

City of Coral Gables

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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 13, 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: Mayor Cason acknowledged the presence of Dr. Laurinda Hafner, Senior Pastor from the Coral Gables Congregational Church of Christ since 2006. Mayor Cason further informed the viewing public that Dr. Hafner came from Cleveland, Ohio where she served as a pastor for 28 years. Laurie is a political science graduate of Elon University in North Carolina. She received her Master of Divinity Degree from Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis, Indiana and was awarded a Doctor of Ministry Degree from McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago, Illinois Pastor Laurie, as she is known, is a board member of the Collective Empowerment Group of South Florida, is a member of People Acting for Community Together of Miami and served as the Chair of the Miami Coalition for Christians and Jews Clergy Dialogue. Over the past years she has raised more than 35 tons of food for the hungry of Miami-Dade County].

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor 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. 2015-28) (b) Resolution(s) adopted (Resolution No. 2015-233 through Resolution No. 2015-255); (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. [15-4365](#) Presentation of a Proclamation declaring October 10, 2015 as "90th Anniversary of the Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce Day" in Coral Gables.

[Note for the Record: Following the reading of the title to Agenda Item A-1, Mayor Cason read the proclamation into the public record thereby declaring October 10th as the 90th Anniversary of the Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce. Following the reading of the proclamation, Mayor Cason requested of the Coral Gables President of the Chamber of Commerce, namely Mark Trowbridge to join him at the podium, whereby Mark noted that the Coral Gables Chamber was especially blessed that the Chamber and the City share a common founder and share the same visionary, and that the Coral Gables Chamber is blessed that Merrick had the intestinal fortitude to begin our Chamber just a few months after he founded Coral Gables; further pointing out that October 10th was the 90th Anniversary and that the Coral Gables Chamber cut some cake at the Coral Gables Museum; further thanking Commissioner Slesnick for being in attendance on Saturday, and helping the Chamber celebrate in fine fashion; further adding a special thanks to each and every one of the City Commissioners for their help in supporting the many events that the Chamber calls reincarnation or progress week; saying that it was done on the first year of its existence and has continued some 89 years hence; further noting that this is a special morning for the Coral Gables Chamber, and thanking the Commissioner very much].

This Presentation/Protocol Document was Presented and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 1

- A.-2. [15-4353](#) Presentation of a Proclamation welcoming Quirch Foods to the City of Coral Gables.

[Note for the Record: Following Mayor Cason's reading of the title to Agenda Item A-2, he read the proclamation welcoming Quirch Foods to the City of Coral Gables, and requested through the City Manager that Development Director Xavier Betancourt approach the podium, whereby Mr. Betancourt noted that almost 50 years having operated in Medley, that he was proud to say that the family company of Quirch has moved its headquarters to Coral Gables; further noting that all of the family members are residents of Coral Gables for many years, and now they join their residence with their family business.

Mr. Betancourt further pointed out that Quirch Food Production is one of the largest distributors of food production in the Southeastern United States and the Caribbean. He further stated that he was delighted that many members of the family, along with the

company's leadership were in attendance today, such as Guermillo Quirch III, Guermillo Quirch IV, Ignacio Quirch, Frank Grande, Ralph Perez, Carmen Solatar and Mauresmo Quirch.

Mr. Betancourt further noted that Quirch Food Production has over 35,000 square feet of space at the Bacardi Building, and that the City of Coral Gables toured said facility last week, and realized that it is a beautiful space-adding that Quirch Company put a lot of thought, care and capital investment into the space, and that the City appreciates that.

Mayor Cason welcome the Quirch Company to Coral Gables, pointing out that he had a conversation with representatives of the company some 6 months ago, and was glad that they made a decision to relocate to Coral Gables, and was also glad that they found ample space, because it is quite challenging for large companies to find adequate space.

Commissioner Lago stated that he wanted to congratulate the Quirch family on their move to Coral Gables, and that he has known the family for 25 years, and that he is very close to Juan Quirch; further pointing out that the Quirch family has always given with an open check book toward the League Against Cancer, and that this proclamation is a small token for all that they have done for this community; further thanking them for becoming a part of the City of Coral Gables, and that the City is glad to have them.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark informed the Mayor that he read the proclamation correctly, in that Quirch received their permits within 21 days, and that she wanted to send a shout out to our Development Services team].

This Presentation/Protocol Document was Presented and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 2

A.-3. [15-4364](#)

Presentation of a Proclamation declaring October 22, 2015 as "Ethical Governance Day" in Coral Gables.

[Note for the Record: Following Mayor Cason reading the title to Agenda Item A-3, he read the proclamation declaring October 22, 2015 as Ethical Governance Day in Coral Gables into the public record. The City Attorney presented Miami-Dade Executive Director of the Miami-Dade County Commission on Ethics, Joe Centorino, who has devoted his career to public service and the Public Trust. The City Attorney further pointed out that who cannot say this about any other public servant, but for the duration of his public career, Joe Centorino has been exclusively dedicated to the public trust, which is a wonderful thing. He further said that it has been a privilege to have him in Coral Gables Chamber today; further informing the viewing public that there are three things about Mr. Centorino that he really admires: As the City

Attorney, he is the Ethics officer for the City, just as Mr. Centorino is the Chief Ethics Officer for the County-(1) He is extremely fair; (2). He is always available, and (3) He is extremely competent ion ethical matters and the public trust.

The City Attorney thanked Mr. Centorino in allowing him to bring the former Deputy Director of the Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics and Publix Trust to become his Deputy City Attorney; finally, thanking him for being a great mentor. The City Manager in jest informed the mayor and Commission that the City Attorney didn't appear like he was feeling bad about stealing the former Deputy Executive Director from the Miami-Dade County Commission on Ethics.

The City Attorney also mentioned that at the Commission on Ethics, there is a Library of Inquiries, that municipal officials may look at in providing guidance on ethical matters.

In accepting this accolade, Mr. Centorino pointed out that City Attorney Leen has been fair and square in stealing his former Deputy, Miriam Ramos. Adding that there were only a few cities that he would be comfortable with Mrs. Ramos leaving his office to go to, and that Coral Gables is one of them; pointing out that Coral Gables is usually ahead of the curve in terms of putting elected officials, judges, attorneys into the community and speaking on the importance of ethical government. Mr. Centorino stressed the importance of programs and the on-going effort to educate the next generation of voters, the need to rehnw our resolve to sustain this initiative and educate those that are desirous of same.

In closing, Mr. Centorino informed the viewing public that he appreciated Mr. Leen's kind words , and that he may find it necessary to replay them at some point in the future; further stating that ethics is a broad topic, and there is a need for a deep commitment to civic involvement, further thanking Coral Gables for its commitment to ethics].

This Presentation/Protocol Document was Presented and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 3

A.-4. [15-4379](#)

Presentation of a Proclamation declaring October 2015 as "Americans with Disabilities Month" in Coral Gables.

[Note for the Record: After reading the title to Agenda Item A-4 into the public record, Mayor Cason read the proclamation into the public record declaring the month of October 2015 as American with Disabilities Month.

Mayor Cason requested that Sally Baumgartner, Chairman of the Disability Board join him on the dais. Before presenting Ms. Baumgartner, Vice Mayor Quesada stated that the issue of disability is a matter that is near and dear to his heart, pointing out that is mother-in-law is handicap, which has prompted him to deal with certain family

issues.; further noting that one of the first issues that he got involved with in the City was the making of a park located on S.W. 8th Street whereby there was a family that had a few handicapped children, who had some trouble accessing the park, and the City made some accommodations in that park.

Vice Mayor Quesada further thanked Ms. Baumgartner for everything that she does and for the work that the Board has done, adding that the Commission has worked closely with them in the past; noting that many times people forget all of the benefits we have by not being handicapped-such examples as climbing the stairs, walking through a doorway or climbing the stairs, purchasing groceries sometimes it just isn't realized, further thanking Ms. Baumgartner so much for the effort that her Board puts forth on behalf of the City.

Ms. Baumgartner stated that it was her pleasure to serve on the Disabilities Board, and just to say on behalf of the City that the Disabilities Board is on top of it, when it comes to making accommodations got people with disabilities-adding that the City puts the matter of disabilities at the forefront. Further explaining that in their spare time, the members of the Disability Board are putting together a satellite Office for the Center of Disability and Independent Living at the Coral Gables Youth Center, which will be manned by volunteers under the direction of the Coral Gables Youth Center's Main Office; she further informed the viewing public that she just received a Memorandum of Understanding from the City Commission that indicated that said initiative will be starting up in the next few months; noting that if anyone wants to learn more about disabilities, that October is Disabilities Month-and at the Coral Gables Rotary there is a lineup of speakers to schedule to address said issue for the entire month, from major organizations in our community beginning with Matt Deets this week from "Just Dig It"; next week it will be the A.D.A. Coordinator from Metro-Dade County, and the following week is the lady that runs Light House for the Blind, namely Virginia Jacko; finally urging the viewing public to join them at 12:15 p.m. this Thursday at the Courtyard Marriott and learn more about this event].

This Presentation/Protocol Document was Presented and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 4

A.-5. [15-4395](#)

Presentation of Certificates of Congratulations to the students at St. Theresa Catholic School and Coral Gables Preparatory for winning the Miami-Dade County Geography Bee the in Middle School and Primary categories, respectively.

This Presentation/Protocol Document was Deferred

City Clerk Item No. 5

- A.-6. [15-4399](#) Congratulations to the Finance Department represented by Diana M. Gomez, Finance Director, recipient of the Government Finance Officers Association's Certificate of Achievement Award, for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2014.

Attachments: [GFOA correspondence for CAFR 2014](#)
[Cover Memo GFOA](#)

[Note for the Record: Following Mayor Cason's reading of the title to Agenda Item A-6, he requested of City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark to present Finance Director Diana Gomez on her Certificate of Achievement Award-whereby Madam Manager prefaced her remarks by stating that during the Budget meetings, she had the opportunity to share with the City Commission some exciting news from Standard and Poor's, in that they have given the City a positive outlook with a AA+ bond rating, and they encouraged the City to keep doing what we are doing, and in the fiscal year our City should realize a AAA+ bond rating in return; adding that, that will come not because we want it to, it comes from accurate, consistent financial reporting, from the attention that our City Commission has paid to the unfunded liability, to make sure that positive changes are employed, to maintaining the City's General Fund reserves, in fact increasing them, and the accuracy in our financial reporting via our conservative approach in budgeting as well, is something that the GFOA has acknowledged; further pointing out that every year does a Comprehensive Annual Report, which is judged nationally, and that we as a City are very proud that Budget/Finance department and staff members have yet again received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financing reporting; therefore the City Manager stated that it was her pleasure to present Finance Director Diana Gomez and her team that makes things happen.

Mayor Cason added that every year, our Finance department wins, and its attributable to the fact that they lay out the financial information in a way that it's easy for laymen to understand, whereby Finance Director Gomez stated that this is what her staff attempts to do, to make sure that the information is understandable for everybody and anyone who wants to know what is going on with the finances. Mrs. Gomez said that she wanted to thank her staff in the Finance Department, because this recognition would not have been possible, had it not been for them; pointing out that she is so fortunate to have fantastic staff, they work hard every day, and that she appreciates all of their efforts.

Commissioner Lago stated that aside from the fact that Mrs. Gomez' Department wins this recognition every year, her staff is very capable, and he appreciates acknowledging them; further pointing out that over the years that through her leadership and departmental initiative, that she has laid the groundwork for hopefully will be attainment of a AAA+ bond rating, and that is the direction that the City is heading, and in his opinion, he feels it is essential; further explaining that following he

and his colleagues being elected to the Commission, that restoring the City's finances was a number one priority, having the financial strength to move the City forward; further summing up the presentation by thanking all of those individuals in the Finance department for their hard work, noting that they are truly the foundation of the City, and that he commends them for their hard work].

This Presentation/Protocol Document was Presented and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 6

- A.-7. [15-4380](#) Congratulations to Lieutenant Jack Kerns, recipient of the City of Coral Gables "Firefighter of the Month Award," for the month of October 2015.

Attachments: [Cover Memo, FF of Month, October Notification Letter, FF of Month, October 2015 \(revised meeting date\)](#)

This Presentation/Protocol Document was Deferred

City Clerk Item No. 7

- A.-8. [15-4109](#) Congratulations to Officer Daniel Sotolongo, recipient of the City of Coral Gables "Detective of the Quarter Award," for the Second Quarter of 2015.

Attachments: [NOMINATION - DETECTIVE OF THE 2nd QUARTER 2015 - SOTOLONGO COMMISSION COVER MEMO - DETECTIVE OF THE QUARTER \(APRIL-JUNE\)](#)

[Note for the Record: Following the reading of the title to Agenda Item A-8, City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark requested of Police Chief Hudak to approach the podium and present Officer Daniel Solongo as the Detective of the Month, covering the months of April through June, 2015.

Chief Hudak mentioned that Officer Flores had received this award recognition stemming from his actions which resulted in the arrest of a subject which had targeted an unsuspecting victim while she waited for the Coral Gables Trolley, said suspect who deprived her of her purse and placed her in fear.

The alleged robbery, unbeknownst as to whether it was a strong armed or armed robbery had shaken up the victim; nonetheless the victim provided a vague description of the suspect, which led to several units canvassing the area with negative results.

A witness informed Officer Flores that he saw a possible suspect running north from the 100 block of Menores Avenue, whereby Officer Flores obtained the assistance of Officer Banks, who was also on the scene; later, Officer Flores noticed two males acting suspicious, one who was without a shirt, while both appeared to be sweaty and wet from the rain; they informed the officer that they were looking at a motorcycle that had just pulled up with an unknown male; upon further inspection Officer Flores noticed that said suspects were being untruthful following his touching of the

motorcycle which felt cold.

After his continuous dialogue with the two suspects who informed him that they were not residents of the area, and had visited a friend's house, Officer Flores had informed them that they were trespassing and requested of Officer Banks to detain them for further investigation; upon searching the immediate area, Officer Flores discovered the victim's purse in a laundry room, close by where the two subjects were located; Officer Flores further noticed that the description of one of the subjects matched the description of the BOLO, except that he had on different clothing; this prompted Officer Flores to conduct a show-up based on the physical description and the fact that they could not provide a good enough reason as to why they were there; later, Officer Williams drove the victim to the location where the show-up was being conducted, and the victim positively identified the first offender as the subject who snatched her purse].

This Presentation/Protocol Document was Deferred

City Clerk Item No. 8

A.-9. [15-4370](#)

Congratulations to Officer Hector Diaz, recipient of the City of Coral Gables "Officer of the Month Award," for the month of July 2015.

Attachments: [COMMISSION COVER MEMO - OFFICER OF THE MONTH - JULY - DIAZ NOMINATION - HECTOR DIAZ - JULY](#)

[Note for the Record: Following the reading of the title to Agenda Item A-9 by Mayor Cason, Police Chief Hudak prefaced his remarks by stating that the selection of Officer Hector Diaz as Officer of the Month for July 2015 represents yet another officer performing outstanding work whom he loves to acknowledge; further noting that on July 18, 2015, at approximately 1:27 a.m., one of citizens noticed two suspicious males who were possibly breaking into parked vehicles along the 1600 block of Granada Blvd.; Officer Diaz, who was in the area, saw two juveniles on bicycles in the area of Cortez and Sorolla Avenue, who matched the description in the BOLO; due to the coordinated effort by member from the Strategic Initiatives Team, Criminal Investigations Section and Alpha shift patrol officers, they established a perimeter in anticipation of the suspects fleeing.; further stating that when Officer diaz pulled behind the suspects, he could no longer see them on the street. Officers Baez and Dickinson responded and the juvenile suspects were found hiding in the back yard on 813 Sorolla Avenue, wherein one of the defenders admitted that the two offenders had searched over 30 cars in the area that night, including another vehicle which was parked at 1612 Granada Boulevard.

The aforementioned arrests were an example of the team work between the officers of the different divisions, as well as communication personnel. Chief Hudak noted that it

was because of Officer Diaz' keen observation skills coupled with his relentless drive to catch the criminals that led to the prevention of any additional crimes being committed by these criminals].

This Presentation/Protocol Document was Deferred

City Clerk Item No. 9

A.-10. [15-4385](#)

Congratulations to Carmen Martinez, Finance Department, recipient of the "Employee of the Month Award," for the month of October 2015.

Attachments: [EOM Oct. 2015 Nomination Cover Memorandum - EOM October 2015](#)

[Note for the Record: Following Mayor Cason's reading of the title to Agenda Item A-10, City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark requested of Human Resources Director Elsa Jaramillo-Velez and Finance Director Diana Gomez to approach the podium to present Carmen Martinez as October's Employee of the Month

Mrs. Jaramillo-Velez said in jest that this must be a Department of Finance phenomena; further noting that Ms. Martinez joined the Fire Department in January of 2006; further describing her as a dedicated employee, a great t6eamworker and someone that one can always count on.

During the video segment of the presentation, Finance Director Diana Gomez described Ms. Martinez as a dedicated, conscientious,, competitive, and a hard worker; further pointing out that she puts forth the extra effort to ensure a quality service delivery, always willing to go the extra mile to ensure that both the Finance Department and the City delivers excellent service. In short, Finance Director Gomez thanked Carmen for all that she does, noting that it is an honor to work along with her].

This Presentation/Protocol Document was Presented and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 10

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- B.-1.** [15-4390](#) Special City Commission Meeting of August 27, 2015.

Attachments: [Meeting Minutes.pdf](#)
 [Minutes of Special Meeting.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Lago, seconded by Vice Mayor Quesada, that this matter be approved. 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. 11

- B.-2.** [15-4392](#) Second Budget Hearing of September 21, 2015.

Attachments: [Meeting Minutes.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Quesada, seconded by Commissioner Lago, that this matter be approved. 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. 12

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

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

Absent : 1 - Commissioner Keon

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-233**C.-1. 15-4347**

A Resolution authorizing the sale of alcohol and waiving the parking rental fee of \$2,580.00 after 3:30 p.m., on the 100 block of Giralda Avenue on the first Friday of each month from November 2015 through April 2016, for a total of six events, for the Giralda Under the Stars street dining series, subject to Florida Department of Professional Regulations requirements.

Attachments: [Letter to City Manager re parking Giralda event 2015-16](#)
[Resolution-Waiver of Parking rental fee at Giralda under the stars](#)
[Cover Memo - Giralda Under the Stars](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF ALCOHOL AND WAIVING THE PARKING RENTAL FEE OF \$2,580.00 AFTER 3:30 P.M., ON THE 100 BLOCK OF GIRALDA AVENUE ON THE FIRST FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH, FROM NOVEMBER 2015 THROUGH APRIL 2016, FOR A TOTAL OF SIX EVENTS, FOR THE "GIRALDA UNDER THE STARS STREET DINING SERIES," SUBJECT TO FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATIONS REQUIREMENTS.

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2015-233 on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 13

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-234

- C.-2. [15-4351](#) A Resolution authorizing the waiver of the cost of parking fees in the City's public garages and the use of a City Trolley on November 28, 2015, for the 2015 "Small Business Saturday," from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Attachments: [Cover Memo - Small Business Saturday](#)
[Reso. Small Business Saturday](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE WAIVER OF THE COST OF PARKING FEES IN THE CITY'S PUBLIC GARAGES AND THE USE OF A CITY TROLLEY, FROM 9:00 A.M. TO 5:00 P.M. ON NOVEMBER 28, 2015 FOR THE 2015 "SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY."

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2015-234 on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 14

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-235

- C.-3. [15-4367](#) A Resolution authorizing Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce to sell alcoholic beverages at Fred B. Hartnett Ponce Circle Park, on Thursday, November 5, 2015, from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., during the "Burgerlicious" event, to benefit Coral Gables Community Foundation, subject to Florida Department of Professional Regulation Requirements.

Attachments: [Burgerlicious 2015 Event Application](#)
[Burgerlicious 2015 Resolution](#)
[Cover Memo - Burgerlicious](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CORAL GABLES CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO SELL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AT FRED B. HARTNETT PONCE CIRCLE PARK ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2015, FROM 6:00 P.M. TO 10:00 P.M. DURING THE BURGERLICIOUS EVENT TO BENEFIT CORAL GABLES COMMUNITY FOUNDATION, SUBJECT TO FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION REQUIREMENTS.

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2015-235 on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 15

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-236**C.-4. [15-4381](#)**

A Resolution granting a one-day permit to The Buoniconti Fund to Cure Paralysis, Inc., to sell alcoholic beverages on Saturday, January 16, 2016, from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., on Ponce de Leon Boulevard (South bound lanes between Miracle Mile and Aragon Avenue), adjacent to Hillstone Restaurant in Coral Gables, during the 5th Annual "Block Party" event, subject to Florida Department of Professional Regulation Requirements.

Attachments: [Bouticonti fund application Final](#)
[Draft Resolution for The Buoniconti Fund to Cure Paralysis 2015-2016](#)
[Singed page Bouticonti fund 2015](#)
[Cover Memo - Buoniconit Fund](#)

A RESOLUTION GRANTING A ONE-DAY PERMIT TO THE BUONICONTI FUND TO CURE PARALYSIS, INC. TO SELL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 16, 2016, FROM 5:00 P.M. TO 9:00 P.M. ON PONCE DE LEON BOULEVARD (SOUTH BOUND LANE BETWEEN MIRACLE MILE AND ARAGON AVENUE), ADJACENT TO HILLSTONE RESTAURANT IN CORAL GABLES, DURING THE 5TH ANNUAL "BLOCK PARTY" EVENT, SUBJECT TO FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION REQUIREMENTS.

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2015-236 on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 16

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-237**C.-5. [15-4368](#)**

A Resolution accepting the recommendation of the Chief Procurement Officer to award a contract for Security System Services to Benham Protective Services, pursuant to Request for Proposal (RFP) No. 2015.07.23, and Section 2-828 entitled "Contract Award" of the Procurement Code.

Attachments: [Evaluation Committee Matrix](#)
[RFP 2015.07.23 Benham Proposal](#)
[Tabulation Sheet - Final](#)
[Draft Resolution- PDF](#)
[Draft Agenda Item Cover Memo](#)

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR SECURITY SYSTEM SERVICES TO BENHAM PROTECTIVE SERVICES, PURSUANT TO REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) NO. 2015.07.23, AND SECTION 2-828 ENTITLED "CONTRACT AWARD" OF THE PROCUREMENT CODE.

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2015-237 on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 17

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-238

- C.-6. [15-4301](#) A Resolution authorizing expenditures in the amount of \$108,655 from Federal Forfeited Asset Fund (F.A.F.) monies, for the acquisition of law enforcement equipment; the purchase of electric vehicles for utilization by the Coral Gables Police Department.

Attachments: [Resolution-\\$108,655-ElectricVehiclesForNSA-PDF](#)
[Cover Memo - \\$108,655 Electric Vehicles](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$108,655 FROM FEDERAL FORFEITED ASSET FUND (F.A.F.) MONIES, FOR THE ACQUISITION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT EQUIPMENT; THE PURCHASE OF ELECTRIC VEHICLES FOR UTILIZATION BY THE CORAL GABLES POLICE DEPARTMENT.

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2015-238 on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 18

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-239

- C.-7. [15-4346](#) A Resolution granting permission to the Coral Gables Firefighter's Benevolent Association to sell Christmas trees, install a temporary chain link fence, and use an inflatable Santa Claus as a display at 5501 Granada Boulevard, the Coral Gables Baptist Church property, starting on or about November 22 through December 24, 2015.

Attachments: [Cover Memo - CG FF Benevolent Assoc. Christmas Tree](#)
[CG FF Benevolent Assoc. Christmas Tree Draft Reso.](#)
[Ltr. from CG FF Benevolent Assoc.](#)
[Lease Agreement - Christmas Trees](#)
[Cert. of Liability Ins. - Christmas Trees](#)
[Boundary Survey - Christmas Trees](#)

A RESOLUTION GRANTING PERMISSION TO THE CORAL GABLES FIREFIGHTER'S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION TO SELL CHRISTMAS TREES, INSTALL A TEMPORARY CHAIN LINK FENCE AND USE AN INFLATABLE SANTA CLAUS AS A DISPLAY AT 5501 GRANADA BOULEVARD, THE CORAL GABLES BAPTIST CHURCH PROPERTY, ON OR ABOUT NOVEMBER 22 THROUGH DECEMBER 25, 2015.

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2015-239 on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 19

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-240

- C.-8. [15-4369](#) A Resolution confirming the appointment of John P. Fullerton (Board-As-A-Whole-Appointment) 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: [HPB Minutes Sept. 15, 2015 Minute Excerpts John-Fullerton](#)
[John P. Fullerton-Resume](#)
[R-2015 Draft- John Fullerton - Historic Board](#)
[R 2015 Historic Preservation Board John P. Fullerton](#)

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF JOHN P. FULLERTON (BOARD-AS-A-WHOLE-APPOINTMENT) 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.

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2015-240 on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 20

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-241

- C.-9. [15-4382](#) A Resolution confirming the appointment of Bob Berman to serve as a member of the Landscape Beautification Advisory Board (appointed by the Board-As-A-Whole) for a two (2) year term, which began on June 1, 2015 through May 31, 2017.

Attachments: [R-2015 Draft- Bob Berman - Landscape Beautification Advisory Board](#)
[R-2015 Cover Memo Landscape Beautification Advisory Board Bob Berman](#)

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF BOB BERMAN TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE LANDSCAPE BEAUTIFICATION ADVISORY BOARD (APPOINTED BY THE BOARD-AS-A-WHOLE) FOR A TWO (2) YEAR TERM WHICH BEGAN ON JUNE 1, 2015 THROUGH MAY 31, 2017.

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2015-241 on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 21

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-242

C.-10. [15-4383](#)

A Resolution confirming the appointment of Oscar Hidalgo to serve as a member of the Board of Adjustment (appointed by the Board-As-A-Whole) for a two (2) year term, which began on June 1, 2015 through May 31, 2017.

Attachments: [R-2015 Draft- Oscar Hidalgo - Board of Adjustment](#)
[R 2015Cover Memo - Board of Adjustments Oscar Hidalgo](#)

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF OSCAR HIDALGO TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT (APPOINTED BY THE BOARD-AS-A-WHOLE) FOR A TWO (2) YEAR TERM WHICH BEGAN ON JUNE 1, 2015 THROUGH MAY 31, 2017.

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2015-242 on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 22

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-243

C.-11. [15-4386](#)

A Resolution confirming the appointment of Carlos Hernandez to serve as a member of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (Appointed by the Board-As-A-Whole) for a two (2) year term, which began on June 1, 2015 through May 31, 2017.

Attachments: [R-2015 Draft- Carlos Hernandez - Parks and Recreation](#)
[Signed Cover Memo.pdf](#)

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF CARLOS HERNANDEZ TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD (APPOINTED BY THE BOARD-AS-A-WHOLE) FOR A TWO (2) YEAR TERM WHICH BEGAN ON JUNE 1, 2015 THROUGH MAY 31, 2017.

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2015-243 on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 23

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-244

- C.-12. [15-4396](#) A Resolution creating a “Youth Center Neighborhood Representative” as an additional position on the City’s Parks And Recreation Youth Advisory Board, and recommending Carlos Rua to be the first person to fill the position.

Attachments: [Draft Resolution - Parks and Recreation Board - Adding the Youth Member Position 2007-11](#)
[Signed Cover Memo.pdf](#)

A RESOLUTION CREATING A “YOUTH CENTER NEIGHBORHOOD REPRESENTATIVE” AS AN ADDITIONAL POSITION ON THE CITY’S PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD AND RECOMMENDING CARLOS RUA TO BE THE FIRST PERSON TO FILL THE POSITION.

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2015-244 on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 24

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-245

- C.-13. [15-4387](#) A Resolution confirming the appointment of Joan Valdes to serve as a member of the Senior Citizens Advisory Board (Appointed by the Board-As-A-Whole) for a two (2) year term, which began on June 1, 2015 through May 31, 2017.

Attachments: [R-2015 Draft- Senior Citizens Advisory Board - Joan Valdes](#)

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF JOAN VALDES TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE SENIOR CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD (APPOINTED BY THE BOARD-AS-A-WHOLE) FOR A TWO (2) YEAR TERM, WHICH BEGAN ON JUNE 1, 2015 THROUGH MAY 31, 2017.

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2015-245 on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 25

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-246

- C.-14. [15-4388](#) A Resolution appointing Eddie Snow (Nominated by Vice Mayor Quesada) to serve as a member of the Parking 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 Draft- Eddie Snow - Parking Advisory Board](#)
[R-2015-Cover Memo- Eddie Snow - Parking Advisory Board](#)

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING EDDIE SNOW (NOMINATED BY VICE MAYOR QUESADA) TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE PARKING 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 2015-246 on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 26

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-247

- C.-15. [15-4394](#) A Resolution appointing Geannina A. Burgos (Nominated by Vice Mayor Quesada) to serve as a member of the Cultural Development Board, for the remainder of a two (2) year term, which began on June 1, 2015 and continues through May 31, 2017.

Attachments: [Geannina Burgos Resume](#)
[R-2015 Draft- Geannina Burgos - Cultural Development Board](#)
[R-2015-Cover Memo-Geannina Burgos - Cultural Advisory Board](#)

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING GEANNINA A. BURGOS (NOMINATED BY VICE MAYOR QUESADA) TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT 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 2015-247 on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 27

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

- 1.-1. [15-4374](#) Coral Gables Arts Advisory Panel meeting minutes of August 21, 2015.

Attachments: [08.21.15MinutesforCC10.13.15](#)
[AAP Meeting August 21 2015](#)

This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 28

- 1.-2. [15-4337](#) Communications Committee meeting minutes of September 17, 2015.

Attachments: [Agendaitemoctober132015](#)
[Minutes September 2015](#)

This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 29

- 1.-3. [15-4372](#) City of Coral Gables Cultural Development Board meeting minutes of August 11, 2015.

Attachments: [CDB Minutes August 11 2015](#)
[08.11.15MinutesforCC10.13.15](#)

This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 30

- 1.-4. [15-4377](#) Coral Gables Advisory Board on Disability Affairs meeting minutes of September 2, 2015.

Attachments: [DAB 9-2-15 COVER](#)
[9-2-15](#)

This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 31

- 1.-5. [15-4366](#) Retirement Board meeting minutes of August 13, 2015.

Attachments: [CC.10-13-2015.August 13, 2015](#)
[Minutes.08-13-2015](#)

This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 32

- 1.-6. [15-4373](#) School Community Relations Committee meeting minutes of September 18, 2015.

Attachments: [9-18-15 Agenda](#)

This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 33

- 1.-7. [15-4376](#) Transportation Advisory Board meeting minutes of August 18, 2015.

Attachments: [TAB minutes 8-18-2015](#)
[TAB 8-18-15 COVER](#)

This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 34

- 1.-8. [15-4393](#) Economic Development Board Draft meeting minutes for September 2, 2015.

Attachments: [EDB Minutes 9-2-15 DRAFT](#)

This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 35

- 1.-9. [15-4397](#) Parking Advisory Board meeting minutes of August 27, 2015.

Attachments: [PAB Minutes 08272015](#)
[MeetingMinutes08-27-2015](#)

This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 36

Non Agenda Item

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-248

**Non 15-4592
Agenda**

A Resolution approving the appointment of Brennan Lopez to serve as a member of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (Appointed by Mayor Cason), for a two (2) year term, which began on June 1, 2015 through May 31, 2017.

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF BRENNAN LOPEZ TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD (APPOINTED BY MAYOR CASON), FOR A TWO (2) YEAR TERM WHICH BEGAN ON JUNE 1, 2015 THROUGH MAY 31, 2017.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lago, seconded by Vice Mayor Quesada, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2015-248. 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. 37

D. PERSONAL APPEARANCES

None

City Clerk Item No. 38

E. PUBLIC HEARINGS**ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING****ORDINANCE NO. 2015-27****E.-1. 15-4309**

An Ordinance of the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida, granting guardhouse operators the authority to request information from individuals driving into communities where a guardhouse is present during certain hours, and providing for immunity for actions in accordance with these provisions; providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, codification, and providing for an effective date.

Attachments: [Signed Cover Memo - First Reading.pdf](#)
[Ordinance - Guardhouses.docx](#)
[Signed Cover Memo - Second Reading.pdf](#)
[Notice of guardhouse ordinance.docx](#)
[Guardhouse Ordinance \[Second Reading\].docx](#)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, GRANTING GUARDHOUSE OPERATORS THE AUTHORITY TO REQUEST INFORMATION FROM INDIVIDUALS DRIVING INTO COMMUNITIES WHERE A GUARDHOUSE IS PRESENT DURING CERTAIN HOURS, AND PROVIDING FOR IMMUNITY FOR ACTIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THESE PROVISIONS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, REPEALER, CODIFICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Quesada, seconded by Commissioner Lago, that this matter be adopted by Ordinance Number 2015-27. 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. 41

RESOLUTIONS**RESOLUTION NO. 2015-251**

- E.-2.** [15-4357](#) Resolution. Mixed Use Site Plan Review. A Resolution of the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida requesting mixed use site plan review pursuant to Zoning Code Article 4, "Zoning Districts", Division 2, "Overlay and Special Purpose Districts", Section 4-201, "Mixed Use District (MXD)" for the mixed use project referred to as "One Merrick Park," on the property legally described as Lots 8-11, Block 9, Industrial Section (351 San Lorenzo Avenue), Coral Gables, Florida; including required conditions; providing for an effective date. (PZB recommended approval with conditions; Vote: 5-0)

Attachments: [Exhibit B - 09 09 15 Planning Division Staff report and recommendation with attac](#)
[Exhibit C - 09 09 15 Excerpts of Planning and Zoning Board Meeting Minutes](#)
[Exhibit D - PowerPoint Presentation](#)
[Exhibit A - Draft Resolution](#)
[10 13 15 CC Cover Memo re One Merrick Park](#)

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Lago, seconded by Vice Mayor Quesada, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2015-251. 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. 42

F. CITY COMMISSION ITEMS**APPEAL****RESOLUTION NO. 2015-249**

F.-1. [15-4362](#) Board of Adjustment Appeal - Application No. BA 12-12-3657 (4635 Granada Boulevard).

Mr. Leonardo L. Cornide, applicant, has filed an appeal to the Coral Gables City Commission from a decision of the Board of Adjustment at its regular meeting of Monday, September 14, 2015, wherein it denied a variance request as outlined under the applicant's proposal.

Attachments: [Signed Cover Memo.pdf](#)
[Photos.pdf](#)
[Log of Drawings.pdf](#)
[Packet submitted to Board of Adjustment.pdf](#)
[Letter informing applicant of the Board's Decision.pdf](#)
[Transcript of the September 14, 2015 Board of Adjustment Meeting.pdf](#)
[Application for Appeal from Board of Adjustment.pdf](#)
[Legal Ad - Notice of Appeal.pdf](#)
[Notice of Public Hearing on Variance.pdf](#)
[A-1 Cabana with new setback.pdf](#)
[Transcript of May 4 Board of Adjustment Meeting](#)
[Packet submitted to Board of Adjustment May 4, 2015](#)
[F-1](#)

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

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Quesada, seconded by Commissioner Lago, that this matter be continued by Resolution Number 2015-249. The motion passed by the following vote.

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

Absent : 1 - Commissioner Keon

City Clerk Item No. 39

Non Agenda Item

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-250

**Non 15-4593
Agenda**

A Resolution of the City Commission granting permission to Commissioner Keon to participate via telephone and to vote on non-quasi-judicial matters being heard before the City Commission.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION GRANTING PERMISSION TO COMMISSIONER KEON TO PARTICIPATE VIA TELEPHONE TO VOTE ON NON-QUASI-JUDICIAL MATTERS BEING HEARD BEFORE THE CITY COMMISSION.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lago, seconded by Vice Mayor Quesada, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2015-250. The motion passed by the following vote.

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

Absent : 1 - Commissioner Keon

City Clerk Item No. 40

G. BOARDS/COMMITTEES ITEMS

None

City Clerk Item No. 43

H. CITY MANAGER ITEMS**RESOLUTION NO. 2015-252**

- H.-1. [15-4384](#) A Resolution authorizing the waiver of City permit fees and assisting in the permit process for properties assessed as part of the Miracle Mile and Giralda Avenue Streetscape Project for any façade-related improvements and/or improvements to the sidewalk pavers within private property along storefronts made during the project construction.

Attachments: [Signed Cover Memo.pdf](#)
[Draft Resolution.pdf](#)

[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 Vice Mayor Quesada, seconded by Commissioner Slesnick, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2015-252. 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. 44

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-253

- H.-2. [15-4356](#) A Resolution of the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida, amending Ordinance No. 2015-17, as amended, to revise certain fees by the Development Services Department; providing for severability, and an effective date.

Attachments: [Signed Cover Memo.pdf](#)
[Draft Resolution.pdf](#)

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Item H-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 Slesnick, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2015-253. 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. 45

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-254**Non 15-4594
Agenda**

A Resolution of the City Commission of Coral Gables designating Commissioner Lago as the Commission representative in order to expedite the negotiations with Palm Corp as it relates to the property located at 1011 and 1015 Lisbon Street.

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for this agenda item 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 2015-254. 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. 46

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-255**H.-3. 15-4375**

A Resolution accepting the recommendation of the Chief Procurement Officer to award the Adult Activity Center contract to Stone Concept Miami, Inc., pursuant to Invitation For Bids (IFB) 2015.08.21, and Section 2-828 of the Procurement Code entitled "Contract Award".

Attachments: [Signed Cover Memo.pdf](#)
[Draft Resolution.pdf](#)
[BID Acknowledgement.pdf](#)
[BID Response.pdf](#)
[Consultant Letter.pdf](#)
[Draft Resolution](#)

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for 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 Slesnick, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2015-255. 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. 47

- H.-4. [15-4355](#) Discussion on Metal Roofs.

Attachments: [Exhibit A Metal Roof presentation CC 10 13 15](#)
[10 13 15 CC Cover Memo re Metal Roofs](#)

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Item H-4 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. 49

I. CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS

- I.-1. [15-4389](#) Discussion and status update regarding interpretations and possible amendments to the Lot Split Ordinance.

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

City Clerk Item No. 48

J. CITY CLERK ITEMS

None

City Clerk Item No. 50

K. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Mayor Cason: Commissioner Keon while you are still there, do you have anything for us other than having a good time there?

Commissioner Slesnick: You win the prize for calling the furthest.

Commissioner Keon: This is a great, great trip...thank you for allowing me to participate by phone.

Mayor Cason: Thank you. OK. Commissioner Lago.

Commissioner Lago: OK. I have a few comments. I'd like to congratulate Debbie Swaine who is my appointment, the City Transportation Advisory Board, who was appointed by Mayor Carlos Gimenez to participate in the U.S. Department of Transportation Mayor's Challenge Task Force for safer people and safer streets. This Task Force is composed of 21 community leaders who will be charged with developing an action plan to improve the safety of Miami-Dade County streets for bicyclists and

pedestrians. I just wanted to congratulate her, that's a great honor.

Vice Mayor Quesada: Should we give her points in our thoughts if there is anything traffic related that she needs to communicate to that group that she's on?

Mayor Cason: She's on the Board - doesn't the Traffic Board come up with recommendations.

Vice Mayor Quesada: She's on the Traffic Advisory Board, but I'm just saying if we have any additional thoughts we should make sure that she knows them before her meetings.

Commissioner Lago: In regards to what the Vice Mayor just stated, I just want to make you aware that I attended the last MPO meeting and...

Vice Mayor Quesada: How was that?

Commissioner Lago: It was OK.

Vice Mayor Quesada: Did you have an opportunity to speak?

Commissioner Lago: They recognized me. I have a prepared statement going into the next MPO meeting. I did not speak at that meeting, but I'll be presenting our case in reference to why we should have representation on the MPO and I hope that currently there is somebody who is being termed out on the MPO right now in the next few months and he is the appointment of the Governor.

Vice Mayor Quesada: He's not being termed out.

Commissioner Lago: Sorry?

Vice Mayor Quesada: Marc Sarnoff?

Commissioner Lago: Yes.

Vice Mayor Quesada: Oh, because he is no longer going to be in office, he can no longer be there, got it. You know he had originally communicated to me that I was going to be that appointment...

Commissioner Lago: I know. I've known for a long time, for a long time you were waiting for a background check and we were hopeful that you would get in there. At the end of the day whoever wants to be on that Board, the MPO, I think somebody from the City needs to be either the Vice Mayor, Commissioner Slesnick, Commissioner Keon, the Mayor, somebody's got to be involved. I went, I stayed, it was about two hours, but very interesting stuff. Hopefully we'll get in there but we are

making our presence felt. I want to make everybody aware, I know everybody here is aware of it already, but our residents and the business community that from November 11 through the 15th the City of South Miami would be hosting "Wheels," a unique five day event meant to galvanize the community and help advance Florida's mobility future. Within this timeframe the goal is to get 10,000 people on bike trails and transit. For more information on the actual kickoff, which is November 11th, go to www.wheelsflorida.org. The other issue and final issue that I wanted to mention was, I want to discuss the possibility of making an ordinance in the near future, hopefully we can maybe too short to do it at the next Commission meeting, but the one after, an ordinance to assess developers an impact fee that will go toward land acquisition and improving cultural affair aspects within the City, such as parks, transportation, and art in public places. The City of Miami currently uses a similar model in which fees are stipulated toward fire rescue system improvements and parks and recreation system improvements. I have requested from the City Attorney, the City of Miami, all the information in regards to their ordinance which assesses developers, all that information has been sent over to the City Manager and to the City Attorney yesterday and today. I wanted to thank Victoria Mendez for on her day off really working hard to getting me that information. My number one goal, is I know that we already charge impact fees, but we as a City do not charge a per unit fee as other cities do for, let's say the purchase of raw land for parks. My goal would be to put together, after reviewing our current impact fee structure, some sort of assessment on a per unit basis that, that money cannot be used, as the Florida Lottery says it was for education and a percentage of it does not go to education, that money has to be used for acquiring private land and making it public. Not the improvement of already existing public lands, it has to be purchased land. I think that it's a great opportunity, I think the developers would be more than willing if they want to come and play and enjoy our beautiful City, this would be a certain way to have a mechanism that would ensure that we have those adequate park lands to make sure that our residents have enough areas to live and play. I'm going to be putting that ordinance together with the assistance of Chelsea, the City Manager, and the City Attorney. Hopefully if you have any input, if you want to get on board, again I know that we can't talk because of the Sunshine, but please speak through the City Manager and the City Attorney. Any ideas you have, I'd love to have them, but you kind of have an idea of what our fundamental bases is going to be for this ordinance.

Mayor Cason: Anything else? I just want to say one thing. Thank the City staff for final, after trying for four years to get the sidewalk in front of the old black house, black house on South Greenway and Coral Way, that was one stretch in front of a house that did not have a sidewalk and if you are pushing a baby carriage or running or have a bike, you were going over roots. So it's finished, it's beautiful and it will make

connectivity almost all the way around the golf course on the sidewalk side.

Commissioner Lago: Can I add something in regards to that you just reminded me? I requested from staff and I know that they are probably working on it. I know Glenn was working on an actual structure, the residents have asked me, and I know they've probably asked all of you, for some sort mechanism to deliver sidewalks when they don't have sidewalks in their front yard. And I know that staff was working on...

Mayor Cason: Connectivity is the next part.

Commissioner Lago: An actual document would say, 50-50 split in regards to the cost, you have to have "X" amount of signatures for a percentage of everyone on your block. They were going to present that to the Commission, I know it's been a few months and they are preparing it. Madam City Manager would you mind requesting from staff that they give us an update in regards to that. I know that Jessica was working on it also.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: And they were talking about the percent of the neighborhood had to approve. I know they are working on the issues; we'll bring you an update.

Commissioner Lago: I appreciate that. Thank you.

Mayor Cason: Vice Mayor.

Vice Mayor Quesada: Discussing metal roofs I had an idea. I don't know if this makes sense or not, but something to consider. When we have a big issue that we try to move forward, we always want to have public input, we always do that first and foremost, we talk about public meetings. What if we created a sort of benchmark number internally for us? If 50 residents gave us their feedback, their opinion on a project, on an item, on an issue, then we felt that we reached out sufficiently. I'm not saying 50 is the number, the number might be 1,000, whatever the number is, so that we have - let's say the number is 1,000, we have 1,000 e-mails that we received related to a topic or e-mails, letters, and people have spoken at different hearings, then we feel satisfied as a group that we received enough public input. Now there are situations that we'll never get to 1,000, I'll say the vast majority; I don't think we've ever had more

than 1,000. I don't think that we've ever had more than 200 or 300, at least since I've been on the dais. So, I want to create something so that we feel comfortable that, you know something, we've received this many e-mails, this many people have spoken at public hearings, we all feel satisfied that we've had a representative sample. Doesn't mean we are precluding anymore speaking, anyone from participating, but just so that we feel a little bit better that we received a representative sample from the community. I don't know if it's something that we have to live and die by; it's not what I'm suggesting. I'm just saying so that maybe we have sort of a tracking system that Walter keeps so that we can say, what's the total number of people so that we feel comfortable that we've had sufficient outreach.

Commissioner Lago: You know that I had a meeting with Walter the other day, he brought up to my attention that he's acquired a program now that he's paying for, while we are looking at certain ordinances and resolutions during Commission meetings, individuals who have a comment online, can make a comment and voice their opinion and you can see the actual comments. So if you want he'll explain to you a little bit more about it, but I'm proud to say that this is the first Commission in 90 years where there are so many opportunities for residents to voice their opinion. If it's not Town Hall meetings, it's not charrettes, if it's not what Commissioner Slesnick implemented with that weekly pager, it's the app, its e-mails, I think we are pretty transparent when you compare us to any other municipality, and then besides the fact that we all meet with residents on a continual basis. But what you are talking about our City Clerk is working on that right now. He showed me a little test run of it, so we just have to disseminate that information so that people can say during Commission meetings on certain items they'll be able to come in and give their opinion and you can look at it - pros and cons, who's against, who's for, but we've got to get people on that software. Do you plan on speaking to the other Commissioners in regards to that?

City Clerk Foeman: Yes, I will and the app is called eComment and for a meeting you can get comments on a specific issue, its categorized how it's broken down in terms of who's in favor, who's against, who's neutral on a specific issue.

Commissioner Lago: Are any other, I'm asking I don't expect to know the answer, but are any other Commissions or any other municipalities using this product in South Florida?

City Clerk Foeman: In South Florida I'm not sure, but nationwide there are a few I know.

Commissioner Lago: South Florida is like the benchmark, in my opinion, for us. So, I think we are going another step to even be more transparent.

Mayor Cason: Anything else?

Vice Mayor Quesada: No, that's it.

Commissioner Lago: It's a great idea.

Commissioner Slesnick: Thank you for the time. As many of you know out there in TV-Land and here, I had an envisioning workshop of what Coral Gables should look like in 2030, which is 14 years from now; and we had it at the Biltmore Hotel and just to make it clear on the record, I paid for a lot of the things that were done there through my Office Account, so there was no funding coming from the City as far as food and bartenders and so forth, it was a cash bar by the way. I was hoping to get 100 people and when we hit 200 RSVP's we move it to the larger ballroom, the Alhambra Ballroom, and thank goodness it rained the night of the event, because we had well over 300 people attend, and we couldn't have held anymore people, it was standing room only. We had set up 280 seats and the Biltmore brought in more chairs and people were standing and it was a very successful evening because 95 percent-plus of the people there were Coral Gables residents, and when they signed in out at the front desk and took a name tag, I asked them to put the street they were on, so there could be no discussion about whether they were Coral Gables residents or not, because that's come up in some other meetings. So, I was really pleased with the number of Coral Gables residents. I had 20 table captains around the room and we had various people command the tables, several were my like Olga Rumado, my Economical Director appointee, like Economic Development Department Committee appointee and Frank Rodriguez, who was in charge of - talk about changing the

Zoning Code and he's my Planning and Zoning Board appointee, Raquel Regalado came and she manned our School Board Representative for most of Coral Gables, manned the School Committee. So we had about 20 different tables that you could choose your subject, so we had Ron Sheffield talked about - well first of all, our City Manager gave a brief discussion on how the City is doing, Ron Sheffield talked about the value of real estate in Coral Gables, Frank Nero talked about the value of having class-A office space and so forth, to attract international businesses and so forth, and our own Javier Betancourt talked about the new projects coming up; and then we broke up and Raquel Regalado talked about School Board issues; and then we broke up into 20 different sites and everybody brainstormed about what they would like to see depending on their interest. So if you were in the schools you went one place, if you were in the North Ponce you went another place, if you were into south of U.S.-1 along that corridor you went to another place. So we had a lot of different topics, historic preservation and so forth. Then we all got back together and we gave a top five comments from each table and wrote those down; and then we also did a survey and I don't know can you see this?- we did a two-page survey and lots of people had comments, so I don't know how we are going to actually go over some of the comments and we'll have to write them out, but it's very interesting. I'd like to have 1,000 of these, we have several hundred already from that night, but I'd like to have 1,000 of these and we are e-mailing out some more. Quite a few people took them and filled them out, but also took extra copies to take to their neighbors. So Vice Mayor Quesada maybe will have 1,000. Now, I did find out last night that there is another group doing a survey, especially in south of U.S.-1, and I've got several calls last night asking if I was the one doing the survey, and I'm not doing the survey, maybe it's the Miami Herald because we got great coverage and maybe the Miami Herald would like to do their own survey or somebody else is doing it mainly about development. But I just want to give you some highlights from this if I might? The good and the bad about Miami - well most of these people, there are only five or six people - we talked about annexation, so there are about five people in here that are in Little

Gables and two people that do not live in Coral Gables, but the bulk of the people live in Coral Gables; and we had all age groups and all sections of town, and everybody put their addresses on the back, or most people put their addresses on the back. So we know where they are, they gave us their e-mails, we had a drawing if you put your business card in, so we gave out restaurant coupons, so we have a lot of new e-mails for our City News site. Overall, people were happy about living in Coral Gables and the most positive thing which I found interesting was on the back there was a question, please tell us how you rate City government in the following areas: keeping residents informed; effectively planning for the future; providing value for your tax dollars; providing meaningful opportunities for residents to be heard. And the item providing value for your tax dollars was one of the most positive checked off, very good, if not very good most of them fair, so everybody, well not everybody, but the majority of the citizens in Coral Gables feel that the City is providing value for their tax dollars. And I was really surprised to see that because everybody complains about taxes. Another question that we had was, please rate the following as they relate to Coral Gables: overall reputation and image; public safety; quality of life; traffic flow and so forth. Overall reputation and image of Coral Gables, I'd say 85 to 95 percent checked excellent, so that was another almost across the board excellent mark. Now on the bad side, the third question down after I said to you, if live in Coral Gables or if you work in Coral Gables. When thinking about the quality of life and a place to live and work, would you say that things in Coral Gables are headed in the right direction or have gotten off track?- heading in the right direction or have gotten off track, and probably 60 percent of the people wrote that we have gotten off track, which is not a positive sign, but we'll have to work on that, it gives us something to work on. The number one factor on people what they were concerned about, on the front we gave them a lot of topics. The top issues that the City should focus on improving over the next five years: controlling development; police; improving transportation; parks and recreation; a dog park, you could tell which people had dogs because they checked off the dog park; garbage/trash recycling collection; communicating with the public;

expanding youth and senior services, and others, and quite a few people wrote in other things. The top three issues that people discussed on that, the number one was development or over-development, and I'd say about 75 percent checked development or over-development in Coral Gables. A close second to that was traffic; number three was having a fully staffed police force; and number four was parking. The last, but not least, I just wanted to mention, we threw in another question about what are your favorite stores or restaurants in Coral Gables?- just to have something happy in there; and the most frequently notated and they had to write this in answer was, Books and Books both for a store and for a restaurant; and Christy's and Season's 52 came in a lot, Cebo wine bar quite a few. It's very interesting, that's totally irrelevant, but I just thought that I'd throw in something for fun. But basically, it looks like and again, I only have a couple of hundred of these, I'm looking for a thousand, so if people have taken them please e-mail them back in or please scan them and e-mail back in or mail them back in, my address is on the back, because I really would like to have a thousand so that we can go over them, MR (Maria Rosa) and Chelsea and I are going to sort of compute these as much as we can, because it is easy to grade some of these where people put most important or least important. We found that the letters I've gotten, maybe about 40 letters by e-mail, basically just to me, you might have gotten copies, but people were really appreciative that they were heard and especially this year they feel like they are reading and hearing more about what's going on in Coral Gables. They like the E-NEWS, they appreciate our City Manager and how she is getting the word out about various activities in Coral Gables so that was getting higher marks and higher all the time and those were a lot of comments, but people really wanted to be heard and they are concerned with over development and that we are rushing into a lot of this without having the citizens in general talk about over-development and traffic issues. In January I saw a poll go out and the number one issue at that time was crime; and now according just to this, which is not scientific, the number one issue is over-development and their concerns that we are rushing too fast into that. And I didn't get into the race, I didn't start campaigning until March

basically, so from January to March we've had a quick turnaround and how people perceive what's going on in their community. So we'll get a thousand hopefully to please Vice Mayor Quesada and if anybody would like to see any of them, there are people's names on here and you can check to see where they are and that they did fill these out. It's a very open-ended, I mean open concept and conversation with the citizens of Coral Gables and I hope when Commissioner Lago has his workshop Thursday, December 3rd that you also might continue to have your own questions and so forth because people really like filling out these and being heard.

Mayor Cason: I'd like to ask the City Manager if we can take this even farther. Why not send a questionnaire to our 17,000 residents, that we you'd get a scientific survey? A lot of cities do that because certain people come to certain meetings for certain reasons, I'm not always sure its scientific, but I think it would be nice to know is this what you've gotten representative of the whole community or a certain group. I think it should go further.

Commissioner Lago: With the return postage paid.

Vice Mayor Quesada: No, no, no, that's not the way to do it.

Commissioner Slesnick: No. Let me just interrupt one second. I was trying to get the millennials from the North Ponce area since we were discussing North Ponce and I mailed out almost a thousand cards hoping to get the younger people involved, and maybe about ten came out of 300-and-something people, so I don't think you really need to spend money sending it to everybody, but you could put it online, but again you are going to have a certain group of people that look at the City website or respond to the e-mails. We are sending this out to like 6,000 people, so.

Vice Mayor Quesada: You know what we can do, so the reason I said no return postage, you are creating a lot of man-hours, a lot of man-effort, staff time to compile that. Put it online, we can put those questions online form and what we can say is, every time a resident pulls a permit that they have to sign something, maybe we say, hey, please fill this out at this time when you fill out the permit. If they want to come speak before the Commission give them the opportunity while they are sitting waiting

to speak or their item is not up, give them the access or make them aware of it so as they are waiting they can fill it out.

Commissioner Slesnick: That's a great idea.

Vice Mayor Quesada: I think that's the better way to approach it, because doing the paperwork like that, I was just talking to Commissioner Slesnick, I would like to see all of those responses, but aggregating all of that information is time consuming, it's expensive, its burdensome, there is a lot of room for error, if we can just put that in an electronic format and make it easily accessible, maybe put it on the app as well, just different things like that and maybe we look at those questions, because I haven't seen the questions, maybe we can add to it as well and just make it a little bit more readily available.

Commissioner Slesnick: It can always be refined because we left out the permitting process, we put down development and development to the City means the permitting department and so forth, whereas development for the citizens means giant buildings.

Mayor Cason: For a lot of them it means traffic, which may or may not be related to building, maybe somebody else's traffic. I think it's great to get the more the merrier; we need to get a lot more responses to make sure they are representative; otherwise we don't know what it means. I think that's a good indication of what people are concerned about. Let's find some way to go even farther so we can get more input from the citizens.

Commissioner Lago: Perfect.

Mayor Cason: Anybody else have anything else? If not, meeting adjourned.

City Attorney Leen: Mr. Mayor, Mr. Mayor, one issue. I just wanted to -- regarding Merrick Partners, the lawsuit, remember I asked for an Executive Session, I'm just renewing that. We weren't quite ready to go forward with it before, we should be soon, I'm just waiting for us to draft our response to the complaint so that we can talk to you about that. Also, Commissioner Pat Keon sent me a text; she just wants to thank all of you for making it possible for her to participate by phone.

Commissioner Lago: Our pleasure.

City Attorney Leen: City staff she wanted to thank.

Commissioner Slesnick: If everybody hasn't seen the community newspaper put this out about the 90th birthday and the history of Coral Gables and it's really - they are still out on the stands; people should pick these up so they have the history of Coral Gables.

Commissioner Lago: Very well done, very well. Thank you.

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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 1:50 p.m. The next regular meeting of the City Commission has been scheduled for October 27, 2015, beginning 9 a.m.]

JIM CASON
MAYOR

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