

# City of Coral Gables

*City of Coral Gables  
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Coral Gables, FL 33134  
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## Agenda

**Tuesday, September 11, 2007**

**9:06 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*

**INVOCATION**

*Pastor Thom Shafer, First United Methodist Church of Coral Gables*

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

*Teddy Murphy, 6th Grade Student, Ramson Everglades School*

**A. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS**

- A.-1. [07-0849](#) Congratulations to Teddy Murphy, elected to participate in the Junior National Young Leaders Conference in Washington, D. C.
- A.-2. [07-0835](#) Recognition of Mr. Steve Edelstein for the recent promotion to rank of Officer of the National Order of Merit, bestowed by the President of the French Republic
- A.-3. [07-0822](#) Presentation of medals and plaques to the members of the winning City of Coral Gables Employee teams in the 2007 Mercedes-Benz Corporate Run.

**B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- B.-1. [07-0710](#) Regular City Commission Meeting of May 8, 2007
- B.-2. [07-0825](#) Regular City Commission Meeting of May 22, 2007
- B.-3. [07-0826](#) Regular City Commission Meeting of August 28, 2007
- B.-4. [07-0827](#) Second Budget Workshop Meeting of August 29, 2007

**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.*

- C.-1. [07-0784](#) Resolution confirming the reappointment of Michael W. Beeman (Board-As-A-Whole appointment), to serve as a member of the Historic Preservation Board, for a two (2) year term, beginning June 1, 2007 through May 31, 2009.
- C.-2. [07-0785](#) Resolution confirming the reappointment of Marie Vacca (Board-As-A-Whole appointment), to serve as a member of the Coral Gables Merrick House Governing Board, for a two (2) year term, beginning June 1, 2007 through May 31, 2009.

- C.-3. [07-0823](#) Resolution of the City Commission appointing Danny Rosario (nominated by Commissioner Anderson) to serve the remaining balance of the term as a member of the Emergency Management Division; further specifying the order of succession from amongst the remaining interim successors appointed by Commissioner Anderson during said term, which began June 1, 2007 through May 31, 2009.
- C.-4. [07-0824](#) Resolution of the City Commission appointing Doug Austin and Ed Bowen (both nominated by Vice Mayor Kerdyk) to serve the remaining balance of their term as members of the Emergency Management Division; further specifying the order of succession from amongst the remaining interim successors appointed by Vice Mayor Kerdyk during said term, which began on June 1, 2007 through May 31, 2009.

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

- C.-5. [07-0797](#) Budget/Audit Advisory Board Meeting of July 26, 2007
- C.-6. [07-0798](#) Budget/Audit Advisory Board Meeting of August 9, 2007
- C.-7. [07-0697](#) Economic Development Board Meeting of June 6, 2007
- C.-8. [07-0820](#) Emergency Management Board Meeting of August 16, 2007
- C.-9. [07-0811](#) International Affairs Coordinating Council Meeting of August 30, 2007
- C.-10. [07-0815](#) Parking Advisory Board Meeting of July 26, 2007
- C.-11. [07-0845](#) Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting of August 21, 2007
- C.-12. [07-0833](#) Public Safety Advisory Board Meeting of July 10, 2007
- C.-13. [07-0806](#) School and Community Relations Committee Meeting of August 28, 2007
- C.-14. [07-0843](#) Senior Citizens Advisory Board Meeting of August 6, 2007
- C.-15. [07-0844](#) Youth Advisory Board Meeting of August 17, 2007

**D. PERSONAL APPEARANCES**

**None**

**E. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

*All Individuals desiring to give testimony shall be sworn in.*

**E.-1. [07-0680](#)**

Board of Architects Appeal - Application No. 31978-3 (Deferred from the August 28, 2007 Meeting)

The firm of Downs Brill Whitehead, Applicant, has filed an appeal to the Coral Gables City Commission, from a decision of the Board of Architects at its regular meeting of July 12, 2007, wherein the Board denied Application No. 31978-3, in connection with the installation of a tenant sign on the wall of the office building located at 55 Miracle Mile.

Summary of Appeal:

The Board of Architects denied a request for installation of Tenant Sign on the wall of the Office Building located at 55 Miracle Mile, legally described in folio 03-4108-100-2250

The applicant is appealing the denial of the following:

Denial of installation of Tenant Sign on the wall of the Office Building indicated above pursuant to Article 5, Division 6, Section 5.601, 5.602 and Section 5.603 as well as Article 5, Division 19, Section 5-1901, Paragraph A-1 through A-5 and the table on Article 5, Division 19, Section 5-1904 (page 5-87) of the Coral Gables Zoning Code.

**E.-2. [07-0802](#)**

Ordinance on Second Reading. An Ordinance of the City Commission of the City of Coral Gables, amending and updating the official Zoning Code, Ordinance No. 2007-01, as amended, of the City of Coral Gables, Florida, for the purpose of correcting scrivener's errors; providing a repealer provision, a savings clause and a severability clause, and providing for an effective date.

**E.-3. [07-0821](#)**

Ordinance on Second Reading. An Ordinance of the City Commission of the City 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 the Uruguay Round Agreements Act (GATT), the Uniform Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994 (USERRA), the Small Business Job Protection Act of 1996 (SBJPA), the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997 (TRA 97), the Internal Service Restructuring and Reform Act of 1998 and the Community Renewal Tax Relief Act of 2000 (CRA); an effective date and repealing all ordinances inconsistent herewith. (Passed on First Reading September 11, 2007)

**F. CITY COMMISSION ITEMS**

**None**

**G. BOARDS/COMMITTEES ITEMS**

**None**

**H. CITY MANAGER ITEMS**

- H.-1. [07-0814](#) Resolution ratifying the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Coral Gables and the Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge Number 7, for the contract period from October 1, 2005 to September 30, 2006.
- H.-2. [07-0816](#) Resolution ratifying the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Coral Gables and the Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge Number 7, for the contract period from October 1, 2006 to September 30, 2007.
- H.-3. [07-0818](#) Resolution ratifying the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Coral Gables and the Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge Number 7, for the contract period from October 1, 2007 to September 30, 2008.

**I. CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS**

- I.-1. [07-0801](#) Resolution amending Resolution No. R-2003-164 to exempt certain additional boards and committees from both the City and Miami-Dade County Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics Ordinances and from the City's Procurement Ordinance.
- I.-2. [07-0846](#) Resolution directing the City Attorney to prepare an Ordinance amending the City Charter to delete Section 22, of the City Charter which is entitled "Authority Over Officers and Employees; Removal Suspension Removal, Suspension, Reduction; requests for cause and hearing; Trial Board"; and calling for the holding of a Special Municipal Election on January 29, 2008, for the submission to the qualified electors of the City of Coral Gables.

**J. CITY CLERK ITEMS**

**None**

**K. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

*This time is for informal discussion among the City Commissioners, the City Manager and the City Attorney.*

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Any person who acts as a lobbyist pursuant to the City of Coral Gables Ordinance No. 2006-11, must register with the City Clerk, prior to engaging in lobbying activities before city staff, boards, committees and/or the City Commission. A copy of the Ordinance is available in the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall.*

*Any person, or persons, wishing to appeal any decision made by the City Commission with respect to any matter considered at this meeting or hearing, will require a verbatim record of the proceeding upon which the appeal is based. Interested persons should, therefore, take the necessary steps to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made which contains the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is based.*

*Any person making impertinent or slanderous remarks or who become boisterous while addressing the Commission, shall be barred from further audience before the Commission by the Chair, unless permission to continue or again address the Commission is granted by the majority vote of the Commission Members present. Clapping, applauding, heckling or verbal outbursts or any remarks in support or opposition to a speaker shall be prohibited. Signs or placards shall not be permitted in Commission Chambers.*

*Any person requiring special accommodations for participation in the meeting should contact R. Alberto Delgado, Public Works Director, at 305-460-5001, with requests for auxiliary aids or services at least one business day before the meeting.*

**David L. Brown**  
**City Manager**