clerk.

Commissioner Keon: Yes

Commissioner Lago: Yes

Vice Mayor Quesada: Yes

Commissioner Slesnick: Yes

Mayor Cason: Yes

(Vote: 5-0)

Mayor Cason: Anything else?

Vice Mayor Quesada: That's it. Thank you.

Mayor Cason: Commissioner Slesnick.

Commissioner Slesnick: Really short. Tonight at the La Palma Hotel is the annual meeting for the Historic Homeowners Association for Coral Gables and if you want to join you can come joint tonight, it's at six o'clock at La Palma Hotel, and I'm going to be speaking on the history of La Palma Hotel and how it's still here instead of bulldozed over for a parking lot. Secondly, where's the camera? This is the annual Junior Orange Bowl Parade is coming the Sunday after Thanksgiving, November 29th

at 4 o'clock, in downtown Coral Gables and we encourage everybody to come. It runs from Alhambra and Ponce over to Miracle Mile, down Miracle Mile, up past the grandstands in front of City Hall, Sunday, November 29th, 4 o'clock.

Mayor Cason: Great. In the interest of your time, I'll ask the City Attorney two things and then...

City Attorney Leen: The first thing which I mentioned has come up a couple of times with some of you individually is, the time of the hearing for the Paseo de la Riviera Second Reading, there has been a request from the residents that that start at 5:01 p.m., just want to make sure everyone...there has been a request from the residents to start at 5:01 p.m. I would recommend to you knowing how long these take that you start the actual public hearing at a time certain of 5:01 p.m. for the residents to speak and you start the hearing a little earlier at 3 or 4, so that we can have the preliminary discussions with counsel.

Mayor Cason: And we end at 9 o'clock.

City Attorney Leen: And that we do our best to end at 9 o'clock. Obviously the Commission, the Mayor is the Chair so you can say that.

Mayor Cason: We'll have an hour for the lawyers and for the staff and then we go into people talking for two minutes and then we have time at the end for us to make our decision. So we got through 60 people in a little bit over an hour and-a-half before, so we should be able to take care of it that way.

Commissioner Keon: So you are recommending we start at 4 and the public hearing starts at 5 (p.m.).

Mayor Cason: 5:01 (p.m.)

Commissioner Keon: But the item will be heard at 4 o'clock.

Mayor Cason: 4 o'clock - yes.

City Attorney Leen: So it would be useful to have a motion.

Commissioner Lago: I'll make the motion.

Vice Mayor Quesada: Second.

Mayor Cason: City Clerk

Commissioner Lago: Yes

Vice Mayor Quesada: Yes

Commissioner Slesnick: Yes

Commissioner Keon: Yes

Mayor Cason: Yes

(Vote: 5-0)

City Attorney Leen: Mr. Mayor the second item is 5626 Granada. I've received a lot of inquiries from the Commissioner individually about this property. I would like to have the receiver; I would like to invite the receiver for the property who we've asked to be a receiver. We filed a motion with the court, the court has appointed a receiver, I know we want action on this property; I'd like to invite him to come to the next Commission Meeting to speak to you about 5626 Granada and what's happening with the property.

Commissioner Keon: Is that the one behind Temple Judea?

City Attorney Leen: That's the one behind Temple Judea.

Commissioner Keon: OK.

City Attorney Leen: I'm going to let him know that we are expecting action in a respectful way.

Commissioner Lago: Can you do me a favor?- can you give me a background and send it to me via e-mail, maybe to the other Commissioners, as much information as possible in regards to that property.

City Attorney Leen: Yes - and the last thing with the Postal Service - the resolution, I just want to read it to you now, that they are going to deliver mail to each of these properties, that they are going to work with us to do it going forward to accomplish this going forward with other properties, that the Branch Manager come to the next meeting, and that the resolution be provided congressional executive officials and the City staff reach out to them.

Mayor Cason: Yes.

City Attorney Leen: OK. I'm going to try to get that to you or the Vice Mayor if you

are out of town sir to sign so that we get this done right away.

Mayor Cason: Alright. And I'm reminded that this is our last Commission meeting before Thanksgiving, so for all of you watching and all of you here Happy Thanksgiving. With that meeting adjourned.

City Clerk Item No. 39

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-287

Non [16-4677](#)
Agenda

A Resolution of the City of Coral Gables, City Commission directing staff to work with the Old Cutler Bay Homeowners association to select a contractor, and ensure that such contractor meets the minimum requirements set forth by the City; further stating that any and all cost overruns related to the project will be covered by the Old Cutler Bay Homeowners Association.

Attachments: [Signed Resolution 2015-287](#)

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Quesada, seconded by Commissioner Lago, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2015-287. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas : 5 - Commissioner Keon, Commissioner Lago, Vice Mayor Quesada, Commissioner Slesnick and Mayor Cason

City Clerk Item No. 40

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-288

Non [16-4675](#)
Agenda

A Resolution of the City Commission setting forth the time of the Second Reading of the Paseo de la Riviera Project, to be heard on Tuesday, December 8, 2015, commencing 4:00 P.M., with the Public Hearing scheduled to begin at 5:01 P.M.

Attachments: [Signed Resolution 2015-288](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION SETTING FORTH THE TIME OF THE SECOND READING OF AGENDA ITEM PASEO DE LA RIVIERA, TO BE HEARD ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2015, COMMENCING 4:00 P.M., WITH THE PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED TO BEGIN 5:01 P.M.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lago, seconded by Vice Mayor Quesada, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2015-288. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas : 5 - Commissioner Lago, Vice Mayor Quesada, Commissioner Slesnick, Commissioner Keon and Mayor Cason

City Clerk Item No. 41

L. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- L-1. [15-4506](#) Attorney-Client executive session in the City Conference Room, 1st Floor, closed to the public, for purposes of discussing the lawsuit pending in the Eleventh Judicial Circuit entitled Merrick Partners, LTD et al. v. City of Coral Gables, Case No. 15-020048 CA 25 (Fla. 11th Judicial Cir.). This session may be attended by the following individuals: Mayor Jim Cason, Vice Mayor Frank Quesada, Commissioner Patricia Keon, Commissioner Vince Lago, Commissioner Jeannett Slesnick, City Manager Cathy Swanson-Rivenbark, City Attorney Craig Leen, Deputy City Attorney Miriam Ramos, Assistant City Attorney Yaneris Figueroa, Special Counsel Adolfo Jimenez, and Special Counsel Brian Toth. 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 City Commission meeting will be reopened and the person chairing the Commission meeting will announce the termination of the Attorney-Client session.

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 4:02 p.m. The next regular meeting of the City Commission has been scheduled for December 8, 2015, beginning 9 a.m.]

JIM CASON
MAYOR

ATTEST:

WALTER J. FOEMAN
CITY CLERK