

City of Coral Gables

*405 Biltmore Way
Coral Gables, FL 33134
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Agenda

Tuesday, January 13, 2015

9:00 AM

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*

INVOCATION

Reverend Cathy Felber, First United Methodist Church of South Miami

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

- A.-1. [15-3600](#) Presentation of a Proclamation declaring January 5th - 9th, 2015 as "First Responder Appreciation Week" in Coral Gables.
- A.-2. [15-3617](#) Presentation of 25 year service pin to David R. Johnson, Fire Department.
- A.-3. [15-3616](#) Presentation of 20 year service pin to Jorge I. Romero, Public Works Department/ Public Service Division.
- A.-4. [15-3601](#) Congratulations to Krizia Giambanco, Police Department, recipient of the "Employee of the Month Award," for the month of January 2015.
- A.-5. [15-3603](#) Congratulations to Sergeant Vicky Merino, recipient of the City of Coral Gables "Officer of the Month Award," for the month of November 2014.
- A.-6. [15-3604](#) Congratulations to Firefighter James Gossett, recipient of the City of Coral Gables "Firefighter of the Month Award," for the month of January 2015.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- B.-1. [15-3624](#) Regular City Commission Meeting of September 23, 2014.
- B.-2. [15-3625](#) Regular City Commission Meeting of October 28, 2014.

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.

- C.-1. [15-3605](#) A Resolution authorizing the Coral Gables Community Foundation to use Lot 7 during the annual "Tour of Kitchens Fundraiser" on Saturday, February 7, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and waiving the parking fees for use of the lot.
- C.-2. [15-3602](#) A Resolution authorizing the City to be a sponsor of the "37th Annual Conference of the Florida Trust for Historic Preservation," at the silver level.
- C.-3. [15-3606](#) A Resolution authorizing the execution of an agreement for sewer connection for property located outside the City's sewer district at 1231 Dickinson Drive, Coral Gables, Florida, to the City of Coral Gables wastewater collection / transmission system, subject to the requirements of the Public Works Department as provided under Chapters 62 and 78 of the City Code, Ordinance No. 2007-29 and 2009-39 and Resolution No. 2008-07; and provided that the executed agreement be made part of this Resolution.
- C.-4. [15-3610](#) A Resolution of the Coral Gables City Commission authorizing donation of a designated surplus item namely, a 1995 Ford F-800 water truck to the Fire Department of La Antigua, Guatemala, on behalf of the City of Coral Gables Sister Cities Program.

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

- a. [15-3607](#) Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting of November 25, 2014
- b. [15-3608](#) Disability Affairs Advisory Board Meeting of December 3, 2014
- c. [15-3609](#) Historic Preservation Board Meeting of November 20, 2014
- d. [15-3615](#) Retirement Board Meeting of November 13, 2014

D. PERSONAL APPEARANCES

- D.-1. [15-3618](#) Fausto Gomez, Gomez Barker Associates, Inc., regarding Legislative Priorities.
- D.-2. [15-3623](#) Presentation of the "Coral Gables App," by the IT Department development team.
- D.-3. [15-3619](#) Jack Thompson, regarding the profession of police officer.

E. PUBLIC HEARINGS

All Individuals desiring to give testimony shall be sworn in.

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.

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING

- E.-1. [14-3437](#) An Ordinance of the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida, amending the Code of the City of Coral Gables, Florida, by creating Sections 34-175 through 34-186 of the City Code, "Forfeiture of Abandoned Real Property" of Chapter 34 "Nuisances," to create a process by which the city can take and perfect right, title and interest in and to such properties which are or remain in violation of the City Code or Zoning Code; and providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, codification, and providing for an effective date. (Passed on First Reading October 28, 2014)
- E.-2. [14-3510](#) An Ordinance of the City Commission of the City of Coral Gables, Florida, creating in accordance with the City Code, Article III, Division 1, Section 2-64, the Hopkins/Cooper Scholarship Committee and setting forth guidelines by which such Committee shall be governed and providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, codification and providing for an effective date. (Passed on First Reading November 18, 2014)

F. CITY COMMISSION ITEMS

None

G. BOARDS/COMMITTEES ITEMS

- G.-1. [15-3611](#) Presentation of excerpts from the Historic Preservation Board meeting of December 11, 2014, requesting the following action:

That the City Commission adopt a Resolution authorizing Ad Valorem tax relief for the property located at 2622 Country Club Prado, a local historic landmark, legally described as Lots 11 thru 13, Block 14, Coral Gables Section "D", as recorded in Plat Book 25, at Page 74, of the Public Records of Miami-Dade County, Florida. The cost of improvements is estimated at \$400,000.00, which would correspond approximately to \$2,235.60 per year and \$22,356.00 over ten years. (Historic Preservation Board Vote:7-0)

H. CITY MANAGER ITEMS

- H.-1. [15-3612](#) Discussion on North Ponce Study and related planning issues.

I. CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS

None

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

L. EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

- L.-1. [15-3620](#) 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, Special Counsel Neal McAliley, and Special Counsel Jim Linn. 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. [15-3621](#) 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

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 Glenn Kephart, Public Works Director, at 305-460-5001, with requests for auxiliary aids or services at least one business day before the meeting.

**Walter J. Foeman
City Clerk**