

City of Coral Gables

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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 8, 2015

9:00 AM

City Hall, Commission Chambers

City Commission

Mayor Jim Cason
Vice Mayor Frank C. Quesada
Commissioner Patricia Keon
Commissioner Vince Lago
Commissioner Jeannett Slesnick

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

ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Mayor Cason, Commissioner Keon, Commissioner Lago, Vice Mayor Quesada and Commissioner Slesnick

INVOCATION

[Note for the Record: The invocation was given by Reverend Mercedes Busto, who serves as Assistant Rector of St. Phillip's Episcopal Church, where her primary focus is mainly on programs for Adult Formation, as well as Pastoral care. She was ordained into the priesthood in May of 2014. Prior to entering into ordained ministry, Reverend Busto worked as an attorney in Miami and Coral Gables for over 29 years, including serving as Chancellor of the Episcopal Diocese of Southeast Florida. She has a Bachelor's Degree from Florida International University, a law degree from Columbia Law School, and a Master of Divinity from General Theological Seminary, Reverend Busto came to Miami from Cuba as a young girl and lived in Miami for most of her life].

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Slesnick 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. 2015-21 through Ordinance No. 2015-23) (b) Resolution(s) adopted (Resolution No. 2015-207 through Resolution No. 2015-218); (c) Video; (d) Audio Recording; (e) Minutes Folder with Agenda and background information, including items which were submitted at the meeting.

A. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

- A.-1. [15-4241](#) Congratulations to Paulson Jean, Information Technology Department, recipient of the "Employee of the Month Award," for the month of September 2015.

Attachments: [EOM Notification - September 2015](#)
[Cover Memorandum - EOM September 2015](#)

[Note for the Record: Following Mayor Cason's reading of the title to Agenda Item A-1 into the public record, City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark requested of Human Resources Director Elsa Jaramillo-Velez to join her, and that she would fill in for the tardy CIO, who was delayed in traffic; further stating that since Paulson is a very special employee, she would speak on his behalf.

During the videotaped segment of the Employee of the Month presentation, CIO Gee Chow mentioned that Paulson began his tenure with the City as an IT Specialist, being assigned to the Customer Support Division, and was later assigned to the Network and Telecommunications Division; further noting that ever since his first day of employment, Paulson has shown great technical support service and customer service skills, and is a high volume support producer; further pointing out that Paulson has shown a propensity to want to grow as a professional; further noting that Paulson has played a key role in the recent implementation of a vast authentication system for the Police Department; he has worked unselfishly after hours and on weekends, when required to perform hardware maintenance for customers; further summing up that Paulson is a very dependable and responsible employee, always willing to go the extra mile; he is a tremendous asset to the IT Department and the City as a whole, added Mr. Chow.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark added that she first met Paulson in December of 2014, whereupon he presented to her with all of the technology that the City has, and that she is grateful for his demeanor and how he treats all of the City staff and employees.

In accepting this accolade, Paulson thanked the City for the opportunity and for this recognition from the bottom of his heart].

City Clerk Item No. 1

A.-2. [15-4242](#) Presentation of a 20 year service pin to Police Officer Robert H. Thomson.

Attachments: [CM 20 Yr. Service Pin - Ofc. Robert Thomson](#)

[Note for the Record: Agenda Item A-2 was withdrawn from the City Commission Agenda by memo received from the City Clerk; further scheduling said item for the next City Commission Meeting, presently scheduled for September 22, 2015].

City Clerk Item No. 2

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None

City Clerk Item No. 3

C. CONSENT AGENDA

Passed the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Quesada, seconded by Commissioner Lago, to Adopt the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yeas : 4 - Commissioner Lago, Vice Mayor Quesada, Commissioner Slesnick and Mayor Cason

Absent : 1 - Commissioner Keon

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-207

C.-1. [15-4238](#) A Resolution accepting the recommendation of the Chief Procurement Officer to award the contract for Citywide Security Guard Services to FPI Security Services, Inc., pursuant to Request for Proposals (RFP) 2015.0.07 and Section 2-828 of the Procurement Code, entitled "Contract Award".

Attachments: [Signed Cover Memo.pdf](#)
[Evaluation and Ranking](#)
[FPI Security Services, Inc](#)
[Presentation Handout](#)
[Tabulation Sheet.pdf](#)
[Draft Agenda Reso](#)

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER TO AWARD THE CONTRACT FOR CITYWIDE SECURITY GUARD SERVICES TO FPI SECURITY SERVICES, INC., PURSUANT TO REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) 2015.0.07 AND SECTION 2-828 OF THE PROCUREMENT CODE ENTITLED "CONTRACT AWARD".

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2015-207 on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 4

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-208C.-2. [15-4245](#)

A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a Joint Participation Agreement (JPA) between the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and the City of Coral Gables, to provide financial assistance in the amount of \$75,625, for service development in the expansion of the Coral Gables Trolley route on Ponce de Leon Boulevard, from Douglas Station to the MacFarlane Homestead District.

Attachments: [Signed Cover Memo.pdf](#)
[DRAFT JPA Contract G0321](#)
[MacFarlane HOMestead Study Report](#)
[Resolution - Trolley route extension Douglas - MacFarlane - with budget language](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A JOINT PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT (JPA) BETWEEN THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT) AND THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (IN THE AMOUNT OF \$75,625.00) FOR SERVICE DEVELOPMENT IN THE EXPANSION OF THE CORAL GABLES TROLLEY ROUTE ON PONCE DE LEON BOULEVARD FROM DOUGLAS STATION TO THE MACFARLANE HOMESTEAD DISTRICT; AND AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015 ANNUAL BUDGET TO RECOGNIZE THE GRANT AS REVENUE AND APPROPRIATE SUCH FUNDS TO COVER THE COST OF GRANT EXPENDITURES.

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2015-208 on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 5

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-209C.-3. [15-4246](#)

A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a Joint Participation Agreement (JPA) between the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and the City of Coral Gables, to provide financial assistance in the amount of \$61,100, for service development through City of Coral Gables Trolley IT upgrades.

Attachments: [Signed Cover Memo.pdf](#)
[DRAFT Joint Participation Agreement Contract G0322](#)
[Resolution - Trolley IT Upgrades - with budget language](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A JOINT PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT (JPA) BETWEEN THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT) AND THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (IN THE AMOUNT OF \$61,100.00) FOR SERVICE DEVELOPMENT THROUGH CITY OF CORAL GABLES TROLLEY IT UPGRADES; AND AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015 ANNUAL BUDGET TO RECOGNIZE THE GRANT AS REVENUE AND APPROPRIATE SUCH FUNDS TO COVER THE COST OF GRANT EXPENDITURES.

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2015-209 on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 6

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

- 1.-1. [15-4250](#) Communications Committee Meeting Minutes of August 20, 2015. (Draft)

Attachments: [Agendaitemseptember82015](#)
[Minutes August 2015](#)

This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 7

- 1.-2. [15-4236](#) International Affairs Coordinating Council meeting of August 18, 2015.

Attachments: [IACC-Minutes of August 18 2015 - 1](#)
[Microsoft Word - cover letter 8-18-15](#)

This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 8

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-210

Non [15-4462](#)
Agenda

A Resolution of the City Commission appointing Margarita Delgado (nominated by Mayor Cason) to serve as a member of the Communications Committee, for a two (2) year term that began on June 1, 2015 and continues through May 31, 2017.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION APPOINTING MARGARITA DELGADO (NOMINATED BY MAYOR CASON) TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE, FOR A TWO (2) YEAR TERM THAT BEGAN ON JUNE 1, 2015 AND CONTINUES THROUGH MAY 31, 2017.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lago, seconded by Vice Mayor Quesada, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2015-210. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas : 4 - Commissioner Lago, Vice Mayor Quesada, Commissioner Slesnick and Mayor Cason

Absent : 1 - Commissioner Keon

City Clerk Item No. 9

D. PERSONAL APPEARANCES

Time Certain 9:30 A.M.

D.-1. [15-4160](#)

Legislative Report by Fausto Gomez, of Gomez Barker Associates, Inc.

[Note for the Record: Agenda Item D-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. 11

E. PUBLIC HEARINGS**EMERGENCY ORDINANCE****ORDINANCE NO. 2015-21**

- E.-1. [15-4262](#) An Emergency Ordinance amending Chapter 50 of the “Code of the City of Coral Gables,” entitled “Pensions,” amending Section 50-26, Compulsory Participation; further amending Section 50-239(A), Limitations on Payment of Retirement Income, providing for a repealer provision, a severability clause, codification and providing for an effective date.

Attachments: [Signed Ordinance 2015-21.pdf](#)
[Pension Ordinance for New Directors and Part-Time Employees \[FINAL\].docx](#)
[Agenda Cover - Pension 401 and Part Time Emergency 9-8-15](#)

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 50 OF THE “CODE OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES,” ENTITLED “PENSIONS,” AMENDING SECTION 50-26, COMPULSORY PARTICIPATION; FURTHER AMENDING SECTION 50-239(A), LIMITATION ON PAYMENT OF RETIREMENT INCOME, AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, REPEALER, CODIFICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

[Note for the Record: 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 Quesada, that this matter be approved as an Ordinance on First Reading. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas : 5 - Vice Mayor Quesada, Commissioner Slesnick, Commissioner Keon, Commissioner Lago and Mayor Cason

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-21

Attachments: [Signed Ordinance 2015-21.pdf](#)
[Pension Ordinance for New Directors and Part-Time Employees \[FINAL\].docx](#)
[Agenda Cover - Pension 401 and Part Time Emergency 9-8-15](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Lago, seconded by Vice Mayor Quesada, that this matter be adopted by Ordinance Number 2015-21. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas : 5 - Commissioner Slesnick, Commissioner Keon, Commissioner Lago, Vice Mayor Quesada and Mayor Cason

City Clerk Item No. 10

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING**ORDINANCE NO. 2015-22**

- E.-2. [15-4112](#) An Ordinance of the Coral Gables City Commission amending the City Code, Chapter 2, entitled "Administration," Article XIII, entitled "Procurement Code" by amending Section 2-766, Competitive sealed bidding (formal bids), to provide for the consideration of other factors, in addition to price, when determining the lowest responsive and responsible bidder; providing for a repealer provision, a severability clause and providing for an effective date. (Passed on First Reading August 25, 2015)

Attachments: [Signed Ordinance 2015-22.pdf](#)
[Ordinance- First Reading - Competitive Solicitation](#)
[Cover Memo - First Reading - Amending Chapter 2 of Procurement Code](#)
[Draft Ordinance - 2nd Reading - Amending Chapter 2 of Procurement Code.pdf](#)
[Signed Cover Memo - 2nd Reading - Amending Chapter 2 of Procurement Code.](#)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CORAL GABLES CITY COMMISSION AMENDING THE CITY CODE, CHAPTER 2, ENTITLED "ADMINISTRATION," ARTICLE XIII ENTITLED "PROCUREMENT CODE" BY AMENDING SECTION 2-766, COMPETITIVE SEALED BIDDING (FORMAL BIDS), TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF OTHER FACTORS, IN ADDITION TO PRICE, WHEN DETERMINING THE LOWEST RESPONSIVE AND RESPONSIBLE BIDDER; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, REPEALER AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

[Note for the Record: 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 Keon, seconded by Vice Mayor Quesada, that this matter be adopted by Ordinance Number 2015-22. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas : 5 - Commissioner Keon, Commissioner Lago, Vice Mayor Quesada, Commissioner Slesnick and Mayor Cason

City Clerk Item No. 12

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-23**E.-3. [15-4158](#)**

An Ordinance of the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida, prohibiting the unauthorized entry into an automobile within the City of Coral Gables, Florida, allowing for a stay away order and minimum mandatory sentence and providing for a repealer provision, a severability clause, codification and providing for an effective date. (Passed on First Reading August 25, 2015)

Attachments: [Signed Ordinance 2015-23.pdf](#)
[Cover Memo - Unauthorized Vehicle Entry.pdf](#)
[Draft Ordinance - Unauthorized Vehicle Entry.pdf](#)
[Cover Memo - Second Reading - Unauthorized Vehicle Entry.pdf](#)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, PROHIBITING THE UNAUTHORIZED ENTRY INTO AN AUTOMOBILE WITHIN THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, ALLOWING FOR A STAY AWAY ORDER AND MINIMUM MANDATORY SENTENCE AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CODIFICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

[Note for the Record: 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 Commissioner Slesnick, that this matter be adopted by Ordinance Number 2015-23. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas : 5 - Commissioner Lago, Vice Mayor Quesada, Commissioner Slesnick, Commissioner Keon and Mayor Cason

City Clerk Item No. 13

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING**ORDINANCE NO. 2015-26**

- E.-4. [15-4265](#) An Ordinance amending Chapter 50 of the Code of the City of Coral Gables, entitled "Pensions," amending Section 50-29, City Contributions.

Attachments: [Second Reading - Cover Memo.pdf](#)
[No Actuarial Impact Letter - Ordinance Effective 9-8-15.pdf](#)
[CGRS AIS for Proposed Ordinance - General Employees 9-16-2015.pdf](#)
[Signed Ordinance 2015-26.pdf](#)
[Teamsters Pension Resolution Final \(01044567\)](#)
[First Budget Hearing - Cover Memo](#)

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

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

Yeas : 4 - Commissioner Lago, Vice Mayor Quesada, Commissioner Slesnick and Mayor Cason

Absent : 1 - Commissioner Keon

City Clerk Item No. 18

RESOLUTIONS**RESOLUTION NO. 2015-213**

- E.-5. [15-4248](#) A Resolution of the City of Coral Gables, Florida, relating to the provision of fire protection services, facilities and programs in the City of Coral Gables, Florida; reimposing fire protection assessments against assessed property located within the City, for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2015; approving the rate of assessment; approving the assessment roll; and providing for an effective date.

Attachments: [Agenda Cover Fire Assessment Rate Establishment 9-8-15](#)
[AnnualRateResolution FIRE_final_9-8-15](#)

[Note for the Record: Agenda Item E-5 is available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk and in Legistar].

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Quesada, seconded by Commissioner Keon, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2015-213. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas : 5 - Vice Mayor Quesada, Commissioner Slesnick, Commissioner Keon, Commissioner Lago and Mayor Cason

City Clerk Item No. 19

F. CITY COMMISSION ITEMS

- F.-1. [15-4274](#) Discussion regarding Miami Herald agreement.
Commissioner Slesnick.

Attachments: [Print Ads Memorandum-Commissioner Slesnick.pdf](#)

[Note for the Record: 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. 20

G. BOARDS/COMMITTEES ITEMS**RESOLUTION NO. 2015-210.1**

- G.-1. [15-4235](#) Presentation of excerpts from the Historic Preservation Board meeting of August 20, 2015, requesting the following action:
That the City Commission adopt a Resolution authorizing Ad Valorem tax relief for the property located 1203 Asturia Avenue, a local historic landmark, legally described as Lots 17 and 18, Block 5, Coral Gables Section "E," according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 8 at Page 13 of the Public Records of Miami-Dade County, Florida. The related Special Certificate of Appropriateness, COA (SP) 2012-10, was granted design approval on September 20, 2012 by the Historic Preservation Board. Standard Certificate of Appropriateness COA (ST) 2014-094 was granted design approval on August 20, 2014 by the Historical Resources Department.
The cost of improvements is estimated at \$725,000 which would correspond approximately to \$4,052.03 per year and \$40,520.25 over ten years. (Historic Preservation Board Vote:8-0)

Attachments: [Memo.Draft-AV.2013.002.1203.Asturia.Avenue-Draft](#)
[AV2013-02.1203.Asturia.Avenue.Resolution-Draft](#)
[AV2013.002.1203.Asturia.Avenue.Part.1](#)
[AV2013.002.1203.Asturia.Avenue.Part.2](#)
[1203.Asturia.Avenue.Designation.Report.and.Accelerated.COA\(SP\).2012-010](#)
[1203.Asturia.Avenue.COA\(ST\)2014-094-Letter - Certificate - Permit Application](#)
[Power.Point.Excerpt.1203.Asturia.Avenue](#)
[HPB.Minutes.Aug.20.2015MinuteExcerpts.1203.Asturia.Avenue](#)

A RESOLUTION GRANTING AD-VALOREM TAX EXEMPTION FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1203 ASTURIA AVENUE, A LOCAL HISTORIC LANDMARK, LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS LOTS 17 AND 18, BLOCK 5, CORAL GABLES SECTION "E," ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 8 AT PAGE 13 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA.

[Note for the Record: Agenda Item G-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 Commissioner Slesnick, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2015-210.1. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas : 4 - Commissioner Slesnick, Commissioner Keon, Commissioner Lago and Mayor Cason

Absent : 1 - Vice Mayor Quesada

City Clerk Item No. 14

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-214

G.-2. [15-4243](#)

A Resolution granting approval of a residential waiver (by a four-fifths vote of the City Commission) for Timothy Daniels (Nominated by Mayor Cason), in accordance with Section 2-59(b)(2) of the City Code, to serve as a member of the Emergency Management Division, for a two (2) year term, which began on June 1, 2015 and continues through May 31, 2017.

Attachments: [Cover Memo- Residential Waiver - Timothy Daniels - Emergency Management Division-2015-Draft- Residential Waiver - Timothy Daniels - Emergency Management Division-2015-Draft- Residential Waiver - Timothy Daniels - Resume](#)

A RESOLUTION GRANTING APPROVAL OF A RESIDENTIAL WAIVER (BY A FOUR-FIFTHS VOTE OF THE CITY COMMISSION) FOR TIMOTHY DANIELS (NOMINATED BY MAYOR CASON), IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 2-59(B)(2) OF THE CITY CODE, TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIVISION, FOR A TWO (2) YEAR TERM, WHICH BEGAN ON JUNE 1, 2015 AND CONTINUES THROUGH MAY 31, 2017.

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

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Quesada, seconded by Commissioner Slesnick, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2015-214. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas : 5 - Commissioner Slesnick, Commissioner Keon, Commissioner Lago, Vice Mayor Quesada and Mayor Cason

City Clerk Item No. 21

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-215**G.-3. [15-4260](#)**

A Resolution of the City Commission appointing Aurelia Barcay (Nominated by the Commission-As-A-Whole) 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.

Attachments: [R-2015-Cover Memo - Sustainability Advisory Board - Commission As A Whole A](#)
[R-2015 Draft- Sustainability Advisory Board - Commission As A Whole Appointm](#)
[Resumes of incumbents interested in continuing to serve on the board](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION RE-APPOINTING AURELIA BARCAY (NOMINATED BY THE COMMISSION-AS-A-WHOLE) 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.

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

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Quesada, seconded by Commissioner Slesnick, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2015-215. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas : 5 - Commissioner Keon, Commissioner Lago, Vice Mayor Quesada, Commissioner Slesnick and Mayor Cason

City Clerk Item No. 22

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-216**G.-4. [15-4261](#)**

A Resolution of the City Commission appointing Alberto Menendez (Nominated by the Commission-As-A-Whole) to serve as a member of the Historic Preservation Board, for the remainder of a two (2) year term, which began on June 1, 2015 and continues through May 31, 2017.

Attachments: [R-2015-Cover Memo - Historic Preservation Board - Commission As A Whole App](#)
[R-2015 Draft- Historic Preservation Board - Commission As A Whole Appointmen](#)
[Resume of those interested in serving on the Historic Preservation Board](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION APPOINTING ALBERTO MENENDEZ (NOMINATED BY THE COMMISSION-AS-A-WHOLE) TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD, FOR THE REMAINDER OF A TWO (2) YEAR TERM, WHICH BEGAN ON JUNE 1, 2015 AND CONTINUES THROUGH MAY 31, 2017.

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

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Quesada, seconded by Commissioner Slesnick, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2015-216. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas : 5 - Commissioner Lago, Vice Mayor Quesada, Commissioner Slesnick, Commissioner Keon and Mayor Cason

City Clerk Item No. 23

H. CITY MANAGER ITEMS

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-211

H.-1. [15-4137](#) A Resolution authorizing Trail Theater to add the sale of alcoholic beverage for consumption on the premises, as permitted by State law on the property legally described as Lots 28 to 33, Block 22, Coral Gables Flagler St Section (3715 SW 8th Street), Coral Gables, Florida; and providing for an effective date.

- Attachments:** [09 08 15 Exhibit A Draft Resolution](#)
[09 08 15 CC Cover Memo re Trail Theater](#)
[09 08 15 Exhibit B Certificate of Use application](#)
[09 08 15 Exhibit C 06 03 15 Trial Theater Letter of Intent](#)
[09 08 15 Exhibit D Liquor Survey](#)
[09 08 15 Exhibit E City Code, Chapter 6 Section 6-4](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TRAIL THEATER TO ADD THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE FOR CONSUMPTION ON THE PREMISES AS PERMITTED BY STATE LAW ON THE PROPERTY LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS LOTS 28 TO 33, BLOCK 22, 3715 SW 8TH STREET, CORAL GABLES FLAGLER ST SECTION, CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Quesada, seconded by Commissioner Slesnick, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2015-211. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas : 5 - Commissioner Slesnick, Commissioner Keon, Commissioner Lago, Vice Mayor Quesada and Mayor Cason

City Clerk Item No. 16

Time Certain 10:30 A.M.

H.-2. [15-4167](#) Discussion on US-1 / Red / Sunset Corridor Visioning Workshop.

Attachments: [09 08 15 CC Cover Memo re US1 Red Sunset Corridor Visioning Workshop Repo Exhibit A US1 Red Sunset Corridor Visioning Workshop Report DRAFT 090315 Exhibit B US1 Red Sunset Powerpoint - 090815 CC Meeting](#)

[Note for the Record: Agenda Item H-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. 15

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-212

H.-3. [15-4266](#) A Resolution of the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida, with attachment, ratifying the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Coral Gables and the Teamsters, Local Union 769, specifically relating to group health insurance and employee pension contribution.

Attachments: [Z001 Cover Memo Resolution Final \(01044545\)](#)
[Z001 TEAMSTERS RESOLUTION RATIFYING MOU](#)
[MISC Teamsters MOU Final \(01044541\)](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, WITH ATTACHMENT, RATIFYING THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES AND THE TEAMSTERS, LOCAL UNION 769, SPECIFICALLY RELATING TO GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE AND EMPLOYEE PENSION CONTRIBUTION.

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

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Quesada, seconded by Commissioner Keon, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2015-212. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas : 5 - Commissioner Keon, Commissioner Lago, Vice Mayor Quesada, Commissioner Slesnick and Mayor Cason

City Clerk Item No. 17

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-217

- H.-4. [15-4267](#) A Resolution of the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida, authorizing the City Manager to continue to provide benefits for excluded employees, specifically related to group health insurance.

Attachments: [2003 Excluded employees Cover Sheet Final \(01044549\)](#)
[2003 Excluded employees group health resolution final \(01044555\)](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO PROVIDE BENEFITS FOR EXCLUDED EMPLOYEES, SPECIFICALLY RELATED TO GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE.

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

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Quesada, seconded by Commissioner Keon, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2015-217. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas : 5 - Vice Mayor Quesada, Commissioner Slesnick, Commissioner Keon, Commissioner Lago and Mayor Cason

City Clerk Item No. 25

I. CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS

- I.-1. [15-4272](#) Discussion regarding the Internal Affairs audit report.

Attachments: [2010.18 - IA Section Audit \(RLF Final\)](#)

[Note for the Record: Agenda Item I-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. 26

- I.-2. [15-4273](#) Update on the Charter Review Committee.

[Note for the Record: Agenda Item I-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. 24

J. CITY CLERK ITEMS

None

City Clerk Item No. 27

K. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Mayor Cason: Commission Keon - Discussion Items.

Commissioner Keon: I had asked the Manager some time ago, and I really don't want to affect anybody's sensibilities or anybody's project. Along Alhambra where all of the palm trees are planted, I noticed in driving along there, because of the height of the lower palms there is no visibility from one side of the street to the other side of the street, so you can't see through those palms to see. I had asked the Manager at one time if it's because those lower trees is that the height to which they'll grow and so will they eventually grow tall enough that you can see through that section of Alhambra?- or is that the full grown height of those trees, so there will always be a barrier in looking through?- and if that is the full height of them, if maybe we can have a discussion about maybe thinning out that border, so you can actually see from one side of the street to the other. It makes it very difficult if you are driving and you are looking for an address or something, you are looking for something, to not be able to see which side of the street it's on, and I'm sure the plants can be used someplace else. I'd like you to just give it some thought. It's not an earth-shattering issue, it's just a thought, only because I see people on that section of Alhambra circling around and circling around. I don't know if it's for parking, I think they are looking for things or what side of the street it's on or whatever else. It's very pretty, but maybe it is more dense than it needs to be for a roadway. Thank you.

Commissioner Lago: I just have one issue, and that is in reference to Art in Public Places. I spoke to Dona Spain and we spoke in reference to the Miracle Mile renovations streetscape project, and how there is a component that deals with art and there is currently five artists that have been chosen and I wanted to add three more to that list, so we can entertain a few more women to the list who are young,

up-and-coming emerging artists, and one well established artist. The artists are: Oliver Allison, Carol Bove, who currently has a few sculptors on the Highline, and Matt Bass, who is a young up-and-coming artist, which is represented here in South Florida, but doesn't live here. She lives, I think in L.A. or New York, but three quality artists which will bring a different look and feel to the five existing artists. She wanted me to make sure that through the Manager that we had the approval of just entertaining those three artists, to bring them down and to see if they qualify for what we are doing.

Mrs. Spain: There is a resolution in place that you all passed that provides \$2,000 to have the artist come down and that's what we are working on. I'm assuming that we could just add those to the list. I think there is a provision in that resolution, I don't have it with me, I believe there is a provision in there to add additional artists.

Commissioner Lago: I added one already, George Pardo.

Mrs. Spain: Yes. We are already talking to him.

Commissioner Lago: Because what we were thinking about, and again correct me if I'm wrong please, that there is a certain percentage of monies allocated, I think they have about one...

Mrs. Spain: \$1.1 million.

Commissioner Lago: \$1.1 million and as you start talking about art in the City like that, its Fernandez, who currently has an incredible installation who grew up here in Miami, she went to FIU, who currently has an installation in, excuse me...

Vice Mayor Quesada: New York.

Commissioner Lago: Not New York, but in the park, Central Park, I apologize. She is represented by....but you are talking about her work could be in the hundreds of thousands of dollars, so you take an immediate large bite out of that \$1.1 million. But like an artist like Carol Bove, Matt Bass, are younger, well established, are in museums, there are major collections, but the work is not that expensive, so I think we could probably get a bigger bang for our buck and maybe instead of having two big names here, we could have one or two big names and then have two or three smaller

artists, if my colleagues are interested.

Vice Mayor Quesada: You said adding the names?

Commissioner Lago: Yes.

Vice Mayor Quesada: I have no problem.

Commissioner Lago: I ask you to have faith in me. Trust me.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: And so just because we are following a timeline, at what point are we going to, and I say it lovingly, at what point are we going to cut off the additional artists.

Commissioner Lago: We are done. We are done. I'm cutting them off.

Commissioner Keon: Unless Ciera wants to do a piece on the Mile then you'll say OK.

Commissioner Lago: Bridgette Ciera?

Commissioner Keon: Yes. (Laughter)

Commissioner Lago: I would love to, but I don't think we have \$25 million, unless Vice Mayor Quesada is willing to make a small contribution.

[Laughter]

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: You know what's exciting?- the enthusiasm for the Mile Streetscape, it's going to be amazing, and having the artist incorporated in the design stage doubles that amazement. So we appreciate that. We also know that there's going to be a lot of other projects that will be able to count on talent. So today these three names, if the Commission wishes, we will go ahead and add.

Commissioner Lago: And let me just also speak about one other item that I spoke...

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: I think that because we passed that resolution the three, I mean the first five, can we have by, Craig how do we do that?- can we have consensus of the Commission that we can...It's not the dollar figure that part's easy. It's the three names can be added so that there'll be a total of eight...

City Attorney Leen: Yes.

Mayor Cason: Oh, for consensus. Anybody oppose that? It's passed.

Commissioner Lago: I ask that you have trust in me and look up these artists that I just gave today, because it's good to get a little bit educated in reference to the quality of artist that we are going to be putting on the Mile is spectacular. So it's going to represent the City to the best of our ability. One last item in reference to Art in Public Places. I spoke to Dona Spain in reference to, how could we add other individuals who are very well versed in the arts, who are very well qualified onto the Art in Public Places....

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: Arts Advisory Panel.

Commissioner Lago: Arts Advisory Panel.

Mrs. Spain: You know I don't have that information. I'm not sure how many members are on that Board.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: I'm sure you can amend the number, but today the process is, they are appointed by the Cultural Development Board and confirmed by you.

Commissioner Lago: I wanted to proffer two names, I spoke to one, I haven't spoken to another, who lives in the City of Coral Gables, who are collectors or major museum directors who'll be interested in potentially advising us. One would be Silvia Cubinas, who is already involved in our first selection of the Art in Public Places for....and the other would be Dr. Fernando Alvarez-Perez, who lives on Biltmore Way and is a renowned art collector, who lives in our backyard, who I spoke to Dr. Alvarez-Perez and he told me he would love to get involved.

Mayor Cason: Should we run this by the Cultural Board...?

Commissioner Lago: I'm asking for the logistics, the mechanics on how to achieve that without stepping on anybody's toes, that's why I want to be careful.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: If we get your contact information, and I think we'll put that information together, and we'll have a conversation with the Cultural Board and then we go through that process.

Commissioner Keon: I also think that there are people in the community that they may not live in our City, but are great art collectors and have very big collections and are

very well known for their work within the art world. I don't have a problem with expanding it to people that don't live in the City, as an advisory.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: I don't believe there is a residency requirement in the Arts Advisory Panel.

Commissioner Keon: Right. I think we have some really...

Vice Mayor Quesada: There is one resident that we know in the City, might be the wealthiest resident in the City, one of, his art collection is world renowned. He might have an end to be able to get us maybe better prices in some of these pieces of art, because he's got those personal relationships and he's paid tens of millions of dollars, is that possible?

Commissioner Keon: Sometimes it's what they bring to the table is a very wide-reaching appreciation and knowledge of the art world. I'm always amazed. I like looking at things, whatever, but you know all of a sudden somebody sends me, I think I forwarded it to Cathy, it was the thing on public art and the street sculptors, it was like, oh my God, I never even saw this. You know someone that is active, that is very active in the art world, whether they are curators or collectors, great collectors, or whatever, it's really more the dimension they bring to that sort of a committee....it just some experience.

Vice Mayor Quesada: Another thing about it, we voted on some sculptors, we were looking at the sculptors with Carmen a while back, someone in their front yard, they had to get our approval, those types of residents, I think it's a great point.

Commissioner Keon: I really do. It doesn't necessarily need to be residents; it needs to be the best in the community. So maybe we could think about that - Cultural Affairs could - what do you think....?

Commissioner Lago: I think it's a great idea. In reference to pricing, when you do contact the galleries that represent the artist, because the proper thing to do is, you never really go through the artist, you always go through the gallery, you never want to circumvent the gallery because that's the one that's invested years and years on

infrastructure, years on those careers of those individuals. So you have to give the courtesy to the gallery, that's just standard protocol in the art world. They always give institutions and municipalities a huge break in regards to pricing, because there is no bigger honor than having....

Commissioner Keon: There is no bigger audience either (laughter).

Commissioner Lago:...than having your art piece memorialized on a main thoroughfare for eternity, as long as it stands. Trust me; I have a very good feeling that we'll get a major break in price.

Mayor Cason: Can I ask you, speaking about art. Where are we with the flowers on Segovia on the circles? Was there an issue with the County?

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: Craig has that been resolved?

City Attorney Leen: Yes.

Mrs. Spain: I think that has been worked out.

City Attorney Leen: My office spoke with the County Attorney's office and I contacted Commissioner Sosa and what the County is looking at doing is amending - right now the issue is that the two circles are platted as roads basically, they are within a road, and there is this ordinance which doesn't seem to be intended to apply to this situation and that's what our special counsel has told us, but they are applying it very strictly to the situation, when it basically says, you can't put anything in a road, even though it's a circle, it's not a road, it's a circle, because it looks like a road on a map they are saying that these things can't be put there. Now, I've given an opinion that for the City right-of-way, we do not have to follow the County's opinion. But for the County right-of-way ultimately they have to give us permission, so we are going to need them to approve it. So what they've told us, and we are working with them, I don't mean to criticize them, we are working with them, it's just we have a slightly different view on this particular ordinance.

Mayor Cason: For some people after midnight on Saturday it is a road right through the middle.

City Attorney Leen: That's a concern. But let me tell you, Public Works for the

County has said that it is not, there is no safety concern. So this is purely a legal question, and I do want to say in the County Attorney's defense, they are doing a very, very strict reading of this ordinance. I think it could be read another way, and in fact, we do read it in another way, but we need the County's approval and so we need to work together. So that's what we are trying to do. What they are going to do is they are going to basically take these two circles out of the road. So now on the map they'll be these two circles, that will satisfy the legal issue or legal impediment as raised by the County Attorney, and we'll be able to put the artwork in the circles. That could take as late as October though; they are hoping to have it done in September.

Mayor Cason: OK.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: But the installation is not till December 1st, so we still have time.

Mayor Cason: Frank.

Vice Mayor Quesada: I want to address the people who have been sitting here the longest all day long, 450 Como. We got an e-mail a few days ago, maybe about a week ago, there were some residents that said they would like to see a small home on the lot or two small homes, I forget exactly the language, I think there were 7 - 5, 6, 7, 8 residents that were either on Como, I think they were all on Como Avenue. I know that we all voted 5-0 against the lot split. I know Mario wanted to say a few things today. I'm OK with him saying a few things. I know this is not a second vote.

Commissioner Lago: I met with Mario an hour ago. We had a discussion in regards to this issue, and I said please come before the Commission.

City Attorney Leen: Can I say something though legally before he speaks. So, I've given the opinion that as long as there is a Commission sponsor you can speak, obviously there is the Vice Mayor. Now, if you want to move to reconsider, because all five of you voted for this, anyone of you, pardon me, voted against it, anyone of you can vote to reconsider at this meeting. The next meeting this matter is going to be done.

Mayor Cason: A motion to reconsider and....

City Attorney Leen: Yes. If you vote to reconsider though, you wouldn't change your decision today, all you would do is reopen it and it would be continued to a future meeting, because it needs to be publicly noticed.

Vice Mayor Quesada: OK. So as the sponsor for him to speak, I think at this point it's not reconsideration, it's just to hear you out on why we should move to reconsider.

Mr. Garcia-Serra: Exactly. For the record, Mario Garcia-Serra, with offices at 600 Brickell Avenue, representing the property owner of 450 Como Avenue, Blossom Avenue Development Company, represented today by its Principal Marco Facinetti. What we are trying to do at 450 Como is go back to the drawing board. It's clear that we have to go back to the drawing board, but we want to do it in the context of the process which is already ongoing with the application for the building site separation, which you voted to deny last week. And what we want to do basically, is continue the rapport that we have with the neighbors. We already have a good number of neighbors, those that live immediately closest by that are in support of the idea of two building sites, two home sites on this property, but we want to try to incorporate some of the things that were discussed at the last meeting at the City Commission, so we could hopefully come to a situation where both neighbors and Commission are satisfied with what's being proposed and feel that it merits the request that we are asking for. And what they are asking for here will essentially be to reconsider so that you can continue it to no date certain, so we could try to work on all these issues, hopefully get some sort of consensus and then advertise again and come back to you with the request. So indeed we are looking...

Mayor Cason: How much time would you need for that process?

Mr. Garcia-Serra: You know I would want to say plans have to be revised, things have to be looked at again, it's probably a minimum...

Vice Mayor Quesada: What would you do any differently?- because you got a 5-0 vote against, and I think everyone on this dais thought that it was not a situation that could be salvaged, just because of the configuration. My opinion from my perspective, it was the configuration of the lot made it very difficult. The portion of the lot on the

south side it would make a very strange lot. At the same time, I know we heard from, I think it was Marlin Ebbert that said that they don't want a "MacMansion" there either. But yet under this leaving it the same, what was it?- they could build an 8,000 square foot lot, 9,000 square foot home.

Commissioner Keon: On a single lot they could build 8,000, the proposed for the two was 9.

Vice Mayor Quesada: So, I don't know what it is that you could do to really change - how would you reconfigure?- what would you do? You had a draft drawing just for scale purposes, did you not?

Mr. Garcia-Serra: We had a drawing that was somewhat elaborate that they were willing to be held to and run with the property sort of thing, but I think that drawing wasn't enough. What we need to do here obviously, and things that had been discussed with the client, reduce overall the size of both homes. So we are not just pushing the maximum that could be built one home size, but doing smaller even or what you could do if you were only doing one home and doing two homes.

Commissioner Lago: What about the issue of orientation on San Vicente and having when you drive on San Vicente, you have two side yards versus having two homes facing San Vicente. That was a major issue for the Commission, which looked a little bit out of place.

Mr. Garcia-Serra: Exactly. We need to front them on San Vicente. I think it's clear after the discussion that we had at the City Commission that we need to have the fronts facing San Vicente, the sides face the side streets, perhaps have to be treated as fronts also, to try to make those neighbors satisfied and happy, but clearly that was another issue, a big issue I think that we could redo to have the front on San Vicente so as to better address that issue, which was of concern. The distinction between the two homes - I think there was a little bit of feedback that these two homes look too much the same that were being proposed. Distinguishing each one of them and also distinguishing them in other ways. There are things that we can potentially do, such as looking at the historic mellue of architecture that has been in Coral Gables, seeing if we

can provide better reflect some of that here in these new homes that will be proposed, as well as other things, such as perhaps, you know green building standards, energy efficiency, that sort of thing. Try to make these stand out examples of how new single family homes should be meriting the special consideration that we are asking for.

Commissioner Lago: I have no issues granting this, what would you call it?- not an extension, but you would call it...

Mayor Cason: Come back and make the case.

Commissioner Keon: Reconsideration.

Commissioner Lago: A reconsideration.

Mayor Cason: I'm willing too.

Commissioner Lago: I don't have an issue with it. Again, we've made our requirements and our request clear.

Vice Mayor Quesada: But hold on a second though. But Commissioner, I think you need to be honest with them.

Commissioner Lago: I was.

Vice Mayor Quesada: Because no, no, I'll tell you the property owner --- look Mario, I think you do a tremendous job, you do. I think you are one of those incredible people that appear before us, we spoke about this, we went back and forth on this many times, but I want to be fair to the property owner. I don't want you to waste your time spending money, time and energy redesigning if it's going to come back before us again and we are just going to say no again. It's a disservice to you, it's a waste of your team's time, and it's a waste of our team's time and our staff time. So Commissioner, it's a little different from what you were saying last time, because you were saying it could not be salvaged. Hold on, if we are going to grant them the reconsideration, there has to be a semblance of a possibility that we would be amenable to a lot split there. Don't just say it to be nice, because we all like Mario. It's got to be something that you really believe - I had a lot of trouble with that design of the southern portion of that lot.

Commissioner Lago: I'm going to tell you exactly what I told Mario when I met with him about an hour ago. I said, the two biggest issues you are having, number one is the way that those homes face currently and what you are proposing, number one; and number two, an issue which I find it very difficult to overcome is the fact that the adjacent lot in front of the properties is 18,900 square feet, and it would go away from what the feel of what I think that area looks best. Again, I have no qualms of no issues with going to reconsideration, if you can present something that is maybe meets more of the requirements that this Commission is putting forth. I said it before and I say it again, I feel more comfortable with that lot remaining the way it is, because it matches with the lot in front of it, but maybe if there is something done in reference to how those lots face, how the homes face, the style, that actual overall intensity of the proposed homes, if they are smaller maybe it will change my opinion. But I was very honest with you when we met...

Mr. Garcia-Serra: Yes. I know.

Commissioner Lago:...in reference to the size of the lot and what I felt was in the best interest of the City.

Mr. Garcia-Serra: As you always have been. And you know what I think what we are trying to do here. You don't want to give us false hope and I don't want to waste your time either, nor does the client. We will work on this, we will obviously interact with your staff also, we are only going to bring it back if we sincerely think that this has a chance of addressing all the concerns that have been expressed before. If it doesn't, then we will withdraw and we go back to the drawing board again. But again, it's really motivating this is a fact that we have a considerable number of neighbors, you know seven of them signed this petition now and circulated in a week. They all live exceptionally close by, they were sort of part of the team of wanting to see something done, and I think it deserves at least one more stab, one more attempt to see if we can get to a point that also satisfies the concerns of everyone on this Commission.

Vice Mayor Quesada: Look, I have no problem with the reconsideration, but I have to be honest with you, it's an uphill battle with me, it really is. I have to see the neighbors

so on board with it and traffic flow...

Commissioner Keon: That means here, not just their names on a paper, but here.

Vice Mayor Quesada: Again, I don't want to give you that false hope. I know you guys have been here all day to get this reconsideration and the last time I said I was OK passing it just for the Second Reading, to give you guys another shot to go off the feedback that I've given you, that we had all given you. I've got to be honest with you. I just think it's going to be tough and I would hate for everyone to waste that time, money and energy, if it can't be done. So, I could change my vote, but it's got to be something exceptional and it's got to be something that the neighbors are saying, we need this, which as you very well know is not the norm in the City when it comes to a lot split. I just want you guys to be aware it is an uphill battle.

Mr. Garcia-Serra: Another thing that we have to do is communicate with the neighbors who have been supportive till now, so your support also means, and I know sometimes it's not convenient, but having to find a way to show up to the hearing and speak in support. Many of them showed up to the Planning and Zoning Board hearing, and I think got a false sense of comfort there and didn't come to the City Commission meeting, but obviously....

Vice Mayor Quesada: You had two people at the Planning and Zoning meeting because we read the minutes.

Mr. Garcia-Serra: Right.

Vice Mayor Quesada: You had two people.

Commissioner Slesnick: How many houses does that represent?

Mr. Garcia-Serra: These are six homes.

Commissioner Slesnick: Six houses?

Mr. Garcia-Serra: Right. Signatures of six homes.

Commissioner Slesnick: OK.

Commissioner Lago: Well you had two at the P&Z, but then zero at the Commission.

Commissioner Keon: Right, but what's the square footage in general of the homes in

that area, Jeannett do you know as being a realtor?

Commissioner Slesnick: Most of the lots are at least 10,000...

Commissioner Keon: Right, so what is generally the size of the homes?- are they up to 3,000, not more than 3,000?

Commissioner Slesnick: More.

Commissioner Keon: More than 3,000?

Commissioner Slesnick: Yes, because you've got Granada coming in there too and LeJeune.

Commissioner Lago: But that throws it off.

Commissioner Keon: Well that throws it off because of the size...but then you have a lot of frontage.

Commissioner Slesnick: And Ponce coming in there even on smaller lots.

Commissioner Keon: Even on smaller lots.

Commissioner Lago: Even the home across the street on San Vicente, you are talking about a home that's probably, I think it was like 7 or 8,000 square feet proposed. Was it 6,000 or 7,000 square feet?

Commissioner Slesnick: Its 7,000.

Commissioner Keon: 7,000 square feet. I mean I think what the neighbors are concerned about and are moving, are raising some concern is because they are concerned about the size of the home that could be built there. If you can come up with a plan to build two 3,000 square foot homes facing San Vicente that are totally different architectural styles, so they blend in with the neighborhood, if you want to go to all the work.

Commissioner Slesnick: But that's not really economically.

Commissioner Keon: But you know what?- I tell you that's what I can live with. So if you don't want to waste your money then don't go forward. If you are going to spend your money probably not going to support whatever you come forward with, unless it's in the vane.

Mayor Cason: So if we give you the reconsideration, you do that work and if you

decide you can make a case come back, if not...

Commissioner Keon: Right, I'll also tell you that the other part is that if you don't - if we do that it's got to be site specific, and if the permit isn't pulled to build that home within whatever, three months, six months, or whatever the time is, that that goes back to a single, to one lot. So you are not going to then be able to sell it as two lots, it goes back to one lot. So all those things, that's the story.

Commissioner Slesnick: Mario, I appreciate you being here today and all day basically, but I'm really not in favor of splitting that lot again, so just letting you know.

Mr. Garcia-Serra: I know.

Commissioner Slesnick: I told that to Zeke Guildford too when he was here.

City Attorney Leen: Mario would you proffer that, the condition?

Mr. Garcia-Serra: Indeed. If we come to a point where we have a plan that everyone's in agreement with, we would agree to the condition of approval whereby if the building permit isn't built, isn't pulled for that project within a specific amount of time then it reverts back to a single.

City Attorney Leen: So you'll do another restrictive covenant then?

Mr. Garcia-Serra: Correct.

City Attorney Leen: You'll put it back.

Vice Mayor Quesada: Due to the fact that I've heard from this one neighbor, that they don't want to see a huge home there, because of the out of place for the neighborhood and due to the fact that I've expressed to you that I think it's still an uphill battle, I move to reconsider our last vote of the lot split, with my opinion still being that I'm against the lot split, unless you can really bring something exceptional to us. So basically, my vote for reconsideration is to give you an opportunity to wow us.

Mayor Cason: Have a second?

Commissioner Lago: So moved. But do me a favor please, when you come back it's in a month or two months, really drill down, I want you to discuss and bring the issues that what Commissioner Slesnick mentioned. I want to know adjacent lot sizes; I want to know adjacent square footages of the homes. I don't want to guess and be like

running around trying to find out from staff, staff may have the numbers. Really show me what the neighborhood looks like, because I'm going to point and say, you know what the neighborhood looks like, the 18,900 square foot home that is directly across from this property. Don't let my only - the only taste in my mouth is is the adjacent home.

Mr. Garcia-Serra: I will get the contest of all the other properties in the area.

Vice Mayor Quesada: And just one minor amendment to the motion is that, it doesn't need to be heard at the next meeting. To be heard at the normal course whenever staff has time to review...

Mr. Garcia-Serra: No, we are obviously going to take our time to make sure.

City Attorney Leen: It would be a First Reading too. It will come back as...

Vice Mayor Quesada: Is that how it works?

City Attorney Leen: Because you are reconsidering the First Reading vote.

Mayor Cason: Alright - City Clerk.

Commissioner Keon: Yes

Commissioner Lago: Yes

Vice Mayor Quesada: Yes

Commissioner Slesnick: No

Mayor Cason: Yes

(Vote: 4-1)

Mr. Garcia-Serra: Thank you very much for your confidence and for the second chance.

Mayor Cason: So this meeting is adjourned, we'll be back at five o'clock. Oh, I'm sorry, I forgot you. Go ahead.

Commissioner Slesnick: Just a couple of things. Is anybody from the TV department have the FPL pole? Thank you. This is on Segovia and if you can see the original pole is about 15 feet lower, this went in over the weekend. It a FPL pole and a lot of metal up on top, right on Segovia near Segovia Circle, Giralda, the neighbor is very, very upset. Can you go to the next picture, we have more than one picture, OK, that came

from my phone. Anyway, I just wanted to bring that up that I think at least some people should be noticed or something or we should plant vines or whatever, this neighbor is very upset.

Commissioner Lago: Was staff notified of this?

Mayor Cason: Craig what can they do about it?

Commissioner Slesnick: Did they pull a permit? Does FPL need permits?

City Attorney Leen: Yes, they do need to permit it.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: We'll have Public Works look into it.

City Attorney Leen: I've heard of this and I had heard that it had been permitted, but I didn't hear that from the City staff, and I just learned about this myself a few days ago.

Commissioner Slesnick: Major wires.

Commissioner Lago: A huge eyesore.

Commissioner Keon: That's called hardening the poles, that's exactly what that is.

Commissioner Slesnick: But it's twice the size of what was there and then there is mega metal and poles and conductors and so forth on top. So I just wanted to bring that up.

Vice Mayor Quesada: Thank you for bringing that up.

Commissioner Slesnick: 546 Giralda, right on the corner of Giralda and Segovia.

Commissioner Lago: That's residential right there.

Commissioner Slesnick: Yes, it's residential and they put it in her front yard, that's her front yard and it would be better if they put it behind at the end of - there are two houses that back to one another, so it would have been better 20 feet down, further down the street.

Vice Mayor Quesada: Is it possible Ms. Manager, can you reach out to FPL and ask them, can we get different poles? Can we get like - if we have to accept these poles can they be green or you've seen some municipalities, they have poles that are a little bit more camouflaged in a sense, is that possible?

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: I don't know what the circumstances are

associated with this one, but they do have different versions of poles and we'll find out what's going on.

Vice Mayor Quesada: And I've seen some municipalities, they almost make it look like a tree. Places up north and there is a places in the Keys that has it as well...maybe at a minimum if we have to take these poles, at least we can do something to defray the look.

Commissioner Slesnick: Thank you to the TV people. Next - I just have a couple of small things. When I was President of the Coral Gables Community Foundation in 2008, we were paying \$35,000 a year for office space, which previously had been given to the Coral Gables Community Foundation through the City, free space, until they were in the Museum; and when the Museum started, the renovations started they moved to the Ocean Bank Building. Then when Ralph Sanchez bought the property over on Sevilla, he gave us the Century Bank Building space. We had like 2,000 square feet a dollar a year, that was wonderful, and we had it until recently, so that's like 8 years that we've had space at a dollar a year and for the Community Foundation its saved \$35,000 which they can again spend on scholarships and fountains and improving civic things in Coral Gables. I'm just very appreciative to Ralph Sanchez and then Agave, who let the Foundation stay there. Junior Orange Bowl Committee again, used to have space in the City from the 1940's on up until 1990 or so, and then they went into the University Inn complex, where they were given two hotel rooms to use as a non-profit for a very reasonable price, and they've been in here in the same building, in the Century Bank Building courtesy of Agave, Mediterranean Village people and then also the Women's Fund. They are all being asked to move, they've given 30 days' notice, and the Foundation is coming up with their big fundraiser next month and the Junior Orange Bowl is coming up with their big parade and all their activities in December, so this is really problematic for them, but we'll find a space for them. If anybody happens to know, I've talked to Leonard, if anybody happens to know any space that would be available, 1,000 - 2,000, those two renovations and the Women's Fund would like to share space with a conference room or whatever.

Mayor Cason: You explored that with the Arts Building on the new Agave Project?

Commissioner Slesnick: No, but we were talking about using the third floor over there.

Mayor Cason: Because I thought that was one of the discussion items that could be used for community.

Commissioner Slesnick: And that would be wonderful. Thank you Mr. Mayor, the Junior Orange Bowl and the Foundation could go over there and share the third floor there.

Mayor Cason: Its worth discussing with Eddy Aguila.

Commissioner Slesnick: And last but not least. Again, these are organizations that save a lot of money and they don't raise a lot of money. The Junior Orange Bowl raises \$150,000 to put on their events, but \$30,000 or so is a big chunk. Last but not least is, I was saddened this week, Jim Cosmities, a tenant of our City building next door passed away unexpectedly. He was a well renowned dermatologist here and had patients for the last 40 years and it was just unexpected. I'm sorry about his passing.

City Attorney Leen: Mr. Mayor, I just wanted to - in discussing the two circles and more of the legal issues, I should say thanks to Commissioner Sosa because when I called her, she was so supportive of doing this and it wouldn't happen without her support, and also Deborah Herman, who is a City resident actually, but she is in the County Attorney's office and she is working very hard to try and find a way to do this. So, I should just mention that, particularly Commissioner Sosa was very enthusiastic about the Gables and by this Commission.

Mayor Cason: Alright. This meeting is adjourned. We'll be back at 5 o'clock for the First Budget Hearing.

City Clerk Item No. 28

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-218**Non [15-4463](#)
Agenda**

A Resolution of the City Commission by the applicant to reconsider denial of conditional use review for building site determination for the property legally described as Lots 1, 2, and 23, Block 263, Riviera Section Part 11 (450 Como Avenue), Coral Gables, Florida, requesting that the property be separated into two (2) separate building sites for single-family residences; said item was discussed and denied by Resolution No. 2015-186 at the City Commission Meeting of August 25, 2015.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION BY THE APPLICANT TO RECONSIDER DENIAL OF CONDITIONAL USE REVIEW FOR A BUILDING SITE DETERMINATION FOR THE PROPERTY LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS LOTS 1, 2, AND 23, BLOCK 263, RIVIERA SECTION PART 11 (450 COMO AVENUE), CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, REQUESTING THAT THE PROPERTY BE SEPARATED INTO TWO (2) SEPARATE BUILDING SITES FOR SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCES.; SAID ITEM WAS DISCUSSED AND DENIED BY RESOLUTION NO. 2015-186 AT THE CITY COMMISSION MEETING OF AUGUST 25, 2015.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Quesada, seconded by Commissioner Lago, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2015-218. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas : 5 - Commissioner Keon, Commissioner Lago, Vice Mayor Quesada, Commissioner Slesnick and Mayor Cason

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ADJOURNMENT

[Note for the Record: There being no further business on the Regular City Commission Meeting Agenda. The Commission of the City of Coral Gables adjourned its meeting at 4:23 p.m. The next regular meeting of the City Commission has been scheduled for September 22, 2015, beginning 9 a.m.]

JIM CASON
MAYOR

ATTEST:

WALTER J. FOEMAN
CITY CLERK