

City of Coral Gables

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Coral Gables, FL 33134
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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 24, 2015

12:00 PM

City Hall, Commission Chambers

City Commission

*Mayor Jim Cason
Vice Mayor William H. Kerdyk, Jr.
Commissioner Patricia Keon
Commissioner Vince Lago
Commissioner Frank C. Quesada*

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

ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Mayor Cason, Commissioner Keon, Vice Mayor Kerdyk Jr., Commissioner Lago and Commissioner Quesada

INVOCATION

Pastor Jeff Sullivan from Granada Presbyterian Church gave the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Cason led the Pledge of Allegiance.

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

The following minutes summary includes all presentations made, and actions taken which information is supplemented by the following exhibits on file in the Office of the City Clerk, and which are by reference made a part of the record herein: (a) Resolution(s) adopted (Resolution No. 2015-23 through Resolution No. 2015-27); (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. [15-3765](#) Presentation of a Proclamation declaring February 25, 2015 as "Chris Caputo Day" in Coral Gables.

[Note for the Record: Following the reading of the title to Agenda Item A-1 by Mayor Cason, Commissioner Quesada recognized the group in attendance to receive the proclamation, further stating that Coral Gables has come a long way when it comes to cycling, partly because of the people present, who have worked tirelessly to put on cycling events and make our streets safer for both bikers and drivers alike. Commissioner Quesada said that the City has been working with these individuals and thanked the Florida Bikers Association and passed the microphone to Robert Ruano. Mr. Ruano stated they have a great team and are very happy to celebrate this event for the fourth time. Mr. Ruano announced that this year the Florida Department of Transportation is the title sponsor and Baptist Health is the exclusive wellness partner. Becky Afonso, Executive Director of the Florida Bicycle Association, said that she has driven from Tampa Bay to let everyone know that the Association annually presents awards for the contributions to bicycling. Ms. Afonso announced that today the Association recognizes "Bike Walk Coral Gables," for its accomplishments and for partnering with the City and with the Coral Gables Museum, to provide bicycle tours of the city, called "Gables Bike Tours." Sue Kawalerski, of the Miami-Dade Parks Department, stated she runs the "Bike 305 Program" and on behalf of Mayor Carlos Jimenez, they applaud the City of Coral Gables for its success in creating a bike-friendly community. Ms. Kawalerski said that it is very important for the County to have partners like Coral Gables, because it creates connectivity throughout all of the municipalities in Miami-Dade County.]

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City Clerk Item No. 1

A.-2. [15-3774](#)

Presentaiton of a Proclamation declaring March 2015 as "Bike 305 Month" in Coral Gables.

[Note for the Record: Following the reading of the title to Agenda Item A-2 by Mayor Cason, Commissioner Lago stated that everyone here is a fan of the Miami Hurricanes Basketball Program, and that he has been to a couple of the basketball games and the atmosphere is uncontrollable. There is a group of individuals that have given their hearts to their coaches and that goes to show you the passion these individuals have for the program and how well the program is doing. Commissioner Lago noted that Mr. Caputo not only gives his time to the University of Miami and the basketball program - he is an individual who is committed and dedicated to the high schools and junior high schools students. Commissioner Quesada said this isn't about basketball today. Our community is so great because of the people that make up our community. The City Commission receives many phone calls about the great job that Coach Caputo does with the kids, not only coaching them in the basketball court, but giving them advice on life. Commissioner Quesada said the Commission wants to thank Coach Caputo for everything he does inside and outside of the community. Mr. Caputo thanked the Commission for the recognition and noted he is very proud to both work and live in Coral Gables.]

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City Clerk Item No. 2

**Non 15-3829
Agenda**

Presentation of a proclamation declaring February 25, 2015 Bridgette Thornton day in Coral Gables.

[Note for the Record (Non-Agenda Item): Mayor Cason announced the third item is recognition of Brigitte N. Thornton, who will be leaving the City and has done a wonderful job as Deputy City Attorney. Following the reading of a proclamation declaring February 25, 2015 as “Brigitte Thornton Day in Coral Gables” by Mayor Cason, City Attorney Craig Leen stated that he started working with Brigitte almost ten years ago at the County Attorney’s Office. Brigitte was working in the Federal Litigation Section. City Attorney Leen said he became the Chief of the Federal Litigation Section and the person he wanted as his deputy was Brigitte. She held that position and at the same time she was the Chief of the Appeals Section, and he always appreciated that. When he came here as the City Attorney and the Deputy City Attorney position was created, he wanted Brigitte to fill that position because he felt she was the perfect person to do it. City Attorney Leen stated that it has meant a lot to him what Brigitte has done for his office. Ms. Thornton said she would like to thank the City Commission, Department Directors and City employees. She is leaving with mixed feelings and it has been a wonderful experience].

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City Clerk Item No. 3

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None

City Clerk Item No. 4

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 Kerdyk, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Lago, to Adopt the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yeas : 5 - Commissioner Keon, Vice Mayor Kerdyk, Jr., Commissioner Lago, Commissioner Quesada and Mayor Cason

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-23**C.-1. [15-3739](#)**

A Resolution granting permission to The St. Patrick's Day Committee, Inc. to sell alcoholic beverages from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 14, 2015, at Fred B. Hartnett Ponce Circle Park, as part of the "St. Patrick's Day Festival," subject to Florida Department of Professional Regulation requirements.

Attachments: [Resolution 2015](#)
[ST. PATRICKS COMMITTEE INC 2015 APPICATION](#)
[C-1 Signed Cover Memo](#)

A RESOLUTION GRANTING PERMISSION TO THE ST. PATRICK'S DAY COMMITTEE, INC. TO SELL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FROM 12:00 P.M. TO 6:00 P.M. ON SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 2015, AT FRED B. HARTNETT PONCE CIRCLE PARK, AS PART OF THE "ST. PATRICK'S DAY FESTIVAL", SUBJECT TO FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION REQUIREMENTS.

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2015-23 on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 5

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-24

- C.-2. [15-3762](#) A Resolution authorizing Satchmo Blues Bar and Grill, Inc. to sell alcoholic beverages from 4:00 p.m. to midnight, at the Plaza located at 60 Merrick Way on Tuesday, March 17, 2015, during the 3rd "Annual St. Patrick's Day Party" event, to benefit The Woody Foundation, subject to Florida Department of Professional Regulation requirements.

Attachments: [FRITZ AND FRANZ - St. Patricks Day Party 2015 application](#)
[St Patrick's Day Party Resolution 2015](#)
[Cover Memo - Fritz and Franz St Patricks Day Party](#)
[Cover Sheet St Patricks Day 2015](#)
[C-2 Signed Cover Memo](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SATCHMO BLUES BAR AND GRILL, INC. TO SELL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, FROM 4:00 P.M. TO MIDNIGHT, AT THE PLAZA LOCATED AT 60 MERRICK WAY ON TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2015 DURING THE 3RD ANNUAL "ST. PATRICK'S DAY" PARTY EVENT, TO BENEFIT THE WOODY FOUNDATION, SUBJECT TO FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION REQUIREMENTS.

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2015-24 on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 6

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-25

- C.-3. [15-3760](#) A Resolution granting permission to Satchmo Blues Bar and Grill, Inc. to sell alcoholic beverages at the Plaza located at 60 Merrick Way from 6:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 12, and Friday, March 13, 2015; 2:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 14, 2015; and 2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 15, 2015, during the BLUESFEST event, to benefit The Woody Foundation, subject to Florida Department of Professional Regulation requirements.

Attachments: [Fritz and Franz - BluesFest 2015 application](#)
[Bluesfest Resolution 2015](#)
[C-3 Signed Cover Memo](#)

A RESOLUTION GRANTING PERMISSION TO SATCHMO BLUES BAR AND GRILL, INC. TO SELL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, AT THE PLAZA LOCATED AT 60 MERRICK WAY, FROM 6:00 P.M. - 12:00 A.M. ON THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 2015 AND FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 2015; 2:00 P.M. - 12:00 A.M. ON SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 2015; AND 2:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2015, DURING THE "BLUESFEST" EVENT, TO BENEFIT THE WOODY FOUNDATION, SUBJECT TO FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION REQUIREMENTS.

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2015-25 on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 7

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-26

- C.-4. [15-3759](#) A Resolution authorizing waiver of the charges associated with usage of barricades and parking meter rentals for "Gables Bike Day" on Sunday, March 1, 2015, as well as providing certain equipment and services.

Attachments: [bike day RESOL](#)
[C-4 Signed Cover Memo](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING WAIVER OF THE CHARGES ASSOCIATED WITH USAGE OF BARRICADES AND PARKING METER RENTALS FOR "GABLES BIKE DAY" ON SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 2015, AS WELL AS PROVIDING CERTAIN EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES.

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2015-26 on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 8

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

- 1.-1. [15-3649](#) International Affairs Coordinating Council Meeting of December 17, 2014

Attachments: [Microsoft Word - cover letter 12-17-14](#)
[Microsoft Word - IACC-Minutes December 17 2014](#)

This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 9

- 1.-2. [15-3662](#) Arts Advisory Panel Meeting of January 20, 2015

Attachments: [AAP Commission cover 2-24-15](#)
[AAP Minutes January 20 2015](#)

This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 10

- 1.-3. [15-3664](#) Cultural Development Board Meeting of November 14, 2014

Attachments: [CDB Commission cover 2-24-15](#)
[CDB Minutes November 14 2014](#)

This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 11

- 1.-4. [15-3675](#) Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting of January 16, 2015
- Attachments:** [Parks and Recreation Cover Memo.Minutes 1-16-15](#)
[Parks and Recreation Minutes 1-16-15](#)
- This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.**
- City Clerk Item No. 12
- 1.-5. [15-3742](#) Economic Development Board Meeting of January 7, 2015
- Attachments:** [EDB. 2.24.15 Commission cover](#)
[EDB Minutes 1-07-15](#)
- This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.**
- City Clerk Item No. 13
- 1.-6. [15-3756](#) Historic Preservation Board Meeting of January 15, 2015
- Attachments:** [HPB Minutes - January 15 2015](#)
[HPB.01.15.15MinutesforCC02.24.15](#)
- This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.**
- City Clerk Item No. 14
- 1.-7. [15-3757](#) Coral Gables Merrick House Governing Board Meeting of January 12, 2015
- Attachments:** [01.12.15MinutesforCC02.24.15](#)
[Merrick House Minutes January 12 2015](#)
- This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.**
- City Clerk Item No. 15
- 1.-8. [15-3764](#) Retirement Board Meeting of January 8, 2015
- Attachments:** [CC.02-24-2015.January 8, 2015](#)
[Minutes.01-08-2015](#)
- This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.**
- City Clerk Item No. 16
- 1.-9. [15-3767](#) Traffic Advisory Board Meeting of January 20, 2015
- Attachments:** [1-20-2015 MINUTES](#)
[1-20-15 COVER](#)
- This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.**
- City Clerk Item No. 17

Pulled from Consent Agenda

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-27

- C.-5. [15-3775](#) A Resolution appointing Michael D. Gold (Nominated By Commissioner Keon) to serve as a member of the Coral Gables Retirement Board - General Employees, for the remainder of a two (2) year term, which began on June 1, 2013 and continues through May 31, 2015, further extending the appointment period from June 1, 2015, through May 31, 2017, to coincide with the remainder of the appointing Commissioner's term in office.

Attachments: [Michael D Gold Resume](#)
[Michael D. Gold Resolution](#)
[C-5 Signed Cover Memo](#)

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING MICHAEL D. GOLD (NOMINATED BY COMMISSIONER KEON) TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE CORAL GABLES RETIREMENT BOARD FOR THE REMAINDER OF A TWO (2) YEAR TERM, WHICH BEGAN ON JUNE 1, 2013 AND CONTINUES THROUGH MAY 31, 2015; FURTHER EXTENDING THE APPOINTMENT PERIOD FROM JUNE 1, 2015 THROUGH MAY 31, 2017, TO COINCIDE WITH THE REMAINDER OF THE APPOINTING COMMISSIONER'S TERM IN OFFICE.

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2015-27 on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 18

D. PERSONAL APPEARANCES

None

City Clerk Item No. 19

E. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

City Clerk Item No. 20

F. CITY COMMISSION ITEMS

- F.-1. [15-3755](#) Discussion regarding the differences between a Form Based Code and PAD/PUD.
Commissioner Pat Keon

[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].

This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 21

G. BOARDS/COMMITTEES ITEMS

None

City Clerk Item No. 22

H. CITY MANAGER ITEMS

- H.-1. [15-3752](#) Update on the Residential Sidewalk Restoration Program.

Attachments: [October 28, 2014 City Commission COVER memo Resol No. 2014-240 Residential Sidewalk Restoration Program H-1 Signed Cover Memo](#)

[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].

This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 23

- H.-2. [15-3754](#) Update on the Granada Golf Course Improvement Project.

Attachments: [H-2 Signed Cover Memo Granada Golf Course Presentation](#)

[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. 24

I. CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS

Time Certain: 2:00 p.m.

- I.-1. [15-3769](#) Status report regarding Controlled Choice and the Attendance Boundary Committee process for the School Board of Miami-Dade County.

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Item I-1 is pending receipt from the Court Reporter's Office].

This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 26

- I.-2. [15-3766](#) Status update regarding legal enforcement action related to targeted abandoned properties.

Attachments: [Abandoned Real Properties](#)

[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].

This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 25

J. CITY CLERK ITEMS

None

City Clerk Item No. 27

K. DISCUSSION ITEMS

City Clerk Item No. 28

L. EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

- L.-1. [15-3770](#) Attorney-Client executive session, closed to the public pursuant to section 286.011(8) of the Florida Statutes, for purposes of discussing settlement negotiations and strategy relating to litigation expenditures in the matter pending in the Eleventh Judicial Circuit entitled Murhee et al. v. City of Coral Gables, Case No. 13-20731 CA (Fla. 11th Jud. Cir.) This session may be attended by the following individuals: Mayor Jim Cason, Commissioner Patricia Keon, Vice Mayor William H. Kerdyk, Commissioner Vince Lago, Commissioner Frank C. Quesada, Acting City Manager Carmen Olazabal, City Attorney Craig Leen, Deputy City Attorney Bridgette Thornton, Assistant City Attorney Yaneris Figueroa, Special Counsel Raoul Cantero and Special Counsel Neal McAilley. 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.
- L.-2. [15-3771](#) Attorney-Client executive session, closed to the public pursuant to section 286.011(8) of the Florida Statutes, for purposes of discussing settlement negotiations and strategy relating to litigation expenditures in the matter pending in the Eleventh Judicial Circuit entitled Navarro v. City of Coral Gables, Case No. 13-15577-CA (Fla. 11th Jud. Cir.). This session may be attended by the following individuals: Mayor Jim Cason, Commissioner Patricia Keon, Vice Mayor William H. Kerdyk, Commissioner Vince Lago, Commissioner Frank C. Quesada, City Manager Cathy Swanson-Rivenbark, City Attorney Craig Leen, Deputy City Attorney Bridgette Thornton, Assistant City Attorney Yaneris Figueroa and Special Counsel Cary Lubetsky. 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 5:41 pm on February 24, 2015. The next regular meeting of the City Commission has been scheduled for March 10, 2015, beginning 9 am.]

JIM CASON
MAYOR

ATTEST:

WALTER J. FOEMAN
CITY CLERK