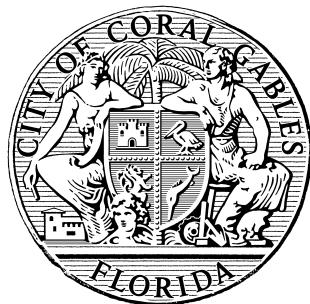


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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 22, 2011

9:00 AM

REVISED AGENDA - ADDITIONAL ITEM - H-4

City Hall, Commission Chambers

City Commission

*Mayor Donald D. Slesnick, II
Vice Mayor William H. Kerdyk, Jr.
Commissioner Maria Anderson
Commissioner Rafael "Ralph" Cabrera, Jr.
Commissioner Wayne "Chip" Withers*

*Patrick G. Salerno, City Manager
Lourdes Alfonsin Ruiz, Interim City Attorney
Walter J. Foeman, City Clerk*

The use of cell phones in the commission chambers is not permitted. Ringers must be set to silent mode to avoid disruption of proceedings.

ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Mayor Slesnick II, Vice Mayor Kerdyk Jr., Commissioner Withers, Commissioner Anderson and Commissioner Cabrera Jr.

INVOCATION

Reverend Jorge Cotto from Central Christian Church of Dade County gave the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Ralph Cabrera led 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. 2011-06) (b) Resolution(s) adopted (Resolution No. 2011-50 through Resolution No. 2011-56); (c) Video; (d) Audio Recording; (e) Minutes Folder with Agenda and background information, including items which were submitted at the meeting.

A. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS**A.-1. 11-0678**

Dallas Brown, President of the Junior Orange Bowl Committee, to present a "Thank you" plaque to the City of Coral Gables in appreciation of the valued support of the 62nd Annual Junior Orange Bowl Youth Festival.

[Note for the Record: Mayor Slesnick acknowledged the presence of City Facilities Division Superintendent (Public Works) and President of the Junior Orange Bowl, namely Dallas Brown; further stating that this represents a good moment for the City of Coral Gables and a great example of melding City workers with a City organization.

Mr. Brown prefaced his remarks by stating that he was pleased to be in attendance, noting his long tenure with the City of Coral Gables; further stating that the City and the Junior Orange Bowl Committee have maintained a special relationship for the past 62 years; further stating that the City has been instrumental not just because of its sponsorship of said Junior Orange Bowl event, but also because of hosting events such as the world's largest International Youth Arts and Festival; further acknowledging Coral Gables as a great place for kids and family; further presenting the Mayor and City Commission with a plaque commemorating the sponsorship of the 63rd Junior Orange Bowl Youth Festival.

Mr. Brown thanked the City for its support, stating that it has been a good year, thanking them for the recognition].

This Presentation/Protocol Document was Presented and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 1

A.-2. 11-0639

Presentation of Certificates of Commendation to Coral Gables students for the 2011 Silver Knight Award nominees to: Julia Kahn (Art), Steven Denicola (Athletics), Nielson Dias (Business), Brooke Shafer (Drama), Amanda Arevalo (English & Literature), Daniela Olivos (Foreign Language), Alessandria San Roman (General Scholarship), Erica Hernandez (Journalism), Federico Zegers (Mathematics), Josie Veloz (Music), Katarina Pajic (News Media), Carina Yubero (Social Science), and Michael Velez (Vocational-Technical).

This Presentation/Protocol Document was Deferred

City Clerk Item No. 2

A.-3. 11-0666

Congratulations to Sergeant John McRae and Officer Christopher Challenger, recipients of the City of Coral Gables "Officer of the Month Award", for the month of February 2011.

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

[Note for the Record: City Manager Salerno acknowledged that this was Police Chief Weiner's first City Commission meeting, having been sworn in on Wednesday (i.e. March 16, 2011) of last week. Chief Weiner prefaced his remarks by stating that the Police Department was very pleased to have the opportunity to recognize its Officer of the Month for February, 2011; further calling Officers John McRae and Chris Challenger to join him at the podium; further acknowledging said officers as being highly motivated and stating the fine work they have done as officers in the Marine Patrol Unit in patrolling the City's waterways.

Chief Weiner stated that on January of this year, Sergeant McRae received a notice from a resident in connection with an individual that had a personal craft that was operating in and out of the waterway at a high rate of speed, at 2 a.m. in the morning; further stating that during the same month, Officer Challenger had cited the aforementioned individual for not possessing a Florida registration number on the personal watercraft.

In early February, there was a theft and there were two attempted thefts of personal crafts in the vicinity of said waterway, wherein the resident from the attempted thefts had recorded a video, said incidents occurred at approximately 2 a.m. in the morning; further stating that based on these thefts Sergeant McRae disseminated information to the Marine Patrol Unit, as well as Road Patrol making everyone aware of the situation; further stating that he also attempted to communicate with everyone living along the waterway, attempting to learn whatever he could and to apprehend certain witnesses; further stating that video surveillance of one of the thefts was provided by one of the residents; said video had revealed that the suspects had used a personal watercraft with no registration numbers; based on the description Sergeant McRae believed that it was likely that the person Officer Challenger had cited was the likely suspect in the on-going thefts; upon reviewing all of the evidence gathered and identifying what he had believed to be a pattern, Sgt. McRae adjusted the hours provided by his Unit and established scheduled surveillance of the waterways targeted by the suspects. On February 9, 2011, at approximately 2:05 a.m., a resident reported hearing a personal watercraft moving about near his home; further stating that Sgt. McRae and Officer Challenger were already positioned in the vicinity, conducting surveillance, the former in a Marine Patrol boat, and the latter in an unmarked truck, tactfully positioned themselves. A second call came in from the public, from a G4S Security Officer, who was assigned to the neighborhood where the thefts had taken place; said security

officer who reported observing a possible suspect in a personal watercraft, moving westward along the water-the very direction where Officer Challenger was waiting; when said suspects finally pulled up the ramp, they were stopped by Officer Challenger and the patrol units, being arrested and charged with theft, altering a vehicle registration, altering vessel Hull ID, and failure to display Registration Number on Vessel.

Chief Weiner stated that Officers McRae and Challenger demonstrated keen intuition, strong investigative skills, and took proactive steps which resulted in the community and the law enforcement officials working together to identify and arrest two offenders targeting residents of Coral Gables and other jurisdictions; further stating that it is because of their actions that they have been selected as Officers of the Month for the month of February in Coral Gables; further acknowledging the support by the local Kiwanis Club, expressing gratitude for their support in this recognition].

This Presentation/Protocol Document was Presented and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 3

A.-4. 11-0607

Congratulations to Firefighter John Jensen, recipient of the City of Coral Gables "Firefighter of the Month Award", for the month of February 2011.

Attachments: [Notification Letter.pdf](#)
[Cover Memo - FF OF THE MONTH -FEB 2011.doc.pdf](#)

[Note for the Record: Mayor Slesnick requested of the Manager to introduce the next item, wherein Chief Reed approached the dais and also requested Firefighter John Jensen to join him as well, in further recognition of Firefighter Jensen as Firefighter of the Month for the month of February 2011.

Fire Chief Reed further explained that Firefighter Jensen was selected as February's Firefighter of the Month for his outstanding display of job performance, specifically his extraordinary actions at a severe car accident on the night of December 3, 2010; further informing the viewing public that said incident was a great team effort and that Firefighter Jensen was instrumental in furtherance of the successful extrication of one of the occupants in the car, as more specially seen by his initial stabilizing the car, cutting the seats from inside the car with an air chisel, and carefully placing the patient on a backboard before taking her out; further recognizing and commanding his professionalism and exceptional performance; further describing him as one of the up and coming rising stars of the department, a 10-year veteran in said department. Chief Reed stated that Firefighter Jensen's initiative did not go unrecognized by his team, and for that matter he has been selected as the Firefighter of the month for February.

In accepting this recognition Firefighter Jensen stated his expressed gratitude for being recognized in his capacity as a firefighter; further thanking his engine crew, Engine 2, who assisted with the extrication on the outside of the car, which made it easier to get to the lady who he rescued].

This Presentation/Protocol Document was Presented and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 4

A.-5. [11-0679](#)

Congratulations to Jacqueline Y. Lewis, Building and Zoning Department, recipient of the City of Coral Gables "Employee of the Month Award", for the month of April 2011.

Attachments: [EOM April 2011](#)
[Cover Memo EOM March2011](#)

[Note for the Record: Human Resources Director Elsa Velez-Jaramillo prefaced her remarks by stating that the Employee of the Month for April 2011 hails from the Department of Building and Zoning, namely Jacqueline Y. Lewis; further referencing to the public as to what the director, Carmen Olazabal had to say regarding said individual:

"Jackie is an extraordinary employee. She not only does her job but takes special interest in customer issues. She follows through customer concerns and makes sure they receive a complete answer. She is proactive and by her own initiative ensures that the Director keeps on top of all appointments and commitments and that the Department has consistent payroll and expense approval policies. In addition, she is a great team player and takes it upon herself to assist customers in the lobby and see how she can advise them and help them. She has a very positive attitude and takes on new responsibilities with a smile. She is an asset to the Building and Zoning team and makes a difference in the Department every day."

During the videotaped segment of the presentation, Mrs. Olazabal stated that she was pleased to introduce Jackie Lewis as this month's Employee of the Month; further stating that Mrs. Lewis began her career in the City in June of 2000 as a part-time receptionist; further stating that in 2002 she was promoted to Secretary-having been known for reliability and dedication to her job; finally, in 2007 she was promoted to Administrative Assistant to the Building and Zoning Director; further describing her attributes as being one who is very proactive; ensuring that her department director has a consistent payroll and expenditure policies, and making sure that her director stays on top of all pressing matters, as well as paying special attention to customer needs, showing great attention to the departments' customer base, taking it upon herself to ascertain what employees are seeking; trying to assist them and obtain help faster, which makes a difference; further distinguishing Jackie as a very valuable member of her team, who cares about the customer and understands that the customer is priority; further stating that Mrs. Lewis has guided her in furtherance of resolving specific matters, while putting up with her constant requests, adding that she has been great.

In accepting this accolade, Jackie thanked the City Commission and her director for her support and this recognition, noting that it has been a privilege and an honor to receive this recognition].

This Presentation/Protocol Document was Presented and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 5

[Note for the Record: Mayor Slesnick acknowledged that Vice Mayor Kerdyk had a special presentation that he wanted to make, whereby Vice Mayor Kerdyk requested three members of the City Commission, namely Commissioners Anderson, Cabrera, along with the Mayor to join him; further reiterating the remarks made that said three members have served along with him and Commissioner Withers for the past 10 years, they shared many good times and made a lot of good decisions during this time period much of it being attributable to their involvement while serving the City of Coral Gables; further noting that because of their involvement, he stated that Coral Gables is a better place today, thereby pinning the three above referenced City Commissioners with a 10-year pin.

Finally, Vice Mayor Kerdyk requested of Commissioner Withers to join him at the front of the dais, in further recognition that this will be his last official City Commission meeting; further acknowledging the innumerable contributions that he has made to our City, and the fact that it has been great serving with him, whereby he pinned him with a 20-year pin as a small gesture of what he has done for the City; further acknowledging to the public that there will be plenty of roasting before the occasion of Commissioner Withers final departure.

Mayor Slesnick stated that it has been a pleasure having served with each of the members of the City Commission for the past 10 years].

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

B.-1. [11-0687](#) Regular City Commission Meeting of March 8, 2011.

Attachments: [Verbatim Transcript - Agenda Item E-1 - Gulliver Academ - PAD - Site Plan - Encr](#)
[Verbatim Transcript - Agenda Item F-1 - Resolution appointing Craig E Leen City](#)
[Verbatim Transcript - Agenda Item F-2 - Discussion regarding city's streetscape m](#)
[Verbatim Transcript - Agenda Item H-1 - Presentation of Quarterly Report three m](#)
[Meeting Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Vice Mayor Kerdyk, Jr., that this motion be approved. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yeas : 5 - Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Cabrera, Jr., Vice Mayor Kerdyk, Jr., Commissioner Withers and Mayor Slesnick II

City Clerk Item No. 6

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 Anderson, seconded by Vice Mayor Kerdyk, Jr., to Adopt the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yeas : 5 - Commissioner Cabrera, Jr., Vice Mayor Kerdyk, Jr., Commissioner Withers, Commissioner Anderson and Mayor Slesnick II

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-50**C.-1. 11-0669**

Resolution authorizing the execution of Amendment No. 2 to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Agreement No. LP6016, Conveyance Improvements to the C-3 Canal, entered into on November 1, 2006 and amended January 2, 2007, between the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and the City of Coral Gables, for the purpose of changing the completion date and revising the Work Plan to reflect a change in the scope of work and restructuring of the matching fund requirement

Attachments: [Resol No. 2006-188](#)
[Amendment No. 2](#)
[DEP Amendment No. 2 Conveyance Improvements to C-3 Canal- COVER](#)
[FDEP Amendment No. 2 Conveyance Improvements to C-3 Canal- RESOL](#)
[C-1 Signed Cover Memo](#)
[Signed Resolution 2011-50](#)

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (DEP) AGREEMENT NO. LP6016, CONVEYANCE IMPROVEMENTS TO THE C-3 CANAL, ENTERED INTO ON NOVEMBER 1, 2006 AND AMENDED JANUARY 2, 2007, BETWEEN THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CHANGING THE COMPLETION DATE AND REVISING THE WORK PLAN TO REFLECT A CHANGE IN THE SCOPE OF WORK AND RESTRUCTURING OF THE MATCHING FUND REQUIREMENT.

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2011-50 on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 7

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-51**C.-2. [11-0686](#)**

Resolution authorizing the execution of an agreement between Miami-Dade County, Palace Management Group, LLC and the City of Coral Gables for the water facilities associated with the Palace Project at 45 and 50 Andalusia Avenue, Coral Gables, Florida.

Attachments: [Original WASD Agreement.pdf](#)
[Resolution - 3 22 11 \(Palace - WASA\).pdf](#)
[WASA agreement comparison.pdf](#)
[C-2 Signed Cover Memo](#)
[Signed Resolution 2011-51](#)

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, PALACE MANAGEMENT GROUP, LLC, AND THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES FOR THE WATER FACILITIES ASSOCIATED WITH THE PALACE PROJECT AT 45 AND 50 ANDALUSIA AVENUE, CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA.

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2011-51 on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 8

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-52**C.-3. [11-0672](#)**

Resolution of the Coral Gables City Commission pursuant to Section 2-26 of the City Code, entitled "Regular Meetings, Special Meetings" setting forth the City Commission meeting date for the month of April, as follows: Tuesday, April 26, 2011.

Attachments: [April 26 Meeting Date Resolution](#)
[C-3 Signed Cover Memo](#)
[Signed Resolution 2011-52](#)

RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO SECTION 2-26 OF THE CITY CODE, ENTITLED "REGULAR MEETINGS, SPECIAL MEETINGS," SETTING FORTH THE CITY COMMISSION MEETING DATE FOR THE MOTH OF APRIL, AS FOLLOWS: TUESDAY, APRIL 26, 2011.

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2011-52 on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 9

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

C.-4. [11-0658](#) Pinewood Cemetery Advisory Board Meeting of January 10, 2011

Attachments: [Pinewood Minutes January 10, 2011](#)
[01.10.11MinutesCCMtq03.22](#)

This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 10

C.-5. [11-0660](#) Communications Committee Meeting of February 17, 2011

Attachments: [Microsoft Word - Agendaitemmarch2011.pdf](#)
[Microsoft Word - minutes february 2011.pdf](#)

This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 11

C.-6. [11-0662](#) Retirement Board Meeting of February 10, 2011

Attachments: [Executive Summary.02-10-2011](#)
[Minutes.02-10-11](#)
[Retirement Board Meeting Minutes Cover Sheet 032211](#)

This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 12

C.-7. [11-0664](#) Landscape Beautification Advisory Meeting of March 3, 2011

Attachments: [BC Cover Sheet 3-3-11](#)
[Minutes BC 3-3-11](#)
[Signed Meeting Minutes](#)

This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 13

C.-8. [11-0668](#) Code Enforcement Board Meeting of January 19, 2011

Attachments: [ROLLCALLJAN 2011](#)
[jan 2011 agenda](#)
[DISCUSSION ITEMS - jan 2011](#)
[memo cover JAN 2011](#)

This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 14

Pulled from Consent Agenda

C.-9. [11-0670](#) Traffic Advisory Board Meeting of February 15, 2011

Attachments: [Traffic Advisory Board 2-15-2011 meeting minutes - COVER](#)
[Traffic Advisory Board 2-15-2011 meeting minutes](#)

[Note for the Record: Commissioner Cabrera prefaced his remarks by stating that the item he pulled from the Consent Agenda was the minutes from the Traffic Advisory Board minutes of February 15, 2011; further stating that contained in said minutes were updates from various City projects, but pointing out that for him, there was a citizen present from one of our local neighborhoods that made a request for certain traffic calming devices for her partial block of Candia Avenue; further stating that he does not know personally Mrs. Estrada, but from what he has read in the minutes, it appears that she has requested of the Traffic Advisory Board to take some action on reducing the speed limit, along with some very specific requests for assistance.

Commissioner Cabrera informed the viewing public that while he appreciates our citizenry asking for help in connection with this matter, these types of requests should come from the Traffic Engineering Division of the Public Works Department, and not from a lay person; further expressing his desire that someone from staff, hopefully a lay person, can inform, educate and help the requesting party, namely Mrs. Estrada on the steps necessary to bring those calming devices into the 400 block of Candia Avenue because this happens to be a cut-through area of our City, and in his estimation, Mrs. Estrada has a legitimate concern; however, she is making requests for speed bumps, a 20 miles per hour speed limit, signage, which are complicated technical requirements; further reiterating that in his view, it represents a good opportunity to inform, educate and assist her with this process by working with the Public Works Department of Miami-Dade County; further acknowledging Mr. Kephart's nodding of his head as an indication that staff will assist with said matter.

Mayor Slesnick also requests similar assistance as it pertains to matters involving calming devices in a neighborhood in the vicinity of Catalonia between Alhambra and Red Road, just south of Sevilla].

A motion was made by Commissioner Cabrera, Jr., seconded by Vice Mayor Kerdyk, Jr., that this motion be approved. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yeas : 5 - Vice Mayor Kerdyk, Jr., Commissioner Withers, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Cabrera, Jr. and Mayor Slesnick II

City Clerk Item No. 15

D. PERSONAL APPEARANCES

None

City Clerk Item No. 16

E. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Anyone who wishes to address the City Commission on an item to be considered for public hearing must fill out a Speaker Card and turn it in to the City Clerk. Speaker Cards can be obtained on the credenza located outside the Office of the Mayor, during the day of the City Commission Meeting.

ORDINANCE ON SECOND READING**ORDINANCE NO. 2011-06****E.-1. 10-0717**

Planned Area Development, Site Plan, Encroachment, and Zoning Code Text Amendment. An Ordinance of the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida, requesting the following for Gulliver Academy, located on Tract No. 7, Avocado Land Company Subdivision (12595 Red Road), Coral Gables, Florida:

- 1) Planned Area Development (PAD) assignment, pursuant to Zoning Code Article 3, Division 5;
- 2) Site plan review and an amendment to the previously approved Gulliver Academy Master Campus Site Plan to allow for new classrooms, pavilion building, gymnasium, baseball field house, natatorium and other miscellaneous improvements;
- 3) Encroachment into the Campamento Drive, Old Cutler Road and Red Road rights-of-ways; and,
- 4) Zoning Code Text Amendment to the Official Zoning Code, Appendix A, Site Specific Zoning Regulations;

providing for severability, repealer, codification, and an effective date. (PZB recommended approval, Vote: 6-0) (Passed on First Reading November 9, 2010) (Deferred from the January 25, February 8 and March 8, 2011 Meetings)

Attachments:

[11 09 2010 CC Cover Memo: Gulliver Academy 1st reading](#)
[11 09 2010 Exhibit A - Gulliver Academy ordinance 1st reading](#)
[11 09 2010 Exhibit B - Gulliver amended conditions clean version](#)
[11 09 2010 Exhibit C - Gulliver amended conditions strikeout version](#)
[11 09 2010 Exhibit D - Gulliver Academy Application \(Cover & Table of Contents\)](#)
[11 09 2010 Exhibit D - \(Tab 1 - Letter of Intent\) - Gulliver Academy Application](#)
[11 09 2010 Exhibit D - \(Tab 2 - Settlement Agreement\) - Gulliver Academy Application](#)
[11 09 2010 Exhibit D - \(Tab 3 - Request to encroach\) - Gulliver Academy Application](#)
[11 09 2010 Exhibit D - \(Tab 4 - Zoning Code Site Specific Standards\) - Gulliver Academy Application](#)
[11 09 2010 Exhibit D - \(Tab 5 - Gables By-The-Sea Road Closing District\) - Gulliver Academy Application](#)
[11 09 2010 Exhibit D - \(Tab 6 - Land Use & Zoning Map\) - Gulliver Academy Application](#)
[11 09 2010 Exhibit D - \(Tab 7 - Aerial Photos\) - Gulliver Academy Application](#)
[11 09 2010 Exhibit D - \(Tab 8 - Site Plans\) - Gulliver Academy Application](#)
[11 09 2010 Exhibit D - \(Tab 9 - Landscape & Vegetation Plans\) - Gulliver Academy Application](#)
[11 09 2010 Exhibit D - \(Tab 10 - Encroachment Plans\) - Gulliver Academy Application](#)
[11 09 2010 Exhibit D - \(Tab 11 - Elevation Plans\) - Gulliver Academy Application](#)
[11 09 2010 Exhibit D - \(Tab 12 - Building Plans\) - Gulliver Academy Application](#)
[11 09 2010 Exhibit D - \(Tab 13 - Survey\) - Gulliver Academy Application](#)
[11 09 2010 Exhibit D - \(Tab 14 - Traffic Reports\) - Gulliver Academy Application](#)
[11 09 2010 Exhibit E - PZP Staff Report](#)
[11 09 2010 Exhibit F - B&Z Preliminary Zoning Analysis](#)
[11 09 2010 Exhibit G - BOA Preliminary Review Comments](#)
[11 09 2010 Exhibit H - City Consultant Marlin Memorandum - Review of Gulliver Academy Application](#)
[11 09 2010 Exhibit I - City Consultant Marlin Memorandum - Review of Gulliver Academy Application](#)
[11 09 2010 Exhibit J - 07.14.10. Planning and Zoning Board meeting minutes](#)
[11 09 2010 Exhibit K - 07.21.10 Planning and Zoning Board meeting minutes](#)
[11 09 2010 Exhibit L - 09 15 10 Planning and Zoning Board meeting minutes](#)
[11 09 2010 Exhibit M - Public comments](#)
[E-6 Signed Cover Memo](#)
[12 14 2010 CC Cover Memo: Gulliver Academy - 2nd reading](#)
[12 14 10 Exhibit C: Add'l Public Comments since 1st Reading](#)
[12 14 10 Exhibit A: Ordinance -Gulliver Academy - 2nd reading](#)
[12 14 10 Exhibit B: Applicant's revised application package, dated 12 07 10](#)
[E-3 Signed Cover Memo](#)
[Signed Resolution 2010-282](#)
[01 25 2011 CC Cover Memo: Gulliver Academy continuance](#)
[01 25 2011 Exhibit A: 01 11 2011 and 01 02 2011 applicants letters](#)
[01 25 2011 Exhibit B: Resolution 2010-282 continuance](#)
[01 25 2011 Exhibit C: 12 14 10 CC Mtg Minutes Agenda Item E-3 - Gulliver - PAD](#)
[E-4 Signed Cover Memo](#)
[02 08 2011 CC Cover Memo: Gulliver Academy 2nd reading](#)
[02 08 2011 Exhibit A: Gulliver Academy ordinance 2nd reading](#)
[02 08 2011 Exhibit C: 12 14 10 CC Mtg Minutes Agenda Item E-3 - Gulliver - PAD](#)
[02 08 2011 Exhibit B: 01 28 11 Letter to Eric Riel re Gulliver Academy](#)
[02 08 2011 Exhibit E: GBTS HOA and Gulliver Schools Settlement Agreement](#)
[02 08 2011 Exhibit D: Gulliver Academy Site Plans](#)
[01-25-11 - City Clerk Memo to City Commission](#)
[E-2 Signed Cover Memo](#)
[E-2 - Request to Defer item until March 8, 2011](#)
[Letter dated 02-03-11 - Laura L. Russo - Gulliver Schools - Request for Continuance](#)
[03 08 2011 CC Cover Memo re : Gulliver Academy 2nd reading](#)
[03 08 2011 Exhibit A: Gulliver Academy ordinance 2nd reading](#)
[03 08 2011 Exhibit B: 01 28 11 Gulliver Academy Letter](#)
[03 08 2011 Exhibit C: 12 14 10 CC Mtg Minutes - Gulliver - PAD - Site Plan - Enclosure](#)
[03 08 2011 Exhibit E: GBTS HOA and Gulliver Schools Settlement Agreement](#)

[03 08 2011 Exhibit D: Gulliver Academy Site Plans](#)
[E-1 Signed Cover Memo](#)
[03 22 2011 CC Cover Memo re: Gulliver Academy 2nd reading](#)
[03 22 2011 Exhibit A: Gulliver Academy ordinance 2nd reading](#)
[03 22 2011 Exhibit B: 03 16 11 Gulliver Academy Letter](#)
[03 22 2011 Exhibit C: GBTS HOA and Gulliver Schools Settlement Agreement](#)
[E-1 Signed Cover Memo](#)
[Signed Resolution 2011-45](#)
[Signed Ordinance 2011-06](#)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF CORAL GABLES REQUESTING THE FOLLOWING FOR GULLIVER ACADEMY, LOCATED ON TRACT NO. 7, AVOCADO LAND COMPANY SUBDIVISION (12595 RED ROAD), CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA:

- 1) PLANNED AREA DEVELOPMENT (PAD) ASSIGNMENT, PURSUANT TO ZONING CODE ARTICLE 3, DIVISION 5;
- 2) SITE PLAN REVIEW AND AN AMENDMENT TO THE PREVIOUSLY APPROVED GULLIVER ACADEMY MASTER CAMPUS SITE PLAN TO ALLOW FOR NEW CLASSROOMS, PAVILION BUILDING, GYMNASIUM, BASEBALL FIELD HOUSE, NATATORIUM AND OTHER MISCELLANEOUS IMPROVEMENTS;
- 3) ENCROACHMENT INTO THE CAMPAMENTO DRIVE, OLD CUTLER ROAD AND RED ROAD RIGHTS-OF-WAYS; AND,
- 4) ZONING CODE TEXT AMENDMENT TO THE OFFICIAL ZONING CODE, APPENDIX A, SITE SPECIFIC ZONING REGULATIONS; 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 Commissioner Cabrera, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Withers, that this motion be adopted by Ordinance Number 2011-06. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yeas : 4 - Commissioner Withers, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Cabrera, Jr. and Mayor Slesnick II

Absent : 1 - Vice Mayor Kerdyk, Jr.

City Clerk Item No. 17

F. CITY COMMISSION ITEMS

F.-1. [11-0677](#) Discussion regarding the Procurement Code.
Commissioner Rafael "Ralph" Cabrera, Jr.

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

This Agenda Item was Discussed

City Clerk Item No. 18

G. BOARDS/COMMITTEES ITEMS

None

City Clerk Item No. 19

H. CITY MANAGER ITEMS**RESOLUTION NO. 2011-53**

H.-1. [11-0680](#) Resolution rescinding the award of the Segovia Streetscape Improvements Project to McBayne's Construction and Renovation, Inc. pursuant to Section 2-829 of the Procurement Code entitled "Approval of Change Orders and Contract Modifications."

Attachments: [Draft Reso.pdf](#)
[Letter from City Attorney.pdf](#)
[H-1 Signed Cover Memo](#)
[Signed Resolution 2011-53](#)

RESOLUTION RESCINDING THE AWARD OF THE SEGOVIA STREETSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT TO MCBAYNE'S CONSTRUCTION AND RENOVATION, INC. PURSUANT TO SECTION 2-829 OF THE PROCUREMENT CODE ENTITLED "APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDERS AND CONTRACT MODIFICATIONS."

[Note for the Record: Following the reading of the title to Agenda Item H-1, City Manager Salerno requested Public Works Director Glen Kephart to approach the podium wherein Mr. Kephart stated that the Agenda Item before the City Commission is a resolution to rescind the award of the Segovia Streetscape Improvements Project to McBayne's Construction and Renovation, Inc.; further noting that after initially working with McBayne's for whatever reason that McBayne's Construction and Renovation, Inc. received notification requesting performance and payment bonds (Note: For this project, said amount was \$696,262.50); further informing the City Commission that McBayne's was non-responsive having failed to submit the required performance and payment bonds, and after our Interim City

Attorney had forwarded a letter to said company, and after his department had attempted to call and received no response, as well.

Public Work's Director Kephart further stated that if the aforementioned contract for the Segovia Streetscape Improvement Project is rescinded, then there are two additional contracts that are being brought forth on this same date, that is intended to replace the work that was to be provided under the contract with McBayne's-the first one would be with Williams Paving Company, Inc., for civil work and paving, and the second contract to Cherry Lake Tree Farm, which is for the purchase and installation of the eighty-two (82) gallon container grown (670 gallon size) trees to be installed in the median of Segovia Street and related irrigation system; further explaining to the City Commission that when it became apparent that McBayne's would not fulfill its obligation under the contract, that his staff worked with the next responsible, responsive bidder; and that the result was a recommendation to award the contract to William's Paving Company, Inc. and Cherry Lake Tree Farm, Inc. to replace the award to McBayne's Construction and Renovation, Inc., which is approximately \$44,000 more, but is approximately \$99,000 less than the next responsive, responsible bidder; further stating that said contracts were analyzed by the Procurement Division of Finance and were found to be significantly less than the next available supplier/competitor; further adding that said pricing was very competitive on the aforementioned contracts, and therefore it is requested that the City Commission would accept the recommendation of the Chief Procurement Officer to award the Segovia Streetscape Improvements Project to William's Paving Company, Inc.; and waive the Procurement Code and award a contract to Cherry Lake Tree Farm, Inc.

Questions, Answers, Inquiries and Concerns from the City Commission: Commissioner Anderson inquired as to when will the project start?- whereby Mr. Kephart stated that Williams Paving Company, Inc. will begin around the middle of April.

Commissioner Cabrera inquired as to the prospects of an all-inclusive contract bid?- noting that initially it was all inclusive and now it is recommended to be segmented into that of separate civil and landscape contracts; further inquiring as to whether the landscape contract was the same one from the original bid?- whereby Mr. Kephart responded that this is the same landscape contract whereby at the December 14, 2011 City Commission meeting the City purchased trees from the swale; further informing the City Commission that the first five bidders were asked for pricing on the 82 (eighty-two) container grown oak trees (670 gallon size), wherein the bidders responded, however, the difference being that William's Paving Company, Inc. would not do the project with the container trees because of the high cost associated with

same.

Commissioner Cabrera further inquired regarding the original budget for this project?- whereby Mr. Kephart responded that it was \$850,000, and they were close to this budget number, further pointing out that what has been purchased for the trees in the swale area has been the maximum number, which brings the total budgetary number roughly to \$853,000. Commissioner Cabrera informed both Mr. Kephart and the City Commission that the total budget prior to the inclusion of the curbing was substantially less; further informing Mr. Kephart through the City Manager and the City Commission that he will vote in favor of the rescinding of the contract with McBayne's Construction and Renovation, Inc., but will not support this project as it is being restructured, designed revised and modified.

Commissioner Withers inquired of Mr. Kephart through the City Manager as to whose responsibility is it for planting trees?- William's Paving?- or the landscaper?- whereby Mr. Kephart responded that it is the responsibility of the landscaper, adding that they supply, deliver, install and provide warranty. Commissioner Withers further inquired as to whether there would be an exclusion of warranty if the landscaper did not prepare the grounds properly?-assuming that said landscaper signs off on the area before they plant the trees. Mr. Kephart further stated that the landscaper is responsible to dig the holes to make sure that the soil is right].

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Vice Mayor Kerdyk, Jr., that this motion be adopted by Resolution Number 2011-53. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yeas : 5 - Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Cabrera, Jr., Vice Mayor Kerdyk, Jr., Commissioner Withers and Mayor Slesnick II

City Clerk Item No. 20

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-54**H.-2. [11-0681](#)**

Resolution accepting the recommendation of the Chief Procurement Officer to award the Segovia Streetscape Improvements Project to William's Paving Company, Inc., in the amount of \$523,450 pursuant to Section 2-828 of the Procurement Code entitled "Contract Award."

Attachments: [Draft Reso \(1\).pdf](#)
[Tabulation_Revised.pdf](#)
[Bid Response.pdf](#)
[H-2 Signed Cover Memo](#)
[Signed Resolution 2011-54](#)

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER TO AWARD THE SEGOVIA STREETSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT TO WILLIAM'S PAVING COMPANY, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$523,450 PURSUANT TO SECTION 2-828 OF THE PROCUREMENT CODE ENTITLED "CONTRACT AWARD."

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Vice Mayor Kerdyk, Jr., that this motion be adopted by Resolution Number 2011-54. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yeas : 4 - Vice Mayor Kerdyk, Jr., Commissioner Withers, Commissioner Anderson and Mayor Slesnick II

Nays : 1 - Commissioner Cabrera, Jr.

City Clerk Item No. 21

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-55**H.-3. [11-0682](#)**

Resolution accepting the recommendation of the Chief Procurement Officer pursuant to Section 2-583 of the Procurement Code entitled "Application of the Code" to waive the Procurement Code to award a contract to Cherry Lake Tree Farm in the amount of \$217,080 for the purchase and installation of eighty-two (82) container grown (670 gallon size) oak trees and related irrigation system as part of the Segovia Streetscape Improvements Project.

Attachments: [Draft Reso A.pdf](#)
[H-3 Signed Cover Memo](#)
[Signed Resolution 2011-55](#)

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER PURSUANT TO SECTION 2-583 OF THE PROCUREMENT CODE ENTITLED "APPLICATION OF THE CODE" TO WAIVE THE PROCUREMENT CODE TO AWARD A CONTRACT TO CHERRY LAKE TREE FARM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$217,080 FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF EIGHTY-TWO (82) CONTAINER GROWN (670 GALLON SIZE) OAK TREES AND RELATED IRRIGATION SYSTEM AS PART OF THE SEGOVIA STREETSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT.

A motion was made by Commissioner Withers, seconded by Vice Mayor Kerdyk, Jr., that this motion be adopted by Resolution Number 2011-55. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yeas : 4 - Vice Mayor Kerdyk, Jr., Commissioner Withers, Commissioner Anderson and Mayor Slesnick II

Nays : 1 - Commissioner Cabrera, Jr.

City Clerk Item No. 22

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-56

H.-4. 11-0690

Resolution authorizing entering into two lease amendments with the Palace Management Group, LLC with regard to City owned property at 45 and 50 Andalusia Avenue, Coral Gables, Florida.

Attachments: [Resolution - 3 22 11 \(Palace 2nd Amendment and Guaranty\).pdf](#)
[DVComparison_Acceptable Operator v1-Acceptable Operator v2 \(AIM latest\).pdf](#)
[DVComparison_Exhibit J v1-v2 \(AIM\).pdf](#)
[PFM letter.pdf](#)
[CG Lot9 Guaranty Final Eval Memo 3-18-11.pdf](#)
[Weiss Serota letter.PDF](#)
[National Healthcare.pdf](#)
[PAB 3-16-11 excerpts.pdf](#)
[H-4 Signed Cover Memo](#)
[Signed Resolution 2011-56](#)

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ENTERING INTO TWO LEASE AMENDMENTS WITH THE PALACE MANAGEMENT GROUP, LLC WITH REGARD TO CITY OWNED PROPERTY AT 45 AND 50 ANDALUSIA AVENUE, CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA.

[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].

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Kerdyk, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Anderson, that this motion be adopted by Resolution Number 2011-56. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yeas : 5 - Commissioner Withers, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Cabrera, Jr., Vice Mayor Kerdyk, Jr. and Mayor Slesnick II

City Clerk Item No. 23

I. CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS

11-0689 Pending Litigation Report.

Attachments: [PENLIT3_22_11.doc](#)

This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 24

J. CITY CLERK ITEMS**None**

City Clerk Item No. 25

K. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Mayor Slesnick: We have one last round of personal comments. This is one of those moments, by the way to let everyone who watches our programming know what happens next is of course the City Election is scheduled for April 12th; and on April 15th, which is the Friday, we will have the Installation Ceremony, at which time the old Commission will assume the dais and it will be our last goodbyes to Commissioner Withers. We had asked Commissioner Withers where his preference was of saying his goodbyes, and that will be on that day there could be goodbyes for me too, we'll see. Anyways, we will take the dais as the Commission for the last time, it will not be a formal business meeting in the sense of business-business, but we will be there in order to make our goodbyes and then welcome new Commission members that had been elected and have them take their seats and be installed. So that's the game plan from here on out. With that Mrs. Anderson.

Commissioner Anderson: I just want to say that, whom am I going to sit with during Executive Sessions, wear a Hawaiian shirt along with me? What's the deal with that?

Commissioner Withers: I don't know Maria. I'll get a mannequin and put a Hawaiian shirt on it.

Commissioner Anderson: I'll miss you.

Commissioner Withers: Thank you.

Commissioner Anderson: Thank you very much; it's really been wonderful to serve with you, and I'll have time to roast you when it's appropriate.

Commissioner Withers: I'm looking forward to it.

Mayor Slesnick: That's it. Mr. Cabrera.

Commissioner Cabrera: I had a resident who has received a Code violation because of

where he places the recycling containers, and let me just tell you that the Code is very specific on the location of garbage and recycling containers, and it does stipulate that the containers shall be kept at a point upon the premises of the owner or occupant immediately adjacent to either side of the residence behind the front building elevation; and it further goes on to say the container shall be screened from view from any street. I don't know about the rest of you, but this particular resident happens to live in a house that has a wall and its gated. So what happens is this individual puts out his recycling material and his garbage outside of the perimeter of his property because he wants to keep the perimeter of his property secure, whether it's for his pets, or whether it's from vandalism, or whether its personal safety for his children, and I'm just wondering because he can't do this, he has to either leave the gate open, that's the only choice he has; he has to leave the gate open in order for the Public Service crews to come by and pick up his stuff, or what he's been doing and that is, he is taking his recyclables and his garbage to work and getting rid of it there, because he doesn't want to be cited again. I briefly spoke to staff about this, and Ms. Menendez suggested that I literally bring it up for discussion here; it's really the only recourse. Is there an interest on behalf of this Commission to possibly modify this section of the Code or - I don't know what to do because essentially if he doesn't do what the Code stipulates he will continue to receive citations, and at the same time he doesn't want to keep his gate open and allow folks to come in and out.

Mayor Slesnick: I've had other issues like this come up and we have been able to work with the residents on those issues about having the garbage crews have access to the gate and that's how they worked it out, so that the gate is accessible, they know how to get into the gate.

Commissioner Cabrera: Apparently this is an automated gate system that has a locking mechanism. Listen, if it's the will of this Commission....

Mayor Slesnick: I've had other people it's just obviously the complaints are we've had other neighbors complain about the fact that unsightly garbage goes right outside on the sidewalk almost, because....

Commissioner Cabrera: Or the recycling containers and they stay there all day.

Mayor Slesnick: And on the sidewalk because the wall is right on the sidewalk.

Commissioner Cabrera: Or even those houses that don't have a gate, they are in front

of the public...

Mayor Slesnick: But I mean it is a continuing refrain; we didn't have as many gated houses in the past as we do today, so maybe what we need to do is take a look at it, so why don't we take a look at it? - I mean it's not sense in just dropping it.

Commissioner Cabrera: I mean at the end of the day if it comes back that this is not something that we are in a position to do, I think your recommendation is really a solid one to give the resident the ability to provide access to his property, I don't know how that works; I don't know if the crew has a mechanism in which to get into the property or he unlocks it on the days of pick up.

Mayor Slesnick: It is my understanding that they have the key to unlock it, so.

Commissioner Cabrera: OK.

Mayor Slesnick: That was a pedestrian gate.

Commissioner Cabrera: OK.

Mayor Slesnick: They've also made arrangements with some of the staff in the houses to be there on days when they are expecting when the owners are not at home, if there is a staff at the house.

Commissioner Cabrera: OK. I'm assuming that staff will look into this. I was asking staff the other day to give me some information regarding flyers and door hangers, because there has been a lot of those especially during this election cycle, and I didn't know this, but according to the Code, if you have a door flyer or a door hanger and it's securely fastened to the door, then that's not a Code violation, OK; but here's the problem with that idea, if you have a homeowner who's out of town either on business or vacation and they have one of those flyers placed on their doorknob and it's permanently or it's affixed in such a way that it won't blow away, what we are in fact doing is, we are letting thieves know that potentially that house is not inhabited, that, that house right now is vacated because someone is on vacation; and so I know the bad guys look for those kinds of patterns, they look for newspapers, they look for lights not being on inside the house, and a perfect indicator for them would be for the door hanger to just be sitting there, and sometimes you have more than one. In this particular election I know of two candidates that had door hangers; and so I'd like to

see us look at that, and see if we can find a way to protect our citizens from having that problem because I wasn't aware of it. I just thought that they were all illegal, or they violated the Code and as it turns out they are not. So I was unaware of this.

Mayor Slesnick: We have to refer that also to the City Attorney's office for freedom of speech issues with candidates and so forth, but we should look at that because - and I have to tell you Crime Watch one of the messages we can give to our citizens for Crime Watch as I walk neighborhoods and I think you've had the same experience, Maria, Ralph, Chip and Bill, I can tell the houses that are not been there for a while, because the fact of the matter is that there are three newspapers lying on the front sidewalk, and mail flying out of the thing. So, I urge people that if you are to leave your home for more than the regular departure of a day or so for work, if you are going away to stop your mail and to stop your newspaper, it is very evident the houses that you walk to, that people been away for a while, yes it is a problem.

Commissioner Cabrera: Last comment I have piggybacks on my earlier item and that is, just so you all know none of your members of the Insurance Advisory Board were presented with the plans to go out to bid for the health insurance quote, that was never discussed with that Board and I confirmed that with the Board; and I got to tell you, one member who is not my appointee, he is visibly upset about it and feels that perhaps the Board needs to be reassessed and maybe he doesn't need to be spending any time helping our City. I just wanted to let you all know that, that Board was never consulted officially to the best of my knowledge based upon reading past minutes of their meetings and having a personal conversation with one of its Board members, was never consulted prior to the City going out to bid for this contract. So, it's a shame because maybe we need to reassess that Board of many other Boards that I'm being told are getting information after the City Commission has made a decision on it. If you'd like me to give you some examples I'd be happy to, not today though.

Mayor Slesnick: Well, I think I'll talk to my Board member there, see what his impression is.

Commissioner Cabrera: I think you should.

Mayor Slesnick: Mr. Kerdyk.

Vice Mayor Kerdyk: Mayor really nothing other than to say that it is a bitter-sweet day for elections and of course Chip it's his 20 year. It's really a heartfelt feeling that I

have here with regards to today, we've had some disagreements, a lot more agreements and as I said earlier we've really made the City a better place over the last ten years together, and I feel good about that. So, we'll see how things turn out April 12th, but I will tell you that from my standpoint, I appreciate working with each one of you. Thank you.

Commissioner Anderson: Likewise Bill. Thank you.

Mayor Slesnick: Mr. Withers.

Commissioner Withers: Really nothing except thank you. It's been a real pleasure and probably most of all a privilege to serve with some really, really great Commissions; and I guess the thing I'll miss the most is the employees, because we have some good ones; and you sit here and you watch the process of an idea go all the way through and to move an idea through an organization of this size and end up with a product that we end up with its pretty amazing, because a lot of times most cities don't get it right, but we always seem to get it right most of the time; and I guess watching it flow through the process and see the end result is a tribute to the men and women that manage the City from an administrative point of view, the men and women that work in the City, and equal credit should be given to those that govern the City too, so. Hat's off to everybody in my non-illustrious 20-year career and thank you.

Commissioner Anderson: Thank you.

Mayor Slesnick: Well Chip let me just add to other's comments. Being part of this Commission with you has been a joy, and I mean that. We've gone through some tough moments, we've had our differences of opinions between the five of us, we have had attacks from other people who are distressed with us or who are unhappy with our decision-making, but you know in the end I think you've captured it, that it's a joy to serve the citizens of Coral Gables, it's a joy to serve our neighbors. Sometimes people forget that the five of us sitting up here are just people who live next door, and that we are here giving our time and effort because of a love for our City, and a love that is expressed and the willingness to take action and to take bold steps and to put ourselves forward, sometimes it's for better or for worse, but we put ourselves forward. So to Maria thank you, we've been at this now since the day we walked out to open Biltmore Way.

Commissioner Anderson: That's right.

Mayor Slesnick: Ralph....

Commissioner Anderson: I was younger, much younger.

Mayor Slesnick: We were all ten years younger. Ralph, you and I on the Campaign Trail together ten years ago, and faced with the City Hall annex that was a major thing, I mean it was not an easy issue, maybe easy to politicize, but not easy to finally face the music and we did that together. Bill, you and I go back a long with to the Junior Orange Bowl and family connections and I think one of the proud moments was that I was going to be able to sit next to you in this Commission and to take your advise; of course my wife worked for your uncle for many years and she respects the Kerdyk organization and your family; and so this has been a pleasure for those reasons, and Chip, I think you know and I've told you, you are a person who I do admire, I admire your public service, your dedication to it, your willingness as a very busy business person to give the time that you do for the City, and I like your incisive comments and your look at the issues. A long time ago, as you know one of the things in the Protocol Department in the Mayor's office that you entrusted to me, that I bought some things in mind using some different things for our Sister City Program, and by the way, Mrs. Withers is here today, Cindy why don't you please stand up. You have given a lot of your life - seriously...

APPLAUSE FOR MRS. WITHERS

Commissioner Withers: This is her fifth Commission meeting, I want you to know.

Mayor Slesnick: Well, she told me she was coming to take me to lunch, oh, that's not true. OK. Anyways, but thank you for giving us your husband for all this time and for all that you do. The spouses of this Commission, by the way, are incredible human beings. You know, some people don't understand that we take criticism and that's what we asked for when we ran, but our spouses live with the same criticism and they live with the same kind of attacks sometimes, and they do get to share the joy of the up moments, so they have that; spouses take things, I know I take criticism...my wife or I take it on myself and I think Jeannette feels the same. So I know our spouses put up with a lot. Anyways, a few years back I did something, I recreated something that we were going to use for our Sister City presentations, and this was about six years ago; and I decided that they were so nice that I didn't want to give them out to anybody until I shared them with my fellow Commission members; and if you remember, I think,

when we celebrated our fourth anniversary or something, we shared the.... but I have something special to give to all of you for you all to keep on your desk at work or in the Seminary.

Commissioner Anderson: College dorm.

Commissioner Withers: Next to the lava lamp, right?

Commissioner Anderson: That's right - and the Jimmy Hendricks poster.

Mayor Slesnick: These are composite type of, representations of City Hall, and I thought for something to celebrate together that we would share these together. Anyways, like I say, for somebody in the future there are a few left to the Mayors of our Sister Cities, if they would like a representation, but you all have the first edition, so. Anyways, with that we have come to the end of this meeting of March 22, 2011, ending a ten year stretch for these five people, and for Chip Withers a 20-year stretch. Bill Kerdyk wasn't much honored today because he falls in between the years, but its 14 years for Bill, I believe, is that true?- And the "Three Musketeers" of the ten year crowd. So anyways, with that we'd like to wish everyone well, wish everyone a very safe and serene religious season that we are about to enter, or that we have entered already, and a joyous spring. Thank you all very much.

City Clerk Item No. 26

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 11:16 am on March 22, 2011. The next regular meeting of the City Commission has been scheduled for April 26, 2011, beginning 9 a.m.]

DONALD D. SLESNICK
MAYOR

ATTEST:

WALTER J. FOEMAN
CITY CLERK

