

# **City of Coral Gables**

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## **Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, June 30, 2010**

**9:00 AM**

**SPECIAL MEETING**

**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*

*Patrick G. Salerno, City Manager  
Elizabeth M. Hernandez, City Attorney  
Walter J. Foeman, City Clerk*

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**ROLL CALL**

**Present:** 4 - Mayor Slesnick II, Vice Mayor Kerdyk Jr., Commissioner Withers and Commissioner Anderson

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Cabrera Jr.

**INVOCATION**

Reverend Arnold Perry from St. Mark's Lutheran Church gave the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Jessica Herrera, Recipient of the 2010 Lady Suzanna P. Tweed Scholarship led the Pledge of Allegiance.

[Note for the Record: Mayor Slesnick prefaced his remarks by acknowledging Jessica Herrera as a very exciting young woman, who this year was the recipient of the 2010 Lady Suzzana P. Tweed Scholarship from the Coral Gables Community Foundation; further announcing to the viewing public the airing of a short videotape in connection with her background and what she is doing in her life; further referencing her personal challenges while attending Coral Gables Senior High School, noting that she along with her family having been evicted multiple times from her place of residence, and more recently two times in a row this past year, the most recent being from Little Haiti, from a residence that was without running water, electricity, where she resided for 3 months; further stating that having witnessed that her family is having to face deportation, that she as an 18 year-old was confronted with the unfortunate task of having to fend for herself, having lived in a homeless shelter.

Mayor Slesnick pointed out to the listening audience that one charity (namely, the Coral Gables Community Foundation took notice, realizing the tremendous need for assistance of Jessica Herrera, which culminated in said Foundation) presenting Ms. Herrera with a full scholarship, along with other generous grants that were also received; Ms. Herrera will start FIU in the fall of this year; further noting that Miss Herrera graduated from Coral Gables Senior High School with a 5.5 Grade Point Average.

Mayor Slesnick informed the viewing public that Jessica's example is what America is all about. In accepting this recognition, Jessica Herrera thanked the Coral Gables Community Foundation, along with the many blessings that she has received this year; further expressing her desire to reunite with her family and make things better again.

Vice Mayor Bill Kerdyk informed the public that following NBC Miami's video clip on Jessica, that the Bank of Coral Gables began a collection, having received letters from

around the country in connection with this compelling story, from all over the country, amassing an amount of \$6,600 to date in funds of support for this worthy individual; further adding (i.e. laughter) that Commissioner Withers would provide an additional \$400 to make it an even \$7,000 donated amount.

Mayor Slesnick also invited Al Perez, Esquire, representing a local law firm (namely, Ramon Rasco's Law Firm), on behalf of the Academy of South Florida to the dais, who presented a card from Kerrie Martinez, Director of Student Services, to receive free classes from said facility, along with the Academy's donation of a new Asus laptop computer to Jessica Herrera.

Mayor Slesnick also invited members of the Coral Gables Community Foundation to join him on the dais (i.e. including but not limited to Andria Hanley, Executive Director, Coral Gables Community Foundation, Bill Bond, future chair of the Coral Gables Community Foundation; Jeannett Slesnick (past president of the Coral Gables Community Foundation), along with University of Miami's President Donna Shalala for a photographic session].

#### **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) Resolution(s) adopted (Resolution No. 2010-114); (b) Video; (c) Audio Recording; (d) Minutes Folder with Agenda and background information, including items which were submitted at the meeting.

**A. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS**

- A.-1. [10-0430](#) Briefing regarding preparations for hurricane season and deepwater horizon response.

[Note for the Record: Mayor Slesnick requested through City Manager Salerno that Fire Chief Reed also provide the viewing public with an update in connection the Deepwater Horizon issue which occurred on April 20th, 2010. Chief Reed prefaced his remarks by stating that there has been no confirming observations that oil is heading toward South Florida; further stating that currently said incident is approximately 600 miles from the South Florida shoreline; further adding that in order for the oil spill to impact the South Florida shoreline, that it has to enter the loop current; further stating that the loop current and oil spill are approximately 300 miles apart; further stating that city personnel are constantly monitoring this matter; further noting that the Coast Guard also has vessels monitoring said oilspill to see if there are any tar balls surfacing.

Fire Chief Reed also informed the City Commission that the city has been taking several proactive measures to stay abreast of the aforementioned Deepwater Horizon incident (i.e. Conference calls with Miami-Dade County personnel; White House briefings encompassing the entire disaster area including Florida, Alabama, Louisiana, and Mississippi) through the efforts of participating official, Mayor Slesnick, who has provided access to same to Fire Chief Walter Reed; attendance at meetings involving such matters as potential emergency actions, such as the occurrence of tar balls in Miami-Dade County, etc.

Fire Chief Reed also stated that City Manager Salerno has been very proactive in anticipation of potential developments in connection with the Deep Horizon incident, as evidenced by his documenting of our coastline (i.e. taking photos of what our coastal areas look like; further stating that Miami-Dade County has taken soil samples and water analysis of the area); further stating that he has moved forward with training initiatives resulting from British Petroleum's (BPs) online training module; further stating that the city's training officers are finishing up with the Rescue Reconnaissance Teams completion of how to handle and mitigate oil that is washed up onto the shoreline in the form of tar balls; further adding that said initiative is more about safety and precaution for the responders, training of our personnel to identify, mitigate, pick up with a shovel and put these tar balls into the appropriate facilities; further stating that the city has contacted a hazardous mitigation vendor that specializes in emergency management to discuss securing equipment that might be used to protect Coral Gables shorelines and waterways.

Fire Chief Reed pointed out that BP is not reimbursing the city at this particular time; however, if and when a disaster to our coastline becomes a reality, and the city

expends its resources in furtherance of same, then the city will have in place the appropriate paperwork in place to present to BP for reimbursement.

Mayor Slesnick pointed out that during the daily briefings at the White House, that he was queried as to why was Coral Gables, an inland city, involved? Further explaining that there is a lack of understanding in failing to realize that Coral Gables is not an inland city, but has a large coastline, and many lines of shoreline on our canals that connects directly to the bay, and the bay to the ocean.

Mayor Slesnick also noted that one resident, namely Spencer Aronfeld, Esquire, local attorney, in response to the oil spillage incident journeyed to Louisiana for three weeks to help the Vietnamese fisherman with their recovery efforts, and deal with their issues as it pertains to BP; further reminding the viewing public that Steve Dishart, Executive Director of the Blue Ocean Institute (Coal Springs Harbor, New York) provided a very informative Letter to the Editor of the Miami Herald wherein he reminded the public that they should not take some headline references that “we are off the hook,” with absolute certainty; further stating that the ocean is a strange and curious place that generates many occurrences, sometimes without notice; further stating that with Hurricane Alex turning into the Gulf of Mexico, it could throw different currents into action and result in a change of direction of the oil; further stating that Peter Hairston (Waterway Renaissance Program) has also offered to assist in addressing said matter; further stating that the University of Miami/Rosentiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science, is one of the leading facilities of its kind in the country, as a resource our city to provide assistance, if and when the time becomes necessary to address and to protect our city from the intrusion of foreign elements into our ocean; further reassuring Coral Gables residents that this matter is an issue that is embedded in our minds; further pledging the willingness, on the part of the city, through our efforts to remain ready in encouraging, assisting and protecting our residents as it pertains to this issue].

**This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed**

City Clerk Item No. 1

**B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- B.-1.**     [10-0424](#)     Regular City Commission Meeting of May 25, 2010.

**Attachments:**     [Verbatim Transcript - Agenda Item F-2 - Discussion supporting resurface Sunset I](#)  
[Verbatim Transcript - Agenda Item F-3 - Discussion regarding local vendor prefer](#)  
[Verbatim Transcript - Agenda Item E-3 - Ordinance Creating a Green Task Force.](#)  
[Meeting Minutes.pdf](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Withers, that this motion be approved. The motion passed by the following vote:**

**Yeas :**    3 -    Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Withers and Mayor Slesnick II

**Absent :**    2 -    Commissioner Cabrera, Jr. and Vice Mayor Kerdyk, Jr.

City Clerk Item No. 2

- B.-2.**     [10-0429](#)     Regular City Commission Meeting of June 1, 2010.

**Attachments:**     [Verbatim Transcript - Agenda Item C-11 - Professional Services Agreement for Di](#)  
[Verbatim Transcript - Agenda Item D-1 - BID Update.pdf](#)  
[Meeting Minutes.pdf](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Withers, that this motion be approved. The motion passed by the following vote:**

**Yeas :**    3 -    Commissioner Withers, Commissioner Anderson and Mayor Slesnick II

**Absent :**    2 -    Commissioner Cabrera, Jr. and Vice Mayor Kerdyk, Jr.

City Clerk Item No. 3

**C. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Anyone who wishes to address the City Commission on an item to be considered for public hearing must fill out a Speaker Card and turn it in to the City Clerk. Speaker Cards can be obtained on the credenza located outside the Office of the Mayor, during the day of the City Commission Meeting.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2010-29**

- C.-1.**     [10-0418](#)     Comprehensive Plan Amendment. An Ordinance of the City Commission of Coral Gables amending the City of Coral Gables Comprehensive Plan pursuant to large scale amendment procedures subject to ss. 163.3187, Florida Statutes, for the following Comprehensive Plan text and Comprehensive Plan Map amendments for the University of Miami, City of Coral Gables Campus, generally bounded by Ponce de Leon Boulevard, Red Road (SW 57th Avenue), Mataro Avenue, San Amaro Drive, Campo Sano Drive, Pisano Avenue and Carillo Street, Coral Gables, Florida (depicted graphically herein); and providing for severability, repealer, codification, and an effective date; as follows:

- A. Amendment to Comprehensive Plan Policy FLU-1.1.6, Table FLU-5, entitled "Other Land Uses", by re-naming "University" land use to "University Campus" land use, and adding the "University Campus Multi-Use Area".
- B. Amendment to Comprehensive Plan Policy FLU-1.1.6, Table FLU-5, entitled "Other Land Uses", by increasing the maximum Floor Area Ratio (FAR) for "University" land use from 0.5 FAR to 0.7 FAR.
- C. Amendment to the Future Land Use Map to change the land use designation of University owned properties located on Block 192, Riviera Section Part 14 from "Commercial Use, Low-Rise Intensity" to "University Campus" land use.
- D. Amendment to Comprehensive Plan Policy MOB-2.2.1, to include the University of Miami campus and several contiguous properties outside the campus in the geographic description of the Gables Redevelopment and Infill District (GRID) also known as a Transportation Concurrency Exemption Area (TCEA), including the area bounded by Ponce de Leon Boulevard, Red Road (SW 57th Avenue), Mataro Avenue, San Amaro Drive, Campo Sano Drive, Pisano Avenue and Carillo Street.
- E. Amendment to Comprehensive Plan MOB-2 Map, to graphically include the University of Miami campus and several contiguous properties outside of the campus into the Gables Redevelopment and Infill District (GRID) also known as a Transportation Concurrency Exemption Area (TCEA).
- F. Amendment to the Future Land Use Map to designate and graphically locate proposed "University Campus Multi-Use Area" along Ponce de Leon Boulevard, approximately bounded by Stanford Drive, Walsh Avenue and the University (Mahi) Waterway Canal.

(Passed on First Reading June 30, 2010)

**Attachments:** [06 30 2010 Exhibit 2 - 06 24 10 Staff report and attachments](#)  
[06 30 2010 Exhibit 2 - Attachment A: 06 24 2010 UM Comp Plan Ordinance](#)  
[06 30 2010 Exhibit 2 - Attachment C: Legal Advertisement](#)  
[06 30 2010 Exhibit 2 - Attachment D: Public Hearing Courtesy Notification](#)  
[06 30 2010 Exhibit 2 - Attachment E: UM Neighborhood Mtg Notice, Summary and](#)  
[06 30 2010 Exhibit 2 - Attachment F: Public Comments](#)  
[06 30 2010 Exhibit 2 - Attachment B: Applicant Submittal Package \(Volume I and](#)  
[06 30 2010 Exhibit 2 - Attachment G: Comprehensive Plan Citizen Courtesy Infor](#)  
[06 30 2010 CC Cover Memo - UM CP amendments - 1st Reading](#)  
[06 30 2010 Exhibit 1 - UM Comp Plan Ordinance First Reading](#)  
[06 30 2010 Exhibit 3 - 06 24 2010 City Staff's PowerPoint Presentation](#)  
[06 30 2010 Exhibit 4 - 06 24 2010 Applicants PowerPoint Presentation](#)  
[06 30 2010 Exhibit 5 - Updated Public Comments with PZB Sign In Sheet](#)  
[06 30 2010 Exhibit 6 - DCA Comp Plan Citizen Courtesy Info List](#)  
[09 28 2010 Exhibit A - UM Comp Plan Ordinance 2nd Reading](#)  
[09 28 2010 Exhibit B - UM DA Ordinance - 2nd reading](#)  
[09 28 2010 Exhibit C - ZC text amendment for DA time frame - 2nd reading](#)  
[09 28 2010 Exhibit D - 09 03 2010 DCA Letter of 'no objection'](#)  
[09 28 2010 Exhibit E - 06 30 2010 CC UM CP amend 1st Reading minutes](#)  
[09 28 2010 Exhibit F - Updated comments](#)  
[09 28 2010 CC Cover Memo DA CP ZC text amendment cover memo - 2nd Read](#)  
[09 28 2010 UM Development Agreement](#)  
[E-4, E-5 & E-6 Signed Cover Memo 09-28-10](#)  
[Signed Ordinance 2010-29](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Withers, that this motion be approved as an Ordinance on First Reading. The motion passed by the following vote:**

**Yeas :** 4 - Vice Mayor Kerdyk, Jr., Commissioner Withers, Commissioner Anderson and Mayor Slesnick II

**Absent :** 1 - Commissioner Cabrera, Jr.

City Clerk Item No. 4



**D. CITY COMMISSION ITEMS****RESOLUTION NO. 2010-114**

- D.-1. [10-0407](#) Resolution appointing Judy Pruitt (Nominated by Commission-As-A-Whole) to serve the unexpired balance of a two (2) year term as a member of the Historic Preservation Board, said term which began on June 1, 2010 through May 31, 2011. (Deferred from the June 1, 2010 City Commission Meeting.)

**Attachments:** [F-2 Signed Cover Memo](#)  
[Historic Board Member App. Resolution](#)  
[R-2010-Draft-Commission-As-A-Whole - Historic Preservation Board](#)  
[Resume for Judy Pruitt](#)  
[Cover Memo- Commission as a Whole Appointment - Historic](#)  
[Signed Resolution 2010-114](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Vice Mayor Kerdyk, Jr., that this motion be adopted by Resolution Number 2010-114. The motion passed by the following vote:**

**Yeas :** 4 - Commissioner Withers, Commissioner Anderson, Vice Mayor Kerdyk, Jr. and Mayor Slesnick II

**Absent :** 1 - Commissioner Cabrera, Jr.

City Clerk Item No. 5

**E. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Mayor Slesnick: Mrs. Anderson, any final comments?

Commissioner Anderson: No, I'm just happy this all went well. Thank you for your leadership running the meeting. Wear your medal proudly.

Mayor Slesnick: Thank you, thank you all. You all have been so nice to me today.

Commissioner Withers: It was impressive, I mean, it was you know...

Mayor Slesnick: Everybody has been very kind to me today, and I don't know what's brought this all about, but I thank you all so much, it's made my heart warm - Mr. Kerdyk.

Vice Mayor Kerdyk: The Mayor mentioned to me, I should make special note to Christy Kerr who won the LPGA Championship, she is very good friends with my sister Tracy, and she's got the number one Rolex ranking...

Commissioner Anderson: Are you going to bring her here...?

Vice Mayor Kerdyk: Pardon me?

Commissioner Anderson: Why don't you bring her in?

Vice Mayor Kerdyk: I should. She's been in the city a long time and played in the Junior Orange Bowl and a good person, representative for the LPGA tour. So that was a nice win for her this past weekend.

Mayor Slesnick: Mr. Withers - and thank you for your comments.

Commissioner Withers: I'll see everyone at the Biltmore for the 4th of July. (Laughter) I'm just kidding. Wish you all a very happy, healthy and safe 4th of July and see you, I guess, July 13th, is that when we are....

Mayor Slesnick: July 13th. Mr. Manager, do you have anything? I just have one thing. As I have done in the past, I have tried to compliment groups. I noticed that it was featured in the Herald back on the 18th of June. They featured the various wines, the six top wine bars and/or bar clubs in the South Florida area, and a very nice picture, and a very nice thing about the Cellar Club at the Biltmore; and someone commented today, Oh yes, let the University run the Biltmore Hotel. I saw the President grimace over that. I think that, that's a stretch, but I have to say that the fact of the matter is that, you know, when we talk about the Biltmore, we sometimes talk about weddings, we talk about Barmitzvahs, we talk about tourists, we talk about people staying there, but the clubs at the Biltmore, we should never forget service a couple thousand of our residents; the Health Club, the Cellar Club, and so forth, and that's an integral part of the Biltmore's outreach into our community, and they were recognized recently. So I give them definitely compliments and to Yvonne Roberts who is the Director of Clubs at the Biltmore. Congratulations on the kinds of work that you do to involve our residents in that property. As Commissioner Withers said, July 13th is our next meeting, we will be here and hope you all are too, and a very happy 4th of July.

City Clerk Item No. 6

## **ADJOURNMENT**

[Note for the Record: There being no further business on the Special City Commission Meeting Agenda. The Commission of the City of Coral Gables adjourned its meeting at 11:07 am on June 30, 2010. The next regular meeting of the City Commission has been scheduled for July 13, 2010, beginning 9 a.m.]

DONALD D. SLESNICK  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

WALTER J. FOEMAN  
CITY CLERK