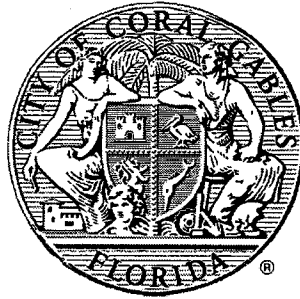


# City of Coral Gables

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## Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 24, 2017

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**

Chaplain Frank J. Corbishley from the Episcopal Church Center at the University of Miami gave the Invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Jim Cason 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. 2017-03 and Ordinance No. 2017-04) (b) Resolution(s) adopted (Resolution No. 2017-14 through Resolution No. 2017-25); (c) Video; (d) Audio Recording; (e) Minutes Folder with Agenda and background information, including items which were submitted at the meeting.

**A. PRESENTATIONS AND PROTOCOL DOCUMENTS**

- A.-1. 17-5733** Presentation by the Everglades Foundation discussing their efforts on the Now or Never movement.

[Note for the Record: Following Mayor Cason's reading of the title to Agenda Item 1 (i.e. Presentation by the Everglades Foundation discussing their efforts on the Now or Never movement), Mayor Cason welcomed Eric Eikenberg, Chief Executive Officer of the Everglades Foundation. Mr. Eikenberg stated it was his pleasure to be here at the City Commission Meeting. Commissioner Lago stated that he had the pleasure to meet Mr. Eikenberg, who spoke on many interests important to him and to this Commission and to many individuals in this community, such as sea level rise, recycling, necessity of open spaces, beautification, but he "hit the nail over the head" regarding the issue of Everglades restoration. Commissioner Lago said this is an issue that Mr. Eikenberg will speak on now, which greatly affects the future of Florida.

Mr. Eikenberg stated that the water supply and the need to protect America's Everglades is a unifying issue, which is the only ecosystem like this in the world, and said that the residents of this City and other cities in Miami-Dade County need to engage themselves as to the importance of this ecosystem, that supplies water to

Coral Gables and the 8 million people who call South Florida home, as the Everglades has been threatened for many decades. Mr. Eikenberg stated that we saw this last year when the State of Florida was under a State of Emergency for 242 days, because of toxic water in Lake Okeechobee, and unfortunately when the lake rises the only option is for the Army Corp of Engineers to open the lake gates dumping billions of gallons of polluted water that ravages and destroys the environment and the local economy and is a direct threat to human health. Mr. Eikenberg, stated the good news is there is a plan, that has been “on the books” now for 16 years, called the Everglades Restoration Plan; and it calls for water infrastructure projects through Florida and South Florida to stop wasting fresh water, so that we can store it, clean it and send it south where it belongs, recharging the aquifer. Mr. Eikenberg said we will see legislation soon to purchase land for a reservoir to store water called for in the Plan, and rather than lose the water, we can clean contaminated water in man-made wetlands and ultimately that water will flow under the new beautiful Tamiami Trail Bridges in an effort to ensure that we have the proper supply of water for a growing economy. Mr. Eikenberg said the turning point for us last year was when realtors told him that they could not transact real estate, as result of toxic water in the canals; and he would implore the Mayor and Commission and all of you to become engaged with this issue of Everglades Restoration, as we have to protect America’s Everglades for our economy, for our environment and for future generations to come.

Commissioner Lago asked what we can do as a City to implore individuals who live in this community to contact their elected officials in the State of Florida before these very important decisions that will shape the future of our community are made. Mr. Eikenberg said you can start with the [evergladesfoundation.org](http://evergladesfoundation.org) and we will be able to give you the direct-ability to communicate with their legislators in Tallahassee on this important piece of legislation that will be filed in three days, and you can text the word “Water” using the number 66866. Mr. Eikenberg stated we all need are voices to be heard. Commissioner Keon asked who will be sponsoring this bill in the Legislature? Mr. Eikenberg said it is the number one priority of the Senate President, so it will potentially be Senator Bradley later this week].

**This Presentation/Protocol Document was Discussed and Filed**

City Clerk Item No. 1

A.-2. 17-5732

Congratulations to Detective Andrew Cachinero, recipient of the City of Coral Gables "Detective of the 4th Quarter Award," for the months of October through December, 2016.

**Attachments:** COMMISSION COVER MEMO - DETECTIVE OF THE 4th QUARTER - 2016  
NOMINATION - DETECTIVE OF THE FOURTH QUARTER 2016 CACHINERO

[Note for the Record: Following Mayor Cason's reading of the title to Agenda Item 2 (i.e. Congratulations to Detective Andrew Cachinero, recipient of the City of Coral Gables "Detective of the 4th Quarter Award," for the months of October through December, 2016), City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark asked Police Chief Hudak and the nominator of this recognition to present the credentials of the "Detective of the Quarter". Chief Hudak said today we will introduce you to the "Detective of the Quarter", we started about 3 years ago recognizing detectives, whose caseloads stay with them day and night and it continues on, so we have started to recognize some of the outstanding works. Chief Hudak introduced the Detective's nominator, Sergeant Ted Nguyen of the Crime's Against Person's Unit, to provide the reasons for the selection.

Sergeant Nguyen stated that Detective Cachinero was nominated for the Fourth Quarter of 2016 as a result of his outstanding work on several strong arm robbery cases. Sergeant Nguyen said the first case was a strong arm robbery, in which a person went out "clubbing" in downtown and returned home with an unknown female, and after the victim awoke the next morning he found that \$22,000 worth of property missing from his home. Sergeant Nguyen stated that Detective Cachinero interviewed the victim and interviewed bartenders at the last bar the victim attended, and looked at video from all of the closed circuit cameras in the area. Sergeant Nguyen stated that using that information from the investigation, Detective Cachinero was able to identify two suspects from the numerous mug shots in the Miami-Dade County area and with a catalogue of these types of offenders developed by another detective from the Miami Beach Police Department, he subsequently identified the female subject, who has also been involved with this same crime in other cities in Miami-Dade County.

Sergeant Nguyen stated that in the other two strong armed robbery cases regarding a suspect snatching cell phones, the first case involved a subject snatching a telephone, while in the process of injuring the face of a female victim in the North Ponce Corridor. Detective Cachinero who was assigned the case looked at past arrests in the area involving a person riding a bicycle, and came up with an offender's name, who was a person of interest; because he was arrested previously in other simple battery cases he connected this person as possibly our subject, and with the help of

the Uniform Patrol Division a task force was set up to make sure that that the area was canvased and protected. Sergeant Nguyen stated that there was a second victim of a strong arm armed robbery, in which the victim's phone was also snatched in the 1500 block of Ponce de Leon Boulevard; in this incident, Detective Cachinero was able to find a security camera, which had a picture of the subject and using her "My I Phone" App, the victim was able to provide the location of the phone, and Detective Cachinero responded to a home near Lejeune Road on 9th Street, and was able to recognize the subject in the first case. Since his arrest there have been no other incidents in the North Ponce Corridor area, and through DNA analysis, the subject was determined to be involved in two cold cases that were stabbing cases in the Tampa area, where the subject will be extradited, once the cases are completed here. Sergeant Nguyen then introduced Detective Cachinero as the "Detective of the Quarter" for the fourth quarter of 2016. Detective Cachinero thanked Sergeant Nguyen, Chief Hudak and the Commissioners for this prestigious award and stated that being a law enforcement officer; it is nice to be appreciated by your community for the job that one performs.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark commented on the good work of the Detective Division, but also the use of technology and when the department has completed its installation of its CCTV cameras and other technology features, it will be able to call on those resources to solve additional crimes].

**This Presentation/Protocol Document was Discussed and Filed**

City Clerk Item No. 2

**A.-3. 17-5735 Special Message from Mayor Cason.**

[Note for the Record: Following Mayor Cason's reading of the title to Agenda Item 3 (i.e. Special Message from Mayor Cason), Mayor said he had a very special announcement of an accomplishment that will positively impact the City for many years to come, and it is not that I am running for Mayor again. Mayor Cason stated that just last week we were informed that Fitch has acknowledged the City of Coral Gables for its "AAA" Rating, making Coral Gables one of only three cities in all of Florida, and the only City in Miami-Dade County that can claim a "Triple Triple" title, and added that of the 410 incorporated municipalities, only Coral Gables, Boca Raton, and Jupiter have earned this distinction and the triple Triple A. Mayor Cason stated that the AAA designation reflects the strength of our financial reserves, broad budgetary flexibility, and prudent management; all of which create an expectation of stable financial performance for its future economic outlook. Mayor Cason stated that it was very important for him to see the City's outstanding financial position

restored, and said he was pleased that during his tenure as Mayor, we have been able to regain our “AAA” bond rating from Standard and Poor’s, Moody’s and now for the first time, from Fitch. Mayor Cason thanked the Commission for its leadership and recognizes the hard work of the City Manager and staff in making this possible, and congratulated all of us on a great job and a well-deserved victory for the City.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark stated that you Mr. Mayor put the challenge forward, you asked after we got the Triple A returned from Standard and Poor’s, and after we got the Triple A returned from Moody’s, you asked what other rating agencies are out there who gives a Triple A Rating as you wanted a “Triple Triple A”, and because of your direction and encouragement our Finance Department and staff met with our financial advisors and reviewed the criteria of Fitch and prepared for it. City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark stated it is a grueling process, they looked at everything, they not only looked at Fiscal Management, they were very impressed with your commitment to pay more than what is owed on the unfunded, they were very impressed with how we managed our reserves, where we calculate on total budget not only General Fund Budget like so many other cities. City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark said that Fitch was also impressed with the direction the City is going; they asked us questions on what would we do if the bonds are called? What would happen in a downturn like a 2009 repeat? They asked us questions on what would the City do? How would the City be prepared to take those kinds of actions without harming city services for our residents and community? They viewed that the actions you have taken and the direction this City is going, we are well prepared in the event of an economic downturn, and in our responses, I have to say this to our employees, what budget adjustments we would make, none of those responses involved laying off employees, as our employees are delivering the City’s exceptional services that are pushing this City forward].

**This Presentation/Protocol Document was Discussed and Filed**

City Clerk Item No. 3

## **B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**None**

City Clerk Item No. 4

**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 Vice Mayor Quesada, to Adopt the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2017-14****C.-3. 17-5722**

A Resolution authorizing the Coral Gables Museum to sell alcoholic beverages from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., at the Coral Gables Museum Plaza, located at 285 Aragon Avenue on Thursday, March 2, 2017, during the "ARTOPIA" event, subject to Florida Department of Professional Regulation requirements.

**Attachments:** Artopia Signed Cover Page 2017  
Artopia Event permit 2017  
Artopia Resolution 2017

A RESOLUTION GRANTING CORAL GABLES MUSEUM TO SELL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES BEGINNING 7:00 P.M. UNTIL 10:00 P.M., AT THE CORAL GABLES MUSEUM PLAZA LOCATED AT 285 ARAGON AVENUE AND SALZEDO STREET FROM GIRALDA AVENUE TO ARAGON AVENUE ON THURSDAY, MARCH 2, 2017, DURING THE "ARTOPIA" EVENT, SUBJECT TO FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION REQUIREMENTS.

**This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2017-14 on the Consent Agenda.**

City Clerk Item No. 5

**RESOLUTION NO. 2017-15**

**C.-4. 17-5727**

A Resolution confirming the appointment of David A. Schwedel (Board-As-A-Whole-Appointment) to serve as a member of the Waterway Advisory Board for the remainder of a two (2) year term, which began on June 1, 2015 and continues through May 31, 2017.

**Attachments:** Signed Cover Memo - David Schwedel - Waterway Advisory Board Minutes - November 2016 - Waterway Board  
David A. Schwedel Resume  
R-2017 - David A. Schwedel - Waterway Advisory Board - Board-As-A-Whole App

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF DAVID A. SCHWEDEL (BOARD-AS-A-WHOLE-APPOINTMENT) TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE WATERWAY ADVISORY BOARD FOR THE REMAINDER OF A TWO (2) YEAR TERM, WHICH BEGAN ON JUNE 1, 2015 AND CONTINUES THROUGH MAY 31, 2017.

**This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2017-15 on the Consent Agenda.**

City Clerk Item No. 6

**RESOLUTION NO. 2017-16**

**C.-5. 17-5712**

A Resolution accepting the recommendation of the Cultural Development Board to appoint Luran Hall to the Arts Advisory Panel to serve for the remainder of a two (2) year term, which began on June 1, 2015 and continues through May 31, 2017.

**Attachments:** Signed CC AAP Member recommendation 01.24.17  
CDB Minutes January 03 2017 EXCERPT re. AAP member Lauren Hall  
AAP Lauren Hall 2016  
R-Draft AAP Member.Lauren Hall

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD TO APPOINT LAUREN HALL TO THE ARTS ADVISORY PANEL TO SERVE FOR THE REMAINDER OF A TWO (2) YEAR TERM, WHICH BEGAN ON JUNE 1, 2015 AND CONTINUES THROUGH MAY 31, 2017.

**This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2017-16 on the Consent Agenda.**

City Clerk Item No. 7



**RESOLUTION NO. 2017-17****C.-6. 16-5702**

A Resolution approving a recommendation from the Historic Preservation Board for the placement and wording of a historic marker by the Historic Preservation Association of Coral Gables for the Coral Gables Riding Academy and Bridle Path (Historic Preservation Board vote: 9-0).

**Attachments:** [Signed Cover Memo Bridle Path](#)  
[Historic Marker Coral Gables Riding Academy Reso - Draft](#)  
[HPACG-LETTER-MARKER](#)  
[HPB Minutes - December 15 2016 Excerpts](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION APPROVING A RECOMMENDATION FROM THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD FOR THE PLACEMENT AND WORDING OF A HISTORIC MARKER BY THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION OF CORAL GABLES FOR THE CORAL GABLES RIDING ACADEMY AND BRIDLE PATH.

**This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2017-17 on the Consent Agenda.**

City Clerk Item No. 8

**RESOLUTION NO. 2017-18****C.-9. 17-5730**

A Resolution appointing Kris Matteson Charlton (Nominated by Mayor Cason) to serve as a member of the School and Community Relations Committee, for the remainder of a two (2) year term, which began on June 1, 2015 and continues through May 31, 2017.

**Attachments:** [Signed Cover Memo- Kris Matteson Charlton - SCRC](#)  
[R-2017 Draft- Kris Matteson Charlton - SCRC](#)  
[Kris Matteson Charlton Resume](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION APPOINTING KRIS MATTESON CHARLTON (NOMINATED BY MAYOR CASON), TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE, FOR THE REMAINDER OF A TWO (2) YEAR TERM, WHICH BEGAN ON JUNE 1, 2015 AND CONTINUES THROUGH MAY 31, 2017.

**This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2017-18 on the Consent Agenda.**

City Clerk Item No. 9

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

- 1.-1. 17-5715 Construction Regulation Board Meeting of January 9, 2017.

**Attachments:** JANUARY 9, 2017  
1 MEMBER ATTENDANCE 2017 - JANUARY

**This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.**

City Clerk Item No. 10

- 1.-2. 17-5710 Cultural Development Board Meeting of December 05, 2016.

**Attachments:** 12.05.16MinutesforCC01.24.17  
CDB Minutes December 05 2016

**This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.**

City Clerk Item No. 11

- 1.-3. 17-5719 Retirement Board Meeting of November 10, 2016.

**Attachments:** Minutes 11-10-2016  
CC.01-24-2017.November 10, 2016

**This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.**

City Clerk Item No. 12

- 1.-4. 17-5709 School and Community Relations Committee Meeting of November 18, 2016.

**Attachments:** Draft Minutes  
Cover memo 11.18.16

**This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.**

City Clerk Item No. 13

- 1.-5. 17-5718 School and Community Relations Committee Meeting of December 16, 2016.

**Attachments:** Cover memo 12.16.16  
Draft Minutes

**This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.**

City Clerk Item No. 14

- 1.-6. 17-5726 Waterway Advisory Board Meeting of November 2, 2016.

**Attachments:** Minutes - November 2016 - Waterway Board

**This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.**

City Clerk Item No. 15

**2. Presentation of Boards and/or Committees draft/final minutes requesting action from the City Commission [Note: A vote to accept the minutes does not mean approval of the substance within the minutes]:**

- 2.-1. 17-5713 A Resolution by the Cultural Development Board strongly supporting the selection process, selected artist, and public artwork Passion/Passiflora Incarnation at its current location on Segovia Street, at Coral Way and Biltmore Way.

**Attachments:** R-CDB Segovia Circle Art  
CDB Memo to CC re Segovia Circle artwork  
CDB Minutes December 05 2016 EXCERPT re. Segovia Art

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Items 2-1 & F-1 is available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk and in Legistar].

**This Resolution was Discussed and Filed**

City Clerk Item No. 20

**RESOLUTION NO. 2017-24**

- 2.-2. 16-5647 Library Advisory Board Meeting of December 14, 2016 requesting action from the Commission.

**Attachments:** LIBRARY-Req for Comm Action on Library Renovations.final copy  
Library Minutes 10-19-16.signed  
012417Cover Memo CC Minutes101916

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Item 2-2 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 Keon, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2017-24. 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. 25

**Pulled from Consent Agenda****RESOLUTION NO. 2017-19****C.-1. 17-5721**

A Resolution authorizing the St. Patrick's Day Committee, Inc., to sell alcoholic beverages at Fred B. Harnett Ponce Circle Park from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 11, 2017 as part of the " St. Patrick's Festival," to benefit the St. Patrick's Day Committee, subject to Florida Department of Professional Regulation requirements.

**Attachments:** Signed Cover Memo St. Patricks Festival 2017  
St. Patrick's Festival 2017  
St. Patrick's Festival 2017 resolution

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION GRANTING PERMISSION TO THE ST. PATRICK'S DAY COMMITTEE, INC., TO SELL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES BEGINNING NOON UNTIL 6:00 P.M., ON SATURDAY, MARCH 11, 2017, AT FRED B. HARTNETT PONCE CIRCLE PARK AS PART OF THE "ST. PATRICK'S DAY FESTIVAL", SUBJECT TO FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION REQUIREMENTS.

**A motion was made by Vice Mayor Quesada, seconded by Commissioner Keon, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2017-19. 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. 16

**RESOLUTION NO. 2017-20****C.-2. 17-5724**

A Resolution authorizing Satchmo Blues Bar and Grill, Inc., to sell alcoholic beverages from 6:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m., at the Plaza located at 60 Merrick Way on Thursday, March 16, 2017, Friday, March 17, 2017 through Saturday, March 18, 2017, from 6:00 p.m. until midnight, during the "St. Patrick's Day / Bluesfest" event, to benefit the Coral Gables Cultural Affairs Council, subject to Florida Department of Professional Regulation Requirements.

**Attachments:** Fritz & Franz Signed Cover Sheet for St. Patricks Day 2017  
Fritz & Franz St. Patrick's Day 2017  
Fritz and Franz St. Patricks resolution 2017

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION AUTHORIZING SATCHMO BLUES BAR AND GRILL, INC., TO SELL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES BEGINNING 6:00 P.M., UNTIL 10:00 P.M., AT THE PLAZA LOCATED AT 60 MERRICK WAY ON THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 2017, FRIDAY, MARCH 17, 2017 AND ON SATURDAY, MARCH 18, 2017 BEGINNING 6:00 P.M., UNTIL MIDNIGHT, DURING THE "ST. PATRICK'S DAY/BLUESFEST" EVENT TO BENEFIT THE CORAL GABLES COMMUNITY FOUNDATION, SUBJECT TO FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION REQUIREMENTS.

**A motion was made by Vice Mayor Quesada, seconded by Commissioner Keon, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2017-20. 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. 17

**RESOLUTION NO. 2017-22**

**C.-7.    17-5711**       A Resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Cultural Grants.

**Attachments:**    R-Draft-Cultural Grant Funding 2016-17  
CDB Minutes December 05 2016 EXCERPT re. Cultural Grant Funding  
Signed CC.Cultural Grant Funding 2016-17  
Exhibit A w Project Summary & Evaluation  
CC.Cultural Grant Funding 2016-17 V2

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION DEFERRING THE APPROVAL OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017 CULTURAL GRANTS.

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Item C-7 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 Lago, that this matter be deferred by Resolution Number 2017-22. 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. 19

**RESOLUTION NO. 2017-21****C.-8. 17-5714**

A Resolution authorizing the execution of a Joint Participation Agreement (JPA) between the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and the City of Coral Gables for disbursement of FDOT funds in the amount of \$60,342.00 for 9 months to the City, for the maintenance of Turf and Landscape areas within FDOT's right of way on State Road (S.R.) 5/South Dixie Highway, S.R. 976/ Bird Road, and S.R. 959/Red Road (east side only).

**Attachments:** FDOT JPA Landscape Maint US1 - Signed Cover  
FDOT JPA Landscape Maint US1 - DRAFT RESOL  
Agreement

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A JOINT PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT (JPA) BETWEEN THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT) AND THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES FOR DISBURSEMENT OF FDOT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$60,342.00 FOR 9 MONTHS TO THE CITY, FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF TURF AND LANDSCAPE AREAS WITHIN FDOT'S RIGHT OF WAY ON STATE ROAD (S.R.) 5/SOUTH DIXIE HIGHWAY, S.R. 976/BIRD ROAD, AND S.R. 959/RED ROAD (EAST SIDE ONLY).

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Item C-8 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 Lago, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2017-21. 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. 20

**D. PERSONAL APPEARANCES**

**None**

City Clerk Item No. 26

**E. PUBLIC HEARINGS****ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING**

Agenda Items E-1 and E-2 are related.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2017-03**

- E.-1. 16-5664 An Ordinance of the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida providing for a text amendment to the City of Coral Gables Official Zoning Code, Appendix A, "Site Specific Zoning Regulations", Section A-12, "Biltmore Section" adding site specific provisions increasing the maximum permitted floor area ratio for the property legally described as Lots 24-38, Block 7, Biltmore Section; providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, codification, and providing for an effective date. (12 14 16 PZB recommended approval, Vote 6-0)

**Attachments:** 01 24 17 CC Signed Cover Memo - 515 Valencia 2nd Reading  
01 24 17 Exhibit B - Draft Ordinance - Planned Area Development  
01 24 17 Exhibit A - Draft Ordinance - Zoning Code Text Amendment  
01 10 17 Exhibit A - Draft Ordinance - Zoning Code Text Amendment  
01 10 17 Exhibit B - Draft Ordinance - Planned Area Development  
01 10 17 Exhibit C - 12 14 16 Staff Report and recommendation w attachments  
01 10 17 Exhibit D - Excerpts of 12 14 16 PZB Meeting Minutes  
01 10 17 Exhibit E - PowerPoint Presentation  
01 10 17 Signed CC Cover Memo - 515 Valencia 1st Reading

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA PROVIDING FOR A TEXT AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES OFFICIAL ZONING CODE, APPENDIX A, "SITE SPECIFIC ZONING REGULATIONS," SECTION A-12, "BILTMORE SECTION" ADDING SITE SPECIFIC PROVISIONS INCREASING THE MAXIMUM PERMITTED FLOOR AREA RATIO FOR THE PROPERTY LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS LOTS 24-38, BLOCK 7, BILTMORE SECTION; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER PROVISION, SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, CODIFICATION, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Items E-1 & 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 2017-03. The motion passed by the following vote.**

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

**Absent :** 1 - Commissioner Lago

City Clerk Item No. 22



**ORDINANCE NO. 2017-04****E.-2. 16-5666**

An Ordinance of the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida requesting review of a Planned Area Development (PAD) pursuant to Zoning Code Article 3, "Development Review," Division 5, "Planned Area Development (PAD)," for the proposed project referred to as "515 Valencia" on the property legally described as Lots 24-38, Block 7, Biltmore Section (501 - 525 Valencia Avenue), Coral Gables, Florida; including required conditions; providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, and providing for an effective date. (12 14 16 PZB recommended approval with conditions, Vote 6-0)

**Attachments:** [01 24 17 CC Signed Cover Memo - 515 Valencia 2nd Reading](#)  
[01 24 17 Exhibit B - Draft Ordinance - Planned Area Development](#)  
[01 24 17 Exhibit A - Draft Ordinance - Zoning Code Text Amendment](#)  
[01 10 17 Exhibit A - Draft Ordinance - Zoning Code Text Amendment](#)  
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[01 10 17 Exhibit E - PowerPoint Presentation](#)  
[01 10 17 Signed CC Cover Memo - 515 Valencia 1st Reading](#)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA REQUESTING REVIEW OF A PLANNED AREA DEVELOPMENT (PAD) PURSUANT TO ZONING CODE ARTICLE 3, "DEVELOPMENT REVIEW," DIVISION 5, "PLANNED AREA DEVELOPMENT (PAD)," FOR THE PROPOSED PROJECT REFERRED TO AS "515 VALENCIA" ON THE PROPERTY LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS LOTS 24-38, BLOCK 7, BILTMORE SECTION (501 - 525 VALENCIA AVENUE), CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA; INCLUDING REQUIRED CONDITIONS; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER PROVISION, SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, CODIFICATION AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Items E-1 & 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 2017-04. The motion passed by the following vote.**

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

**Absent :** 1 - Commissioner Lago

City Clerk Item No. 23

**ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING****Agenda Items E-3, E-4, E-5, E-6, and E-7 are related.**

- E.-3.    16-5703**       An Ordinance of the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida requesting an amendment to the Future Land Use Map of the City of Coral Gables Comprehensive Plan pursuant to Zoning Code Article 3, "Development Review," Division 15, "Comprehensive Plan Text and Map Amendments," and Small Scale Amendment procedures (S.163.3187, Florida Statutes), providing for the "North Ponce de Leon Boulevard Mixed-Use Overlay District;" providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, and providing for an effective date. (Legal description on file with the City) (12 14 16 PZB recommended approval, Vote 5-0)

**Attachments:**    01 24 17 Exhibit A - Draft Ordinance - Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment  
01 24 17 Exhibit B - Draft Ordinance - Comprehensive Plan Text Amendment  
01 24 17 Exhibit C - Draft Ordinance - Zoning Map Amendment  
01 24 17 Exhibit D - Draft Ordinance - ZC Text Amendment - Mixed Use District  
01 24 17 Exhibit E - Draft Ordinance - ZC Text Amendment - Transfer of Developpr  
01 24 17 Exhibit F - 12 14 16 PZB Staff Report with attachments  
01 24 17 Exhibit G - Excerpts of 12 14 16 PZB Meeting Minutes  
01 24 17 Exhibit H - 01 24 17 CC PPT presentation  
01 24 17 CC Signed Cover Memo - North Ponce Mixed Use District 1st Reading

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Keon, 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 - Commissioner Slesnick, Commissioner Keon, Commissioner Lago, Vice Mayor Quesada and Mayor Cason

City Clerk Item No. 27

**E.-4. 16-5704**

An Ordinance of the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida requesting an amendment to the text of the City of Coral Gables Comprehensive Plan, Future Land Use Element, Policy FLU-1.1.3, "Table FLU-4. Mixed-Use Land Use," pursuant to expedited State review procedures (S.163.3184, Florida Statutes) and Zoning Code Article 3, "Development Review," Division 15, "Comprehensive Plan Text and Map Amendments;" amending the "MXOD, Mixed-Use Overlay Districts" Land Use Classification to provide that a Mixed-Use Overlay District may be permitted as an overlay in the Multi-Family Medium Density Land Use; providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, and providing for an effective date. (12 14 16 PZB recommended approval, Vote 5-0)

**Attachments:** [01 24 17 Exhibit A - Draft Ordinance - Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment](#)  
[01 24 17 Exhibit B - Draft Ordinance - Comprehensive Plan Text Amendment](#)  
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**A motion was made by Vice Mayor Quesada, seconded by Commissioner Lago, that this matter be approved as an Ordinance on First Reading. 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. 28

**E.-5. 16-5705**

An Ordinance of the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida requesting an amendment to the Zoning Map pursuant to Zoning Code Article 3, "Development Review", Division 14, "Zoning Code Text and Map Amendments", to create the "North Ponce de Leon Boulevard Mixed Use District" for portions of the Douglas Section, Section K, and Section L, Coral Gables, Florida; providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, and providing for an effective date. (Legal description on file with the City) (12 14 16 PZB recommended approval, Vote 5-0)

**Attachments:** [01 24 17 Exhibit A - Draft Ordinance - Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment](#)  
[01 24 17 Exhibit B - Draft Ordinance - Comprehensive Plan Text Amendment](#)  
[01 24 17 Exhibit C - Draft Ordinance - Zoning Map Amendment](#)  
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[01 24 17 CC Signed Cover Memo - North Ponce Mixed Use District 1st Reading](#)

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Keon, 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 - Commissioner Lago, Vice Mayor Quesada, Commissioner Slesnick, Commissioner Keon and Mayor Cason

City Clerk Item No. 29

**E.-6. 16-5706**

An Ordinance of the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida providing for text amendments to the City of Coral Gables Official Zoning Code by amending Article 4, "Zoning Districts," Section 4-201, "Mixed Use District (MXD)" to allow an MXD Overlay District to be assigned in a Multi-Family 2 Zoning District under certain conditions, and to include provisions for the "North Ponce de Leon Boulevard Mixed Use District" to modify and supplement the existing Commercial and Multi-Family 2 standards and criteria to allow appropriate redevelopment that promotes walkability, enhances Ponce de Leon Boulevard, and provides a transition to the North Ponce Neighborhood Conservation District; providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, codification, and providing for an effective date. (12 14 16 PZB recommended approval, Vote 5-0)

**Attachments:** [01 24 17 Exhibit A - Draft Ordinance - Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment](#)  
[01 24 17 Exhibit B - Draft Ordinance - Comprehensive Plan Text Amendment](#)  
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[01 24 17 CC Signed Cover Memo - North Ponce Mixed Use District 1st Reading](#)

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**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

City Clerk Item No. 30

**E.-7. 16-5707**

An Ordinance of the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida providing for text amendments to the City of Coral Gables Official Zoning Code by amending Article 3, "Development Review," Division 10, "Transfer of Development Rights" to modify criteria for sending sites north of Navarre Avenue, and to allow for Commercial zoned properties with the "North Ponce de Leon Boulevard Mixed Use District" overlay to be receiving sites subject to certain criteria; providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, codification, and providing for an effective date. (12 14 16 PZB recommended approval, Vote 5-0)

**Attachments:** [01 24 17 Exhibit A - Draft Ordinance - Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment](#)  
[01 24 17 Exhibit B - Draft Ordinance - Comprehensive Plan Text Amendment](#)  
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[01 24 17 CC Signed Cover Memo - North Ponce Mixed Use District 1st Reading](#)

**A motion was made by Vice Mayor Quesada, seconded by Commissioner Keon, that this matter be approved as an Ordinance on First Reading. 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. 31

**E.-8. 17-5716**

An Ordinance amending Chapter 50 of the Code of the City of Coral Gables, entitled "Pensions;" amending Section 50-83 "Members - Selection," to have the Director of Labor Relations and Risk Management serve on the Retirement Board and Remove the Human Resources Director from the Retirement Board, and providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, codification, and providing for an effective date.

**Attachments:** [Ordinance Amending Section 50-83 Members - 1-9-2017 PDF](#)  
[Signed Cover Memo - Ordinance Amending Section 50-83](#)  
[Signed Cover Memo - Ordinance Amending Section 50-83 - Second Reading](#)  
[Ordinance Amending Section 50-83 Members - Second Reading](#)  
[No Impact Letter](#)

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Item E-8 is available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk and in Legistar].

**A motion was made by Commissioner Keon, seconded by Commissioner Slesnick, that this matter be approved as an Ordinance on First Reading. 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. 32

**E.-9. 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](#)

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Item E-9 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 Lago, that this matter be approved as an Ordinance on First Reading. The motion passed by the following vote.**

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

**Nays :** 1 - Commissioner Slesnick

City Clerk Item No. 33

**F. CITY COMMISSION ITEMS****F.-1. 17-5729**

A Resolution calling a special election on the proposed ballot question and ordinance to be held on Tuesday, April 11, 2017; providing for submission to the electors for approval or disapproval of a ballot question relating to the Alice Aycock sculptures presently located on the Segovia traffic circles at the intersections of Segovia Street and Biltmore Way and Segovia Street and Coral Way; providing for requisite ballot language; providing for procedure for balloting; providing for notice; providing for related matters; and providing for an effective date.

(Sponsored by Commissioner Slesnick)

**Attachments:** [Draft Resolution to Set Special Election on Ballot Question re Segovia C...](#)

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Items 2-1 and F-1 is available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk and in Legistar].

**This Agenda Item was Dismissed**

City Clerk Item No. 21

**RESOLUTION NO. 2017-25**

- F.-2. 17-5728** A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Coral Gables, Florida, directing the City Attorney's Office and City Administration to research and draft a City of Coral Gables Parking Code to include control over types of violations, fine amounts and the appeals process.  
(Sponsored by Commissioner Lago)

**Attachments:** Draft Resolution - Coral Gables Parking Code  
Signed Cover Memo - Coral Gables Parking Code

**A motion was made by Commissioner Lago, seconded by Vice Mayor Quesada, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2017-25. 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. 34

- F.-3. 17-5734** Discussion regarding the possibility of offering seniors the "Golden Passport" at the local passport office or other designated location in the City.  
(Sponsored by Commissioner Slesnick)

[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. 35

**G. BOARDS/COMMITTEES ITEMS**

**None**

City Clerk Item No. 36



**H. CITY MANAGER ITEMS****Time Certain 10:00am (Agenda Item H-1)****RESOLUTION NO. 2017-23**

- H.-1. 17-5725 A Resolution accepting the recommendation of City Staff to authorize contract negotiations for a period of up to six (6) months with the most responsive-responsible proposer, Coral Gables City Center, LLC, for the redevelopment of Municipal Parking Garages 1 and 4, pursuant to Request for Proposals (RFP) No. 2014.10.23 and Section 2-1089 of the City of Coral Gables Code of Ordinances; authorizing City Staff to negotiate with the next most responsive-responsible proposer, TC Gables, LLC, for an additional period of up to six (6) months, should negotiations fail with the top-ranked proposer; and further reaffirming the City's right to pursue alternative courses of action.

**Attachments:** [Full Credit Proposal](#)  
[Pedestrian Improvements Summary](#)  
[CGCC 5MIN Presentation Jan18](#)  
[Draft Reso - Parking Garage RFP](#)  
[01 17 17 memo to CC re contract award Exhibit B](#)  
[01-24-17 - Parking Garage RFP PowerPoint Presentation](#)  
[01-24-17 - Memo to Commission re Parking Garage RFP Stage II](#)  
[Signed Cover Memo - Parking Garage RFP](#)  
[Abramson Memo for 01 24 17 CC mtg](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF CITY STAFF TO AUTHORIZE CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS FOR A PERIOD OF UP TO SIX (6) MONTHS WITH THE MOST RESPONSIVE-RESPONSIBLE PROPOSER, CORAL GABLES CITY CENTER, LLC, FOR THE REDEVELOPMENT OF MUNICIPAL PARKING GARAGES 1 AND 4, PURSUANT TO REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) NO. 2014.10.23 AND SECTION 2-1089 OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES CODE OF ORDINANCES; AUTHORIZING CITY STAFF TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE NEXT MOST RESPONSIVE-RESPONSIBLE PROPOSER, TC GABLES, LLC, FOR AN ADDITIONAL PERIOD OF UP TO SIX (6) MONTHS SHOULD NEGOTIATIONS FAIL WITH THE TOP-RANKED PROPOSER; AND FURTHER REAFFIRMING THE CITY'S RIGHT TO PURSUE ALTERNATIVE COURSES OF ACTION.

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

**A motion was made by Commissioner Slesnick, seconded by Vice Mayor Quesada, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2017-23. 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. 24

**I. CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS**

- I.-1. 17-5717 Request for an Executive Session (if any).  
City Clerk Item No. 37

**J. CITY CLERK ITEMS**

None

City Clerk Item No. 38

**K. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Mayor Cason: Let me take the opportunity to usually I go last on this, but on K, since we have Public Works here. I would like you to come up and talk to us about something that's about to happen soon, I'm not sure exactly, but you can tell us, in terms of the bridge at Coco Plum Circle that is going to be demolished and cost significant traffic as well as problems for people who have boats getting in and out of the Granada Waterway. When I heard about it, I asked to make sure that the County understands that anytime they rebuild anything they've got to build with sea level rise, because right now that bridge you can only get out at low tide with many, many boats, and imagine if they rebuild it the same height, we are just condemning all our properties for the next 40 years that are behind that in terms of everybody to get their boats out. So if you can explain where we are.

Public Works Director Santamaria: Gladly Mr. Mayor, Ed Santamaria, Director of Public Works. We have had a couple of meetings with the County regarding work of an urgent nature, it has not become an emergency yet, meaning that chunks of the bridge are not falling off. However, the County would like to address this problem before that happens. They've recently had experiences with other bridges that became emergencies and so they want to avoid that here. The bridge has been deemed structurally deficient.

Commissioner Keon: Could you tell me where the bridge is again?

Public Works Director Santamaria: Absolutely. It's the Le Jeune Road Bridge approaching the Coco Plum Circle.

Commissioner Keon: Oh.

Public Works Director Santamaria: It's kind of a major bridge.

Mayor Cason: It's a major route for anybody coming from Cutler Bay, all the way up; it's going to be a traffic disaster.

Commissioner Keon: Well it also affects the response time among our particularly Fire and EMT coming from Fire Station No. 3.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: And you mentioned how long this would be down, correct?

Public Works Director Santamaria: Yes. We have discussed this. Initially they told me a year closure of the bridge, and the second meeting that we had, which happened day before yesterday, I told them that that was way too long; and so they are looking at alternatives, but realistically we are looking at a six month period at a minimum where that bridge is going to be impacted. Now the idea for six months is if they were able to close down the bridge completely and get a contractor in there to work without encumbrances for six months. If they do it in a manner where they phase the work and they do one side and then the other that will take longer. So impact the traffic would be felt over a much longer period of time.

Mayor Cason: What would the impact be on the boats? - there are hundreds and hundreds of boats inside the bridges will they be not able to get their boats out, and therefore they should be making plans?

Public Works Director Santamaria: That was a question that I asked and the response was that there may be periods of time where navigating the waterway would be complicated, but that it would only be brief periods of time.

Mayor Cason: Any idea when - you said it was structurally deficient, so meaning the tractor trailer comes over its not going to collapse or maybe?

Public Works Director Santamaria: Not yet. Not yet.

Mayor Cason: By when do they want to, if they have their druthers, so they want to start doing this?

Public Works Director Santamaria: Well they are looking at a design-build project and they are looking to solicit the contractor and the designer over the next couple of

months, and so we are looking at probably within the next year they'll start construction.

Mayor Cason: And we need to insist that they build it higher or at least the clearance underneath is higher, so that we gain 15-20 years, because the sea level rise in here one inch every three years, so it doesn't take you long.

Public Works Director Santamaria: Mr. Mayor I heard your concerns and I conveyed them to the bridge engineers and the administrators over at Public Works at the County and they said that they would seriously look at raising the bridge. The only concern that they had is that obviously when you raise the bridge deck then you may affect the approaches on either side, and then you start affecting potentially private property and harmonizing everything...

Mayor Cason: There is private property all up and down Granada Waterway if you no longer can have a boat that can get out of the bridge.

Public Works Director Santamaria: Absolutely.

Mayor Cason: We've got to look at our interest and our interests are, they've said they take sea level rise seriously, they've got to start the first project in Coral Gables build it up, so that we are not affected by sea level rise or gain a few more decades.

Public Works Director Santamaria: We are definitely advocating for as high a bridge as possible.

Mayor Cason: OK. Keep us informed, because people have to make a lot of plans, not only for their boats, but for traffic and fire and everything else.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: As soon as we have some real dates we will partner with them on the communication. It's not that we should be postponing the establishment of the bridge, but just with all due haste, they may even be able to incentivize the contractor for finishing ahead of schedule. It is a residential neighborhood, we are usually cautious about night work, but this may be an opportunity for night work as well.

Commissioner Keon: I think also there is the pedestrian bridge that's there now, so are they going to touch the pedestrian bridge also?- so the pedestrian bridge will

remain intact and they'll just do the vehicle bridge.

Public Works Director Santamaria: Correct.

Commissioner Keon: OK. You know you really need to notice that entire neighborhood east of U.S.-1, because people are going to start using instead of Le Jeune the only way you are going to go across is to get to like Granada, you know to cross Granada, and then go across and come up, or Hardee, but you are just going to keep going closer and closer and once ways figures it out the amount of traffic that's going to be diverted from Le Jeune onto the other residential streets is going to be tremendous, there is going to be a real outcry from the community about that.

Mayor Cason: Can you get us for the next Commission meeting or just send us an e-mail on the number of cars a day that come down Old Cutler Road. I had it somewhere, but I mean it's a lot. Coming both ways and coming from Coconut Grove coming in.

Commissioner Keon: But it's not even that, that's the road to Pinecrest, it's the road to...it's how people come and go through the whole City. If they come up Ingraham Highway it's not going to do any good to come up Ingraham from the Grove anymore; they come up Douglas, up Ingraham, and then cut onto Le Jeune to go south, they are not going to be able to do that either, so they are going to start cutting back into all the other residential streets as well. I know that there was a County project that was on the books for a long time and there was considerable planning related to it on the paving of the Coco Plum Circle, which would give us an opportunity if they are going to redo the bridge and have to repave to continue the paving to finally pave the Coco Plum Circle. There was just tremendous disagreement between the County's plan and the residential community's plan for Coco Plum Circle. The County wanted to, I guess there are new specs out on traffic circles and they wanted to reduce it down to much narrower lanes and put in lots of other triangles or whatever, something in there, and the people in Coco Plum, the people in the immediate area that use that all the time were exceedingly opposed to what the County wanted to do and always said, this is an existing traffic circle that people have developed habits and whatever, and there have been no serious accidents at that circle that the police could ever even pull up, so it's really not a danger, they wanted the more open lanes and it really allows for traffic to go. Anyway, do you think we could come up with or we could start to work with them on a plan to do the Coco Plum Circle at the same time and we could meet with the residents of Coco Plum on

it, so that when the paving is done they'll pave the whole thing, and I know we wanted to put in crosswalks there at Sunset and Old Cutler, particularly Old Cutler because of the way of where the bus drop offs are and the people that work in those neighborhoods have to cross the street. Those have been the most incidences of anyone being hurt are people from the buses; they get off the bus and try and cross either Le Jeune or Old Cutler.

Public Works Director Santamaria: Commissioner Keon, fortunately Jessica Keller happen to be at the meeting with me and she is very familiar with that circle and the issues there regarding the County's project and the residents' concerns with the County project, so that is something that came up and we will definitely be working with the County on that.

Commissioner Keon: OK. So maybe we can come up with actually finalizing a plan on that circle. OK.

Public Works Director Santamaria: And I will say this, if the County is definitely partnering with the City on this, they understand that we, although it's their right-of-way it's their bridge, but they want to partner with us, we told them there has to be public engagement, at least a certain period of public engagement to get input from the community. We told them that we wanted something that was aesthetically pleasing, not just a slap up a steel bridge that doesn't really fit the nature of the City in terms of aesthetics, and they are receptive to working with us.

Mayor Cason: Let's pay attention to the color because there was controversy when the pedestrian bridge went in - it's not green why is it orange? - we said orange is what we do, so we need to make sure we have some pleasing color next time.

Public Works Director Santamaria: And so joining me at the meeting was Dona Spain and Ramon Trias. We will have representation on the selection panel for the bridge, and so we'll have some input there as well. The County has agreed to making what the Manager raised in terms of expediting the work, some sort of a bonus for a potential design builder, and also there will be some points given for aesthetics in the package that they may present.

Commissioner Slesnick: Are you saying that the bridge needs to maybe go up four feet on each side; I mean have a lot of space there if we are going up like four feet.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: I don't think you saying an actual measurement just that it be elevated higher.

Commissioner Slesnick: Elevated higher.

Mayor Cason: Or you make the top of the bridge if they can do it thinner, so the boats underneath can get under, I mean there are various ways to do it, but just keep that in mind.

Commissioner Slesnick: It would really enhance property values for all along the waterway there and make the owners happier to not have access for months if it's higher than the pedestrian bridge, so that they can get bigger boats.

Commissioner Keon: But the pedestrian bridge is fixed, so if it's higher than the pedestrian bridge you are going to have to do the pedestrian bridge too.

Commissioner Slesnick: I know. But there is space since it's a big open circle there and coming up by the park you have space to elevate the bridge there.

Commissioner Keon: Right -,but the pedestrian bridge is fixed, so even if you make the vehicle bridge higher the boats are going to be affected by the pedestrian bridge, so you probably can't go higher than what the pedestrian bridge is now.

Mayor Cason: Next time I go under I'll measure the difference.

Commissioner Lago: What may end up happening, they may have to scrap the pedestrian bridge and bridge a new bridge higher, can you imagine that, that would be terrible.

Commissioner Keon: No.

Assistant City Manager Iglesias: The pedestrian bridge is a Truss bridge; it can be lifted and adjusted.

Commissioner Keon: OK. Good.

Commissioner Slesnick: So let's lift both of them about four feet and you raise the property values for everybody there.

Commissioner Lago: What are we talking about money there; you need to give a little explanation a significantly more expensive than probably what they have planned - probably right?

Mayor Cason: Alright. That's all I have on that subject. I just wanted to introduce it and make people aware of it.

Commissioner Keon: We could also look at where the traffic all cuts up the swale at Ingraham Park there, you may be able to widen it a bit, that turn lane.

Public Works Director Santamaria: We are also working with the County....

Commissioner Keon:...it gives you a lot of opportunities.

Public Works Director Santamaria: There is also some work we are looking at on Riviera Drive at that intersection and working with the County on that as well. All those pieces are in play. I can tell you that as we have further meetings with the County on this subject matter, we'll be glad to pass on.

Commissioner Keon: That would be great. Thank you.

Mayor Cason: Commissioner Keon you have any other items?

Commissioner Keon: I have two things I'd like to ask about; one is, Ramon is here - Ramon you were working on the updates to the residential code that we know are problematic.

Planning and Zoning Director Trias: Yes.

Commissioner Keon: Where are you with that?

Planning and Zoning Director Trias: We are working on a draft and we wanted to have one last meeting with the committee...

Commissioner Keon: OK.

Planning and Zoning Director Trias:...and we probably will have something for you



within the next 60 days at most.

Commissioner Keon: OK. Does it go to the Planning and Zoning Board?

Planning and Zoning Director Trias: Yes.

Commissioner Keon: And then will come to us, so sometime this spring it will come?

Planning and Zoning Director Trias: Yes.

Commissioner Keon: OK. The only other thing I had, thank you, the only other question I had is, we talked about the noise related to leaf blowers and I was told that the City was moving to use electric or battery powered leaf blowers, because they are not noisy, the noise is a result of the type of motor that's in the leaf blowers, and also they cause a lot of pollution; and we were looking at, I know we were switching over to the battery ones, are they effective?- are they good?

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: Doing the test - the leaf blowers I understand proved solid for us, but the hedge clippers did not. It didn't give us enough power that was needed, so I know that we can get an update from Public Works by memo to you all, but that I did understand that the leaf blowers were well received by our staff.

Commissioner Keon: If they were satisfactory, if we can begin the discussion again about the leaf blowers, because the issue with the leaf blowers that we get so many complaints about is noise, we could begin to transition to battery operated leaf blowers, so that you can inform the different landscape companies and whatever else that we are going to go in that direction and ask them to start moving toward replacing their equipment with battery operated ones, that would be a discussion we could have sometime.

Assistant City Manager Iglesias: We had a discussion with Brook concerning that and the electric powered were sufficient, except when it was wet, then they have to use the gas blower once, because they needed more power and for the trimmers, so they are trying to use the electric ones as much as possible, which is what we already have and reserve the gas blowers when they need additional power when it rains and so forth.

Commissioner Keon: So will you give some thought to how that would relate to a homeowner, I mean I don't know if we do more leaf blowing than a landscape company would do, the volume is - does the leaf blower with a battery is it effective enough for like residential use?- if it's not then...

Assistant City Manager Iglesias: It's simply not effective when it was wet and the leaf would stick, so that was an issue of moisture.

Commissioner Keon: Right -, but I would think that relates to the volume of leaves or the volume of clippings and the volume of cutting when its wet, if that's more than what you would normally find in a house, then I don't think it's a big issue, if that's the same as what you would find in somebody's yard then it becomes an issue. So maybe if you could just think about that and then we'll talk about it at a later date. Thank you.

Mayor Cason: It's going to be a controversial issue, other than what the City does, it will be controversial, because it was something that was raised six years ago and I was opposed to it at the time because I looked at the cost for a homeowner of turning in their gas powered one and I figured, you know we have almost 11,000 homes times \$100 minimum, plus the wires, you are talking about \$1.2 million dollar hit to homeowners, plus the fact that a lot of them use companies, not just for the Gables, they go all over the place. So whether or not - we don't even have a handle on who the gardening companies are, we can't even contact them now.

Commissioner Lago: I've been trying to work on this for a while.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: And we have been too sir.

Commissioner Keon: I think they are a pollutant, I think it's a problem, so I don't think you can say one day, OK, you can't have that anymore. I think it's an issue that you begin to talk about it and you raise public awareness of, and then if you decide it's something that you feel is better for the community, the community would prefer to not have that noise, then you very slowly ease into it, and maybe it's a five-year period, I don't really know, but it's really an ongoing discussion of whether it works or not.

Commissioner Lago: I'm in favor along with the issue of just the fact that when we drive through the City during the day there are lawn trucks everywhere. When, for

example, I tell my lawn maintenance company, they park on my yard, they park on my swale or they park in my driveway, but again, I have a circular driveway and it's easy for them, but that's another issue that we can talk about along with having these lawn companies pay \$5 a year, \$2 a year, whatever it is, and we have control of who is in our City and we can contact them when laws change, when there is a BOLO, a "Be On The Look Out" for a certain individual, when requesting their input in regards to whatever is going on in the City, we have contact with these individuals and we know who they are. By the way, I just bought an electric blower, cheap; I think it was like \$60, they've gone down in price. I bought it in Home Depot, it works incredibly well and it makes a fraction of the noise and there is obviously no pollution.

Mayor Cason: Is it plugged in with a wire?

Commissioner Keon: No, it's a battery.

Commissioner Lago: Battery and wire, both.

Commissioner Keon: They charge the battery, so that's what we asked him, is how long does the battery last?- amidst all those issues, so a lawn company could go out for eight hours or whatever, and it would work, so you need a lot of other information.

Commissioner Lago: My issue is, remember Gables by the Sea, we installed that - we were there for when they installed the sale art. I've met with several of the residents, they've probably called you, they want to light up the circle where the Lugo Circle is, and they are having just a little bit of issues and I'd like to see staff maybe we can sit down with them and figure a way if either, I'm not sure if its budgeting constraints that they are asking for or they are asking for assistance in regards to the permitting process, but I think it was a few thousand dollars and I want to make sure that we take advantage of the sculpture and we light it up that's what the residents want. Number two, the K-LA on Ponce de Leon next to Rob and Stucky, several residents have called me, they are asking for a crosswalk in front of the school, it's a major issue for them. Number three, I brought this up to the Manager, if you drive by the City and I'm going to say this at every Commission meeting till we get this right, the garbage pits are unacceptable, there is garbage everywhere in the City; and this is what I'm asking, if we drive through the City on a Saturday or Sunday you know there is no garbage pickup. Code Enforcement - if we don't have enough people working in Code Enforcement, I know that we may go to zone enforcement, where

we have certain individuals designated to that area, we need to stop at every single individual's home where there is cardboard box, where there is a planter, where there is a refrigerator, whatever is in the garbage pit on a Saturday and Sunday, it should only be green material, it should not be anything else. We need to stop them, give them a warning and the next time we need to cite them, because it's getting out of control, I'm telling you. I brought it up to the Manager, I called her on Saturday and I go, just drive down the street, you'll see, if you look left and right into the streets everybody is dumping everything, and it's not only residents in the City, because I've had some residents on Robino come to me and say Vince, I didn't dump that, and I know they didn't dump it. Somebody came and dumped it. We've got to get a handle on this and if Code Enforcement needs additional assistance, if we need to really break this down into zones then people need to be held accountable in reference to this issue.

Mayor Cason: I agree.

Commissioner Lago: And the final issue, one last thing, I'm sorry, I know I only gave you two, I know, I know, I'm sorry - what was the final issue?- Lugo, K-LA, the garbage pits, I think that's it.

Vice Mayor Quesada: Cardboard recycling, I've been discussing it with a lot of residents to see what we can do. I've spoken with the City Manager about it; I just want to make you aware of it. I've had some good conversations with the City Manager about it. I don't know if the idea is buying a separate vehicle just for cardboard for pickup...

Commissioner Keon: It actually collapses it.

Vice Mayor Quesada:...exactly so that we don't have to break it down, I've probably spoken to like 15 residents about it in the last week and-a-half.

Commissioner Lago: Let me ask you a question. When you drive through the City and you look at the trash pits, everybody is dumping cardboard in them, everyone...

Vice Mayor Quesada: Everyone.

Commissioner Lago: Everybody - and some of them say obviously, they are not educated in regards to the fact that the City is recycling. I think it's going to come to

the point where we are going to have to make a decision whether we pick this up or not, if you want to keep continuing to pick up?

Vice Mayor Quesada: Yes - absolutely.

Commissioner Lago: OK, well then....

Vice Mayor Quesada: I don't know what the answer is. The City Manager and I have been discussing it to see what we can figure out.

Mayor Cason: I think one of the problems is....

Commissioner Lago: Because I know that the Manager has tried incessantly and staff has done an educational campaign, we reached out, we had a recycling symposium.

Vice Mayor Quesada: I understand, but we've got to do something else.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: Vice Mayor Quesada's comments, if I may, are beyond that where there is a real hesitancy of some residents to break down the cardboard and so what other solutions can we come up with to best serve them, because cardboard is a sustainable product we want to recycle and the market supports our recycling it.

Mayor Cason: Every person that has moved into the City in the last six years has gotten a letter from me with our garbage rules updated over time, so they know about it, they just - it's either that they have their maid or their gardener take their stuff out and throw it out in front of their house on the wrong days. I agree with you, unless they - give them a warning, but after the warning that's it, a fine, and a big fine, that stops them.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: Well, I'm not sure Vice Mayor if that's what you were talking about, because there was some aversion that some people whether they were elderly in terms of actually the box cutting, breaking it down, and so we just thought we'd come up with some other solution if we could.

Mayor Cason: Anything else.

Vice Mayor Quesada: No that's it.

Commissioner Slesnick: Just my Town Hall meeting Thursday night, Biltmore, 5 (pm) to 6 (pm) for registration and 6 (pm) to 8 (pm) for brainstorming with about an hour's worth of discussion, and Alice Bravo will be there to talk about traffic and Pedro Garcia will be there to talk about the rising values of homes in Coral Gables, and how it affects our City's tax base.

Mayor Cason: OK. And just as I was discussing with the City Attorney, we've spent enormous amounts of time on the Segovia thing. As far as I'm concerned that's now at least for this Commission that's it, no more bringing it back, it's out of order if it comes back again. We were very clear today and so that's my ruling.

Commissioner Keon: So ordered.

Mayor Cason: So ordered.

City Attorney Leen: Understood.

Mayor Cason: With that close the Commission meeting. Thank you all.

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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 3:47 p.m. The next regular meeting of the City Commission has been scheduled for Tuesday, February 14, 2017, beginning 9 a.m.]

JIM CASON  
MAYOR

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