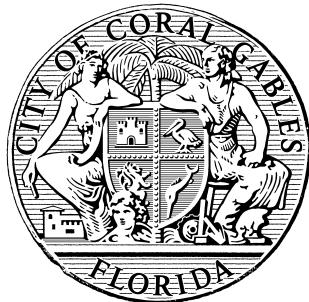


# **City of Coral Gables**

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## **Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, March 25, 2008**

**9:00 AM**

**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*

*David L. Brown, City Manager  
Elizabeth M. Hernandez, City Attorney  
Walter J. Foeman, City Clerk*

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

## **INVOCATION**

The invocation was given by Father Bernard Kirlin of St. Augustine Church.

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Ralph Cabrera, Jr. 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) Resolution(s) adopted (Resolution No. 2008-43 through Resolution No. 2008-51); (b) Ordinance(s) adopted on Second Reading (Ordinance No. 2008-05 to Ordinance No. 2008-09); (c) Video; (d) Audio Recording; (e) Minutes Folder with Agenda and back-ground information, including items which were submitted at the meeting.

**A. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS**

1. **08-0226** Presentation of a Proclamation to Mayor Dorothy Thomson, in honor of Women's History Month

[Note for the Record: Former Mayor Dorothy Thomson, on the occasion of her receiving a proclamation in recognition of Women's History Month, reflected on her beginnings regarding public life in Coral Gables; further stating that in Calendar Year 1975, she recalls her first inkling of what she felt she should be doing-namely, participating in a meeting with people within the community, who were concerned about certain happenings throughout our City; said meeting in the home of Mrs. Roxcy Bolton, started the Citizens Crime Watch of Dade County; thus four years later, she was elected to the City Commission, becoming the third woman to be elected; further stating that the first woman so elected was Lucille P. Neher and the second one was Rebyl Zain; further noting that Commissioner Maria Anderson who currently serves on the City Commission, is the fourth woman to do so.

Ms. Thomson further acknowledged that she joined the Women in Government Service (WIGS), the criteria to form part of said group, was that of being a female and currently having held an elected office in Dade County; further acknowledging her delight in having been a part of the history of Coral Gables; further stating that she always is available ready to serve as part of the history of Dade County; further acknowledging those past public servants whom have served along side of her, including but not limited to Bill Kerdyk, Sr.; further acknowledging the advent of technology which has placed a greater scrutiny on public behavior].

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

City Clerk Item No. 1

2. 08-0176 Presentation of 30 year service pin to David Kurtz, Parks and Recreation Department

**Attachments:** [David Kurtz - Cover Memo](#)

[Note for the Record: In bestowing upon David Kurtz his 30 year service pin, City Manager David Brown stated that Mr. Kurtz began his career with the City on September of 1976, serving as a Temporary Recreational Leader at Salvadore Park; later leaving for College (February, 1972); being appointed as Assistant Tennis Court Supervisor (March, 1978), and later being appointed to the post of Tennis Supervisor (January 1994); further noting the range of exemplary assistance given-from outside contracting to tennis instruction, said individual has provided excellent coverage, and has contributed much to our City.]

In accepting said accolade, Mr. Kurtz stated that he wanted to thank the community, and the Commission, some of said members whom he has not seen since high school; further pointing out that he is appreciative for all of the support that the Commission has given toward the tennis program, especially at Salvadore].

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

City Clerk Item No. 2

3. 08-0178 Presentation of 25 year service pin to John Curry, Fire Department

**Attachments:** [John Curry- Cover Memo](#)

[Note for the Record: In bestowing upon Captain John Curry, Fire Department, his 25 year service pin, City Manager Brown stated that Curry began his career with the City as a firefighter in March of 1983; soon afterwards, he was promoted to paramedic, being assigned to Fire Rescue; later being assigned as a Staff Lieutenant, serving as a EMS Captain Training Officer (October 2002); further noting that serving in the capacity of Emergency Medical Service Training Coordinator/EMS Captain, challenges him to find better training techniques; further pointing out said individuals' attributes as being personable with a unique way of working across the lines, aptly being described as the "Go to Guy;" further noting that his motto is: "Failure is not an Option;" further complimenting said individual on his dedicated, loyal and excellent service to the City.]

In accepting said accolade, Captain Curry thanked the Mayor and members of the City Commission for allowing him the opportunity to serve in Coral Gables].

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

City Clerk Item No. 3

4. 08-0180 Presentation of 20 year service pin to Norman Blackwood, Automotive Department

**Attachments:** [Norman Blackwood- Cover Memo](#)

[Note for the Record: In bestowing upon Norman Blackwood, Automotive Department his 20 year pin, City Manager Brown stated that said individual began his career as an Automotive Mechanic in March of 1988; further stating that he was promoted to Senior Automotive Mechanic in January of 1990; later becoming Employee of the Month in April of 2000; further noting Blackwood's personal attributes as including one who is hard working, in addition to being consistent and very knowledgeable in the automotive field; further stating that the City is very appreciative for his loyal and dedicated service and looks forward to his continued job relationship.

In accepting this accolade, Blackwood stated that he wanted to thank everyone on the Commission, his co-workers and the citizens of Coral Gables].

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

City Clerk Item No. 4

5. 08-0177 Presentation of 20 year service pin to Patricia Arocha, Automotive Department

**Attachments:** [Patricia Arocha- Cover Memo](#)

[Note for the Record: In bestowing upon Patty Arocha her 20 year service pin, City Manager Brown stated that she began her career with the City in February of 1988, serving as a Clerical Assistant III, later becoming a Service Rider (1992), before assuming the post of Administrative Assistant (October 2000) where she has maintained said position to date; further noting that said individual is knowledgeable in employee policies, produces exemplary work, is always punctual, and is vested in all areas of the departments' functions; further noting her extracurricular involvements with the Red Cross, United Way, and as an essential member in the City's Rescue Recon Team, Federal Emergency Management Institute Initiative, further noting her willingness to help employees in problem solving matters, etc.; further stating that the City appreciates her loyal dedicated twenty years of service.

In accepting said accolade, Ms. Arocha stated that she would just like to thank her director, and the City employees who have put up with her].

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

City Clerk Item No. 5

6. 08-0181 Presentation of 20 year service pin to Juan Velasquez, Automotive Department

**Attachments:** [Juan Velasquez- Cover Memo](#)

[Note for the Record: In bestowing upon Juan Velasquez, Automotive Department his twenty year service pin, City Manager Brown stated that he began his career as a Senior Automotive Mechanic on March of 1988; further noting that throughout his tenure that Mr. Velasquez has broaden his horizons by taking new and interesting mechanic related courses, and maintaining a full ASE Certification; further pointing out that Mr. Velasquez has distinguished himself by being able to perform any kind of automotive repair; further acknowledging his personal attributes as possessing an upbeat positive outlook, being that type of employee who looks ahead in getting the job done; further noting that while serving in the capacity of Hydraulic Shop Supervisor, he strives to make improvements to reduce the downtime of equipment.

In accepting said service pin, Mr. Velasquez thanked the City of Coral Gables and all of his co-workers].

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

City Clerk Item No. 6

7. 08-0182 Presentation of 20 year service pin to Victor Goizueta, Automotive Department

**Attachments:** [Victor Goizueta- Cover Memo](#)

[Note for the Record (Agenda Item A-8): In bestowing upon Victor Goizueta, Automotive Department his twenty year service pin, City Manager Brown informed the public that he initially began his tenure with the City, serving as an Automotive Mechanic in 1986, later being promoted to Fire Equipment Mechanic in January of 1988; Mr. Goinzueta, also serves on the City's Retirement Board, Vice President of the Coral Gables Employees Association, and has always distinguished himself by displaying good initiative, and an ability to diagnose prblems immediately as always being helpful to others; further noting that in June of 1991, he was recognized for being Employee of the Month, and was recently awarded the Emergency Vehicle Technician of the Year Award.

Mr. Goinzueta in accepting his 20 Year Service Pin Award, thanked the members of the City Commission; the Mayor and the City Manager; City Attorney; his wife; friends, along with his mother and father].

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

City Clerk Item No. 7

8. 08-0212 Congratulations to Officer Frank Jackson, Sergeant Alan Matas, Detective Ivan Cabrera, Detective William Swikehardt, Sgt. Andrew Weidenfeld, and Officer Reinaldo Azan from the City of Coral Gables Police Department, for being selected as finalists for the prestigious LEO Foundation Awards.

**Attachments:** [COMMISSION COVER MEMO - LEO FOUNDATION](#)  
[LEO NOMINATION - JACKSON](#)  
[LEO NOMINATION - Weidenfeld Azan](#)  
[LEO NOMINATION TO MATAS CABRERA SWIKEHARDT](#)  
[LEO NOMINATION -Training Section-](#)

[Note for the Record: **Coral Gables Police Chief Michael Hammerschmidt** informed the City Commission that eight years ago, **Mr. Dan Carlin** appeared before the **Miami-Dade County Association of Chiefs of Police** regarding the establishment of a foundation to honor police officers, which culminated in the establishment of the **LEO (Law Enforcement Officers) Foundation**; further stating that as a symbol of said foundation a lion was chosen; further stating that this year, there were six officers from the City of Coral Gables that were nominated, all competing as finalists in three different categories, as more particularly listed in the following groups: **Group One Investigative Services (Detective Alan Matas; Detective Ivan Cabrera and Detective William Swikehardt)**-further noting that the specific incident that attributed to their nomination and subsequent consideration as finalists involved forty-seven (47) metric tons of cocaine; 76 arrest; ten vessels being seized and \$850,000 in cash; **Group Two-Support Services (Sergeant Andrew Weidenfeld and Officer Ray Azan** who are responsible for the Police Departments' Training Regimen, which takes care of training for our 176 police officers; finally, **Group Three-Crime Prevention/Community Policing Award**, Frank Jackson was involved with approaching Channel 7, in furtherance of airing a program regarding how to avoid becoming a victim, resulting in his receiving said award.

**Mayor Slesnick** stated that on behalf of the citizens of Coral Gables, we appreciate the fine work rendered; further acknowledging that the City has a great Police Department that does great work, and this inures to the citizens of Coral Gables].

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

City Clerk Item No. 8

9. 08-0183 Congratulations to Faye Thompson, Police Department, recipient of the City of Coral Gables Employee of the Month Award, for the month of April 2008.

Attachments: [FayeThompson EOM](#)  
[Cover Memo FayeThompson EOM April2008](#)

[Note for the Record: In recognizing **Faye Thompson** as the City of Coral Gables Employee of the Month for April, Human Resources Department Director **Marj Adler** noted that she graduated from Coral Gables High School, became a Communications Operator in September of 1991, later transferring to the Records Section in the same year; further noting the evolution of the Records Section, from a handwritten operation to one accentuated by emerging records management technologies; further pointing out Ms. Thompson's fondness and dedication to the Police Department, her friendly demeanor and family approach toward departments and the visiting public alike.

**Records Unit Supervisor Eileen Holloway** also acknowledged that Ms. Thompson was a tremendous asset to her section; further noting her initiative between February and July of 2007, wherein she reviewed and processed arrest reports/affidavits, being credited with reviewing 600 arrests and 800 case supplements; further recognizing her as a great team player, staying late and working on weekends, whenever necessary assuming total responsibility with each challenge; further pointing out Ms. Thompson's conviction and dedication to the Police Department and the Records Section as primary reasons that make her a deserving recipient of the Employee of the Month honor.

Ms. Thompson requested of her relatives to join her on stage for a photograph, namely **Kim Springmeyer** (niece); further acknowledging other relatives (including **Troy Springmeyer** (cousin), **Richard Thompson** (son) and **Wesley Thompson** (son)); further stating that she is surrounded daily at work, by a great group of employees; further explaining the detailed nature of her job routine- including the processing of arrest and incident reports, reports to the state requiring an attention to the detail that said documents are accurate; further mentioning that having a great group of people to work with makes her job a lot of fun].

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

City Clerk Item No. 9

**B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. 08-0217 Regular City Commission Meeting of March 11, 2008

**Attachments:** [Meeting Minutes - March 11, 2008](#)

[Note for the Record: Following a motion being duly made by Commissioner Kerdyk and seconded by Commissioner Anderson, hearing no additions, deletions nor suggestions being made by any member of the Commission, nor by any member of the public, a unanimous roll call vote was taken].

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

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

City Clerk Item No. 10

**C. CONSENT AGENDA****Passed the Consent Agenda**

A motion was made by Commissioner Cabrera, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Anderson, to Adopt the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2008-43**

3. **08-0219** Resolution appointing Mark E. Meranda (Nominated by Mayor Slesnick) to serve as a member of the Emergency Management Division, for the remaining balance of the two (2) year term, which began on June 1, 2007 through May 31, 2009.

**Attachments:** [DRAFT - MARK E. MERANDA - EMD - R-2008.pdf](#)  
[Emergency Management Divison - Mark E. Meranda.pdf](#)  
[Signed Resolution - 2008-43.pdf](#)

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING MARK E. MERANDA (NOMINATED BY MAYOR SLESNICK) TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIVISION, FOR THE REMAINING BALANCE OF THE TWO (2) YEAR TERM, WHICH BEGAN ON JUNE 1, 2007 THROUGH MAY 31, 2009.

**This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2008-43 on the Consent Agenda.**

City Clerk Item No. 11

**PULLED FROM CONSENT AGENDA**

[Note for the Record: Commissioner Cabrera pulled Consent Agenda Items C-1 and C-2, respectively; further stating that prior to the roll call being taken on same, Ms. Roxcy Bolton requested a point of special privilege to speak on a matter , wherein Mayor Slesnick requested of Ms. Bolton to fill out a Speaker Card, including the subject matter of what is to be discussed, and then he would recognize her following the end of the Personal Appearances section of the agenda; further stating that prior to the vote being taken on the Consent Agenda and subsequent to pulling said Agenda Items C-1 and C-2, Mayor Slesnick announced that the vote being taken on the Consent was limited to Agenda Item C-3 only; later following the roll call being taken on those items that were pulled from the Consent, it was agreed upon by the Commission that said vote later to be taken was inclusive of not only those items that were announced as being pulled, but also including Agenda Items C-4 through C-14].

[Note for the Record: A Legislative Number had been previously assigned to Agenda item C-3, during said Roll Call vote namely, Resolution Number 2008-43].

[Note for the Record: Commissioner Cabrera called upon his colleagues to support his request to the City Manager regarding the following issues relative to the CUBALIBRE and the finale of the Latin Jazz Concert series events:

- Having the appropriate Code Enforcement officials present during the aforementioned two (2) special event festivities, rather than just reliance on our Police Department, to further ensure that the City has the right personnel present;
- Address noise levels and other quality of life issues which may arise from these events to ensure that said events go on without a hitch, are successful, and that the City covers itself;
- Since both of the aforementioned events are relatively close to residential neighborhoods (Ponce Circle Park being close to the Craft Section, and CUBALIBRE being next to the Alhambra Neighborhood area, just west of Le Juene Road); whereupon City Manager Brown responded that Parks Director Fred Couceyro has personally been present during past special events festivities, and would further ensure his presence during said events, in addition to the his support for Code Enforcement officials presence, as well.

Mayor Slesnick suggested that the Administration should also review the time limitations for the granting of permits in connection with the selling of alcohol associated with, in the future, particularly as it pertains to the selling of alcohol until midnight; further suggesting that the City may want to consider curtailing the sale of alcoholic beverages back one half hour until 11:30 p.m.; further working with event coordinators, in an attempt to help calm down parties consistent with the residential

character and quietude of the neighborhood, further citing the fact that Coral Gables is a residential City; further suggesting that in an attempt to reduce noise volume, that the City may want event sponsors to consider having roofs and sides to help contain the noise level in the direction that they face, similar to what was done during the “Carnaval on the Mile” event; further instructing the City Clerk to accept the e-mails that were received from the Kiwanis Club by his office into the public record].

### **RESOLUTION NO. 2008-44**

1. **08-0184** Resolution granting a one-day permit to the Globe Cafe to sell alcoholic beverages on Friday, May 16, 2008, from 4:00 p.m. to 12:00 midnight along the 300 block of Alhambra Circle during the CUBALIBRE event, pursuant to Florida Department of Professional Regulation requirements and City Special Event Committee provisions.

**Attachments:** [Reso Globe Cafe Event 05-16-08](#)  
[Letter from Globe Cafe 05-16-08 event](#)  
[Globe Cafe Special Event App. for 05-26-2008 event](#)  
[Cover Sheet for Globe Cafe Event 05-16-08](#)  
[Signed Resolution - 2008-44.pdf](#)

RESOLUTION GRANTING A ONE-DAY PERMIT TO THE GLOBE CAFE TO SELL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ON FRIDAY, MAY 16, 2008, FROM 4:00 P.M. TO 12:00 MIDNIGHT ALONG THE 300 BLOCK OF ALHAMBRA CIRCLE DURING THE CUBALIBRE EVENT, PURSUANT TO FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION REQUIREMENTS AND CITY SPECIAL EVEN COMMITTEE PROVISIONS.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cabrera, Jr., seconded by Vice Mayor Kerdyk, Jr., that this motion be adopted by Resolution Number 2008-44. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

City Clerk Item No. 12

**RESOLUTION NO. 2008-45**

2. 08-0186 Resolution granting a one-day permit to the Kiwanis Club of Little Havana to sell alcoholic beverages on Friday, April 4, 2008, from 6:00 p.m. to 12:00 midnight at Ponce Circle Park as the finale of the Latin Jazz Concert Series, pursuant to Florida Department of Professional Regulation requirements and City Special Event Committee provisions.

**Attachments:** [Kiwanis Special Event Application for 4-4-08 event](#)  
[Reso re Kiwanis of Little Havana Event 4-4-08](#)  
[Cover Sheet re Kiwanis of Little Havana Event 4-4-08](#)  
[Signed Resolution - 2008-45.pdf](#)

RESOLUTION GRANTING A ONE-DAY PERMIT TO THE KIWANIS CLUB OF LITTLE HAVANA TO SELL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ON FRIDAY, APRIL 4, 2008, FROM 6:00 P.M. TO 12:00 MIDNIGHT AT PONCE CIRCLE PARK, AS A PART OF THE LATIN JAZZ CONCERT SERIES, PURSUANT TO FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION REQUIREMENTS AND CITY SPECIAL EVENT COMMITTEE PROVISION.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cabrera, Jr., seconded by Vice Mayor Kerdyk, Jr., that this motion be adopted by Resolution Number 2008-45. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

City Clerk Item No. 13

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

4. 08-0171 Parks and Recreation Youth Advisory Board Meeting of February 7, 2008

**Attachments:** [Cover Memo YAB 2-7-08 Summary](#)  
[Min 2-7-2008.draft](#)

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:

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

City Clerk Item No. 14

5. 08-0173 Landscape Beautification Advisory Board Meeting of March 6, 2008

**Attachments:** [LBAB Cover 3-6-08](#)  
[LBAB Minutes Dr 3-6-08](#)  
[Final LBAB Minutes 3-6-08.pdf](#)

**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:**

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

City Clerk Item No. 15

6. 08-0188 Senior Citizens Advisory Board Meeting of March 3, 2008

**Attachments:** [Cover Memo 03-03-08 Summary](#)  
[Min 03-03-2008 Draft](#)

**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:**

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

City Clerk Item No. 16

7. 08-0190 Code Enforcement Board Meeting of February 20, 2008

**Attachments:** [Code Enforcement Minutes Cover 022008](#)  
[Code Enforcement Status Reports 022008](#)  
[Code Enforcement Minutes 022008](#)

**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:**

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

City Clerk Item No. 17

8. 08-0193 Library Advisory Board Meeting of March 12, 2008

**Attachments:** [LB Cover Sheet 3-12-08na](#)  
[Library Minutes 3-12-08](#)

**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:**

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

City Clerk Item No. 18

9. 08-0200 School and Community Relations Committee Meeting of February 12, 2008

**Attachments:** [feb12 minutes](#)  
[summary feb minutes](#)

**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:**

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

City Clerk Item No. 19

10. 08-0201 Public Safety Committee Meeting of January 8, 2008

**Attachments:** [PSC Minutes 1-08](#)  
[psc cover jan 08](#)

**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:**

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

City Clerk Item No. 20

11. 08-0208 Historic Preservation Board Meeting of February 28, 2008

**Attachments:** [NoAction02.28.08MinutesforCC03.25.08.pdf](#)  
[HPB February 28, 2008.pdf](#)

**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:**

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

City Clerk Item No. 21

12. 08-0215 Coral Gables Advisory Board on Disability Affairs Meeting of February 6, 2008

**Attachments:** [covernoactionFeb6](#)  
[08Feb](#)

**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:**

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

City Clerk Item No. 22

13. 08-0216 Property Advisory Board Meeting of February 20, 2008

**Attachments:** [PAB No Action](#)  
[PAB 2-20-08 minutes](#)

**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:**

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

City Clerk Item No. 23

14. 08-0222 Traffic Advisory Board meeting of February 19, 2008

**Attachments:** [Cover for traffic](#)  
[Corrected February 19 Traffic Board Minutes](#)

**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:**

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

City Clerk Item No. 24

**Non Agenda Item**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2008-46**

- NA.C. 08-0231 Resolution appointing Miguel Diaz De La Portilla to the Cultural Development Board.  
-1.

**Attachments:** [Signed Resolution - 2008-46.pdf](#)

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING MIGUEL DIAZ DE LA PORTILLA (NOMINATED BY CITY MANAGER BROWN), TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD, FOR THE REMAINING BALANCE OF A TWO YEAR TERM WHICH BEGAN JUNE 1, 2007 THROUGH MAY 31, 2009.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Cabrera, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Withers, that this motion be adopted by Resolution Number 2008-46. The motion passed by the following vote:**

**Yea**s : 4 - Commissioner Withers, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Cabrera, Jr. and Mayor Slesnick II

**Absent** : 1 - Vice Mayor Kerdyk, Jr.

City Clerk Item No. 25

**D. PERSONAL APPEARANCES****1. 08-0202**

Leslie Sternlieb, a Coral Gables resident, to speak about the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation Great Strides Walk to start at Merrick Park on Saturday, May 17, 2008 at 9:00 a.m.

[Note for the Record: Ms. Leslie Sternblieb, in addressing the issue regarding Cystic Fibrosis and the “Great Stride Walk” event (May 17, 2008, beginning 9:00 a.m. at Merrick Park), informed the public that the average life expectancy from said disease is approximately 37 years of age; which has doubled the life expectancy of twenty-five years ago; further stating that said ailment is usually diagnosed when a victim is very young; further stating that in Ms. Sternblieb’s case, she was diagnosed when she was forty-five, as stemming from either allergies and/or asthma, said discovery being made while she was having a Catscan; further stating that she now has reached the age of 50, and recently has also been diagnosed with chronic pancreatitis, stating that three out of every one thousand people have the disease, and an estimated 10 million people are carriers of cystic fibrosis; further noting that there are an approximate 10,000 mutations that are known to science; further testing that Cystic Fibrosis affects both the digestive and respiratory systems; further acknowledging the collaborative efforts existing between the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation and various pharmaceuticals toward investing more funding into research and care (ninety cents of every dollar); further noting that certain new drugs are being developed through said collaboration, between the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation and their pharmaceutical partners; further strongly encouraging the City of Coral Gables to get behind said walking event; to form teams (ie. Building and Zoning, Parks, Public Service, Public Works), that are reflective of our diverse organizational structure; further noting that since Cystic Fibrosis is a genetic measure, other diseases that are genetic will benefit.

Commission Input: Mayor Slesnick expressed his personal concern for Ms. Sternlieb’s condition, and requested of Commissioner Anderson to work with her regarding said matter. Commissioner Anderson also added that she would coordinate with Ms. Sternlieb, and work along with the City Manager in putting the word out regarding the “Great Strides Walk.”]

**This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed**

City Clerk Item No. 26

[Note for the Record: Ms. Roxcy Bolton, resident (124 Cadima Avenue) appeared before the City Commission, requesting that the Commission have the City Manager reimburse the City for food and related expenses incurred at restaurants, while meeting with City Officials and other people whom were taken out; further requesting a review of all meals and those people whom were taken out; further citing figures received from the City's Finance Department, she requested a meeting with the Mayor, Finance Director Don Nelson and herself, to review same.

Mayor Slesnick acknowledged that Ms. Bolton had requested of him to read a copy of an article appearing in the Gazette, further pointing out that he had requested of his assistant to contact her to set up a meeting for the morning of the March 25th, 2008, but was not certain whether Ms. Bolton had returned the called; Mayor Slesnick further stating that the City Manager was currently reviewing with his department directors the issue involving the "P" Cards; further noting that regarding the instance of a misuse of same in the Police Department, that the Police Chief had taken full responsibility for said matter, which involved reimbursement of the amount in question; further reiterating that said "P" Card matter is being looked at very closely; also noting that Ms. Bolton had a right to disagree as to whether Mr. Brown had a right to have a Commissioner out to lunch, or a City Official.

Commissioner Anderson stated that she assumed that City Manager was following procedure when she has gone out with him for lunch; further stating that we have reached a level of incivility that she is amazed; further emphasizing that if a mistake has been made, then facts need to be presented, not accusations; further stating the need to ascertain facts, since people's good names, reputations are involved, notwithstanding what is written about the exchange between she and Ms. Bolton involving this matter, because in her opinion what is been said in this venue and written, represents an abuse.

Commissioner Cabrera also acknowledged receiving a call from Ms. Bolton; further stating that he did not return her call since she had stated that it was not necessary for him to do so; further acknowledging having had a ten minute conversation with the City Manager regarding said matter; further stating that he understood some of the reasons why the Manager did what he did, adding that in many instances, he used his own personal credit card to pay for meals; further pointing out that in his discussion of the "P" Card matter with him, he conveyed his feeling of discomfort over the way some employees are using them, that we need to improve the education and training process; whereupon, the Manager agreed-and also mentioned that he has already begun that kind of preparation for training, and that he was currently doing further research on said issue].

**E. PUBLIC HEARINGS****ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING**Items E-1 and E-2 are related**ORDINANCE NO. 2008-05**

**07-1043** An Ordinance of the City of Coral Gables, Florida, amending the City of Coral Gables Comprehensive Land Use Plan, providing for a new "Educational Element" and associated text amendments to the Intergovernmental Coordination Element and Capital Improvements Element necessary to meet state-mandated public school concurrency requirements; authorizing transmittal of these amendments to the South Florida Regional Planning Council, Florida Department of Community Affairs, and other applicable agencies for compliance review as required by Florida Statutes; providing for a repealer provision, a savings clause, a severability clause, and codification; and providing for an effective date. (Passed on First Reading December 11, 2007)

Attachments:

12 11 07 School Concurrency amendments 1st reading.pdf  
12 11 07 Exhibit A: School concurrency CLUP amendment - 1st reading.pdf  
12 11 07 Exhibit B: School concurrency city code amendment - 1st Reading.pdf  
12 11 07 Exhibit C: School concurrency Proposed Resolution to interlocal agreement  
12 11 07 Exhibit D: PZB Staff Report of 11 14 07 school concurrency  
[12 11 07 Exhibit E: Excerpts of PZB Meeting Minutes of 11 14 07](#)  
12 11 07 Exhibit F: City Commission Cover Memo of 11 13 07 re School Concurrency  
12 11 07 Exhibit G: Memo to City Clerk request for ad  
[03 25 08 Cover Memo 2nd Reading re: School Concurrency amendments 2nd reading.pdf](#)  
[03 25 08 Exhibit A: Ordinance - School concurrency CLUP amendment w Atts A & B.pdf](#)  
[03 25 08 Exhibit B: Ordinance - Zoning Code amendment Concurrency Review 2nd reading.pdf](#)  
[03 25 08 Exhibit C: 11 14 07 school concurrency staff report.pdf](#)  
[03 25 08 Exhibit D: 11 14 07 PZB Verbatim Minutes.pdf](#)  
[03 25 08 Exhibit E: 01 09 08 Zoning Code amendment Concurrency Review.pdf](#)  
[03 25 08 Exhibit F: 01 09 08 PZB Verbatim Minutes.pdf](#)  
[03 25 08 Exhibit G: PowerPoint 11 13 07 School Concurrency.pdf](#)  
[03 25 08 Exhibit H: Resolution 2007-272\\_interlocal agreement.pdf](#)  
[03 25 08 Exhibit I: 02 11 08 ORC Report.pdf](#)  
[03 25 08 Exhibit J: Concurrency Review Procedures.pdf](#)  
[Signed Ordinance - 2008-05.pdf](#)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLAN, PROVIDING FOR A NEW "EDUCATIONAL ELEMENT" AND ASSOCIATED TEXT AMENDMENTS TO THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION ELEMENT AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS ELEMENT NECESSARY TO MEET STATE-MANDATED PUBLIC SCHOOL CONCURRENCY REQUIREMENTS; AUTHORIZING TRANSMITTAL OF THESE AMENDMENTS TO THE SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL, FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS, AND OTHER APPLICABLE AGENCIES FOR COMPLIANCE

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REVIEW AS REQUIRED BY FLORIDA STATUTES; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER PROVISION, A SAVINGS CLAUSE, A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, AND CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

[Note for the Record (Agenda Item E-1): Javier Betancourt, Principal Planner, in the city's Planning Department, informed the Commission that this agenda item recommended approval of those amendments to the Comprehensive Land Use Plan and Zoning Code to implement state mandated public school and concurrency requirements; further referring to Exhibit A, which articulates those amendments to the Comprehensive Plan, thus providing for a New Educational Element, as well as amending the existing Capital Improvements combined with those Intergovernmental Elements; further noting the chronology of legislative action taken-including approval of the Comprehensive Land Use Plan Amendments on First Reading (December 11, 2007); also passed and adopted on December 11, 2007, was the amendment to the existing Interlocal Agreement between the City, School Board and other local governments within Miami-Dade County. transmittal of same to the Florida Department of Community Affairs (DCA), South Florida Regional Planning Council, and other affected agencies; further noting that DCA had issued an Objections Recommendation and Comment Report (February 11, 2008) that raised a few technical concerns; further pointing out that on January 22, 2008, the City Commission passed and adopted the Amendments to the Zoning Code, thereby providing changes to the City's Concurrency Management System.

Mayor Slesnick acknowledged **Vivian Villamil** Miami-Dade County School Board for purposes of the public record, whereby Ms. Villamil informed the Commission that she has been working with Miami-Dade County on issues that are legal in nature; further acknowledging that there are 22 cities throughout Florida, that are now on Board with School Concurrency.

Issues raised by the Commission: **Commissioner Withers** questioned Ms. Villamil, as to what is the procedural path by which the School Boards Five (5) Year Plan is included into the City's Capital Plan?---further inquiring as to whether said matter is handled through the City's Planning and Zoning Board, or is it handled administratively?---wherein Mr. Betancourt responded that the City is required to update the Capital Improvement Plan every year; further noting that the School Board's Plan is incorporated by the City via reference (i.e. by date /exact title, etc.); further inquiring as to the Concurrency Review process, stating that as more particularly described in Exhibit J of the agenda packet associated with this item, are the Overview of the Procedures for Concurrency Review; Commissioner Withers further stated that he wanted to ensure that the City is on top of matters, as far as Concurrency Review is concerned, further ensuring that our needs are being met.

Ms. Villamil added that every July, the Miami-Dade County School Board approves

its Five Year Plan, which is later incorporated into our City's Capital Improvement Plan.

Following said brief presentation and inquiry by the Commission, there being no additional questions, concerns nor comments being proffered by any member of the public comment proffered by any member of the public, the Mayor instructed the City Clerk to call the roll].

**A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Vice Mayor Kerdyk, Jr., that this motion be adopted by Ordinance Number 2008-05. The motion passed by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Cabrera, Jr.

City Clerk Item No. 27

### **ORDINANCE NO. 2008-06**

**2. 08-0032**

An Ordinance of the City of Coral Gables, Florida, providing for text amendments to the Zoning Code, Article 3, Division 13, entitled "Concurrency Review," providing for updates to concurrency review provisions and procedures, including the addition of public school concurrency review procedures necessary to meet State of Florida mandated public school concurrency requirements; providing for severability, repealer, codification, and an effective date. (Passed on First Reading January 22, 2008)

**Attachments:**

[01 22 08 Cover Memo re Zoning Code amendment Concurrency Review 1st Rea](#)  
[01 22 08 Exhibit A Ordinance - Zoning Code amendment Concurrency Review 1s](#)  
[01 22 08 Exhibit B PZB Staff Report of 01 09 08 Zoning Code amendment Concu](#)  
[01 22 08 Exhibit C Excerpts of 01 09 08 PZB Verbatim Minutes.pdf](#)  
[CCMtg January 22 2008 agenda item E-2 - Ordinance Amending Zoning Code.pdf](#)  
[03 25 08 Cover Memo re: School Concurrency amendments 2nd reading.pdf](#)  
[03 25 08 Exhibit A: Ordinance - School concurrency CLUP amendment w Atts A](#)  
[03 25 08 Exhibit B: Ordinance - Zoning Code amendment Concurrency Review 2](#)  
[03 25 08 Exhibit C: 11 14 07 school concurrency staff report.pdf](#)  
[03 25 08 Exhibit D: Excerpts of 11 14 07 PZB Verbatim Minutes.pdf](#)  
[03 25 08 Exhibit E: 01 09 08 Zoning Code amendment\\_Concurrency Review.pdf](#)  
[03 25 08 Exhibit F: Excerpts of 01 09 08 PZB Verbatim Minutes.pdf](#)  
[03 25 08 Exhibit G: Power Point 11 13 07 School Concurrency.pdf](#)  
[03 25 08 Exhibit H: Resolution No. 2007-272 interlocal agreement.pdf](#)  
[03 25 08 Exhibit I: 02 11 08 DCA ORC Report.pdf](#)  
[03 25 08 Exhibit J: Concurrency Review Procedures.pdf](#)  
[Signed Ordinance - 2008-06.pdf](#)

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR TEXT AMENDMENTS TO THE ZONING CODE, ARTICLE 3, DIVISION 13, ENTITLED "CONCURRENCY REVIEW," PROVIDING FOR UPDATES TO CONCURRENCY REVIEW PROVISIONS AND PROCEDURES, INCLUDING THE ADDITION OF PUBLIC SCHOOL CONCURRENCY REVIEW PROCEDURES NECESSARY TO MEET STATE OF FLORIDA MANDATED PUBLIC

SCHOOL CONCURRENCY REQUIREMENTS; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER PROVISION, A SAVINGS CLAUSE, A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, AND CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

[Note for the Record (Agenda Item E-2): Following the reading the title of said ordinance into the public record, there being no additional questions, concerns nor comments being proffered by the City Commission, nor input by any member of the public, the Mayor instructed the City Clerk to call the roll].

**A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Vice Mayor Kerdyk, Jr., that this motion be adopted by Ordinance Number 2008-06. The motion passed by the following vote:**

**Yea**s : 4 - Vice Mayor Kerdyk, Jr., Commissioner Withers, Commissioner Anderson and Mayor Slesnick II

**Absent** : 1 - Commissioner Cabrera, Jr.

City Clerk Item No. 28

[Note for the Record: Mayor Slesnick inquired as to whether the owners of those historic homes located at 1024 Asturia Avenue and 637 Alacazar Avenue were in attendance].

**Items E-3 and E-4 are related****ORDINANCE NO. 2008-07**

3. 08-0077 An Ordinance of the City Commission of Coral Gables for a change of land use from "Residential Use (Single-Family) Low Density" to "Commercial Use, Low-Rise Density" on Lot 24, Block 1B, MacFarlane Homestead and St. Albans Park Section (230 Florida Avenue), Coral Gables, Florida; providing for a repealer provision, a savings clause, and a severability clause; and providing for an effective date. (Passed on First Reading February 12, 2008)

**Attachments:** [02 12 08 Exhibit B Ordinance - Change of Zoning and Site Plan Review re: Bahamian Village II 1st reading.pdf](#)  
[02 12 08 Exhibit C PZB 01 09 08 Staff report.pdf](#)  
[02 12 08 Exhibit D PZB 01 09 08 Verbatim Minutes.pdf](#)  
[02 12 08 Exhibit E Public Comments re Bahamian Village amendment 01 09 08.pdf](#)  
[02 12 08 Cover Memo re: Bahamian Village II 1st reading.pdf](#)  
[02 12 08 Exhibit A Ordinance - Change of land use re Bahamian Village II 1st reading.pdf](#)  
[03 25 08 Cover Memo re: Bahamian Village II 2nd reading.pdf](#)  
[03 25 08 Exhibit A Ordinance - Change of Land Use 2nd Reading re: Bahamian Village II 2nd reading.pdf](#)  
[03 25 08 Exhibit B Ordinance - Change of zoning and Site Plan Review 2nd Reading.pdf](#)  
[Signed Ordinance - 2008-07.pdf](#)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF CORAL GABLES FOR A CHANGE OF LAND USE FROM "RESIDENTIAL USE (SINGLE-FAMILY) LOW DENSITY" TO "COMMERCIAL USE, LOW-RISE DENSITY" ON LOT 24, BLOCK 1B, MACFARLANE HOMESTEAD AND ST. ALBANS PARK SECTION (230 FLORIDA AVENUE), CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA; FOR A CHANGE OF LAND USE, REZONING AND SITE PLAN REVIEW; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER PROVISION, A SAVINGS CLAUSE, AND A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

[Note for the Record: Mayor Slesnick informed the public that this Agenda Item represents a major piece of economic development and progress for the MacFarlane Homestead. Walter Carlson, Assistant Director, Planning Department gave a brief chronology of said issue, noting that on January 9, 2008, the Planning and Zoning Board recommended approval of the change of land use, change in zoning, and site plan approval (by a unanimous 5-0 Vote); further stating that the applicant during the Planning and Zoning Board had agreed during the Planning and Zoning Board Meeting, as to the conditions of approval; further noting that during the City Commission Meeting of February 12, 2008, that said issue was approved on First Reading.

Laura Russo, Esq., representing the applicant, urged the City Commission to approve her applicant's request for change of land use and rezoning of Lot 24 and amendments to the previously approved Bahamian Village Site Plan, subject to the original required conditions of approval; also introduced some of those members from the MacFarlane

Homestead who were in attendance, namely Debra Fintal Colson; Burton Hersch; Leona Cooper; wherein Mayor Slesnick also acknowledged Leona Cooper Baker (sister in law to Leona Cooper); further commenting to the public that it is very important that the public knows this district, since it is very infrequent that the Commission receives visitation from members of the Homestead.

Mrs. Cooper, speaking on behalf of her husband, president of the MacFarlane Homeowners Association, whom has recently undergone a serious operation and is in a recovery mode, noted that it has taken roughly six years to arrive at this point in the project; further pointing out that Mr. Cooper had previously asked that said project be completed by his 80th birthday; he is currently 79 years of age; further informing the Commission that the City deserves to have this project, wherein every kind of ethnic group is represented; further stating that said diverse group had helped George Merrick build Coral Gables; further adding that with this type of development, one can bring people into the neighborhood, showcase the culture, etc.

Mayor Slesnick stated on behalf of the Commission that they extend their best wishes for a speedy recovery to Mr. Cooper].

**A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Vice Mayor Kerdyk, Jr., that this motion be adopted by Ordinance Number 2008-07. The motion passed by the following vote:**

**Yea**s : 4 - Commissioner Withers, Commissioner Anderson, Vice Mayor Kerdyk, Jr. and Mayor Slesnick II

**Absent** : 1 - Commissioner Cabrera, Jr.

City Clerk Item No. 29

**ORDINANCE NO. 2008-08**

4. **08-0078** An Ordinance of the City Commission of Coral Gables for a change of zoning from "SFR", Single Family Residential to "CL", Commercial Limited on Lot 24, Block 1B, MacFarlane Homestead and St. Albans Park Section (230 Florida Avenue), and review of proposed amendments to a previously approved site plan referred to as "Bahamian Village" on Lots 7-27, Block 1B, MacFarlane Homestead and St. Albans Park Section (intersection of Grand Avenue and U.S. 1), Coral Gables, Florida, and including required conditions; providing for a repealer provision, a savings clause, and a severability clause; and providing for an effective date. (Passed on First Reading February 12, 2008)

**Attachments:** [02 12 08 Cover Memo re Bahamian Village II 1st reading.pdf](#)  
[02 12 08 Exhibit B Ordinance - Bahamian Village II rezoning and site plan 1st Rea](#)  
[03 25 08 Cover Memo re: Bahamian Village II 2nd reading.pdf](#)  
[03 25 08 Exhibit B Ordinance - Bahamian Village II rezoning and site plan 2nd Re:](#)  
[Signed Ordinance - 2008-08.pdf](#)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF CORAL GABLES FOR A CHANGE OF ZONING FROM "SFR", SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO "CL", COMMERCIAL LIMITED ON LOT 24, BLOCK 1B, MACFARLANE HOMESTEAD AND ST. ALBANS PARK SECTION (230 FLORIDA AVENUE), AND REVIEW OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO A PREVIOUSLY APPROVED SITE PLAN REFERRED TO AS "BAHAMIAN VILLAGE" ON LOTS 7-27, BLOCK 1B, MACFARLANE HOMESTEAD AND ST. ALBANS PARK SECTION (INTERSECTION OF GRAND AVENUE AND U.S. 1), CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, AND INCLUDING REQUIRED CONDITIONS; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER PROVISION, A SAVINGS CLAUSE, AND A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

[Note for the Record: Following the reading of the title to said ordinance into the public record, there being no additional questions, concerns nor comments being proffered by the City Commission, nor input by any members of the public, the Mayor instructed the City Clerk to call the roll].

**A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Vice Mayor Kerdyk, Jr., that this motion be adopted by Ordinance Number 2008-08. The motion passed by the following vote:**

**Yea**s : 4 - Commissioner Anderson, Vice Mayor Kerdyk, Jr., Commissioner Withers and Mayor Slesnick II

**Absent** : 1 - Commissioner Cabrera, Jr.

City Clerk Item No. 30

**ORDINANCE NO. 2008-09**

5. **08-0066** An Ordinance of the City Commission of Coral Gables amending Chapter 50 of the "Code of the City of Coral Gables," entitled "Pensions," providing for certain changes in order to comply with provisions of Chapters 175 and 185, Florida Statutes; providing for an effective date; and repealing all Ordinances inconsistent herewith. (Passed on First Reading February 12, 2008)

**Attachments:** [Ordinance Re 175-185 'Discrimination'.pdf](#)  
[CoverMemo\\_OrdinanceAmendingChap50.pdf](#)  
[2ndReading\\_PensionOrdinance\\_CoverMemo](#)  
[MISC Ordinance Re 175-185 'Discrimination' \(00222846-3\)](#)  
[Draft Actuarial Impact Statement March 18, 2008](#)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 50 OF THE "CODE OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES," ENTITLED "PENSIONS," PROVIDING FOR CERTAIN CHANGES IN ORDER TO COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTERS 175 AND 185, FLORIDA STATUTES; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT HEREWITH.

[Note for the Record: Marj Adler, Human Resources Director, informed the members of the Commission that this is the last step in the process in response to the State's concerns impacting the release of those 175, 185 funds for the Police and Fire Pension Trusts; further stating that it removes the so-called discrimination against management members of sworn Police and Fire; further pointing out that based on a meeting in Tallahassee, on March 13th, this Ordinance change, combined with the reimbursement of 16 months of fire fighter contributions to the pension plan which has occurred, will result in the release of the 2006 contribution funds.

Following said clarification being made by Ms. Adler, there being no additional questions, concerns nor comments being proffered by the City Commission, nor input by any members of the public, the Mayor instructed the City Clerk to call the roll].

**A motion was made by Commissioner Withers, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, that this motion be adopted by Ordinance Number 2008-09. The motion passed by the following vote:**

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

City Clerk Item No. 33

**ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING**

**None**

**F. CITY COMMISSION ITEMS**

1. **08-0194** Discussion on distribution of the City Newsletter  
Mayor Donald D. Slesnick, II

**Attachments:** [Verbatim Transcript - Agenda Item F-1 - Discussion Item.pdf](#)

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

**This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed**

City Clerk Item No. 34

2. **08-0220** Discussion on mechanical lifts and relation to the overall parking ratios on new developments in the City  
Vice Mayor William H. Kerdyk, Jr.

**Attachments:** [Verbatim Transcript - Agenda Item F-2 - Discussion Item.pdf](#)

[Note for the Record: A copy of the verbatim transcript of Agenda Item F-2 is available for public inspection in the City Clerk's Office and in Legistar].

**This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed**

City Clerk Item No. 36

3. **08-0221** Discussion pertaining to green buildings throughout the City  
Vice Mayor William H. Kerdyk, Jr.

**This Agenda Item was Deferred**

City Clerk Item No. 35

**G. BOARDS/COMMITTEES ITEMS****RESOLUTION NO. 2008-48**

1. **08-0207** Presentation of excerpts from the Historic Preservation Board meeting of January 17, 2008 requesting the following action with regard to CASE FILE AV 2005-01.

That the City Commission adopt a Resolution authorizing Ad Valorem tax relief for the property located at 1024 Asturia Avenue, a local historic landmark legally described as Lot 6 and Lot 7, Block 8, Coral Gables Section "C". The approximate tax exemption requested is for a \$333,406 improvement, which corresponds to approximately \$1,750.38 per year and to \$17,503.82 over ten years.

**Attachments:** [AVResolution-1024AsturiaDRAFT.pdf](#)  
[AVreport-Asturia1024.pdf](#)  
[HPBJanu17.08AV2005-01.pdf](#)  
[r-ASTURIA.pdf](#)  
[HPBActionAdValorem1024Asturia.pdf](#)  
[Signed Resolution - 2008-48.pdf](#)

A RESOLUTION GRANTING AD-VALOREM TAX EXEMPTION FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO AV 2005-01 FOLIO# 03-4107-014-0780 1024 ASTURIA AVENUE LOTS 6 AND 7, BLOCK 8, CORAL GABLES SECTION "C" BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES.

[Note for the Record: Kara Kautz, Historic Preservation Officer, informed the Commission that the owner of this property, namely Rand W. Smith and Alaine S. Greenberg, located at 1024 Asturia Avenue (Lots 6 and 7, Block 8, Coral Gables Section "C", were requesting ad valorem tax relief (a \$333,406 improvement) for the restoration, rehabilitation, renovation changes and alterations to the historic property; further stating that said property was designed in 1923 by Walter de Garmo; further stating that the Historic Preservation Board met to review said application, and approved the issuance of the Special Certificate of Appropriateness on October 21, 2008; further stating that a related Certificate of Appropriateness had granted design approval on January 17, 2008, by said Historic Preservation Board].

Mayor Slesnick explained the important features of the tax abatement process, to the listening public, pointing out that the import of the ad valorem tax exemption is that the Coral Gables Property Tax is waived for a period of ten years on the increased value of the improved portions of the subject property, in accordance with Ordinance No. 3027].

**A motion was made by Commissioner Withers, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, that this motion be adopted by Resolution Number 2008-48. The motion passed by the following vote:**

**Yea**s : 4 - Commissioner Withers, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Cabrera, Jr. and Mayor Slesnick II

**Absent** : 1 - Vice Mayor Kerdyk, Jr.

City Clerk Item No. 32

**RESOLUTION NO. 2008-47**

2. **08-0209** Presentation of excerpts from the Historic Preservation Board meeting of February 28, 2008 requesting the following action with regard to CASE FILE AV2004-01.

That the City Commission adopt a resolution authorizing Ad Valorem tax relief for the property located at 637 Alcazar Avenue, a local historic landmark legally described as Lot 23 and Lot 24, Block 19, Coral Gables Section "B". The approximate tax exemption requested is for a \$400,000 improvement, which corresponds to approximately \$2,460.00 per year and to \$24,600.00 over ten years.

**Attachments:** [HPB.Feb28.08AV2004-01.pdf](#)  
[HPBActionAdValorem637AlcazarAvenue.pdf](#)  
[AVreport2-Alcazar637.pdf](#)  
[AVResolution-637AlcazarDRAFT.pdf](#)  
[HPB-02-28-2008AV2004-01.pdf](#)  
[HPBActionAdValorem637AlcazarAvenue.pdf](#)  
[Signed Resolution - 2008-47.pdf](#)

A RESOLUTION GRANTING AD-VALOREM TAX EXEMPTION FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO AV 2004-01 FOLIO# 03-4108-001-3470 637 ALCAZAR AVENUE, LOTS 23 & 24, BLOCK 19, SECTION B, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES.

[Note for the Record: Kara Kautz, Historic Preservation Officer, informed the Commission that the owner of this property, namely Rafael and Margaret Reyes, located at 637 Alcazar Avenue (the first residential structure to be built on Alcazar, and one of the earliest structures in Coral Gables, were requesting ad valorem tax relief (a \$400,000 improvement) for exterior, interior and site improvements; further stating that the relate Special Certificate of Appropriateness (Case Files COA (SP) 2002-18 and (SP) 2004-02, were granted design approval on October 17, 2002 and February 19, 2004 by the Preservation Board; further stating that design approval was granted on January 17, 2008, by the Historic Preservation Board; further stating that Mayor Slesnick explained the important features of the tax abatement process to the listening public, pointing out that the import of the ad valorem tax exemption is that the Coral Gables Property Tax is waived for a period of ten years on the increased value of the improved portions of the subject property, in accordance with Ordinance No. 3027].

**A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Vice Mayor Kerdyk, Jr., that this motion be adopted by Resolution Number 2008-47. The motion passed by the following vote:**

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

City Clerk Item No. 31

**H. CITY MANAGER ITEMS****RESOLUTION NO. 2008-49**

1. **08-0195** Resolution accepting the bid of Conquest Engineering Group Corp., the lowest and most responsive bid for the construction of the Old Cutler Road Force Main Replacement - Phase II, in the City of Coral Gables, Florida, for an amount not to exceed \$493,949.00 from the Sanitary Sewer Fund.

**Attachments:** [Cover Force Main](#)  
[Real Wording for Force main Resol \(2\)](#)  
[Bid Tab for Commission \(2\)](#)  
[41057-007L001\\_Bidders Recommendation](#)  
[Signed Resolution - 2008-49.pdf](#)

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING BID OF CONQUEST ENGINEERING GROUP CORP., THE LOWEST AND MOST RESPONSIVE, RESPONSIBLE BID FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE OLD CUTLER ROAD FORCE MAIN REPLACEMENT - PHASE II, IN THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$493,949.00.

[Note for the Record: Following the reading of the title of the proposed Resolution into the public record by the City Manager, Public Works Director Alberto Delgado informed the public that Phase II (which represented a combination of phases II and III), is an extension of the replacement sewer lines southward, all the way down from Fairchild Tropical Gardens to Snapper Creek, in order to better serve the citizens of Coral Gables].

**A motion was made by Commissioner Cabrera, Jr., seconded by Vice Mayor Kerdyk, Jr., that this motion be adopted by Resolution Number 2008-49. The motion passed by the following vote:**

**Yea**s : 4 - Commissioner Cabrera, Jr., Vice Mayor Kerdyk, Jr., Commissioner Withers and Mayor Slesnick II

**Absent** : 1 - Commissioner Anderson

City Clerk Item No. 37

**RESOLUTION NO. 2008-50**

2. 08-0213 Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with Miller Pipeline Corporation, the number one-ranked firm recommended by the Sewer Lining Selection Committee, for construction and installation of sewer linings and associated rehabilitation of sanitary sewers for the project entitled "Construction of Sanitary Sewer Improvements at various locations in the City of Coral Gables, PWD #07-13" for the not to exceed amount of \$1,000,000.00.

**Attachments:** [RAD Sewer cover](#)  
[RAD Sewer Resolution](#)  
[Miller Pipeline attachments](#)  
[Signed Resolution - 2008-50.pdf](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH MILLER PIPELINE CORPORATION, THE NUMBER ONE-RANKED FIRM RECOMMENDED BY THE SEWER LINING SELECTION COMMITTEE, FOR CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION OF SEWER LININGS AND ASSOCIATED REHABILITATION OF SANITARY SEWERS FOR THE PROJECT ENTITLED "CONSTRUCTION OF SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENTS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, PWD #07-13" FOR THE NOT TO EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$1,000,000.00.

[Note for the Record (Agenda Item H-2): Following the reading of the title of the proposed Resolution into the public record by the City Manager, Public Works Director Alberto Delgado further stated the need to seal our sanitary sewer lines which have been infiltrated with water, thereby recommending the selection of Miller Pipeline Corporation for construction, installation of sewer linings and associated rehabilitation of sanitary sewers, including the pumping of same, and subsequent payment of disposal fees to Miami-Dade County; further noting that said project will double the amount of disposal fees to be paid to the County; further stating that despite the fact that our timeline for payoff for said project is roughly three years, the City will recoup said monies in future years, subsequent to said payoff period; further pointing out that the replacement lines will last approximately 50 years, given the fact that said material is a brand new (already used) material is distinguished by its durability and sealing its capability; further stating that said lining material can be replaced in sections].

**A motion was made by Commissioner Cabrera, Jr., seconded by Vice Mayor Kerdyk, Jr., that this motion be deferred by Resolution Number 2008-50. The motion passed by the following vote:**

**Yea**s : 4 - Vice Mayor Kerdyk, Jr., Commissioner Withers, Commissioner Cabrera, Jr. and Mayor Slesnick II

**Absent** : 1 - Commissioner Anderson

City Clerk Item No. 38

3. **08-0197** Update on Police Patrol

**Attachments:** [Area Patrol Analysis PP](#)  
[Verbatim Transcript - Agenda Item H-3 - Update on Police Patrol.pdf](#)

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

**This Agenda Item was Presented and Filed**

City Clerk Item No. 39

4. **08-0214** Update on the Coral Gables Country Club

**Attachments:** [Verbatim Transcript - Agenda Item H-4 - Update on Coral Gables Country Club.pdf](#)

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**This Agenda Item was Presented and Filed**

City Clerk Item No. 40

**I. CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS**

1. **08-0225** Pending Litigation Report

**Attachments:** [PENLIT 3\\_25\\_08\\_2](#)

**This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed**

City Clerk Item No. 41

**J. CITY CLERK ITEMS**

**None**

City Clerk Item No. 42

**K. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Commissioner Anderson: Two things; the February 26 Commission meeting, I asked what we could be doing for energy issues for our residents and when your City Commission Directors Report--what is your department doing to encourage energy efficiency?- and I want to apologize, I think you misunderstood me; I was trying to get to the point where, what are we doing, say for instance, do we allow within our construction of let's say, single family residential, do we allow solar water heaters?- things like that; to the smaller homes that could begin to use advanced technologies, does our Building Code address that, and if so how? Not as much about the lead certified buildings, but more of just the actual technologies, water heaters, whatever, generators, anything that can help our citizens become more energy efficient. The second thing was, and the Manager and I have discussed this pretty extensively, and we actually went and took a tour of the Granada Golf Course, and there are some issues that we discussed again yesterday that I think really need to be addressed; and maybe you can bring a report forward to the Commission. There is extensive damage to some of the "T" boxes, especially in the back holes, a lot of weed encroachment, and its starting to look - some of the greens are starting to get holes, you know, and I think this is one of our little treasures in the midst of our City; and before it gets any worse, I think we really need to take a very aggressive stance to make sure we reverse the damage. You know it was great before that other firm that went belly up and we had to replace it, things were going fine, unfortunately they didn't honor their commitment, or they couldn't honor their commitment. So I would like a report to be brought forward.

City Manager Brown: Commissioner, I'll provide a report on our actions and remedies, timetables.

Commissioner Anderson: Timetables and how we can remedy this. Thank you, that's all for me.

Mayor Slesnick: Ralph.

Commissioner Cabrera: Well, at the beginning of our meeting today, we got into that whole issue about personal appearances, policies and procedures; could you come back to us with some sort of policy and procedures as it relates to those kinds of requests that are made, because I'm curious to find out if I'm Joe Citizen, and I need to talk to the City Commission about an issue that's been bothering me for the last twenty years, and I want to do so in a Commission meeting, I want to better understand what the policy is, and by the way, I'll throw an idea out for the Commission and you don't have to respond today, you might just want to think about it; but in that process of developing a policy there should be some sort of a sponsorship by a Commission, that if in fact an individual wishes to address us, and they do so through your office, they contact your office for approval, that in order for

you to consider that approval it must be done so at the knowledge of one of the five of us; just a thought; it's a thought because what it does is it solidifies the fact that these people are coming to speak to us, the members of the City Commission, not to you, the City Manager. So just think about that.

City Manager Brown: OK, I will.

Commissioner Cabrera: Its not something I need you to act on, just food for thought; and more food for thought today, you know, after I thought about the email issue, what if the City of Coral Gables developed a program to reward citizens who give us their email addresses by - if you provide us with your email address, we will send you an electronic calendar of the City of Coral Gables depicting some of our most beautiful structures, you know, the Water Tower, the Country Club Prado, places like that, or even easier and this can all be done electronically, so it should not cost a lot of money, if you go ahead and you give us your email address, we'll send you a screen saver depicting photographs of the City of Coral Gables which includes the Venetian Pool, historic now and then pictures; you know, that's a wonderful way to get people to want to do this, and I'm sure there are a lot of citizens out there who would love to have a series of photographs of our City as screen-savers for their personal computers or work computers. So just think about that. I just read through email, I was cheating a little while ago, and I read my work email and saw that the famous implosion....

City Manager Brown: That was part of my report.

Commissioner Cabrera: OK, well you are going to give it then.

City Manager Brown: I'm going to give it.

Commissioner Cabrera: OK, well we'll wait for you. Mr. Manager I asked you to - I informally asked you to send the Commission a written memo regarding the meetings we had with Commissioner Sosa, and Gimenez, would you do that for the Commission within the next couple of weeks?

City Manager Brown: Yes, it will be out in less than two weeks.

Commissioner Cabrera: And if you need help from my office, if you need my help, I have notes, so I'd be happy to help you.

City Manager Brown: OK.

Commissioner Cabrera: And the last comment I have has to do with you know, Mrs. Anderson just finished discussing her item, and it had to do with greening initiatives; Vice Mayor Kerdyk had an item that he went ahead and deferred today with regards

to greening initiatives; I know Commissioner Withers has spoken about the greening of the museum structure; I know Mayor Slesnick has constantly been proactive in bringing greening initiatives to the Commission's attention time and time again; I'm working on a couple projects, I'm just wondering if this Commission would consider at some point in time developing a workshop for us so that we can really tackle greening initiatives as a government body rather than individually, because there is a lot of good ideas; you know Mrs. Anderson's ideas about creating incentives for residents and those that are building, to bring more energy efficient mechanism into their structures; Commissioner Withers discussion about having the Museum to be the first green public building, is that what it is Chip?-

Commissioner Withers: Yes.

Commissioner Cabrera: Nationally?

Commissioner Withers: Historic governing building.

Commissioner Cabrera: Again, Vice Mayor Kerdyk's wishes to have the item discussed today and Mayor Slesnick's ongoing reminders; I remember the last Commission meeting you brought us a reminder about the one initiative that's being done nationally to turn off the lights for one hour, is that what the number is, one hour; is it coming up or did it just happen?

Mayor Slesnick: No, it's the 29th.

Commissioner Cabrera: The 29th its coming up, yes...

Mayor Slesnick: Since you brought it up, can you put it up? We did a little twenty second thing, a young lady wrote me from a local school about earth hour and asked if we were going to do something and she is a Coral Gables resident, and I told her, gee, we just decided to do something, so she and I filmed a fifteen second commercial....

Commissioner Cabrera: Infomercial.

Mayor Slesnick: PSA, PSA. Here it is.

[VIDEOTAPE PLAYED]

Commissioner Cabrera: Don, very nice; Don, I have to tell you, your political timing, your tempo is really outstanding; I could see that as a national PSA, that was impressive, you were slick.

Mayor Slesnick: That was Larissa Weinstein

Commissioner Cabrera: Four takes, that's all it took him.

Mayor Slesnick: Larissa Weinstein, her Dad, David, is a U.S. Prosecutor.

Commissioner Cabrera: OK. Listen, thank you for doing that, and it segways into it, but I have to tell you that I really think there is an opportunity for the five of us to work together coming up with some initiatives as a government, rather than to work individually, which by the way working individually there is nothing wrong with that, but at the same time we all seem to be committed, so that's why I suggested that at some point....

Commissioner Anderson: Great idea.

Commissioner Cabrera: Thank you ma'am, maybe you can check with the rest of the members of the Commission, the one's that don't shave their legs, and then get back to me.

City Manager Brown: I will.

Mayor Slesnick: That would be a good workshop for Fairchild Tropical Garden.

Commissioner Cabrera: That would be excellent to incorporate them and the University...

Mayor Slesnick: No, I just mean as a location.

Commissioner Cabrera: Oh, as a location.

Mayor Slesnick: Because we are in the middle of one of our....I mean, it can be anywhere.

Commissioner Cabrera: I think that's a great idea, also to bring, I'll tell you two more groups that we should think about bringing in, one is the Coral Gables Chamber; Mark Trowbridge has a committee that's doing some work; and I also think that we need to reach out to the University of Miami, our own neighbors, you know, our largest tenant.

Mayor Slesnick: And by the way we might as well mention, the May breakfast for the Coral Gables Chamber will be a green breakfast, and I don't know if they are going green eggs, but they are serving type of things - green heat for the food and the person who is coming down to speak will be the head of the Commission who does lead certification or something.

Commissioner Cabrera: Very interesting. Since we are talking about green, and I'm throwing out this information to publicize one of my favorite eateries; there is a little café that opened on Alhambra, I think its two doors east of Ponce, its called the Green Gables Café, and all their food is organic, and all their stuff that they serve it with is organic, and very healthy. So if you want to go green try the Green Gables Café, it's a great place to eat. Thank you.

Mayor Slesnick: Mr. Kerdyk.

Vice Mayor Kerdyk: Mr. City Manager we talked briefly, and I'd like an update at the next Commission meeting regarding the shade structures that are supposed to be put up at the recreation facilities in the City of Coral Gables. I recognized the Recreation Board has been actively pursuing these structures, and they may or may not need a variance, but whatever it is we should try to get these structures put up prior to the summer months when the heat is so exorbitant; would you report back to me as soon as possible and follow that process along.

City Manager Brown: You want a memo?

Vice Mayor Kerdyk: A memo would be fine, but I just want you to follow the process along, so that we can expedite it prior to the summer months.

City Manager Brown: Got it.

Vice Mayor Kerdyk: That's it.

Commissioner Withers: Just a huge shout out to Frank Haith and the University of Miami Men's Basketball Team, certainly raised the bar a bit on their sweet sixteen appearance, opportunity just fell a little bit short, but a terrific season and a great group of young men, and great group of coaches and lot of admiration from my point of view; City should be proud of them. Also, I'd like to ask Liz and David to check into something, and that's exactly what we can do and what we can't do with our public access Cable TV. We talked about opportunities for revenue, opportunities, and I know there has always been some discussion about what can we do from a commercial perspective with that radio, or with that television station. If there are opportunities to maybe work with not-for-profits where we can get messages out for not-for-profits, and at the same time maybe bring some of our operating costs down, maybe through our public channel - public access. I don't know what we can do, but I'd like to see how we can maybe push the envelope on that.

City Attorney Hernandez: ...Not-for-profit especially charities....[inaudible]...

Commissioner Withers: Well, let me tell you an idea that I had, its kind of off the wall,

which I know, no comments from Ralph on that, but I always thought that a nationally syndicated charity TV station would be something really cool, and you would invite any Cancer Society, any Leukemia, whatever it was, to come in and put together a thirty minute appeal. You present a public interest story maybe to introduce your disease or your cause, a real life public life story, and then the last ten or fifteen minutes of that presentation would be an appeal. So you're getting the message out to the public and at the same time you are raising dollars. Now, if we could participate somehow in ten percent of the dollars raised or whatever to off-set the production cost of the programming, then maybe that might be an opportunity. So if we can do that on a local level maybe there is an opportunity out there on a national.

Mayor Slesnick: Following up on the comments about the basketball team, how about if we invite the coach and the team to come here to be honored by the Commission.

Vice Mayor Kerdyk: That would be good.

Commissioner Withers: Now you pushing it Don.

Mayor Slesnick: Then we'll get the Gators here later.

Commissioner Cabrera: We'll fly them down on Dave's "P" Card.

(LAUGHTER)

City Manager Brown: Mr. Mayor, members of the Commission the on again or the mobile implosion is off, Dycon Explosives Demolition, which you met a meeting or two ago, has notified us of the March 29th implosion needs to be postponed basically as a direct result of the many logistics that have to occur to be coordinated for an event like this to go off smoothly and to the wishes of the Commission. They are going to notify us back in plenty of time when they want to reintroduce the date for implosion, but it's certainly going to be in mid April or later. I will be contacting or putting out the information as soon as I know what the new date is. I would like - we had a resolution 2007-41, which set the date for that, I'd like to have a motion and a second to rescind that resolution please.

Commissioner Anderson: I'll move that.

Mayor Slesnick: Mr. Cabrera seconds.

Commissioner Cabrera: I can't, you know why because I voted against it.

City Manager Brown: Yep.

Mayor Slesnick: Ms. Anderson moves it and....

Vice Mayor Kerdyk: I'll second.

Mayor Slesnick: Mr. Kerdyk seconds, do we need a voice vote, I mean a roll call vote, Mr. Clerk?- a voice vote?

City Clerk Foeman: You can do a voice vote Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Slesnick: All those in favor of rescinding the specific authorization for March 29th please say aye.

All: Aye.

Mayor Slesnick: Any opposed like sign.

Commissioner Cabrera: Wasn't the original approval for a Sunday.

City Manager Brown: Yes, it was.

Commissioner Cabrera: That's why I voted against it.

City Manager Brown: Yes, it was for Sunday, and then as we looked at the actual footprint, we could do a better job of notifying neighbors and interrupting less people on a Saturday than a Sunday.

Vice Mayor Kerdyk: That's good.

City Manager Brown: So we didn't want to do it during, I guess, a quiet day Sunday and we could have less of a time on the closure if we started early Saturday. We'll pick up on that aspect when the implosion....

Mayor Slesnick: David, when you go back and talk to him look at that again, I don't quite understand your explanation; I don't understand how it could be less impactful on a Saturday than a Sunday, but I'm saying....whenever its less impactful we should do it. Is that it?

City Manager Brown: That's it for me.

Mayor Slesnick: One thing I would suggest to MR, if you would get a bulletin or ENEWS thing out immediately, because there are more people than you know that are planning to go out and watch the implosion, I mean, its being talked about all over town.

City Manager Brown: We'll get it out right away.

Mayor Slesnick: Just a couple of things. I had asked the City Manager and the City Attorney to look into, and I had hoped that, that's what's happening, I'm having more and more complaints from citizens about trucks being parked in their neighborhood, since we have put the ticketing on hold, while the court suit continues on the pick-up trucks; and I've asked that we look at putting warning things on people's...because people maybe going out and buying trucks and they maybe disappointed in the end depending on the results on all this. So I really think we need to put warnings on their vehicles; that our law still stands that it is illegal, but we are not enforcing it while the pending law suit, but that could change at any time.

City Manager Brown: The City Attorney and I had emailed each other to put some kind of short, but brief flyer...

Mayor Slesnick: It's not a flyer it's a ticket, but it's not a charge ticket; I'm telling you David, once we get five months, six months down the road and the court upholds our law, if that happens, you are going to have people saying, excuse me, I've been parking my car here for six months, I never knew it was against the law, how can you now tell me it's against the law; I think if we are ever going to enforce this ordinance again, if we are, that we need to continue to warn people that there is an ordinance that they are parking illegally, but they were not enforcing it with fines right now because of a lawsuit. It is critical.

City Manager Brown: OK.

City Attorney Hernandez: We discussed that and I know that we've been working on it in my office.

Mayor Slesnick: One of the things for IT, if we are going to cut down I thought that Commissioner Cabrera that did it well, he told off a local Internet news person that one of the things about his criticism of our computers where we are trying to save paper, it would really help if we could start cutting down on paper if these agenda icons were put on my office computer....

City Manager Brown: OK.

Mayor Slesnick: ...and on my other computer in the office I use, so that I can start going early to the agenda and reading....you know Lillian publishes the agenda, but that's just the agenda, this icon takes me to where I can go to all the backup material and everything...

City Manager Brown: Got it.

Mayor Slesnick:... and then you can stop sending me the paper if I get that.

City Manager Brown: That's a good point, if I could ask because I had forgotten it on my other piece of paper, how many people would, if I got the agenda packets to all computers would no longer require the paper packet?-one, Mr. Mayor two, three....

Commissioner Withers: I think that these spreadsheets and stuff we still need, they are hard to see on this.

City Manager Brown: OK.

Mayor Slesnick: There are some things you'll still want.

Commissioner Anderson: You all need to decide on...

City Manager Brown: Yes, we'll contact everybody to make sure where the computers are that you want the icon on.

Mayor Slesnick: I think that's fine; anything else?- if not, I thank you all for being with us here for these last four hours, and we will be back the fifth Tuesday of the month rather than the fourth, we'll be back late in the month - where are we - I'm sorry, we'll be back in two weeks and then we'll be back the fifth Tuesday, so it's the second and fifth Tuesday in April. Thank you.

City Clerk Item No. 43

### **Non Agenda Item**

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2008-51**

**NA.K. 08-0232** Resolution to rescind Resolution No. 2008-41 (to implode the remains of the building structure located at 2801 Ponce De Leon Boulevard, on March 30, 2008, beginning 7:30 a.m.)

**Attachments:** [Signed Resolution - 2008-51.pdf](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Vice Mayor Kerdyk, Jr., that this motion be adopted by Resolution Number 2008-51. The motion passed unanimously.**

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

City Clerk Item No. 44

**ADJOURNMENT**

[Note for the Record: There being no further business on the Regular Commission Meeting agenda, the Commission of the City of Coral Gables adjourned its meeting at 12:40 p.m. on March 25, 2008. The next regular meeting of the City Commission has been scheduled for April 8, 2008, beginning 9 a.m.]

DONALD D. SLESNICK  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

WALTER J. FOEMAN  
CITY CLERK