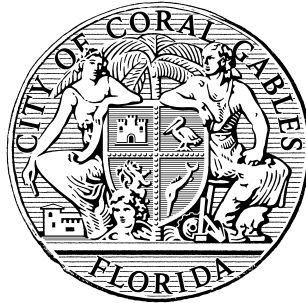


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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 10, 2012

9:00 AM

City Hall, Commission Chambers

City Commission

*Mayor Jim Cason
Vice Mayor William H. Kerdyk, Jr.
Commissioner Maria Anderson
Commissioner Rafael "Ralph" Cabrera, Jr.
Commissioner Frank C. Quesada*

*Patrick G. Salerno, City Manager
Craig E. Leen, City Attorney
Walter J. Foeman, City Clerk*

ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Mayor Cason, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Cabrera Jr., Vice Mayor Kerdyk Jr. and Commissioner Quesada

INVOCATION

[Note for the Record (Invocation): (Mayor Cason prefaced his remarks by stating that the City Commission was happy to have in attendance the Reverend Dr. Arnold Perry, who has been serving the Miami area for over 20 years, further adding that he has served as pastor of Miami Lutheran Parish of Dade County for over 20 year; further pointing out that Reverend Dr. Perry also serves as Chaplain for the City of Coral Gables and West Miami Police Departments].

Before the invocation the Reverend Dr. Perry prefaced his comments by informing the viewing public that Roy Woodruff, Coral Gables resident had recently passed. Vice Mayor Kerdyk stated that Roy Woodruff was a very interesting gentleman who had served as an elected official in Hialeah for many years; further noting that he later moved to Coral Gables where he resided for an estimated 30 years. Commissioner Anderson added that he was also a golfer.

The Reverend Dr. Perry further informed the viewing public that his daughter Lydia and her husband visited him and his wife during the Christmas holidays, and that part of the visit was to celebrate their wedding anniversary (i.e. December 28, 2012); further stating that he and his wife took them out to dinner (i.e. P.F. Chang's: China Bistro Restaurant), and while they were seated his daughter's husband received a text from the state of Montana which stated that the judge had signed the determination letter in connection with their foster daughter, and that the filing by them of the appropriate paperwork in connection therewith would be forthcoming.

Reverend Dr. Perry stated that for his family this was a beautiful Christmas and anniversary gift for his daughter's marriage, adding that in some manner, the world works in strange ways; further reiterating that this was a beautiful, nice thing to happen while his family celebrated his daughter's wedding anniversary].

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Frank Quesada led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

None

City Clerk Item No. 1

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- B.-1. 12-1475 Regular City Commission Meeting of December 13, 2011.

Attachments: [Meeting Minutes](#)
[Verbatim Transcript - Agenda Item H-1 - Reso amending Fiscal Year 2011-2012 A](#)
[Verbatim Transcript - Agenda Item I-1 - Biltmore Discussion](#)

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Kerdyk, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Anderson, that this motion be approved. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yeas : 5 - Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Cabrera, Jr., Vice Mayor Kerdyk, Jr., Commissioner Quesada and Mayor Cason

City Clerk Item No. 3

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 Anderson, to Adopt the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yeas : 5 - Commissioner Cabrera, Jr., Vice Mayor Kerdyk, Jr., Commissioner Quesada, Commissioner Anderson and Mayor Cason

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-01

C.-1. 11-1195

Resolution approving an Addendum to the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Coral Gables and Fairchild Tropical Botanical Gardens for Fairchild Tropical Botanical Gardens to join the City's fiber Institutional Network operations.

Attachments: [Ordinance 3278](#)
[Ordinance 2004-50](#)
[Comcast Executed LOU Coral Gables INET](#)
[Resolution 2009-345](#)
[Fairchild INET MOU Executed](#)
[Resolution 2010-258](#)
[Fairchild INET MOU Addendum 1 Executed](#)
[Fairchild INET MOU Addendum 2](#)
[C-1 Signed Cover Memo](#)
[Fairchild MOU Resoulution](#)

RESOLUTION APPROVING AN ADDENDUM TO THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BETWEEN THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES AND FAIRCHILD TROPICAL BOTANICAL GARDENS FOR FAIRCHILD TROPICAL BOTANICAL GARDENS TO JOIN THE CITY'S FIBER INSTITUTIONAL NETWORK OPERATIONS.

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2012-01 on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 4

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-02

- C.-2. 11-1252 Resolution approving a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Coral Gables and St. Theresa School to join the City's fiber Institutional Network operations.

Attachments: [Ordinance 2004-50.pdf](#)
[Ordinance 3278.pdf](#)
[Comcast Executed LOU Coral Gables INET.PDF](#)
[St Theresa INet MOU.pdf](#)
[C-2 Signed Cover Memo](#)
[St. Theresa MOU Resolution](#)

RESOLUTION APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES AND SAINT THERESA CATHOLIC SCHOOL FOR SAINT THERESA CATHOLIC SCHOOL TO JOIN THE CITY'S FIBER INSTITUTIONAL NETWORK OPERATIONS.

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2012-02 on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 5

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-03

- C.-3. 11-1196 Resolution approving a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Coral Gables and St. Thomas Episcopal Parish School for Saint Thomas Episcopal Parish School to join the City's fiber Institutional Network operations.

Attachments: [StThomas INet MOU](#)
[Ordinance 3278](#)
[Ordinance 2004-50](#)
[Comcast Executed LOU Coral Gables INET](#)
[C-3 Signed Cover Memo](#)

RESOLUTION APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES AND SAINT THOMAS EPISCOPAL PARISH SCHOOL FOR SAINT THOMAS EPISCOPAL PARISH SCHOOL TO JOIN THE CITY'S FIBER INSTITUTIONAL NETWORK OPERATIONS.

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2012-03 on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 6

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-04

- C.-4. 11-1268** Resolution to amend the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Annual Budget to recognize as revenue a \$6,677 Drug Control and System Improvement Grant Award and to appropriate such amount to purchase a digital video recording system for the Police Department.

Attachments: [NARRATIVE RE \\$6,677. FOR DIGITAL VIDEO RESOLUTION - \\$6,677.00](#)
[C-4 Signed Cover Memo](#)

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE FISCAL YEAR 2011-2012 ANNUAL BUDGET TO RECOGNIZE AS REVENUE A \$6,677.00 DRUG CONTROL AND SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT GRANT AWARD AND TO APPROPRIATE SUCH AMOUNT TO PURCHASE A DIGITAL VIDEO RECORDING SYSTEM FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2012-04 on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 7

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-05

- C.-5. 11-1263** Resolution accepting the recommendation of the Chief Procurement Officer to approve continuing contracts for an initial two (2) year period with an option for one (1) additional two (2) year period with C3TS, Inc., ADA Engineering, Inc., and AECOM Technical Services, Inc. for general engineering consulting services pursuant to Florida Statute 287.055, known as the "Consultants Competitive Negotiation Act" and Request for Qualifications (RFQ) 2011.08.19b.

Attachments: [AECOM Contract.pdf](#)
[General Engineering Contracts - Draft Reso \(rev. CA\)](#)
[ADA](#)
[C3TS](#)
[C-5 Signed Cover Memo](#)

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER TO APPROVE CONTINUING CONTRACTS FOR AN INITIAL TWO (2) YEAR PERIOD WITH AN OPTION FOR ONE (1) ADDITIONAL TWO (2) YEAR PERIOD WITH C3TS, INC., ADA ENGINEERING, INC., AND AECOM TECHNICAL SERVICES, INC., FOR GENERAL ENGINEERING CONSULTING SERVICES PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTE 287.055, KNOWN AS THE "CONSULTANTS COMPETITIVE NEGOTIATION ACT" AND REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ) 2011.08.19B.

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2012-05 on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 8

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-06

- C.-6. 11-1272** Resolution approving Amendment No. 2 to Interlocal Agreements Between the City of Coral Gables and Miami-Dade County for the transfer of remaining funds from the Building Better Communities General Obligation Bond Land Acquisition for Parks Agreement (GOB Project Number 88-70653) and Sunrise Harbor Park Agreement (GOB Project Number 88-72236) to the Biltmore Tennis Center Project (GOB Project Number 88-72235).

Attachments: [Amendment No. 2 \(1of3\)](#)
[Amendment No. 2 \(2of3\)](#)
[Amendment No. 2 \(3of3\)](#)
[C-6 Signed Cover Memo](#)
[GOB Biltmore Tennis Resolution](#)

RESOLUTION APPROVING AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO INTERLOCAL AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES AND MIAMI-DADE COUNTY FOR THE TRANSFER OF REMAINING FUNDS FROM THE BUILDING BETTER COMMUNITIES GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND LAND ACQUISITION FOR PARKS AGREEMENT (GOB PROJECT NO. 88-70653) AND SUNRISE HARBOR PARK AGREEMENT (GOB PROJECT NO. 88-72236) TO THE BILTMORE TENNIS CENTER PROJECT (GOB PROJECT NO. 88-72235).

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2012-06 on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 9

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-07

- C.-7. 12-1477** Resolution appointing Katie Kreter (Nominated by Commissioner Cabrera) to serve as a member of the Senior Citizens Advisory Board for a two (2) year term beginning June 1, 2011 through May 31, 2013.

Attachments: [R-2012 - Draft - Katie Kreter - Senior Citizens Advisory Board](#)
[C-7 Signed Cover Memo](#)

RESOLUTION APPOINTING KATIE KRETER (NOMINATED BY COMMISSIONER CABRERA) TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE SENIOR CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD, FOR A TWO (2) YEAR TERM, BEGINNING JUNE 1, 2011 THROUGH MAY 31, 2013.

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2012-07 on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 10

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

C.-8. 11-1253 Board of Adjustment Meeting of December 5, 2011

Attachments: [BA Summary Meeting December 5, 2011](#)
[BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT RECAP 12-05-2011](#)
[Cover Memo - City Commission Meeting 01-10-12](#)
[Notice of Public December 5, 2011](#)

This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 11

C.-9. 11-1261 School and Community Relations Committee Meeting of November 1, 2011

Attachments: [COMMCOVER MEMO - SCRC - Nov November SCRC](#)

This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 12

C.-10. 11-1262 Parking Advisory Board Meeting of October 27, 2011

Attachments: [cover pab 10-27-11](#)
[pab minutes 10-27-11](#)

This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 13

C.-11. 11-1264 Parking Advisory Board Meeting of December 1, 2011

Attachments: [cover PAB 12-01-11](#)
[PAB Minutes 12-01-2011](#)

This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 14

C.-12. 11-1265 Landscape Beautification Advisory Board Meeting of December 1, 2011

Attachments: [Minutes BC 12-1-11_2_.pdf](#)
[BC Cover Sheet 12-1-11.pdf](#)
[LBAB Minutes 12-1-11 signed](#)

This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 15

C.-13. 11-1267 Library Advisory Board Meeting of December 14, 2011

Attachments: [Library Minutes 12-14-11 2 .pdf](#)
[LB Cover Sheet 12-14-11 2 .pdf](#)

This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 16

C.-14. 11-1269 Communications Committee Meeting of December 15, 2011

Attachments: [Microsoft Word - Agendaitemjanuary2012.pdf](#)
[Microsoft Word - minutes december 2011.pdf](#)

This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 17

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-08

**Non
Agenda** 12-1511

Resolution appointing Ana Maria Faulks (nominated by Vice Mayor Kerdyk) to serve as a member of the Landscape Beautification Advisory Board, for a two (2) year term, beginning June 1, 2011 through May 31, 2013.

RESOLUTION APPOINTING ANA MARIA FAULKS (NOMINATED BY VICE MAYOR KERDYK) TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE LANDSCAPE BEAUTIFICATION ADVISORY BOARD, FOR A TWO (2) YEAR TERM, BEGINNING JUNE 1, 2011 THROUGH MAY 31, 2013.

[Note for the Record (Non Agenda Item): Immediately following consideration, review and action taken on the Consent Agenda, Vice Mayor Kerdyk proffered the name of Annie Marie Faulks, as his nominee for appointment to the Landscape Beautification Advisory Committee; whereupon following a motion being made by Commissioner Quesada and seconded by Commissioner Anderson, Mayor Cason instructed the City Clerk to call the roll on said Non Agenda Item].

A motion was made by Commissioner Quesada, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, that this motion be adopted by Resolution Number 2012-08. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yeas : 5 - Vice Mayor Kerdyk, Jr., Commissioner Quesada, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Cabrera, Jr. and Mayor Cason

City Clerk Item No. 18

D. PERSONAL APPEARANCES

None

City Clerk Item No. 19

E. PUBLIC HEARINGS**ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING**

Items E.-1., E.-2. and E.-3. are related

ORDINANCE NO. 2012-09

E.-1. 11-1233

Change of Land Use. An Ordinance of the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida, requesting an amendment to the Future Land Use Map of the City of Coral Gables Comprehensive Plan pursuant to Small Scale amendment procedures (ss. 163.3187, Florida Statutes), from "Religious/Institutional" to "Community Services and Facilities" for a 2.6 acre parcel of land commonly known as the "University Baptist Church", legally described as all of Block 116, Coral Gables Country Club Section Part 6 (624 Anastasia Avenue), Coral Gables, Florida; providing for severability, repealer, codification and an effective date. (Passed on First Reading December 13, 2011) (Deferred from the January 10, 2012 Meeting)

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[12 13 11 Exhibit F - Reynolds, Smith and Hills, Inc Somerset Traffic Review Repo](#)
[12 13 11 Exhibit G - 11 14 2011 Police Dept Memo](#)
[12 13 11 Exhibit H - Legal notices published](#)
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[12 13 11 Exhibit A - 11 30 2011 PZB Somerset Grace Charter School - Staff Repc](#)
[12 13 11 Exhibit K - 11 30 11 Planning and Zoning Board Verbatim Minutes](#)
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[12 13 11 Exhibit L - 12 13 2011 City Staff PowerPoint Presentation](#)
[E-8, E-9&E-10 Signed Cover Memo](#)
[01 10 12 CC Cover Memo - 2nd Reading Somerset Grace Charter School cover n](#)
[01 10 12 Exhibit A - Applicants Request to Continue Applications](#)
[E-1, E-2 & E-3 Signed Cover Memo](#)

MOTION TO CONTINUE CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA ITEM E-1 [SUBJECT MATTER: REQUEST AN AMENDMENT TO THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES COMPREHENSIVE PLAN PURSUANT TO SMALL SCALE AMENDMENT PROCEDURES (SS. 163.3187, FLORIDA STATUTES), FROM "RELIGIOUS/INSTITUTIONAL" TO "COMMUNITY SERVICES AND FACILITIES" FOR A 2.6 ACRE PARCEL OF LAND COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE "UNIVERSITY BAPTIST CHURCH", LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS ALL OF BLOCK 116, CORAL GABLES COUNTRY CLUB SECTION PART 6 (624 ANASTASIA AVENUE), CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA], UNTIL THE CITY COMMISSION MEETING PRESENTLY SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2012, BEGINNING 9 A.M.

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript on Agenda Items E-1, E-2 and E-3 are available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk and in Legistar].

This Ordinance was deferred by Resolution Number 2012-09

Yeas : 5 - Commissioner Quesada, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Cabrera, Jr., Vice Mayor Kerdyk, Jr. and Mayor Cason

City Clerk Item No. 20

ORDINANCE NO. 2012-10**E.-2. 11-1234**

Conditional Use. An Ordinance of the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida, requesting conditional use review pursuant to Zoning Code Article 3, Development Review, Division 4, Conditional Uses, to permit the issuance of a City of Coral Gables Certificate of Use (hereinafter referenced as a "Certificate of Use") for a student increase of the existing Somerset Grace Academy Charter School of Coral Gables from one-hundred-and-ten (110) students up to a maximum of two-hundred-and-sixty (260). The issuance of an annual Certificate of Use shall be subject to compliance with all of the conditions contained and referenced herein on property designated "Special Use (S)" Zoning District, legally described as all of Block 116, Coral Gables Country Club Section Part 6 (624 Anastasia Avenue), Coral Gables, Florida; providing for severability, repealer, codification, and an effective date. (Passed on First Reading December 13, 2011) (Deferred from the January 10, 2012 Meeting)

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MOTION TO CONTINUE CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA ITGEM E-2 [SUBJECT MATTER: REQUEST CONDITIONAL USE REVIEW PURSUANT TO ZONING CODE ARTICLE 3, DEVELOPMENT REVIEW, DIVISION 4, CONDITIONAL USES, TO PERMIT THE ISSUANCE OF A CITY OF CORAL GABLES CERTIFICATE OF USE (HEREINAFTER REFERENCED AS A "CERTIFICATE OF USE") FOR A STUDENT INCREASE OF THE EXISTING SOMERSET GRACE ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL OF CORAL GABLES FROM ONE-HUNDRED-AND-TEN (110) STUDENTS UP TO A MAXIMUM OF TWO-HUNDRED-AND-SIXTY (260). THE ISSUANCE OF AN ANNUAL CERTIFICATE OF USE SHALL BE SUBJECT TO COMPLIANCE WITH ALL OF THE CONDITIONS CONTAINED AND REFERENCED HEREIN ON PROPERTY DESIGNATED "SPECIAL USE (S)" ZONING DISTRICT, LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS ALL OF BLOCK 116, CORAL GABLES COUNTRY CLUB SECTION PART 6 (624 ANASTASIA AVENUE), CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA], UNTIL THE CITY COMMISSION MEETING PRESENTLY SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2012, BEGINNING 9 A.M.]

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Vice Mayor Kerdyk, Jr., that this motion be continued by Resolution Number 2012-10. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yeas : 5 - Commissioner Quesada, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Cabrera, Jr., Vice Mayor Kerdyk, Jr. and Mayor Cason

City Clerk Item No. 21

ORDINANCE NO. 2012-11

E.-3. 11-1235

Site Plan Review. An Ordinance of the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida, requesting site plan review to permit miscellaneous site improvements and to permit the issuance of a City of Coral Gables Certificate of Use (hereinafter referenced as a "Certificate of Use") for a student increase of the existing Somerset Grace Academy Charter School of Coral Gables from one-hundred-and-ten (110) students up to a maximum of two-hundred-and-sixty (260) students. The issuance of an annual Certificate of Use shall be subject to compliance with all of the conditions contained and referenced herein on property designated "Special Use (S)" Zoning District, legally described as all of Block 116, Coral Gables Country Club Section Part 6 (624 Anastasia Avenue), Coral Gables, Florida; providing for severability, repealer, codification, and an effective date. (Passed on First Reading December 13, 2011) (Deferred from the January 10, 2012 Meeting)

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MOTION TO CONTINUE CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA ITEM E-3 [SUBJECT MATTER: FLORIDA, REQUESTING SITE PLAN REVIEW TO PERMIT MISCELLANEOUS SITE IMPROVEMENTS AND TO PERMIT THE ISSUANCE OF A CITY OF CORAL GABLES CERTIFICATE OF USE (HEREINAFTER REFERENCED AS A "CERTIFICATE OF USE") FOR A STUDENT INCREASE OF THE EXISTING SOMERSET GRACE ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL OF CORAL GABLES FROM ONE-HUNDRED-AND-TEN (110) STUDENTS UP TO A MAXIMUM OF TWO-HUNDRED-AND-SIXTY (260) STUDENTS. THE ISSUANCE OF AN ANNUAL CERTIFICATE OF USE SHALL BE SUBJECT TO COMPLIANCE WITH ALL OF THE CONDITIONS CONTAINED AND REFERENCED HEREIN ON PROPERTY DESIGNATED "SPECIAL USE (S)" ZONING DISTRICT, LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS ALL OF BLOCK 116, CORAL

GABLES COUNTRY CLUB SECTION PART 6 (624 ANASTASIA AVENUE), CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA], UNTIL THE CITY COMMISSION MEETING PRESENTLY SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2012, BEGINNING 9 A.M.]

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Vice Mayor Kerdyk, Jr., that this motion be continued by Resolution Number 2012-11. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yeas : 5 - Commissioner Quesada, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Cabrera, Jr., Vice Mayor Kerdyk, Jr. and Mayor Cason

City Clerk Item No. 22

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-12

E.-4. 11-1271

Resolution electing to use the Uniform Method of Collecting Non-Ad Valorem Special Assessments levied within the incorporated area of the City; stating a need for such levy; providing for the mailing of this resolution; and providing for an effective date.

Attachments: [Resolution Electing to Use the Uniform Method of Collecting Special Assessments E-4 Signed Cover Memo](#)

RESOLUTION ELECTING TO USE THE UNIFORM METHOD OF COLLECTING NON-AD VALOREM SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS LEVIED WITHIN THE INCORPORATED AREA OF THE CITY; STATING A NEED FOR SUCH LEVY; PROVIDING FOR THE MAILING OF THIS RESOLUTION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Vice Mayor Kerdyk, Jr., that this motion be adopted by Resolution Number 2012-12. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yeas : 4 - Commissioner Anderson, Vice Mayor Kerdyk, Jr., Commissioner Quesada and Mayor Cason

Nays : 1 - Commissioner Cabrera, Jr.

City Clerk Item No. 23

F. CITY COMMISSION ITEMS

None

City Clerk Item No. 24

G. BOARDS/COMMITTEES ITEMS

- G.-1. 12-1476 Resolution confirming the reappointment of Richard Heisenbottle (appointed by the Board As-A-Whole) to serve as a member of the Historic Preservation Board for a two (2) year term beginning June 1, 2011 through May 31, 2013.

Attachments: [R-2011 - Draft - Richard Heisenbottle R-2009-183](#)
[September 25, 2011 Meeting Minutes](#)
[G-1 Signed Cover Memo](#)

[Note for the Record: Mayor Cason stated that Agenda Item G-1 was deferred].

This Resolution was Deferred

City Clerk Item No. 25

H. CITY MANAGER ITEMS

None

City Clerk Item No. 26

I. CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS

None

City Clerk Item No. 27

J. CITY CLERK ITEMS

None

City Clerk Item No. 28

K. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Mayor Cason: Alright, let's move onto Commission Discussion Items.

Commissioner Anderson: I'm good thank you.

Mayor Cason: Ralph?

Commissioner Cabrera: I have a couple of items I'd like to discuss. I'd like staff to come back to us in the coming months with an update on the space planning for 427 Biltmore Way. As many of you know the City purchased that building a few years back and one of the conditions of the building was that there were current tenants in the building primarily doctors and/or dentists and they would eventually move out and we would then move on to occupy those spaces, and since the purchase of the building I really haven't heard a whole lot other than I know Code Enforcement is there, Planning is there, but I'd love to see what the space plans are for 427 Biltmore Way, and I'd like to formally request an update on that. Secondly, I attended the Crime Watch Board meeting last Friday, and as I arrived the Crime Watch Board was just finishing discussing on some website issues that are going on, and I'd like to request from staff that they work with the Crime Watch Board because apparently they are having some problems in gaining access to our website to be able to post items of importance that obviously affect the Board and affect the Crime Watch Program. And last, but certainly not least, I think some of us may have received an e-mail from Mr. Mark Andres Smith, and for those of you that are not familiar with him, he really was the catalyst behind Freedom Plaza; and he takes great pride in Freedom Plaza, which is in the northeast quadrant of our City, it's a triangular park that commemorates the independence of Cuba; and from what I read in his message, I didn't go out to visit the site, but from what I read in the message there seems to be some damages to the statue, to the bust of Jose Marti, and some damages to the steps leading to the bust; and it's hard to say whether its kids out there skating or us cutting the yard or landscaping, but I'd sure wouldn't like to see that park go without getting the attention it deserves. So, I'd very much hope that staff will, I believe the message was sent originally to Mr. Keys and I was copied and you may have been copied as well, yes - so if you haven't seen it, it's a beautiful little park, it's right in front of the Coral Gables Women's Club, and I'd sure like to see if staff could pay some attention to this very, very pretty and appropriate park there in the northeast quadrant. Those are my three items for the day.

Mayor Cason: And I think congratulations to Mark for taking initiative as a sculptor to do some repairs on his own.

Commissioner Cabrera: It's his passion, his civic duty goes way beyond anyone's expectations could possibly be. He's literally gone there to repair it. I mean, he's tried

to repair it, he's tried to repair it. He's found the broken end pieces of marble at the corners that were cut, damaged, he's tried to fix the patina on the bronze statue, and so he really is - he takes this to heart and I'd sure like to see us try to help him make sure that this stays the pristine beautiful park that it was when it was first started, inaugurated. Thank you.

Mayor Cason: Great. Bill?

Vice Mayor Kerdyk: Just a real quick comment. Commissioner Cabrera was talking about parks. I just wanted to update you to tell you that if we are going to buy land, and I know that's part of the Neighborhood Renaissance Program and also I'm always looking for parks in the residential areas, this is a good time to buy it because I'm starting to see a stabilization in prices and this is a good time. We are at the bottom and we'll see where it goes from here, anyway just a comment. As I see a firming up of prices for our residential properties and I'm actually seeing some activity on the commercial side of the equation too, so. Things are starting to look a little bit brighter than they have been over the last couple of years. It's always bright in Coral Gables, but it's getting a little bit brighter, right Mr. Chamber of Commerce man?

Mr. Trowbridge: That's right.

Mayor Cason: Well we still have ribbons to cut, so people are still coming in opening businesses.

Vice Mayor Kerdyk: Let me tell you, Coral Gables is a cache, the name and we are going to be having that for a long time, it's a privilege to serve up here as I'm sure each one of you agree with.

Commissioner Quesada: I want to go back to the last conversation we were having, the last Agenda Item. I pulled up a map here of the downtown Coral Gables, 200 block of Andalusia, and Miracle Mile; and I don't know how you guys feel about this, but I really want to direct staff and have a discussion with staff about strategy, how we are going to be moving forward with it as far as the construction?- that's something that really concerns me. I don't want people to be turned off when they are driving through downtown Coral Gables. So it's just something that I really want to talk about the strategy in future meetings and how we are going to proceed, and I think we are all in agreement in the conversation, but it's something that, you know, let's keep it at the forefront, let's keep discussing it, let's get the B.I.D., the Chamber involved, and let's see what we can really do to make this work for everyone.

Vice Mayor Kerdyk: You know, you might want to do this before we issue the RFP; once you issue the RFP's you've never been lobbied until you've got these RFPs out there and people thinking that they are going to develop this. So you better have a good concept of how you want to develop this and how you want to strategize, so

your comments are very good and we should look at that earlier - sooner rather than later.

Commissioner Anderson: That could be part of the workshops.

Commissioner Quesada: OK.

Mayor Cason: I've got two items. I'd just like - I didn't get an update...but I'd like to see one on the status of the "Old Shoes Restoration." I know that we've been working on it, but we are talking...

Commissioner Anderson: The Cartagena Plaza.

Mayor Cason:...yes, I know the Columbian community was very interested and I know we are working on it, but maybe for the next session where we stand on that. And then...mentioned that yesterday I helped inaugurate the opening of the Coral Gables Branch Motor Vehicles Division, which is going to be operating on the first - second Monday of every month at the library. They will do drivers license renewals and it's very quick compared to the option, which is going out to Hialeah and secondly they will also issue license tags renovations, the stickers, and after five years when your tag expires they can issue a new one. So it's a great service, we started this, I think six or seven months ago, a number of people said that since it had pulled out it was really tough especially for older people that have to go a long way to get their license. So this is mobile, it's in the library in a place where we normally have the voting, they can accommodate 50 or 60 people I think, minimum right now, they may go to an appointment system, but this is a great new service to Coral Gables residents, and I think we need to get the word out there so it's used and they can possibly go to twice a month if it turns out well.

Commissioner Anderson: Mayor can I add something on a good note? A friend of mine went and got a Passport for her niece at our Passport office and was so thrilled and impressed at not only the service that we have, but the courtesy and the great customer service skills that our Clerk's office have, and I spoke with Walter already about it, but I just wanted to make that known and also drum up some business, extra business.

Vice Mayor Kerdyk: On another positive note since we have the Chamber and the B.I.D. here. Your billing director sent out a very good memo about two or three weeks ago saying how we are expediting building permits here, and how they are monitoring the situation. I know she made a presentation here about three or four months ago, but if you can get that out into the community how things are moving in the positive direction and maybe put it in our ENEWS or have a story written the Neighbors section, because I still hear people say, Oh it's tough to do business in the City of Coral Gables, and I think that perception is going away, and we just need to be more on top of it, and I tell them this is a whole different game now, but I think it's

more of everything is PR, PR, PR, PR, and want to thank your staff for putting such a good memo, but I don't want it just to lay here, I want everybody to hear about it and if she wants to come up and make another presentation, God bless her.

Mayor Cason: Mark, I think when we are cutting ribbons one of first things they always ask, how was the permitting process? The one we did a couple of days ago, they said it was in a month, it was great, they couldn't be happier, so I agree we need to get the word out that things have changed. We have an expedited processing and let us know if something doesn't work, so we can work on fixing it. Alright if there is nothing else the meeting is adjourned.

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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 10:01 am on January 10, 2012. The next regular meeting of the City Commission has been scheduled for January 24, 2012, beginning 9 a.m.]

JIM CASON
MAYOR

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CITY CLERK