

City of Coral Gables

*City of Coral Gables
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Agenda

Tuesday, September 23, 2008

9:00 AM

City Hall, Commission Chambers

City Commission

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

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

INVOCATION

Reverend Jorge R. Cotto, Central Christian Church of Dade County

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**A. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS**

A.-1. [08-0610](#) Presentation of a Proclamation declaring September 23, 2008 as Dr. Jim C. Hirschman Day in Coral Gables

A.-2. [08-0608](#) Presentation of a Proclamation declaring October 5 - 11, 2008 as Fire Prevention Week in Coral Gables

Items A.-3. and C.-1. are related

A.-3. [08-0603](#) Presentation of a Proclamation declaring the week of October 23 - 31, 2008 as Red Ribbon Week in Coral Gables

A.-4. [08-0606](#) Welcome and introduction of Jo Ann D. Gans, Principal of Coral Gables Senior High School; Anna L. Rodriguez, Principal of Ponce de Leon Middle School; Graciela P. Cerra, Principal of Coral Gables Elementary School; Barbara Soto, Principal of West Lab Elementary School; Cheryl E. Johnson, Principal of George Washington Carver Elementary School; Deborah Wehking, Principal of Merrick Educational Center; Libia A. Gonzalez, Principal, George Washington Carver Middle School; Alexis Cazanas, Principal, Coral Gables Adult Education Center; Carlos Cambo, Principal, Academy for Community Education; Milagros Fornell, Regional Superintendent; Dannysu F. Pritchett, South Central Regional Center Administrative Director; Iraida Mendez-Cartaya, Administrative Director, Intergovernmental Affairs and Grants Administration; and Liza Martinez, Director, Intergovernmental Affairs and Grants Administration

A.-5. [08-0640](#) Presentation of a \$5,000 donation by Vahe Gabriel, of Waste Services of Florida, Inc., for the purchase and installation of bicycle racks in downtown Coral Gables

A.-6. [08-0613](#) Presentation of a Certificate of Recognition to Miss Katherine Herald for participating in the Florida Girls State Senate Program

A.-7. [08-0609](#) Presentation of 20 year service pin to Lt. Bart Barta, Police Department

A.-8. [08-0611](#) Congratulations to Gretel Salas-Perez, Information Technology Department, recipient of the City of Coral Gables Employee of the Month Award, for the month of October 2008

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

B.-1. [08-0625](#) Regular City Commission Meeting of September 9, 2008

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.

Items C.-1. and A.-3. are related

C.-1. [08-0628](#) A Resolution authorizing temporary placement of five (5) 3' X 3 ½' banners at certain City facilities from October 23 through October 31, 2008, in recognition of "Red Ribbon Campaign Week in the City of Coral Gables".

C.-2. [08-0607](#) A Resolution appointing Humberto Miret, Assistant Principal of Coral Gables Senior High School, to serve as a member of the School and Community Relations Committee for the balance of a two (2) year term, which began on June 1, 2007 through May 31, 2009.

C.-3. [08-0614](#) A Resolution appointing Jeffrey Flanagan (nominated by Commissioner Anderson) to serve as a member of the Planning and Zoning Board, for the balance of a two (2) year term, which began on June 1, 2007 through May 31, 2009.

C.-4. [08-0641](#) A Resolution appointing Eugene P. Wolman (nominated by Commissioner Cabrera) to serve as a member of the Emergency Management Division, for the unexpired balance of a two (2) year term, which began on June 1, 2007 through May 31, 2009.

C.-5. [08-0620](#) A Resolution granting a one-day permit to O/E Arts and Culture Foundation to sell alcoholic beverages from 2:00 p.m. until midnight on Saturday, February 7, 2009, at Fred B. Hartnett/Ponce Circle Park as part of the Coronation of the Queen-Carnaval En Miami.

C.-6. [08-0621](#) A Resolution granting a one-day permit to the American Lung Association to sell alcoholic beverages from 5:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 26, 2009, on the 100 block of Giralda Avenue as part of the 6th Annual Coral Gables Wine and Food Festival.

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

- C.-7. [08-0604](#) Landscape Beautification Advisory Board Meeting of September 4, 2008
- C.-8. [08-0618](#) Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting of August 22, 2008
- C.-9. [08-0619](#) Senior Citizens Advisory Board Meeting of August 4, 2008
- C.-10. [08-0627](#) Parking Advisory Board Meeting of July 24, 2008
- C.-11. [08-0629](#) Parking Advisory Board Meeting of August 28, 2008

D. PERSONAL APPEARANCES

None

E. PUBLIC HEARINGS

All Individuals desiring to give testimony shall be sworn in.

E.-1. [08-0615](#) BOARD OF ARCHITECTS APPEAL

Ms. Layla M. Fadel, applicant, has filed an appeal to the Coral Gables City Commission, from a decision of the Board of Architects at its regular meeting of September 4, 2008, wherein the Board denied Application AB 08-08-0351 in connection with the installation of a canvas awning over the principal entrance of the residence located at 544 Giralda Avenue, Coral Gables, Florida.

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING

E.-2. [08-0593](#) An Ordinance of the City Commission of Coral Gables amending the City Code, Chapter 34, entitled "Nuisances", Division 2 entitled "Vehicles", Section 34-77 by adding a definition for junk motor vehicles and dilapidated motor vehicles and Section 34-78 by adding dilapidated motor vehicles to the Prohibitions Section; providing for severability, repealer, codification, and an effective date. (Passed on First Reading September 9, 2008)

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

E.-3. [08-0630](#) An Ordinance of the City Commission of Coral Gables amending the text of Chapter 74 of the City Code, entitled, "Traffic and Vehicles", by amending Section 74-356 entitled "Six-Month Notice; Introductory Period", to change the courtesy notice provision from six months to ninety-days; providing a repealer provision; a savings clause; a severability clause, and providing for an effective date.

RESOLUTIONS

Time Certain: 10:00 a.m.

E.-4. [08-0636](#) A Resolution Confirming the Ordering of the Cocoplum Guardhouse Local Improvement District, designated as "CGH-01", subject to the provisions of City Code, Article II, entitled "Local Improvement Act" setting forth location, proposed improvements, estimated cost and designating properties deemed to be benefiting from the Guardhouse, that will be levied a special assessment for the improvements, located on Cocoplum Road, at the entrance of the Cocoplum Subdivision, Coral Gables, Florida.

F. CITY COMMISSION ITEMS

F.-1. [08-0637](#) Discussion concerning triangle of visibility - height of hedges
Mayor Donald D. Slesnick, II

Items F.-2. and H.-4. are related

F.-2. [08-0635](#) Discussion concerning senior services and senior programming
Commissioner Maria Anderson

G. BOARDS/COMMITTEES ITEMS

None

H. CITY MANAGER ITEMS

H.-1. [08-0605](#) A Resolution of the City Commission of Coral Gables amending Resolution 2007-245 which established fees for various licenses, permits, services, and penalties by the City of Coral Gables, providing for severability, repealer, codification and an effective date.

H.-2. [08-0642](#) A Resolution accepting the recommendation of the City Manager to provide Capital Improvement Funds in the amount of five hundred forty-seven thousand (\$547,000.00) for building improvements to the Coral Gables Museum and the Country Club of Coral Gables.

H.-3. [08-0616](#) Interim Update on Area Patrol

Items H.-4 and F.-2. are related

H.-4. [08-0623](#) Presentation on the Senior Services Recreational Programs

H.-5. [08-0624](#) Presentation on the Coral Way & Segovia Roundabout and Segovia Median Construction Projects

H.-6. [08-0601](#) A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to compensate exempt employees at time and one half the regular rate of pay for duty in excess of forty hours per week under local, state, or federal declared or non-declared emergencies. (Deferred from the September 9, 2008 Meeting)

I. CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS

I.-1. 08-0638 Pending Litigation Report

J. CITY CLERK ITEMS

None

K. DISCUSSION ITEMS

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

ADJOURNMENT**NOTE**

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

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

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

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

**David L. Brown
City Manager**