

City of Coral Gables

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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 9, 2017

9:00 AM

**Pre-meeting in the Courtyard in celebration of
Economic Development Week 8am-9am.
City Hall, Commission Chambers**

City Commission

*Mayor Raul J. Valdes-Fauli
Vice Mayor Patricia Keon
Commissioner Vince Lago
Commissioner Michael Mena
Commissioner Frank C. Quesada*

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

ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Mayor Valdes-Fauli, Vice Mayor Keon, Vice Mayor Lago, Commissioner Mena and Commissioner Quesada

INVOCATION

Reverend Monsignor Tomas M. Marin from St. Augustine Catholic Church gave the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Michael Mena 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) Ordinance(s) adopted (Ordinance No. 2017-13 through Ordinance No. 2017-14) (b) Resolution(s) adopted (Resolution No. 2017-84 through Resolution No. 2017-93); (c) Video; (d) Audio Recording; (e) Minutes Folder with Agenda and background information, including items which were submitted at the meeting.

[Note for the Record: (Pre-meeting in the Courtyard in Celebration of "Economic Development Week", City Hall Courtyard)]

- Economic Development Director Javier Betancourt welcomed those attending the City of Coral Gables' "Economic Development Week" Ceremony and introduced his talented and dedicated team:
 - Leonard Roberts, Assistant Economic Development Director, and the City's Asset Manager, charged with managing the leases of three dozen City owned properties.
 - Belkys Perez, Marketing and Events Specialist, charged with promoting and activating the City through a variety of marketing initiatives, and events.
 - Francesca Valdes, Business Development Specialist, who recently joined us from Tiffany's Corporate HQ in NYC, and is charged with retaining and recruiting businesses to the City.
 - Mariana Price, Administrative Assistant, an instrumental part of everything the Department does.
- Economic Development Director Betancourt recognized and thanked the volunteer members of the Economic Development Board: June Morris, Olga

Ramudo, Scott Sime and Stuart McGregor; and thanked them for their service.

- Economic Development Director Betancourt stated that Economic Development is truly a holistic enterprise that touches, and is touched by everything and everyone: from providing exceptional municipal services, including Police, Fire and trash, to building the infrastructure that supports business activity, and shaping our buildings and open spaces in a way that attracts people and businesses to the City.
- Economic Development Director Betancourt introduced City Manager Cathy Swanson-Rivenbark stating that she knows a thing or two about its Economic Development, having previously served as Economic Development Director for the City over a 20 year timespan; citing some of her accomplishments with many of those accomplishments achieved in concert Mayor Raul Valdes-Fauli.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark Introduced Mayor Raul Valdes-Fauli.

**MAYOR RAUL VALDES-FAULI - OPENING REMARKS /
PROCLAMATION**

- In my first tenure as Mayor of this great City, I was engaged in economic development at the granular level.
- Together with my then colleagues on the dais, and the City Administration at the time -- including an amazingly creative Economic Development Director named Cathy Swanson (the Rivenbark came later) -- we planted the seeds of what has come to flourish today.
- I personally flew countless missions to lure multi-national headquarters and regional offices to the City, and today, the fruit of those labors are well known, with over 150 multinational companies calling Coral Gables home, and growing. In fact, we are honoring a handful of new ones here today.
- We took a derelict and contaminated piece of industrial land, then the City's maintenance yard, and turned it into a beautiful, upscale shopping and dining destination - the Village of Merrick Park, which, as intended, has since attracted a wealth of private investment and development on its periphery on its way of becoming a true "live, work, play" village.
- We embraced and encouraged "smart" development patterns that would complement the City's brand, through the development of the Mediterranean Design Bonus.

- And we accomplished many, many other wonderful things.
- But I'm here for Round-2 of public service to the City, because the work remains unfinished.
- As far as we've come, there is still so much more to do.
- First, we must protect and nourish what we already have. Competition for business abounds, and grows more every day, so we must not rest on our laurels.
 - We will reinvigorate our great Downtown by completing the Miracle Mile and Giralda Avenue Streetscape project.
 - And we will continue to grow our corporate assets through a renewed emphasis on retaining and recruiting multi-national companies.
- One of the most common concerns about our City's business environment... our often challenging permitting and approval process.
- Finally, we must prioritize investments in providing exceptional infrastructure, quality of life, and services that further enhance our neighborhoods, support our businesses, and set our City apart from the rest.
- I look forward to working with all of you in realizing this agenda.
- Now, as one of his first official acts as Mayor, he read the following Proclamation into the record in recognition of the importance of Economic Development to our City.

MAYOR RAUL VALDES-FAULI - RECOGNITIONS

- As noted in the Proclamation, economic development doesn't take place in a vacuum; it is something we *all* play a part in.
- In honor of "Economic Development Day" in Coral Gables, he recognized a few of the organizations and businesses that help support the economic and financial foundations of our City, with Certificates of Appreciation.
- Mayor Valdez-Fauli requested Vice Mayor Frank Quesada, Commissioner Vince Lago, Commissioner Pat Keon, and Commissioner Mike Mena, City Manager, City Attorney and City Clerk to join the Commission if they wish, for a group photo.

RECOGNITION OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATIONS

- Mayor Valdez-Fauli recognized the City's partner Economic Development Organizations, all of whom work tirelessly, day in and day out, to help promote our great City. In alphabetical order, they are:
 - **The Beacon Council**
 - Represented here today by Joe Hovancak, VP, One Community One Goal.
 - The Beacon Council is the County's official economic development partnership, which works to facilitate local, national and international business growth. The Beacon Council recently worked with the City in securing a financial incentive package for a new-to-market multi-national business.
 - **The Coral Gables Business Improvement District**
 - Led by Executive Director Taciana Amador.
 - Through the implementation of marketing and advertising programs, and engagement in the form of advocacy, this collective organization of property owners and merchants position Downtown Coral Gables as a desirable place to shop, dine, play, live and do business.
 - **The Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce**
 - Led by Mark Trowbridge, President and CEO.
 - Another close partner of the City's, the Chamber works tirelessly to foster and enhance the economic interests and quality of life in the Coral Gables community. Founded in 1925 by City founder George Merrick, the Chamber is comprised of businesses and professionals whose goal is to expand the local economy.
 - **Enterprise Florida**
 - Represented here today by Fred Glickman, VP for International Operations.
 - Enterprise Florida, Inc. (EFI) is a public-private partnership between Florida's business and government leaders and is the principal economic development organization for Florida. Enterprise recently worked with the City in securing a financial incentive package for a new-to-market multi-national business.

- **The Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce**
 - Led by Alfred Sanchez, President & CEO.
 - The Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce is the voice of business in South Florida, representing more than 400,000 employees of member companies.
- **The Greater Miami Convention and Visitors Bureau (GMCVB)**
 - Led by Bill Talbert, President and CEO.
 - The GMCVB is the Official Destination Marketing Organization for Greater Miami and the Beaches. A private, not-for-profit world-renown sales and marketing organization, it is a private-public partnership with more than 1,000 private business members, including many of our Coral Gables hotels, institutions and attractions.
- **The Miami Association of Realtors**
 - Represented here today by Christopher Zoller, Chairman of the Board.
 - Marking 95 years of service to Realtors, the Miami Association of Realtors has grown its membership from 162 in the beginning to more than 40,000 in the present day, making it the Largest Local Association in the nation. The Association represents its professionals in all aspects of real estate sales, marketing, and brokerage at the local, state, national and international levels, and they are truly an extension of what we do in Economic Development.
- **Miami International Airport**
 - Led by Dr. Emilio Gonzalez, Miami-Dade County Aviation Director.
 - Recognized as one of the world's busiest airports for international passenger and cargo flights, MIA is truly the backbone and workhorse of this community, and under the leadership of Emilio Gonzalez and his team. Our economy truly depends on it, and we would be nothing without it.
- Mayor Valdez-Fauli asked for another round of applause for our partner Economic Development Organizations!

RECOGNITION OF NEW BUSINESSES

- Next, we'd like to recognize those new businesses to our City that we assisted through the Permitting Assistance Program. The P.A.P. is joint effort between the Economic Development Department, Development Services Department and the Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce to attract major employers to the City by facilitating their permitting experience. To-date, dozens of businesses have been supported through the program. The most recent of these are:
 - **AMC Networks Int'l - Latin America**
 - Represented by Ricardo Deben, CFO
 - 2020 Ponce de Leon Blvd.
 - AMC Networks International (AMCNI), the global division of AMC Networks, delivers entertaining and acclaimed programming that reaches subscribers in more than 140 countries. AMCNI consists of global brands, Sundance Channel and AMC, as well as locally recognized channels in various programming genres.
 - **Cosentino, U.S. Headquarters**
 - Represented by Antonio Aguilar Centenio, Expansion Director
 - 355 Alhambra Circle
 - A multinational company from Spain, Cosentino is a global leader in the production and distribution of natural stone, quartz and architectural surfaces. Silestone, is the most well-known Cosentino brand. The brand has become the sales leader in kitchen and bath surfaces, creating a strong brand with an undeniable global reputation.
 - **Infiniti of Coral Gables**
 - Represented by Andy Ham, General Manager
 - 2701 Le Jeune Rd. (Bacardi Bldg.)
 - INFINITI of Coral Gables is South Florida's Premiere INFINITI dealership and ready to serve the greater Coral Gables area. Since opening their doors, INFINITI of Coral Gables has promised to serve their clients in the best way possible: by offering honesty through sales, efficiency through service, and knowledge through their certified team members.
 - **Kimley-Horn & Associates**

- Represented by Aaron Buchler, P.E.
- 355 Alhambra Circle
- As one of the country's premier design consulting firms, Kimley-Horn applies creativity and rigor to deliver outstanding results. Whether your business is national or local, and whether your projects involve public infrastructure or private development, they seek to save you money and reduce your risk. Their engineers, planners, and environmental scientists work within your vision and your organization, and creative yet practical solutions to help you achieve your goals.
- **Morays Jewelers**
 - Represented by Chris Haake, COO
 - 116 Miracle Mile
 - For Seven Generations, Morays has been the preferred fine jeweler and purveyor of collection-worthy timepieces for the refined Miami Gentleman and Lady. From Austria at the turn of the nineteenth century to modern Miami, Max Schechter's descendants and their family of long-serving employees offer all the services today's customer might require of their trusted jeweler.
- **University of Florida in Coral Gables**
 - Represented by Christina Villamil, Associate Director, External Affairs
 - 1 Alhambra Plaza
 - UF in Coral Gables furthers the University's commitment to South Florida and houses advancement and enrollment management staff, and the Lastinger Center for Learning.

RECOGNITION OF EVENT SERIES PARTNERS

- Finally, he recognized those that helped us with a little experiment this year. If one ever wondered what that small plot of green space sandwiched between Barnes and Noble and BurgerFi on Miracle Mile is, it's actually a privately held parcel owned by the McBride Family.
- Well, the City thought, wouldn't it be great if one could attract people to the Mile by activating and programming that space on a temporary basis, while it waits to be developed?

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- And after engaging the Family's representatives, Barbara Tria and Truman Skinner, the City was able to ink a deal, at practically no cost to the City, to allow for an event series on what became known as the Plaza at 150 Miracle Mile, Courtesy of the McBride Family.
 - Less than a year into it, the City has held 53 events, and counting, including Jazz in the Gables, every Tuesday night, Wellness Wednesdays (free yoga, Zumba and Bootcamp), every Wednesday night, and Movies on the Mile, every third Thursday of the month.
 - The Mayor thanked and recognized the City's partners in this effort, including:
 - **The McBride Family**
 - Represented by Barbara Tria and Truman Skinner.
 - Again, the Family and its representatives really stepped up to make this happen. There's really nothing in it for them, other than love and pride for their community, so we thank them for making this possible.
 - **The Coral Gables Art Cinema, for Movies on the Mile**
 - Led by Steve Krams, Founder.
 - The Art Cinema helped to produce six Movies on the Mile, including "Back to the Future", "Elf", "Raiders of the Lost Ark" and more. The Art Cinema is a non-profit organization, showing amazing independent films at its central location in Downtown Coral Gables at 260 Aragon Avenue, a street that has become Coral Gables' cultural corridor, with the Art Cinema, Coral Gables Museum, and Books-and-Books within a few short steps from each other.
 - **The Jazz Co-op, for Jazz in the Gables**
 - Led by Rick Katz, Founding Executive Director
 - Jazz in the Gables is a long-standing Coral Gables tradition that we moved to the Mile for the first time, and engaged a whole new audience. Thank you to Rick and his team, for everything they do to support this venerable, authentically American genre of music throughout our community.
 - **Green Monkey, for Wellness Wednesdays**
 - Represented by Cassie Kitcoff, Coral Gables Store Manager
 - With a studio at 1430 S. Dixie Hwy in Coral Gables, greenmonkey is a global movement that redefines the way people think of and practice yoga.
 - **Vine Communications**

- Led by Nikki Deas, Founder
- Mayor Valdez-Fauli stated that none this would have been possible without the support of the City's marketing partners, Vine Communications, which helped us develop, execute, and promote the event series.

JAVIER BETANCOURT - CLOSING COMMENTS

- Economic Development Director Betancourt stated that Jazz and Movies have already wrapped up for the season, Wellness Wednesdays continues through the end of the month, and then we will bring the whole thing back this Fall for more fun, along with other events.
- Economic Development is key to any City's success. It helps to create a well-rounded community, providing jobs for residents, investment opportunities for businesses, and a strong financial foundation for Cities, which allow them to invest in infrastructure, quality of life and services, while maintaining a low millage rate for its residents.
- It is truly an honor and privilege to serve as the Economic Development Director for the City of Coral Gables. A City that has demonstrated an amazing commitment to staying true to the master plan laid out by its visionary founder, George Merrick.
- Thanking those in attendance for joining us, and for everything they do to support our City, and wishing them a Happy "Economic Development Day"!]]

A. PRESENTATIONS AND PROTOCOL DOCUMENTS

- A.-1. [17-5957](#) Presentation of a Certificate of Recognition for “La Belle France” Award Winners: George Washington Carver Middle School and Sunset Elementary School and to International Studies Preparatory Academy for winning the "La Belle France" award and being recognized as one of the top 100 high schools in the nation by U.S. News and World Report.

[Note for the Record: Following Mayor Valdes-Fauli’s reading of the title to Agenda Item 1 (i.e. Presentation of a Certificate of Recognition for “La Belle France” Award Winners: George Washington Carver Middle School and Sunset Elementary School and to the International Studies Preparatory Academy for winning the "La Belle France" award and being recognized as one of the top 100 high schools in the nation, by U.S. News and World Report). City Manager Cathy Swanson asked Governmental Affairs Manager Naomi Levi Garcia to introduce the award winners. Governmental Affairs Manager Levi stated we have the Principals of these stellar schools who are “La Belle France Winners”, who were then asked to come forward to the dais. International Studies Preparatory Academy Principal Alejandro Pérez stated it’s an honor to be here and that we are one of newer schools in the City, we are a full-time magnet language high school we and we are very honored to be recognized by these awards. George Washington Middle School Principal Shelley Stroleny stated that her school is an International Studies magnet that is combined with advanced academics and we are very honored and privileged to receive the “La Belle” designation. Sunset Elementary School Principal Dr. Marlene Leyte-Vidal, the Principal of Sunset Elementary stated her school is primarily an international studies magnet program, but also have a neighborhood school component, and she is honored and appreciative to be here.]

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City Clerk Item No. 1

A.-2. [17-5958](#)

Certificate of Recognition for STEM Designation Award winners:
Bronze Category - Somerset Academy and Coral Gables Senior High School
Silver Category - George Washington Carver Middle School
Gold Category - Sunset Elementary School

[Note for the Record: Following Mayor Valdes-Fauli's reading of the title to Agenda Item 2 (i.e. Certificate of Recognition for STEM Designation Award winners: Bronze Category - Somerset Academy and Coral Gables Senior High School Silver Category - George Washington Carver Middle School Gold Category - Sunset Elementary School), Governmental Affairs Manager Levi-Garcia stated that the City also has Stem Certificate winners, which are the same schools that were just recognized, so the City can hand out the certificates and then have everyone come up to the dais to be photographed, but before said Recognition, that she asked the Principal of Frances Tucker Elementary, namely, Annette Degonia, to speak, who said that her school is an environmental science magnet and we are opening up an electronic keyboard lab, so children will learn to read music and the keyboard; and it is an honor for her to be here today and be part of this recognition. Coral Gables Senior High School Principal Adolfo Costa thanked the City Commission and stated that Coral Gables High School has been the cornerstone of Coral Gables for 67 years, and in those years we have accomplished many great things, we are an Advanced Placement (AP) honors school, and we have an International Baccalaureate (IB) program and a National Academy of Finance (NAF) and is distinguished in the United States and we are very proud of that. Certificates of Recognition were then handed out to the Principals of the Schools in attendance.]

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City Clerk Item No. 2

A.-3. [17-5959](#)

Presentation of a Proclamation declaring May 10, 2017 as "Principal Chang Day" in Coral Gables, in recognition of Principal Chang receiving the award for Central Region Principal of the Year.

[Note for the Record: Following Mayor Valdes-Fauli's reading of the title to Agenda Item 3 (i.e. Presentation of a Proclamation declaring May 10, 2017 as "Principal Chang Day" in Coral Gables, in recognition of Principal Chang receiving the award for Central Region Principal of the Year), Mayor Valdes-Fauli read the Proclamation. Principal Martha Chang accepted her Proclamation on the dais and stated that she is the proud principal of Ponce de Leon Middle School, which is a community school with an International Baccalaureate Magnet and we are the first and only middle school in the County have a partnership with FIU offering dual enrollment for our students. Principal Chang stated that she will take credit for this award, but it really belongs to all the students and staff who makes her look good every single day. City Attorney Leen stated he had chance to be "Principal for the Day" at Ponce de Leon Middle School and was touched to be her protégé for the day, because of her energy and passion for her job.

Mayor Valdez-Fauli called up to the dais School Board Member for the District, Marta Pérez. School Board Member Pérez stated it was an absolute pleasure to be present today to represent these amazing individuals and the outstanding programs we have in Coral Gables. School Board Member Perez stated that you have to have a principal at the helm that has the most dedication and compassion for a school to succeed, because everyone else in that school is going emulate what they do each and every day, and that you have the very best in each of these individuals. School Board Member Perez further stated that she is humbled and honored to be here to honor them for their hard work, commitment and dedication.]

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City Clerk Item No. 3

A.-4. [17-6032](#)

Presentation of a Proclamation declaring May 9, 2017 as "Travel and Tourism Day" in Coral Gables, with William D. Talbert, President and CEO of the Greater Miami Convention and Visitors Bureau, to present an update on the state of the travel and tourism industry.

[Note for the Record: Following Mayor Valdes-Fauli's reading of the title to Agenda Item 4 (i.e. Presentation of a Proclamation declaring May 9, 2017 as "Travel and Tourism Day" in Coral Gables, with William D. Talbert, President and CEO of the Greater Miami Convention and Visitors Bureau, to present an update on the state of the travel and tourism industry), Mayor Valdez-Fauli called up President and CEO Talbert to the dais. President Talbert said as a point of privilege that he is a taxpayer and loves the services that the City provides. President Talbert stated that today was "National Travel Day," which is celebrated as "National Travel Month" in Coral Gables. President Talbert then introduced his Senior Management Team, namely Rolando Aedo, Executive Vice President of Marketing, Ita Moriarty, Senior Vice President of Convention Sales and Ginny Gutierrez, Director of Community Relations, and recognized President Mark Trowbridge of the Coral Gables Chamber Commerce. President Talbert gave a shout out to Economic Director Javier Betancourt, saying what a steal he is for the City, and added his Bureau enjoys working with the City Manager and her staff. President Talbert stated that this is also "Miami Museum Month," and noted the City's museum's partnership with the City flourishing and evolving over time. President Talbert reported that 2016 was a tough year in many places, but even with what we call "head winds" (Brazil down 30 percent, the "Z Word", weather) 2016 was positive across-the-board here, as our sales effort was able to capture other markets. President Talbert said the Convention Visitor's Bureau has a strong relationship with Airport Director Emilio Gonzales and his staff, and the Bureau has a place at the table in regard to new air service at the Airport, which provides 96 percent of the City's visitors. President Talbert said they are very bullish on the future, very bullish on Coral Gables, we are bullish on the team here, both elected and appointed, and he wanted to give a shout out to his friend City Clerk Walter Foeman, who he has known for a long time. President Talbert said were not perfect, but my goodness what a great future we got. President Talbert presented a plaque to the City from the Convention and Visitors Bureau.]

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City Clerk Item No. 4

- A.-5. [17-6046](#) Presentation of a Proclamation declaring May 7 - May 13, 2017 as "Municipal Clerks Week" in Coral Gables.

[Note for the Record: Following Mayor Valdes-Fauli's reading of the title to Agenda Item 5 (i.e. Presentation of a Proclamation declaring May 7 - May 13, 2017 as "Municipal Clerks Week" in Coral Gables), Commissioner Quesada asked Walter Foeman to come down to the dais and stated that this is "Municipal Clerk Week" and a lot of people do not know what the City Clerk does; the City Clerk keeps the City Commission organized and without the Clerk, we would be lost. Commissioner Quesada stated that City Clerk Walter Foeman does a spectacular job and he really does go above and beyond. Commissioner Quesada said the Passport Office is all thanks to Mr. Walter Foeman; our elections and special elections, which this year for the first time we had a run-off, were all organized, the logistics and everything that goes into it, was done by our City Clerk. Commissioner Quesada stated Walter does really much more than a typical municipal clerk does, but in this week of Municipal Clerks in Coral Gables, Walter Foeman, we salute you and thank you. Commissioner Quesada presented the Proclamation to City Clerk Foeman.]

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City Clerk Item No. 5

- A.-6. [17-5980](#) Congratulations to Officer Joel Rios, recipient of the City of Coral Gables "Officer of the Month Award," for the month of March, 2017.

Attachments: [COMMISSION COVER MEMO - OFFICER OF THE MONTH -RIOS -MARCH 2017 NOMINATION - MARCH - JOEL RIOS](#)

[Note for the Record: Following Mayor Valdes-Fauli's reading of the title to Agenda Item 6 (i.e. Congratulations to Officer Joel Rios, recipient of the City of Coral Gables "Officer of the Month Award," for the month of March, 2017), City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark called up Chief Hudak and Acting Major Brian Lawrence to the dais. Chief Hudak stated it was pleasure to recognize the fine work the officers do, and the easy task is nominating them, but the hard task is picking them, because the officers are doing such a great job. Chief Hudak asked Acting Major Brian Lawrence of the Specialized Enforcement Division who actually made this nomination of the officer to introduce the "Employee of the Month for March".

Acting Major Lawrence said he was here to recognize Officer Joel Rios who is the "Officer of the Month" for March, who was joined today by his wife Sherrie. Acting Major Lawrence stated that Officer Rios has been serving the Coral Gables Police Department for 12 years, with the last 9 years assigned to the Bicycle Patrol, and he was proud to have him on the team in which he does a lot of great work in the

Downtown area, at schools, and wherever he is needed. Acting Major Lawrence gave a brief synopsis of the case and said that in this particular case Officer Rios did a lot of small thing that led to bigger and positive outcomes. Acting Major Lawrence stated that on Saturday, March 25th, Officer Joe Rios received a call that a vehicle burglary that had taken place on Segovia Street overnight, and the victim found his vehicle broken into with a computer, I-Pad and briefcase was taken. Acting Major Lawrence further stated that this could have been a routine report call, but anyone who knows Joel knows that he likes to go above and beyond, and he immediately called in crime scene personnel to process the vehicle; he also began incorporating technology into the investigation by inquiring of the victim if he had any way to GPS track or ping the electronic equipment that was taken, and it turned out that the victim had an “app” that would help locate the I-Pad. Officer Rios asked the victim to activate the “app” and “low and behold” the I-Pad was registered, at an address nearby in the City of Miami. Officer Rios immediately notified his supervisor, and assembled a team to go to the address to attempt to retrieve the I-Pad, and upon arrival at the Miami residence, Office Rios sent an additional alarm signal to the I-Pad, at which point the officers could hear the device ringing from the inside of the residence; a short time later a young male and his mother left the residence and addressed the officers on the scene. Officer Rios read Miranda rights to the young male, in the end consent was given to enter the residence to retrieve the victim’s I-Pad, the young male was transported to the Coral Gables Police Headquarters where he confessed to the crime. Acting Major Lawrence added that detectives also learned that the subject male committed 2 other overnight vehicle burglaries, and was previously arrested for vehicle burglary in our City. Acting Major Lawrence said in addition to the I-Pad, Officer Rios recovered the victim’s briefcase that contained documents important to the victim. Acting Major Lawrence stated that Officer Rios showed compassion for the victim in using all means necessary to retrieve his property, and secondly, he displayed leadership by organizing personnel by making the best of an opportunity when it presented itself. Acting Major Lawrence then presented Officer Joel Rios as the “Officer of the Month” for March 2017.

Chief Hudak said this is not just one event in Joel’s career, you have seen him as a member of the Bicycle Patrol, he was instrumental with Camillus House to find people to relocate who are homeless, and he has gone above and beyond on several occasions, including getting thousands of dollars in medical attention for a homeless person who was treated at Larkin Hospital several years ago. And most recently, in our recruiting efforts, he was the one who put Darth Vader away, which has about 70,000 views already; it’s an honor to have him as part of our team in the Police

Department.

Officer Rios thanked his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for giving him the ability and opportunity to serve as the Police Officer for 19 years now. Officer Rios thanked his wife for her patience, her love and encouragement through the years. Officer Rios also thanked Chief Hudak for his leadership and Lieutenant Lawrence for nominating me and trusting me in what I do. Officer Rios stated that this could not be done by only himself, this was a team effort, and recognized Sergeant Garcia, Sergeant Kramer, Officer Molina, Officer Guerra, Officer Challenger and Detective Fernandez, and further stating that without those guys, we could not have apprehended this offender. Officer Rios thanked the City Commission for this award.

Commissioner Lago said he is in the Downtown area 3 to 4 times per week and interacts with this gentlemen and another member of the Bicycle Patrol, and these gentlemen are very pro-active and represent the City with class and dignity. Commissioner Lago commended Officer Rios and told him to always remember that the City is grateful for his service. Vice Mayor Quesada said he wanted to echo Commissioners Lago's sentiments and added that he runs into Officer Rios everywhere, because he is so pro-active and commended him for his work with homeless. City Attorney Leen said that Officer Rios almost singlehandedly keeps traffic slow on Ponce, and warns everyone that speeds along Ponce through the school zone to beware, because Officer Rios will get you, he protects our kids.]

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City Clerk Item No. 6

A.-7. [17-6031](#)

Presentation of a Proclamation declaring May 15, 2017 as "Police Officer Memorial Day" in Coral Gables.

[Note for the Record: Following Mayor Valdes-Fauli's reading of the title to Agenda Item 7 (i.e. Presentation of a Proclamation declaring May 15, 2017 as "Police Officer Memorial Day" in Coral Gables), City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark stated we had a beautiful ceremony in front of City Hall that respected the passing of nine Police Officers in the line of duty; we thank everyone that was involved, including the Honor Guard who performed with passion, dignity and precision, and we would like to have at the conclusion of the reading of the Proclamation, the officers with the Chief, stand forward with the Proclamation on the dais. Commissioner Keon read the Proclamation. Commissioner Keon said often times people think that being in Coral Gables is a less dangerous job than anywhere else, but we all know that there is no City, no place where a Police Office works or spends their time, that they don't put

their lives on the line for each and every one of us, and we are very grateful to them for their services and duty.]

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City Clerk Item No. 7

A.-8. [17-5999](#)

Congratulations to the recipient of the Robert DeKorte Memorial Award: Officer Kelly Denham, recipient for 2016.

Attachments: [Nomination Memo \(K. Denham\)](#)
[Item Title Cover Memo \(2016 DeKorte Award\)](#)

[Note for the Record: Following Mayor Valdes-Fauli's reading of the title to Agenda Item 8 (i.e. Congratulations to the recipient of the "Robert DeKorte Memorial Award": Officer Kelly Denham, recipient for 2016), City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark asked Chief Hudak to come up to the dais to explain the award. Chief Hudak thanked the City Commission for the honor and recognition of Police Memorial Week, stating it's a tough week for Chiefs of Police that have to understand the people they put on the street, that it could be their last day. Chief Hudak told the City Commission about Robert DeKorte, who was by all accounts a "go-getter", and added that he was such a "go-getter" that Chief Kimbrough, who was Chief here for 40 years, told Officer DeKorte to slow down. Chief Hudak further stated that Officer DeKorte would get involved on a regular basis and was kind of a neighborhood safety officer. Chief Hudak stated that Officer DeKorte rushed in on what he thought was just another false alarm and was shot and killed. Chief Hudak stated that we continue to honor him every year and this is the reason why, it happened in 1972 and the sole person that is still alive is in prison and is up for a resentencing hearing this month, so it continues to go on, as we remember what the families put up with and go through, and there is really no closure when it comes to this, because it is such an unexpected tragedy and it lives on forever. To that end, the "Robert DeKorte Memorial Award" was established by the City Commission to honor the one person who exemplifies bravery and dedication to the City, it is considered the highest honor an officer can be bestowed, as it is selected by the men and women of the Police Department, which is fitting as Robert DeKorte was by all accounts loved by the members of the Police Department. Chief Hudak then introduced Sergeant Thomas Salcedo of the Community Affairs Office, who made the nomination, which was voted on by the Executive Boards of the Police Protective Association (PPA) and the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) in consultation with the members of the Department, to introduce this year's "Robert DeKorte Memorial Award" winner.

Sergeant Salcedo stated he would like to introduce Officer Kelly Denham and said that she is the consummate professional, showing true dedication to her position in Community Affairs, Media Relations and recruiting and is always the first individual to volunteer for every task. Sergeant Salcedo further stated that Officer Denham performs many tasks on a regular basis on behalf of her community and the department. Sergeant Salcedo said humorously that one of the main things that comes to mind is that she is the “resident real estate agent” to homeless cats and dogs in the community. Sergeant Salcedo cited Officer Denham’s devotion to the community and said there is no doubt that she goes above and beyond to accomplish her goals and to assist and lead her peers, and that she is an expert in her field and uses her knowledge and experience to advance the goals of the City and Police Department. Sergeant Salcedo stated that Officer Denham will accept any challenge as she knows and understands what is necessary to succeed. Sergeant Salcedo said it is my honor to work alongside Officer Denham and there is a multitude of reasons as to why she epitomizes this award, for her work ethic, passion and desire for teamwork, collaboration and dedication she gives this community; and she exemplifies the true character, dedication and devotion worthy of this award. Sergeant Salcedo then presented the 2016 DeKorte winner, Officer Kelly Denham.

Officer Denham stated it was truly an honor to receive this award. Officer Denham further stated that she has been in law enforcement for 27 years, and I still enjoy coming to work and serving this wonderful City. Officer Denham thanked Sergeant Tom Salcedo for taking the time to nominate her, the FOP Board for choosing me for this honorable award, the Chief for his leadership and added that she works out of his office, so she get the pleasure of doing many things with her job. Officer Denham thanked her husband Shane, who supports her every day. Officer Denham then thanked the City Commission.]

This Presentation/Protocol Document was Presented and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 8

A.-9. [17-6018](#)

Congratulations to Firefighter John Zipse, recipient of the City of Coral Gables "Firefighter of the Month Award," for the month of April 2017.

Attachments: [Cover Memo, FF of Month, April 2017](#)
[Notification Letter, April 2017](#)

[Note for the Record: Following Mayor Valdes-Fauli's reading of the title to Agenda Item 9 (i.e. Congratulations to Firefighter John Zipse, recipient of the City of Coral Gables "Firefighter of the Month Award," for the month of April 2017), City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark asked Chief Marcos de la Rosa and Battalion Chief Carla Rossby to come forward to make the presentation. Chief de la Rosa said it was privilege to introduce our "Firefighter of the Month", John Zipse, who was selected for his outstanding initiative and surpassing job requirements in recent emergencies, and here to tell you about him is Battalion Chief Carla Rossby.

Battalion Chief Carla Rossby stated it is very nice to start the day this way, as she loves recognizing people that she works with, she further stated that she works with a fine group to start with, but Driver/Engineer John Zipse is outstanding. Battalion Chief Carla Rossby added that he had a large influence on my career, helping her to be the best that she can possibly be. Battalion Chief Carla Rossby said that Driver/Engineer John Zipse was one of her drivers when she was first promoted to Lieutenant, who helped form and guide me, and he is being recognized this time, although he has received "Firefighter of the Month" multiple times, specifically for going above and beyond on calls that occurred recently. Battalion Chief Carla Rossby stated that we had a significant fire on Edgewater and another fire in the Cocoplum area, and we are relatively small department and our firefighters have a lot of heart, and John Zipse gave all his heart on these calls that involved multiple trips in, helping everybody he can, high rise situations that are grueling, and John is always there helping everyone else to be the best they can be, and that just typifies John. Battalion Chief Carla Rossby added that John has also been a member of our extrication team, and if there is a bad car accident you want him there, and added that the worst call she had ever been on, he made the difference in saving someone's life. Battalion Chief Carla Rossby said Driver/Engineer Zipse has got 29 years on this department with last 13 years as a Driver/Engineer, and he has the philosophy that if you do everything in your life to help those around you be the best they can be, you can't go wrong, and that's exactly what John does every single day, so my congratulations to John "Stallion" Zipse.

Driver/Engineer John Zipse thanked the City Commission. Chief de la Rosa said he is man of few words who doesn't really like the "pomp and circumstances", and further stated he would like to echo the Battalion Chief's comments, and added that our department is in a state of transition, we are transitioning from a very tenured and

experienced department to one that has to glean that experience and knowledge and John is instrumental to our organization, and he serves as a mentor on many levels, so for me I would like to personally recognize that valued asset that we have in him and his contributions to our organization.]

This Presentation/Protocol Document was Presented and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 9

A.-10. [17-6019](#)

Congratulations to Michael Rocha who holds the title Multimedia Production Manager, recipient of the "Employee of the Month Award," for the month of May, 2017.

Attachments: [eom may nomination](#)
[eom letter](#)
[Cover Memo EOM of May 2017](#)

[Note for the Record: Following Mayor Valdes-Fauli's reading of the title to Agenda Item 10 (i.e. Congratulations to Michael Rocha who holds the title Multimedia Production Manager, recipient of the "Employee of the Month Award," for the month of May, 2017), City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark asked Maria Milian from the Human Resources Department to present the item and stated this is the first time that someone from CGTV has been recognized as the "Employee of the Month", and his department cheered when the announcement was made.

Personnel Analyst Milian stated that this month we are proud to honor an employee who plays an integral part in making Coral Gables Television a shining success, and it is our pleasure to introduce Michael Rocha as the "Employee of the Month" for May 2017. Personal Analyst Milian further stated that the City is extremely proud of its award winning Coral Gables Television Channel, its programming and of course all of the hard work that goes into broadcasts, such as these very Commission meetings. Personal Analyst Milian added that Michael's tireless efforts and his desire to settle for nothing but excellence, make him an example worthy of imitation for all employees to follow. Personal Analyst Milian congratulated Michael Rocha for making Coral Gables Television the best it can be and asked everyone to watch the video.

Director of Communications Maria Higgins-Fallon stated it was her pleasure to introduce Michael Rocha, as it is the first time we have acknowledged a member of our team as the "Employee of the Month". Director of Communications Higgins-Fallon said Michael started "many moons ago" as a part-time employee at CGTV, and that she immediately recognized his talents, so we were able to get him "full on-board", and he has been the leader of Coral Gables TV since then. Director of Communications Higgins-Fallon further stated that Michael received his 10-year pin last week, he also received the leadership award, which was given to him last

week by the Morale Committee, that we all nominated him to receive. Director of Communications Higgins-Fallon stated on behalf of the Coral Gable TV team, Michael is a great leader, and added that it has been her great honor to work with him for the last decade, further congratulating him.

Multimedia Production Manager Rocha stated that he is normally behind the cameras, and he doesn't know how some of his reporters do it, they are so fluent and he is shaking now. Multimedia Production Manager Rocha stated that when he took his first class in television production, the professor said this is not a one-man show; this is a team effort and acknowledged his team members: Mikey, Briana, Kristyn, and Aaron, and the leadership of Maria Rosa Higgins-Fallon. Multimedia Production Manager Rocha further stated that we have come a long way, it's been 10 years from when he first became Video Production Manager, recounting at that time that his office still ran PowerPoint and still images, but right now we have taken the station to the next level. Multimedia Production Manager Rocha said the impression of Government Access Channels is that they are boring, they are not entertaining, so his office decided to make something different, making this an enjoyable channel; and now the City's social media platform has really taken off, we have close to 9,000 followers, all of our videos that run on Channel 77 run on Facebook and U-Tube, and we have a PSA that has 80,000 hits. Multimedia Production Manager Rocha added that we are working with the Police Department, we are helping the City with creative productions; this is great City, everywhere you go you can actually make a story out of it. Multimedia Production Manager Rocha thanked Director of Communications Higgins-Fallon for nominating him, and his wife, and again reiterated that this is not about him, we have writers, producers and editors; and what it is all about is team effort, teamwork, and said that he shares this award with his team.]

This Presentation/Protocol Document was Presented and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 10

A.-11. [17-6045](#)

Presentation of twenty year service pin to Dona Spain, Historical Resources and Cultural Arts.

Attachments: [Dona's 20 year memo](#)

[Note for the Record: Following Mayor Valdes-Fauli's reading of the title to Agenda Item 11 (i.e. Presentation of a twenty year service pin to Dona Spain, Historical Resources and Cultural Arts Director), City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark said it is her privilege to stand before the Commission to honor a 20 year milestone with the City of Coral Gables; our City is known for its history, it is known for its culture and it is known for Dona Spain. City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark stated that Dona is the leader of the Morale Committee, and when she came back to the City about 2½ year(s) ago she said that the City needed to improve morale city-wide, so we appointed an informal committee. City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark stated that she needed to appoint one person that could represent her on the Committee, because no directors were allowed, no one from HR was allowed, and no one from the City Manager's Office was allowed and she needed to pick someone to tell it like it is, whether it is good or bad and that person was Dona Spain. City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark stated that Dona was recently recognized by City employees as the "Supervisor of the Quarter", and whenever you are recognized by the employees, that is a high high privilege. City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark said she started in 1997 as a Historic Resources Specialist and through the years she has many leadership roles within the City. City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark says she joins the employees and all of the community with the hope that she continues her services with the City.

Historic Resources Director Spain welcomed Mayor Valdez-Fauli and said that Mayor Valdez-Fauli was the Mayor when she started here in 1997 and was thrilled to have him back and finds it comforting that he is here toward the end of her career. Historic Resources Director Spain stated that she had known Commissioner Keon since 1994, when she first moved to Santa Maria Street, and she has known her forever and it is wonderful to have her here. Historic Resources Director Spain acknowledged Commissioner Mena stating that she had only heard good things about him and looked forward to meeting with him about Historic preservation, cultural aspects, and most exciting of all art and public places. Historic Resources Director Dona Spain said moving to Coral Gables was the best thing she ever did and added that she actually came here, because her son wanted to play football at the Youth Center, and coming here working for the City has just been a pleasure. Mayor Valdez-Fauli stated that you do a great job and we are very proud of what you do

and what you represent for the City. Historic Resources Director Spain asked that her staff come up and take a picture with her, adding that the department is fully staffed and we have an amazing group of women.]

This Presentation/Protocol Document was Presented and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 11

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

B.-1. [17-5998](#) Regular City Commission Meeting of March 14, 2017.

Attachments: [Regular City Commission Meeting of March 14, 2017](#)

[CCMtg Mar 14 2017 - Agenda Item I-2 - Settlement hearing regarding resolution o](#)
[CCMtg March 14 2017 - Agenda Item E-2 - Ordinance requiring landscape mainte](#)
[CCMtg March 14 2017 - Agenda Item E-3 - Establishing voluntary private security](#)
[CCMtg March 14 2017 - Agenda Item E-4 - Negotiate and enter into a Purchase a](#)
[CCMtg March 14 2017 - Agenda Item E-5 - Ordinance amending City Code creati](#)
[CCMtg March 14 2017 - Agenda Item F-1 - Discussion regarding Coco Plum Bridg](#)
[CCMtg March 14 2017 - Agenda Item H-1 - Update regarding proposed plans Pla](#)
[CCMtg March 14 2017 - Agenda Item I-1 - Abandoned Property Report](#)
[CCMtg March 14 2017 - Agenda Item K - Discussion Items](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Lago, seconded by Commissioner Quesada, that this motion be approved . The motion passed by an unanimous vote.

Yeas : 5 - Vice Mayor Keon, Vice Mayor Lago, Commissioner Mena, Commissioner Quesada and Mayor Valdes-Fauli

City Clerk Item No. 12

B.-2. [17-6042](#) Regular City Commission Meeting of March 28, 2017.

Attachments: [CCMtg Mar 28 2017 - Agenda Items E-5 and E-6 are related - Ordinance and Res](#)
[CCMtg Mar 28 2017 - Agenda Items H-3 and H-4 are related - Resolutions author](#)
[CCMtg March 28 2017 - Agenda Item D-1 - Presentation by Angie Chirino - Donor](#)
[CCMtg March 28 2017 - Agenda Item E- 4 - Ordinance providing for text amendm](#)
[CCMtg March 28 2017 - Agenda Item E-1 - Ordinance requiring landscape mainte](#)
[CCMtg March 28 2017 - Agenda Item E-2 - Ordinance establishing a private secu](#)
[CCMtg March 28 2017 - Agenda Item E-3 - Ordinance authorizing CM and CA to r](#)
[CCMtg March 28 2017 - Agenda Item F-2 - Resolution approving interlocal agree](#)
[CCMtg March 28 2017 - Agenda Item F-3 - Discussion regarding parking and rela](#)
[CCMtg March 28 2017 - Agenda Item H-5 - Resolution accepting recommendati](#)
[CCMtg March 28 2017 - Agenda Item H-6 - Resolution authorizing renewal of pro](#)
[CCMtg March 28 2017 - Agenda Item H-7 - Resolution authorizing amendment to](#)
[CCMtg March 28 2017 - Agenda Item H-8 - Resolution accepting the recommend](#)
[CCMtg March 28 2017 - Agenda Item H-9 - Resolution accepting Comprehensive](#)
[CCMtg March 28 2017 - Agenda Item I-1 - Discussion regarding House Bill 17 anc](#)
[CCMtg March 28 2017 - Agenda Item I-2 - Litigation Report and Justice Advocate](#)
[CCMtg March 28 2017 - Agenda Item I-3 - A review of Dispute Resolution Agree](#)
[CCMtg March 28 2017 - Agenda Item J-1 - Resolution appointing William H. Kerdy](#)
[CCMtg March 28 2017 - Agenda Item K - Discussion Items](#)
[CCMtg March 28 2017 - Agenda Items A-2 and F-1 are related Autism Awareness](#)
[Regular City Commission Meeting of March 28, 2017](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Lago, seconded by Commissioner Mena, that this motion be approved . The motion passed by an unanimous vote.

Yeas : 5 - Vice Mayor Keon, Vice Mayor Lago, Commissioner Mena, Commissioner Quesada and Mayor Valdes-Fauli

City Clerk Item No. 13

B.-3. [17-6043](#) City Commission Investiture Ceremony of April 28, 2017.

Attachments: [City Commission Investiture Ceremony of April 28, 2017.](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Lago, seconded by Commissioner Mena, that this motion be approved . The motion passed by an unanimous vote.

Yeas : 5 - Vice Mayor Keon, Vice Mayor Lago, Commissioner Mena, Commissioner Quesada and Mayor Valdes-Fauli

City Clerk Item No. 14

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

Yeas : 5 - Vice Mayor Keon, Commissioner Mena, Commissioner Quesada, Vice Mayor Lago and Mayor Valdes-Fauli

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-84

C.-1. [17-5978](#)

A Resolution recommending approval to the City Commission from the Historic Preservation Board to authorize the release of funds from the Historic Public Art Fund, in the amount of \$27,750, to cover the conservator's portion of the restoration costs of both fountains located at 515 University Drive (also known as 3443 Segovia Street), the Coral Gables Library, a local historic landmark; further authorizing an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Budget, to recognize as revenue the transfer from Historic Art Fund Balance and appropriate such funds to put toward the cost of the project. (Ayes: 9, Nays: 0; Unanimously approved)

Attachments: [Cover.Memo.Library](#)
[HPB Minutes - Mar.16.2017.Excerpts](#)
[RESOLUTION-LIBRARY-FOUNTAINS](#)
[CoralGablesBranchLibraryProjectDocs](#)
[Signed Resolution 2017-84](#)

A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING APPROVAL TO THE CITY COMMISSION FROM THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD TO AUTHORIZE THE RELEASE OF FUNDS FROM THE HISTORIC PUBLIC ART FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$27,750 TO COVER THE CONSERVATOR'S PORTION OF THE RESTORATION COSTS OF BOTH FOUNTAINS LOCATED AT 515 UNIVERSITY DRIVE (ALSO KNOWN AS 3443 SEGOVIA STREET), THE CORAL GABLES LIBRARY, A LOCAL HISTORIC LANDMARK; AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017 BUDGET TO RECOGNIZE AS REVENUE THE TRANSFER FROM HISTORIC ART FUND BALANCE AND APPROPRIATE SUCH FUNDS TO PUT TOWARD THE COST OF THE PROJECT.

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2017-84 on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 16

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-85**C.-2. [17-5976](#)**

A Request for Ratification of Dispute Resolution Agreement among Mundomed S.A., South High Cliff Corp., and the City of Coral Gables, regarding the property legally described as lot 3 of Avocado Land Co. according to the plat thereof recorded at Plat Book 2, Page 44, in the public records of Miami-Dade County, Florida, presently referred to as 20 acres South of Hammock Oaks (Pursuant to Section 3-1705(D) of the Zoning Code, this item may only be pulled from the Consent Agenda by a supermajority vote of four Commissioners).

Attachments: [May 9, 2017-Cover Memo-Ratification of Dispute Resolution Agreement with Mundomed and South High Cliff-Executed Signed Resolution 2017-85](#)

A RESOLUTION, PURSUANT TO SECTION 3-1705 OF THE ZONING CODE, PROVIDING RATIFICATION OF THE DISPUTE RESOLUTION AGREEMENT AMONG MUNDOMED S.A., SOUTH HIGH CLIFF CORP., AND THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES REGARDING THE PROPERTY LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS LOT 3 OF AVOCADO LAND CO. ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED AT PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 44, IN THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, PRESENTLY REFERRED TO AS 20 ACRES SOUTH OF HAMMOCK OAKS.

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2017-85 on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 17

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-86**C.-3. [17-6009](#)**

A Resolution accepting the recommendation of the Chief Procurement Officer to award the contract for the Bulk Liquid Chlorine, Tank Rental and Swimming Pool Chemicals to Hawkins, Inc., in an amount not to exceed the budgeted available funds, for a term of three (3) years with the option to renew for one (1) additional two (2) year period, pursuant to Invitation for Bids (IFB) 2017.02.LS-1 and Section 2-828 of the Procurement Code entitled "Contract Award".(Budgeted at approximately \$26,000 per fiscal year) .

Attachments: [Tabulation Sheet - Approved Hawkins, Inc.](#)
[Draft Agenda Memo -Bulk Liquid Chlorine](#)
[Draft Agenda Reso - Bulk Liquid Chlorine](#)
[Signed Resolution 2017-86](#)

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER TO AWARD THE IFB CONTRACT FOR BULK LIQUID CHLORINE, TANK RENTAL AND SWIMMING POOL CHEMICALS TO HAWKINS, INC., IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED THE BUDGETED AVAILABLE FUNDS FOR A TERM FOR THREE (3) YEARS WITH THE OPTION TO RENEW FOR ONE (1) ADDITIONAL TWO (2) YEAR PERIOD, PURSUANT TO INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB) 2016.02.LS-1, AND SECTION 2-828 OF THE PROCUREMENT CODE ENTITLED "CONTRACT AWARD" (BUDGETED AT APPROXIMATLEY \$26,000 PER FICAL YEAR).

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2017-86 on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 18

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-87

C.-4. [17-6010](#)

A Resolution accepting the recommendation of the Chief Procurement Officer to award the contract for the Background Investigation Services to Journey & Associates, Inc., in an amount not to exceed the budgeted available funds, for a term of three (3) years with the option to renew for one (1) additional two (2) year period, pursuant to Invitation for Bids (IFB) 2017.02.LS and Section 2-828 of the Procurement Code entitled "Contract Award". (Budgeted at approximately \$35,000 per Fiscal Year).

Attachments: [Journey & Associates Bid Tabulation Sheet](#)
[Draft Agenda Memo -Background Investigation](#)
[Draft Agenda Reso - Background Investigation Services](#)
[Signed Resolution 2017-87](#)

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER TO AWARD THE IFB CONTRACT FOR THE BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION SERVICES, INC. TO JOURNEY & ASSOCIATES, INC., IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED THE BUDGETED AVAILABLE FUNDS FOR A TERM FOR THREE (3) YEARS WITH THE OPTION TO RENEW FOR ONE (1) ADDITIONAL TWO (2) YEAR PERIOD, PURSUANT TO INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB) 2016.02.LS, AND SECTION 2-828 OF THE PROCUREMENT CODE ENTITLED "CONTRACT AWARD". (BUDGETED AT APPROXIMATELY \$35,000 PER FISCAL YEAR).

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2017-87 on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 19

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

1.-1. [17-6006](#) Budget/Audit Advisory Board Meeting of March 30, 2017.

Attachments: [Agenda - Budget Audit Board meeting of March 30, 2017](#)
[Budget Audit Advisory Board Meeting Minutes of March 30, 2017](#)

This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 20

1.-2. [17-6003](#) Communications Committee Meeting of April 20, 2017.

Attachments: [Agendaitemmay2017 minutes April 2017](#)

This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 21

- 1.-3. [17-5982](#) Construction Regulation Board Meeting of April 10, 2017.
Attachments: [APRIL 10, 2017](#)
This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.
City Clerk Item No. 22
- 1.-4. [17-5955](#) Coral Gables Advisory Board on Disability Affairs Meeting of February 1, 2017.
Attachments: [DAB minutes of 2-1-17 COVER](#)
[DAB minutes of 2-1-17](#)
This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.
City Clerk Item No. 23
- 1.-5. [17-6017](#) Coral Gables Advisory Board on Disability Affairs Sunshine Meeting of March 1, 2017.
Attachments: [DAB sunshine meeting minutes of 3-1-17 COVER](#)
[3-1-17 \(sunshine minutes notes\)](#)
This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.
City Clerk Item No. 24
- 1.-6. [17-6036](#) Coral Gables Arts Advisory Panel Meeting of February 22, 2017.
Attachments: [02.22.17 MinutesforCC05.09.17](#)
[AAP Meeting February 22 2017](#)
This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.
City Clerk Item No. 25
- 1.-7. [17-5975](#) Coral Gables Merrick House Governing Board Meeting of September 12, 2016.
Attachments: [09.12.16MinutesforCC05.09.17](#)
[Merrick House Minutes September 12, 2016](#)
This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.
City Clerk Item No. 26
- 1.-8. [17-6034](#) Cultural Development Board Meeting of February 7, 2017.
Attachments: [02.07.17 MinutesforCC05.09.17](#)
[CDB Minutes February 07 2017](#)
This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.
City Clerk Item No. 27

- 1.-9. [17-6035](#) Cultural Development Board Meeting of March 7, 2017.
Attachments: [03.07.17 MinutesforCC05.09.17](#)
[CDB Minutes March 07 2017](#)
This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.
City Clerk Item No. 28
- 1.-10. [17-5956](#) Historic Preservation Board Meeting of February 16, 2017.
Attachments: [HPB.02.16.17MinutesforCC05.09.17](#)
[HPB Minutes for Feb. 16 2017-SIGNED](#)
This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.
City Clerk Item No. 29
- 1.-11. [17-6013](#) Historic Preservation Board Meeting of March 16, 2017.
Attachments: [HPB.03.16.17MinutesforCC05.09.17](#)
[HPB Minutes for March 16 2017-SIGNED](#)
This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.
City Clerk Item No. 30
- 1.-12. [17-6007](#) International Affairs Coordinating Council Meeting of February 21, 2017.
Attachments: [cover letter IACC 02-21-17](#)
[IACC-Minutes of Feb 21 2017](#)
This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.
City Clerk Item No. 31
- 1.-13. [17-6008](#) International Affairs Coordinating Council Meeting of March 29th, 2017.
Attachments: [IACC-Minutes of Mar 29 2017 \(3\)](#)
[cover letter IACC 03-29-17](#)
This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.
City Clerk Item No. 32
- 1.-14. [17-6041](#) Landscape Beautification Advisory Board Meeting of April 6, 2017.
Attachments: [050917CCMtg Cover Memo-LBAB Mtg040617](#)
[Minutes BC 3-2-17 SIGNED](#)
This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.
City Clerk Item No. 33

- 1.-15. [17-5994](#) Library Advisory Board Meeting of April 12, 2017.
- Attachments:** [050917CCMtq Cover Memo-LAB Mtg041217](#)
[Library Minutes 2-08-17 Signed](#)
[Presentation by Lisa Bennett, Item 2-2 CCMtg 1-24-17](#)
[Request for Comm Action-Library Renovations.final copy](#)
- This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.**
- City Clerk Item No. 34
- 1.-16. [17-6020](#) Parking Advisory Board Meeting of February 23, 2017.
- Attachments:** [SUMMARY OF PROJECTS](#)
[PAB Minutes 02232017](#)
- This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.**
- City Clerk Item No. 35
- 1.-17. [17-6012](#) Retirement Board Meeting of March 2, 2017.
- Attachments:** [Minutes 03-02-2017](#)
[CC.05-9-2017 March 2, 2017](#)
- This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.**
- City Clerk Item No. 36
- 1.-18. [17-6024](#) School and Community Relations Committee Meeting of March 17, 2017.
- Attachments:** [Minutes](#)
[Cover memo](#)
- This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.**
- City Clerk Item No. 37
- 1.-19. [17-6016](#) Sustainability Advisory Board Meeting of December 21, 2016.
- Attachments:** [SAB 12-21-16 Minutes](#)
[SAB 12-21-16 COVER](#)
- This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.**
- City Clerk Item No. 38
- 1.-20. [17-6014](#) Sustainability Advisory Board Meeting of January 25, 2017.
- Attachments:** [SAB 01-25-17 Minutes](#)
[SAB 01-25-17 COVER](#)
- This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.**
- City Clerk Item No. 39

- 1.-21. [17-6015](#) Sustainability Advisory Board Meeting of February 22, 2017.

Attachments: [SAB 02-22-17 COVER](#)
[SAB 02-22-17 Minutes](#)

This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 40

D. PERSONAL APPEARANCES

None

City Clerk Item No. 41

E. PUBLIC HEARINGS

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING

Time Certain 9:30am (Agenda Item E-1)

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-13

- E.-1. [17-5900](#) An Ordinance of the City Commission of the City of Coral Gables, Florida, amending the City of Coral Gables Code by: Creating Section 62-245 "Prohibition on Use of Single-Use Carry Out Plastic Bags" In Chapter 62, Article VII Special Events; and Creating Article IX "Sale, Use or Distribution of Single-Use Carry Out Plastic Bags by Retail Establishments within the City" In Chapter 34 entitled Nuisance, of the City Code; providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, codification, enforceability, and providing for an effective date.

(Sponsored by Commissioner Lago)

Attachments: [Cover Memo - plastic bags](#)
[Ordinance - plastic bags](#)
[Cover Memo - plastic bags 5-9-17](#)
[Ordinance - plastic bags draft second reading 5-9-17](#)
[Ordinance - plastic bags draft second reading with edits 5-9-17](#)
[Signed Ordinance 2017-13](#)
[CCMtg March 14 2017 - Agenda Item E-5 - Ordinance amending City Code creati](#)
[CCMtg May 9 2017 - Agenda Item E-1 - Ordinance amending the Code to Prohibit](#)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES CODE BY:

- CREATING SECTION 62-245 "PROHIBITION ON USE OF SINGLE-USE CARRY OUT PLASTIC BAGS" IN CHAPTER 62, ARTICLE VII SPECIAL EVENTS; AND
 - CREATING ARTICLE IX "SALE, USE OR DISTRIBUTION OF SINGLE-USE CARRY OUT PLASTIC BAGS BY RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS WITHIN THE CITY" IN CHAPTER 34 NUISANCE, OF THE CITY CODE.
- PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER PROVISION, SEVERABILITY CLAUSE,

CODIFICATION, ENFORCEABILITY AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Item E-1 is available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk and in Legistar].

A motion was made by Commissioner Lago, seconded by Vice Mayor Keon, that this matter be adopted by Ordinance Number 2017-13. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas : 5 - Commissioner Quesada, Vice Mayor Keon, Vice Mayor Lago, Commissioner Mena and Mayor Valdes-Fauli

City Clerk Item No. 15

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-14

E.-2. [16-5583](#)

An Ordinance of the City Commission of the City of Coral Gables, Florida, creating Section 74-5 of the City of Coral Gables Code to lower speed limits to 25 miles per hour on residential local roads maintained by the City of Coral Gables, providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, codification, enforceability, and providing for an effective date.

(Sponsored by Commissioner Lago)

Attachments: [Signed Cover Memo - Section 74-5 of the City Code to Lower Speed Limits](#)
[Draft Resolution - Section 74-5 of the City Code to Lower Speed Limits](#)
[Proposed 25 MPH Sign Locations](#)
[Sample Intergovernmental Agency Agreement](#)
[25 mph Draft Ordinance- Second Reading](#)
[Sample Intergovernmental Agency Agreement](#)
[25 mph Cover Memo- Second Reading](#)
[PROPOSED 25MPH signs](#)
[Signed Ordinance 2017-14](#)
[CCMtq January 24 2017 - Agenda Item E-9 - Ordinance creating Section 74-5 of \(](#)
[CCMtq May 9 2017 - Agenda Item E-2 - Ordinance creating a section in the Code](#)

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Item E-2 is available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk and in Legistar].

A motion was made by Commissioner Quesada, seconded by Vice Mayor Keon, that this matter be adopted by Ordinance Number 2017-14. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas : 5 - Commissioner Mena, Commissioner Quesada, Vice Mayor Keon, Vice Mayor Lago and Mayor Valdes-Fauli

City Clerk Item No. 42

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING**ORDINANCE NO. 2017-24**

- E.-3. [17-6011](#) An Ordinance of the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida, amending existing Ordinance No. 50-121, to provide for the election of the Chairperson of the Coral Gables Retirement Board's Investment Committee; providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, codification, and providing for an effective date.

Attachments: [Minutes 03-02-2017 excerpt](#)
[Memorandum from Retirement Board Chairperson](#)
[Resolution for Section 50-21 amendment](#)
[Draft Ordinance - Pensions - Section 50-21](#)
[Signed Ordinance 2017-24](#)
[CCMtg May 9 2017 - Agenda Item E-3 - Ordinance amending existing Ord No. 50-](#)
[CCMtg May 30 2017 - Agenda Item F-12 - Ordinance amending existing ordinance](#)

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Item E-3 is available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk and in Legistar].

A motion was made by Commissioner Lago, seconded by Vice Mayor Keon, that this matter be approved as an Ordinance on First Reading. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas : 5 - Vice Mayor Keon, Vice Mayor Lago, Commissioner Mena, Commissioner Quesada and Mayor Valdes-Fauli

City Clerk Item No. 44

RESOLUTIONS**RESOLUTION NO. 2017-87.1**

- E.-4. [17-6004](#) A Resolution of the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida approving the Final Plat entitled "Beatrice Row" pursuant to Zoning Code Article 3, Division 9, "Platting/Subdivision", being a re-plat of an approximately 0.54 acre property into nine (9) platted lots for nine (9) residential townhouses on property assigned Multi-Family Special Area District (MFSA) zoning, on the property legally described as Lots 1, 2, 42 and 43, Block 10, Biltmore Section (2509 Anderson Road, 744 Biltmore Way and 745 Valencia Avenue), Coral Gables, Florida; providing for an effective date. (01 13 16 PZB recommended approval, Vote: 5-0)

Attachments: [05 09 17 CC Cover Memo - Beatrice Row Final Plat](#)
[05 09 17 Exhibit A - Draft Resolution](#)
[05 09 17 Exhibit B - Applicant's submittal package](#)
[05 09 17 Exhibit C - 01.13.16 Planning Division Staff report and recommendation](#)
[05 09 17 Exhibit D - Excerpt of 01.13.16 Planning and Zoning Board Meeting Minu](#)
[Signed Resolution 2017-87.1](#)
[CCMtg May 9 2017 - Agenda Item E-4 - Resolution approving Final Plat entitled B](#)

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

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Keon, seconded by Commissioner Mena, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2017-87.1. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas : 4 - Commissioner Quesada, Vice Mayor Keon, Commissioner Mena and Mayor Valdes-Fauli

Absent : 1 - Vice Mayor Lago

City Clerk Item No. 43

F. CITY COMMISSION ITEMS

- F.-1. [17-6030](#) Discussion regarding school and park protection zones.
(Sponsored by Commissioner Keon)

Attachments: [CCmtg May 9 2017 - Agenda Item F-1 - Discussion regarding school and park pro](#)

[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. 45

- F.-2. [17-6037](#) Discussion regarding peafowl in the City of Coral Gables.
(Sponsored by Commissioner Lago)

Attachments: [CCMtg May 9 2017 - Agenda Item F-2 - Discussion regarding peafowl in City of C.](#)

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Item F-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. 46

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-88

Non [17-6195](#)
Agenda

A Resolution expressing the City of Coral Gables' desire to transfer control of the Special Taxing District for Old Cutler Bay's Security Guard District from Miami-Dade County to the City of Coral Gables.

Attachments: [Signed Resolution 2017-88](#)

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES' DESIRE TO TRANSFER CONTROL OF THE SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICT FOR OLD CUTLER BAY'S SECURITY GUARD DISTRICT FROM MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, TO THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES.

A motion was made by Commissioner Quesada, seconded by Commissioner Lago, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2017-88. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas : 5 - Vice Mayor Lago, Vice Mayor Keon, Commissioner Mena, Commissioner Quesada and Mayor Valdes-Fauli

City Clerk Item No. 47

F.-3. [17-6040](#)

Discussion regarding possible new park space in Old Cutler Bay.
(Sponsored by Vice Mayor Quesada)

Attachments: [CCMtg May 9 2017 - Agenda Item F-3 - Discussion regarding possible new park s](#)

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Item F-3 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. 48

G. BOARDS/COMMITTEES ITEMS

None

City Clerk Item No. 49

H. CITY MANAGER ITEMS

None

City Clerk Item No. 50

I. CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS

- I.-1. [17-5880](#) Request for an Executive Session (if any).

This Agenda Item was Discussed

City Clerk Item No. 57

J. CITY CLERK ITEMS

None

City Clerk Item No. 51

K. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Alright, any other comments, any Commission items, anything else.

Vice Mayor Keon: I wanted to, in going back to the issue of the parks and the zones, is it my understanding then that you will bring back a plan to us on the 30th as to how we would do that.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: Based on your direction we've scheduled that for the 30th.

Vice Mayor Keon: OK. Mayor Valdes-Fauli, I was surprised in my discussions with the Manager and with the City Attorney that when we pass a resolution there is not an administrative "reg" that goes along with the resolution that we pass; and I guess I assumed there was one, because I know when I worked for Policy and Legislative Aide for Jimmy Morales in the County, and did a lot of the work in drafting and helping to draft legislation, there was always an administrative "reg" that went with the

policy, so it was a relationship between the policy and how the policy then would be administered and authority generally given to staff in the administration of that. So, the intent of the legislation was carried through in the administrative order, so that the policy and the practices align. I was surprised to hear we don't do that, that there isn't an administrative "reg"...

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Legislative history type of thing.

Vice Mayor Keon: No, regulation that - it's like the implementing legislation.

City Attorney Leen: Can I comment on that. You know it's just been the practice of the City in the past that there have not been regulations. I've spoken to the City Manager about it and she is interested in doing regulation. I think that from a legal perspective, I think that there is a good way to address, how is this well maintained?- you know the business regulations we just did for Miracle Mile, there were administrative regulations. So, I believe that the City Manager has been devising a couple related to the issue that you raised about the swales, pardon me, about the protection zones around schools and parks, and that's just something new that we've started. There is no history of that in Coral Gables. Now there are Code provisions that have mentioned regulations, they just have not been done, so we don't have like a book of regulations, the only exception is the Personnel Rules, we do have those, those are regulations; and then we had a draft set of regulations for the Procurement Department, which were never adopted, and the City Manager when I mentioned it to her told me to work on those two, so Christina Suarez has been working on putting those into a set of regulations as well and they are subject to the City Manager's review. So, my understanding is that eventually and this may be quite soon, actually similar to the City Attorney opinions 2017-001, there'll be City Manager regulations 2017-001.

Vice Mayor Keon: It is usually the administrative staff then that develops the regulation that's the implementing regulation for whatever the policy is, so that it is conveyed appropriately. I think it's something that I think going forward we probably should do, it's usually assigned to the Manager and then through her department directors or whatever.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Thank you. Commissioner Quesada.

Commissioner Quesada: Yes, a few quick items. Commissioner Slesnick when she

was on the dais was the B.I.D. representative, I believe, so we have an opening now for B.I.D. representative, and because we've got to get people to work...

Commissioner Lago: I nominate Mike Mena.

Commissioner Quesada: And I second that nomination.

Commissioner Lago: Can we run the role.

Commissioner Quesada: Also we need a Chamber representative, because she was also the Chamber representative.

Vice Mayor Keon: No, I was the Chamber representative.

Commissioner Quesada: Oh, you were, OK. What about the Beacon Council?

Commissioner Lago: I nominate Mike Mena also.

Vice Mayor Keon: I think you should do the Beacon Council.

Commissioner Quesada: I know, but Mike Mena's beard is so good for the Beacon Council, it's perfect for the Beacon Council.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: Commissioner Mena, I having been very involved in economic development, I think that role is more of an advisory where Javier would come to you and seek your wisdom, but it's not something where attendance is required.

Commissioner Quesada: However, I think there is an opportunity with the Beacon Council. The Beacon Council has a lot of events where they have trade organizations from different countries that come into town. A lot of times those are companies that are looking to invest or expand in South Florida and they are looking for office locations, so I think it's important for some of those bigger events that we have some representation there, because when I used to do it in the past, I found that to be very helpful.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: And, I used to do that and we were very, very successful in attracting these companies, Delmonte, and a lot of other companies.

Commissioner Quesada: And also real quickly, I have three adjustments to make on my Board appointments. I know that it's not up until June, but I want to get it done already. So, these are all Coral Gables residents, I know we've got to vote on these, but if you don't mind if I can just group the three of them together, is that OK?

City Attorney Leen: You can.

Commissioner Quesada: So, for Economic Development Board, I currently have vacant, I want to appoint Elizabeth Patino, and then Mr. Clerk I'll give you all their full names and addresses after and the contact information, for Board of Adjustment, Maria Garcia, and for Planning and Zoning, Jonie Belijo, on Planning and Zoning.

City Attorney Leen: And Mr. Clerk, so we will treat this as if it's like a Consent Agenda, so there are three items, they'll be a motion and a second and then you can prepare successive resolutions for each of them.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: A motion?

Commissioner Lago: So moved.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Second? - Vice Mayor Keon, yes, it's unanimous.

Vice Mayor Keon: Yes - would you call the roll?

Commissioner Mena: Yes

Commissioner Quesada: Yes

Vice Mayor Keon: Yes

Commissioner Lago: Yes

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Yes

(Vote: 5-0)

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Anything else?

Vice Mayor Keon: I'd like to reappoint Marlin Ebbert back to the Sustainability Board, because she had to resign in order to run and she would like to continue that work.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: Ms. Vice Mayor is that under your appointment, your placement?

Vice Mayor Keon: Yes. She was my appointee before, so I just want to reappoint her, because she had to resign and let her continue to meet.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Fine. Do you need to call a vote or it's unanimous?

Commissioner Quesada: Yes - unanimous.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Alright, any other item to come before the Commission?

Vice Mayor Keon: No. Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Wait, wait, wait, we have City Attorney items now, which I left to the end.

City Attorney Leen: So just briefly, I'd like to request an Executive Session in the Cascar Case, Case No. 2013-025997, CA-01 Cascar v. City of Coral Gables, that's the case involving the Alfred Browning Parker house at 2 Casarina Concourse. That case could be going to trial, we are moving for summary judgement. I think we have an extremely strong position in the case, but because there is a lot at issue, its approximately \$5 million claim, although I think the claim is inflated in my opinion, but because there is a significant claim I do feel that I need to brief you on it since it may go to trial. Two, I wanted to brief you briefly about Air B&B, Home Away.....and Flip Key. The City has filed a lawsuit as to Flip Key and for those at home these are for vacation rentals in Coral Gables. The City Commission and staff have been very focused on limiting and prohibiting, and restricting vacation rentals, particularly in the single-family residential district. The way the City views the Code, those sort of overnight accommodations are allowed in commercial, commercial limited in industrial zones, but not in the other residential zones. So Flip Key, we sent a cease and desist letter to, and they have not complied and there was a citation issued and they have not complied, so the City filed a lawsuit. Now as to Air B&B and Home Away, I just want to briefly read into the record what I think will be the settlement with them, because my understanding is that the City, it's not a final settlement, it's sort of a standstill agreement settlement, but it looks like both Air B&B and Home Away in principle will agree to this; and what it does, is the City Attorney's office can prepare a letter on City letterhead that we are going to provide to Air B&B and Home Away

for purposes of this discussion, I'll just say Air B&B, we will provide Air B&B and they will provide that letter to all of their hosts, they call them. That letter will indicate where these vacation rentals are illegal in Coral Gables, so it would be very clear about that; Air B&B will then provide that to each of their hosts by e-mail, and they'll also post it on their website for new hosts coming in. What I've been told by Code Enforcement and what the City Prosecutor has been told is that whenever we raise this issue with a resident they comply. They don't often know that it is not legal in our City and I don't think we've ever had to actually issue a citation, I think we've issued warnings and we've issued warnings that says to a number of properties and Mr. Vice Mayor, I believe that we sent you a list of them. There are many properties on there; my understanding is that they've complied whenever we've asked them to. The issue the City has always had is that we can't get all the addresses, so we can't send them all a letter, so now through this Air B&B will send a letter to them. In addition, the Home Away will provide, pardon me, Air B&B will provide confirmation to the City that it has done that, either through an attorney who will write a letter to us indicating on behalf of them that they've done this, or through some sort of affidavit or false claim ordinance document that we can enforce. In addition to that, they will not object to the City appearing as amicus curia in the case involving the City of Miami, which is pending now in the Third District Court of Appeal and we would appear in that case simply to present our position, the City of Coral Gables, so that if the Court, the Court may rule in favor of Miami they may rule against, whatever happens we want to make sure that doesn't hurt Coral Gables to enforce its ordinance. In addition to that, Air B&B will assist the City in removing any nuisance properties from their site as they arise, but those will be specific properties that come up, it would not be every property at once, it would be specific properties as they come up. In addition, they will not interfere with our, the City's enforcement efforts, so we can continue citing houses as they come up, you know there is nothing that prevents us from doing that. This would be in effect for six months and then we'll be reevaluated, each side reserves all rights, during the six month period though, assuming they comply with this agreement, we would not enforce the subpoena or a cease and desist. So that's the idea, the idea to go forward, we believe; and I've been working with the City Manager, with the Assistant City Manager, both Assistant City Managers, the Deputy City Attorney and I brief each of you individually. I believe that this would be a good way to see if we can get voluntary compliance by all the residents, because ultimately if they comply there is no real issue, they don't have to get into a lawsuit with Air B&B. So, I wanted to brief you on that in public before we go forward and agree to this, and I want to know if you had any input in public, as opposed to the individual discussions, in case there was any disagreement.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: I think it's a good compromise and a good solution. I wanted to ask on Flip Key, do we also notice the homeowners that they are violating the law.

City Attorney Leen: Well with Flip Key they will not give us the information, so we are filing a lawsuit to prevent Flip Key from operating in Coral Gables.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: OK.

City Attorney Leen: Air B&B and Home Away have worked with us.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: No, no, but I'm talking about Flip Key.

City Attorney Leen: Flip Key they haven't, so we are asking them to take down all of the properties in Coral Gables.

Commissioner Lago: Now they are going to have to comply or...

City Attorney Leen: They defaulted, yes, so that's the first item. The second item is on Mars Street there is an issue, its come up, let me give you the address, and this will come back to the Commission, because we would want to alert the property owner as well, but the property is 13071 Mars Street, this has come up with some records that the City has received, some e-mails and things like that, this is in Gables-by-the-Sea. There is an area that is part of the public right-of-way that's at the end of Mars Street that has been fenced off, it's been fenced off for about 20 years, there is a covenant running with the land, and there is a resolution addressing this. Both of them indicate that the City can require that this fence be removed at any time. What essentially happened is the homeowner that's next to it has been maintaining it and fenced it off, and in a sense has been using it as part of their property, because it's fenced off and they've been maintaining it. The issue is, is that the neighborhood wants access to the public right-of-way and the City has the absolute right to remove the fence.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: It's very, very appropriate for a neighborhood to have access to the public right-of-way.

City Attorney Leen: So what we've done is, we've asked the homeowners association through Nancy Sanabria who e-mailed me back that she is going to be

bringing it to the homeowners association, so that will give the adjoining property owner notice, and then we will bring it back to the Commission, so the adjoining property owner wants to come and speak about it, they would be able to. So, it's being done transparently with the Commission ultimately determining whether to remove the fence or not, which you have the absolute right to. Lastly, there is an issue that has come up with Ross Dress for Less at the end of, at Douglas and Miracle Mile. We are working it out. I just want to briefly put it in the record, I told them I would. As you may remember a couple of meetings ago, and I know Mr. Holmes was here and spoke about it, remember the City was doing - there is a private part of the sidewalk and there is a public part of the sidewalk, and the City would like the entire sidewalk to be uniform. So, Mr. Holmes had an objection at a meeting and what the City did was, we reapproached the problem, and so we created what's called a license agreement, so its voluntary, where the party can go forward, the property owner, and agree to the City putting in pavers and the property owner doesn't lose any of their development rights, but it ensures for uniformity, and so far we've gotten compliance with everyone. Ross though has resisted, I don't know if they fully objected yet, they initially objected, but now they say that they are going to work with the City and they should be letting me know in a day or two. The only reason I raise this is because, the whole idea of this approach was not to have an ordinance requiring this. I will have to come back, and we agreed to do that; we agreed to proceed in this way assuming everyone would agree voluntarily to put the pavers in. I still have the opinion that the City is a zoning matter could require the public sidewalk to be uniform, in order so you don't have splotches, where you have one sidewalk in one place and a different material in another place, that's an aesthetic issue, the City can require aesthetics, we've done that for 90 years. So, I'm just raising this issue with you, I will be bringing it up at the next meeting, hopefully by then Ross would have agreed, I believe they will, they told me they think they'll agree in the next day or two. The issue though that, I see our ACM/Building Official saying nodding no, the issue that's come up though is that we don't want this to delay the project at all, and we are there right now, right Mr. Building Official, we are there right now, and so we need to get this agreement from them today or tomorrow, if possible, otherwise it may end up delaying the project, if we were to go back and do it. So, that's why I'm bringing it to your attention today. So, I was wondering if I could get, if it would be OK if they'd be a unanimous consent that I should go forward and go back to Ross, and tell them that the Commission would like them to do this, that this is very important to the City.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: I think that we all are in agreement with that and unless I hear

some objection, you do have the unanimous consent of the Commission.

City Attorney Leen: To proceed - I will let them know. Those are all my....Mr. Mayor.

Commissioner Lago: Thank you.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Anything else to come before the Commission? We are adjourned.

City Clerk Item No. 52

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-89

Non [17-6196](#)
Agenda

A Resolution appointing Elizabeth Petino (Nominated by Commissioner Quesada) to serve as a member of the Economic Development Board, for the remained of a two (2) year term, which began on June 1, 2015 and continues through May 31, 2017.

Attachments: [Signed Resolution 2017-89](#)

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING ELIZABETH PETINO (NOMINATED BY COMMISSIONER QUESADA) TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD, FOR THE REMAINDER OF A TWO (2) YEAR TERM, WHICH BEGAN ON JUNE 1, 2015 AND CONTINUES THROUGH MAY 31, 2017.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lago, seconded by Vice Mayor Keon, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2017-89. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas : 5 - Commissioner Mena, Commissioner Quesada, Vice Mayor Lago, Vice Mayor Keon and Mayor Valdes-Fauli

City Clerk Item No. 53

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-90

Non [17-6197](#)
Agenda

A Resolution appointing Maria Garcia (Nominated by Commissioner Quesada) to serve as a member of the Board of Adjustment, for the remained of a two (2) year term, which began on June 1, 2015 and continues through May 31, 2017.

Attachments: [Signed Legislation 2017-90](#)

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING MARIA GARCIA (NOMINATED BY COMMISSIONER QUESADA) TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT, FOR THE REMAINDER OF A TWO (2) YEAR TERM, WHICH BEGAN ON JUNE 1, 2015 AND CONTINUES THROUGH MAY 31, 2017.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lago, seconded by Vice Mayor Keon, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2017-90. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas : 5 - Commissioner Mena, Commissioner Quesada, Vice Mayor Lago, Vice Mayor Keon and Mayor Valdes-Fauli

City Clerk Item No. 54

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-91

Non [17-6198](#)
Agenda

A Resolution appointing Jonie Belijo (Nominated by Commissioner Quesada) to serve as a member of the Planning and Zoning Board, for the remained of a two (2) year term, which began on June 1, 2015 and continues through May 31, 2017.

Attachments: [Signed Resolution 2017-91](#)

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING JONIE BELIJO (NOMINATED BY COMMISSIONER QUESADA) TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD, FOR THE REMAINDER OF A TWO (2) YEAR TERM, WHICH BEGAN ON JUNE 1, 2015 AND CONTINUES THROUGH MAY 31, 2017.

This Resolution was adopted by Resolution Number 2017-91

Yeas : 5 - Commissioner Mena, Commissioner Quesada, Vice Mayor Lago, Vice Mayor Keon and Mayor Valdes-Fauli

City Clerk Item No. 55

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-92

Non [17-6199](#)
Agenda

A Resolution appointing Marlin Ebbert (Nominated by Vice Mayor Keon) to serve as a member of the Sustainability Advisory Board, for the remained of a two (2) year term, which began on June 1, 2015 and continues through May 31, 2017.

Attachments: [Signed Resolution 2017-92](#)

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING MARLIN EBBERT (NOMINATED BY VICE MAYOR KEON) TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY BOARD, FOR THE REMAINDER OF A TWO (2) YEAR TERM, WHICH BEGAN ON JUNE 1, 2015 AND CONTINUES THROUGH MAY 31, 2017.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Keon, seconded by Commissioner Lago, that this motion be adopted by Resolution Number 2017-92. The motion passed by an unanimous vote.

Yeas : 5 - Vice Mayor Keon, Vice Mayor Lago, Commissioner Mena, Commissioner Quesada and Mayor Valdes-Fauli

City Clerk Item No. 56

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-93**Non [17-6200](#)
Agenda**

A Resolution of the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida urging Ross Dress for Less to allow for pavers to be placed on the private sidewalk in order to maintain uniformity as part of the Miracle Mile Streetscape Project.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Keon, seconded by Mayor Valdes-Fauli, that this motion be adopted by Resolution Number 2017-93. The motion passed by an unanimous vote.

Yeas : 5 - Vice Mayor Keon, Vice Mayor Lago, Commissioner Mena, Commissioner Quesada and Mayor Valdes-Fauli

City Clerk Item No. 58

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 1:08 p.m. The next regular meeting of the City Commission has been scheduled for Tuesday, May 30, 2017, beginning 9 a.m.]

WALTER J. FOEMAN
CITY CLERK