

**City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting  
Agenda Items J-1 thru J-5  
November 15, 2016  
City Commission Chambers  
405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, FL**

**City Commission**

**Mayor Jim Cason  
Commissioner Pat Keon  
Commissioner Vince Lago  
Vice Mayor Frank Quesada  
Commissioner Jeannett Slesnick**

**City Staff**

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

**Public Speaker(s)**

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Agenda Items J-1 thru J-5 [3:34:58 p.m.]

**J-1:** A Resolution with attachments, officially accepting the City Clerk's Certification and Declaration of the Result of the City of Coral Gables Special Election, which was held on November 8, 2016, wherein voters \_\_\_\_\_ an amendment to the City Charter related to Run-Off Elections in City Commission and Mayoral Races.

**J-2:** A Resolution with attachments, officially accepting the City Clerk's Certification and Declaration of the Result of the City of Coral Gables Special Election, which was held on November 8, 2016, wherein voters \_\_\_\_\_ an amendment to the City Charter related to the Trial Board.

**J-3:** A Resolution with attachments, officially accepting the City Clerk's Certification and Declaration of the Result of the City of Coral Gables Special Election, which was held on November 8, 2016, wherein voters \_\_\_\_\_ an amendment to the City Charter related to Suspension of City Commissioners for incapacity.

**J-4:** A Resolution with attachments, officially accepting the City Clerk's Certification and Declaration of the Result of the City of Coral Gables Special

Election, which was held on November 8, 2016, wherein voters \_\_\_\_\_ an amendment to the City Charter related to appointment of Vice Mayor by Mayor.

**J-5:** A Resolution with attachments, officially accepting the City Clerk's Certification and Declaration of the Result of the City of Coral Gables Special Election, which was held on November 8, 2016, wherein voters \_\_\_\_\_ an amendment to the City Charter related to removal of City Commissioners consistent with Gubernatorial Procedures under State Law.

Mayor Cason: We are going to pick up now Items J-1 through J-5, which are the City Clerk's Resolutions.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: And Mr. Mayor you did publicly announce that I have withdrawn H-3.

Mayor Cason: H-3 was withdrawn.

City Clerk Foeman: Thank you Mr. Mayor, members of the Commission. What you have before you are the City Clerk's Certificate and Declaration of Results from the five Charter Amendment issues that were placed on the Special Election of November 8<sup>th</sup>, the results which are as follows. Regarding Charter Amendment Number 1, Coral Gables Trial Board Appeal Process, that item failed. Voters voted to retain the Trial Board resulting in 8,300 in favor of the item and 13,069 voters voting against the measure.

Mayor Cason: Should we vote on each one, let's vote on each one as we move forward. We have to do that, right?

City Attorney Leen: Yes, there should be a vote on each one.

Mayor Cason: Do we have a motion to accept the results of Agenda Item J-1?

Commissioner Slesnick: So moved.

Vice Mayor Quesada: Second.

Mayor Cason: Commissioner Slesnick made the motion, the Vice Mayor seconds – City Clerk.

Commissioner Slesnick: Yes

Commissioner Keon: Yes

Commissioner Lago: Yes

Vice Mayor Quesada: Yes

Mayor Cason: Yes  
(Vote: 5-0)

Mayor Cason: J-2.

City Clerk Foeman: J-2 which was “Suspend City Commissioner for incapacity,” said item passed with 17,292 voters voting for the measure or 79.99 percent, and 20.01 or 4,326 voters voting against the measure.

Mayor Cason: Have a motion for J-2.

Vice Mayor Quesada: So moved.

Commissioner Slesnick: Second.

Mayor Cason: Vice Mayor makes the motion, Commissioner Slesnick seconds – City Clerk.

Commissioner Keon: Yes  
Commissioner Lago: Yes  
Vice Mayor Quesada: Yes  
Commissioner Slesnick: Yes  
Mayor Cason: Yes  
(Vote: 5-0)

Mayor Cason: J-3.

City Clerk Foeman: J-3 which was Mayor appoints Vice Mayor, said item also passed; voters 8,704 voters voting for the measure or 60.90 percent voters voting for the measure that was 13,557, while 8,704 voters voted against the measure, 39.10 percent.

City Attorney Leen: Mr. Mayor there is a little bit of confusion there. What did you say Christina?

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: It’s the prior number, it is 61.09 percent voting in favor, and 38.91 percent, I believe voting against regarding the Mayor appointing the Vice Mayor.

City Clerk Foeman: Yes – 38.91 voted against and 61.09 voted for, 13,428.

City Attorney Leen: So which item is being voted on?

Mayor Cason: J-3.

City Clerk Foeman: J-3.

Mayor Cason: Motion on J-3.

Commissioner Lago: So moved.

Vice Mayor Quesada: Second.

Mayor Cason: Commissioner Lago makes the motion, Vice Mayor seconds – City Clerk.

Commissioner Lago: Yes

Vice Mayor Quesada: Yes

Commissioner Slesnick: Yes

Commissioner Keon: Yes

Mayor Cason: Yes

(Vote: 5-0)

Mayor Cason: J-4.

City Clerk Foeman: J-4 which was removal of City Commissioner...

City Attorney Leen: I'm sorry Mr. Clerk, we are having a little bit of confusion, because the numbering maybe different on yours than what we have.

Commissioner Slesnick: It is.

City Attorney Leen: So J-1 was the Run-Off Elections in City Commission and Mayoral Races. Do you have that as J-1?

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: No, he had that as the Trial Board. He's following the chart that he passed out from November 8<sup>th</sup>.

City Attorney Leen: I understand. OK. Just give me one second please. Just want to make sure we do it correct on the record.

Commissioner Slesnick: On the Ballot Trial Board was first.

City Attorney Leen: OK. So the Trial Board was the first one...

Vice Mayor Quesada: It would have been J-2.

City Attorney Leen: This is actually J-2, the Trial Board one and that was passed by the City Commission, is that correct Mr. Clerk>

Vice Mayor Quesada: Correct.

Mayor Cason: All of them were passed so far.

Vice Mayor Quesada: J-3 has also passed; J-4 has also passed.

City Attorney Leen: Yes.

Vice Mayor Quesada: That's all that's passed so far.

Mayor Cason: So let's do J-1. Have a motion on J-1.

Commissioner Lago: So moved.

Mayor Cason: Commissioner Lago makes the motion on J-1.

Vice Mayor Quesada: Second.

Mayor Cason: Vice Mayor seconds – City Clerk.

Vice Mayor Quesada: This is Run-Off Elections.

Vice Mayor Quesada: Yes

Commissioner Keon: Yes

Commissioner Slesnick: Yes

Commissioner Lago: Yes

Mayor Cason: Yes

(Vote: 5-0)

Mayor Cason: And J-5.

Vice Mayor Quesada: So moved.

Mayor Cason: Vice Mayor makes the motion, seconded by...?

Commissioner Lago: Second.

Mayor Cason: Commissioner Lago – City Clerk

Commissioner Slesnick: Yes

Commissioner Keon: Yes

Commissioner Lago: Yes

Vice Mayor Quesada: Yes

Mayor Cason: Yes

(Vote: 5-0)

City Attorney Leen: And if you will forgive me Mr. Mayor, if we could just do one more of J-1 through J-5, one vote just to make sure we didn't miss one.

Vice Mayor Quesada: So moved on J-1 through J-5.

Mayor Cason: Vice Mayor makes the motion on J-1 through J-5, seconded by Commissioner Slesnick – City Clerk.

Commissioner Keon: Yes

Commissioner Lago: Yes

Vice Mayor Quesada: Yes

Commissioner Slesnick: Yes

Mayor Cason: Yes

(Vote: 5-0)

City Attorney Leen: Mr. Mayor we are going to put those Charter Amendments into the Charter immediately, Christina, we are doing it effectively immediately?- OK, so will be circulating a revised Charter shortly.

Commissioner Slesnick: Mr. Mayor may I just make a comment about the election. According to our records and I'm a political junky as I'm sure all of you are, we had an 82 percent turnout in Coral Gables which is much, much higher than most of Dade County and the rest of the nation last Tuesday, but if you look at all, we have 31,738 registered voters on the polls, but if you take the people that have had a chance to vote in the last six elections and haven't, I would say they

are students because they used to live on Stanford Drive or whatever, or they have moved or they have passed away if you correlate it, that we really have probably less than 30,000 voters in Coral Gables. So basically 26,000 people voted in each of the ballots, so that's a very, very high percentage turnout for our Coral Gables voters and I'm really proud to say I'm thrilled that everybody did turnout.

Mayor Cason: Let's hope they do it the next one, which they never do.

Commissioner Slesnick: No they won't. And University of Miami had the highest voting precinct; by the way, they had 82 percent.

Mayor Cason: Wow – great.

[End: 3:41:36 p.m.]