

City of Coral Gables

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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 11, 2016

9:00 AM

City Hall, Commission Chambers

City Commission

*Mayor Jim Cason
Vice Mayor Frank C. Quesada
Commissioner Patricia Keon
Commissioner Vince Lago
Commissioner Jeannett Slesnick*

*Cathy Swanson-Rivenbark, City Manager
Craig E. Leen, City Attorney
Walter J. Foeman, City Clerk*

ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Mayor Cason, Commissioner Keon, Commissioner Lago, Commissioner Quesada and Commissioner Slesnick

INVOCATION

Moment of Silence in memory of the victims of Hurricane Matthew.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Jeannett Slesnick led the Pledge of Allegiance.

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

The following minutes summary includes all presentations made, and actions taken which information is supplemented by the following exhibits on file in the Office of the City Clerk, and which are by reference made a part of the record herein: (a) Ordinance(s) adopted (Ordinance No. 2016-49 through Ordinance No. 2016-50) (b) Resolution(s) adopted (Resolution No. 2016-227 through Resolution No. 2016-237); (c) Video; (d) Audio Recording; (e) Minutes Folder with Agenda and background information, including items which were submitted at the meeting.

A. PRESENTATIONS AND PROTOCOL DOCUMENTS**Agenda Items A-1-and I-1 are related.**

- A.-1. [16-5410](#) Presentation of a Proclamation declaring October 2016 as "Americans with Disabilities Month" in Coral Gables.

[Note for the Record: Following Mayor Cason's reading the title to Agenda Item 1(i.e., Presentation of a Proclamation declaring October 2016 as "Americans with Disabilities Month" in Coral Gables.), he read the proclamation into the public record; following same, Mayor Cason read an excerpt from the bio of Ernie Martinez with the Center for Independent Living (CIL). Commission Keon asked that City Attorney Craig Leen join the discussion, as he has become our conscience on how we serve the different members in our community, further expressing gratitude for his leadership helping make us a community of inclusion. Ernie Martinez thanked the Commission for the opportunity to speak, and further stated that in every neighborhood there is a person with a disability, and it could be a parent, grandparent or child, and that some disabilities are impossible to identify; however, he said he brings the good news that every disability fosters amazing abilities, and that we acquire abilities just from having our disabilities. Mr. Martinez stated that a local champion Bonnie Blaire and Coral Gables Advisory Board set on a mission to have a place where people with disabilities may come out and quickly discover what their special abilities may be in partnership with CIL of South Florida. Mr. Martinez also said he discovered that the City has many champions. He cited Chief Hudak whose stellar department is doing amazing things that other departments should copy. He also cited Craig Leen, Stephanie Throckmorton, Raquel Elejabarrieta, your ADA Coordinator, and Dona Spain and applauded the City, the Commission today for proclaiming its unwavering support and commitment to inclusion of people living with disabilities. Commissioner Keon then introduced SallyBaumgartner, the Chair of the Disability Advisory Committee and asked her introduce her Board Members. Ms. Baumgartner said the City's support has been unwavering, and we are very proud to have the Satellite Office of the CIL located at the Youth Center, and we will work hard to ensure that people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to enjoy the benefits of living in the Gables. Ms. Baumgartner introduced her Board Member Marie Whitehurst, a Citizen Advisor and acknowledged Ernie Martinez and Craig Leen, respectively.]

This Presentation/Protocol Document was Presented and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 2

A.-2. [16-5411](#)

Presentation of a Proclamation declaring October 9, 2016 through October 15, 2016 as "Fire Prevention Week" in Coral Gables.

[Note for the Record: Following Mayor Cason's reading the title to Agenda Item 2(i.e., Presentation of a Proclamation declaring October 9, 2016 through October 15, 2016 as "Fire Prevention Week" in Coral Gables), he read the proclamation into the public record; following same, Deputy Chief Marco de la Rosa stated that we still have home fires that we have not been able to prevent outright, further, stating that smoke detectors are the greatest lifesaver next to sprinklers and reiterated the Mayor's statements that everyone needs to make sure that their home is protected by smoke detectors, and you are attentive to in maintaining it and making sure it's up-to-date. Chief de la Rosa invited the Commission to join the department next week for the Opening Ceremony at the Youth Center for Fire Prevention Week," where the department host over 2,000 children educating them in Fire Safety as this is where it starts, Fire Prevention in the home. Vice Mayor Quesada asked about the fire at 90 Edgewater and whether there was a fire alarm present. Chief de la Rosa answered that the building had a fire alarm that alerted residents to evacuate, and said that the buildings sprinkler system contained the fire, further noting that the fire displaced 900 people, and the building is still recovering from the fire. Vice Mayor Quesada stated that's why is important to check your batteries on your smoke detectors.]

This Presentation/Protocol Document was Presented and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 1

A.-3. [16-5409](#)

Congratulations to Lt. Jason Barger, recipient of the City of Coral Gables "Firefighter of the Month Award," for the month of October, 2016.

Attachments: [Cover Memo, FF of Month, Oct](#)
[Notification Letter, FF of Month, October](#)

[Note for the Record: Following Mayor Cason's reading of the title to Agenda Item 3 (Congratulations to Lt. Jason Barger, recipient of the City of Coral Gables "Firefighter of the Month Award," for the month of October, 2016), Deputy Chief de la Rosa said on behalf of Chief Stolzenberg, it was his honor and pleasure to introduce Lt. Jason Barger as the Firefighter of the Month for October, for his outstanding display of initiative in orchestrating the Coral Gables Fire Department's participation in the Tunnel to Tower 5K, benefiting the Stephen Siller Foundation in helping firefighters in burn units and wounded warriors who come back from war. Deputy Chief de la Rosa explained that Stephen Siller was New York City firefighter who was off-duty, who donned his gear and ran through a tunnel into Manhattan and ultimately to the Twin Towers, where he perished. The Miami event signifies what Stephen Siller did by starting at the Miami Tunnel and going to one of the towers in Miami. Deputy Chief de la Rosa further stated that Lieutenant Barger is an accomplished firefighter here and participates in the FEMA, Extrication and Advanced Life Support Teams, and added that Lieutenant Barger was the first firefighter to complete the 5K, the climbing the tower carrying 100 pounds of additional weight from his bunker gear and air-tanks. Chief de la Rosa stated for his feats at the Tower-Tunnel Competition, his orchestrating the Fire Department's participation and for making us proud, Lieutenant Barger has been selected as Employee of the Month.

Lieutenant Barger thanked Deputy Chief de la Rosa, the Fire Department and Mayor Cason and the City Commission for allowing him to receive this award. Deputy Chief de la Rosa said that he is joined by his lovely wife and children.]

This Presentation/Protocol Document was Presented and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 5

- A.-4. [16-5427](#) Congratulations to the Finance Department represented by Diana M. Gomez, Finance Director, recipient of the Government Finance Officers Association's Certificate of Achievement Award, for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2015.

Attachments: [Agenda - Presentation of CAFR Award 2015](#)
[GFOA Correspondence for CAFR 2015](#)

[Note for the Record: Following Mayor Cason's reading the title to Agenda Item 4 (Congratulations to the Finance Department represented by Diana M. Gomez, Finance Director, recipient of the Government Finance Officers Association's Certificate of Achievement Award, for the Fiscal Year ended September 30, 2015), City Manager Cathy Swanson-Rivenbark said that the Commission challenged the City Administration to regain the Triple A Bond Rating that had been lost. She further stated to accomplish the Triple A Rating, we made a commitment to decrease the unfunded liability of the Pension Plan, maintain a 25 percent reserve (currently \$25,000,000) and maintain transparency. City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark said that it was accomplished by the Budget and Audit Advisory Committee and the Finance Department best represented by the Director herself, namely Diana Gomez. Finance Director Diana Gomez said that this was really done by the whole department, especially Assistant Finance Director Sally Ola Ola and the Accounting Division. Commissioner Lago also wanted to recognize the efforts of Mayor Cason and Vice Mayor Quesada, who five years ago helped set the course for the City with assistance of the Finance Department, who implemented the policy to increase the fund balance to regain the bond rating Mayor Cason thanked Finance Director Gomez for clarifying the Finance Statements and her work and that of her staff. Commissioner Slesnick thanked Finance Director Gomez for her help explaining the budget to her during the past year.]

This Presentation/Protocol Document was Presented and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 6

- Non [16-5462](#)
Agenda

Proclamation in recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

This Presentation/Protocol Document was Presented and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 4

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

B.-1. [16-5396](#) Regular City Commission Meeting of September 13, 2016.

- Attachments:** [Signed Meeting Minutes - 09-13-2016](#)
[CCMtg September 13 2016 - Agenda Item F-2 - Discussion regarding the modifica](#)
[CCMtg September 13 2016 - Agenda item F-3 - Discussiono by Comm Lago relat](#)
[CCMtg September 13 2016 - Agenda Item H-1 - Reso to award Internal Auditing S](#)
[CCMtg September 13 2016 - Agenda Item H-2 - Reso accepting recommendation](#)
[CCMtg September 13 2016 - Agenda Item I-1 - Litigation Report](#)
[CCMtg September 13 2016 - Agenda Item I-2 - Justice Advocate Report](#)
[CCMtg September 13 2016 - Agenda Item I-3 - Sea Level Rise Update](#)
[CCMtg Sept 13 2016 - Agenda Item I-4 - City Commission review of the conditions](#)
[CCMtg September 13 2016 - Agenda Item E-1 - Emergency Ordinance to take rer](#)
[CCMtg September 13 2016 - Agenda Item E-2 - Zoning Code Text Amendment D](#)
[CCMtg September 13 2016 - Agenda Item E-3 - Reso relating to collection and dis](#)
[CCMtg September 13 2016 - Agenda Item E-4 - Reso relating to provision of fire p](#)
[CCMtg September 13 2016 - Agenda Item F-1 - Discussion with Rebecca Sosa M](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Lago, seconded by Commissioner Slesnick, that this matter be approved. The motion passed by the following vote.

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

City Clerk Item No. 7

B.-2. [16-5397](#) Budget Hearing of September 13, 2016.

- Attachments:** [Signed Budget Hearing Minutes - 09-13-2016](#)
[CCMtg Sept 13 2016 - Agenda Item 2 - Public Hearing for obtaining comments rel](#)
[CCMtg Sept 13 2016 - Agenda Item 3 - Ordinance levying taxes for FY 2016-2017](#)
[CCMtg Sept 13 2016 - Agenda Item 4 - Ordinance adopting Annual Budget for FY](#)
[CCMtg Sept 13 2016 - Agenda Item 1 - Presentation of proposed FY 2016-2017 C](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Lago, seconded by Commissioner Slesnick, that this matter be approved. The motion passed by the following vote.

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

City Clerk Item No. 8

C. CONSENT AGENDA

All items listed within this section entitled "Consent Agenda" are considered to be self-explanatory and are not expected to require additional review or discussion, unless a member of the City Commission or a citizen so requests, in which case, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered along with the regular order of business. Hearing no objections to the items listed under the "Consent Agenda", a vote on the adoption of the Consent Agenda will be taken.

Passed the Consent Agenda

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-228**C.-1. [16-5419](#)**

A Resolution appointing Blake Sando (Nominated by Commissioner Lago) to serve as a member of the Coral Gables Advisory Board on Disability Affairs, for the remainder of a two (2) year term, which began on June 1, 2015 and continues through May 31, 2017.

Attachments: [R-2016 Draft- Blake Sando - Coral Gables Advisory Board on Disability Affairs](#)
[Blake Sando Resume](#)
[Signed Cover Memo - Blake Sando](#)
[Signed Resolution 2016-228](#)

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING BLAKE SANDO (NOMINATED BY COMMISSIONER VINCE LAGO) TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE CORAL GABLES ADVISORY BOARD ON DISABILITY AFFAIRS, FOR THE REMAINDER OF A TWO (2) YEAR TERM, WHICH BEGAN ON JUNE 1, 2015 AND CONTINUES THROUGH MAY 31, 2017.

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2016-228 on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 9

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-229C.-2. [16-5420](#)

A Resolution authorizing the Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce to sell alcoholic beverages at Fred B. Hartnett Ponce Circle Park on Thursday, November 3, 2016, from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., during the "Burgerliscious" event, to benefit the Coral Gables Community Foundation, subject to Florida Department of Professional Regulation Requirements.

Attachments: [Resolution for Burgerliscious Permit](#)
[Signed Cover Sheet for Burgerliscious.doc](#)
[Signed Resolution 2016-229](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CORAL GABLES CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO SELL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AT FRED B. HARTNETT PONCE CIRCLE PARK ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2016, FROM 6:00 P.M. TO 10:00 P.M. DURING THE "BURGERLISCIOUS" EVENT, TO BENEFIT THE CORAL GABLES COMMUNITY FOUNDATION, SUBJECT TO FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION REQUIREMENTS.

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2016-229 on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 10

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-230C.-3. [16-5424](#)

A Resolution granting permission to the Coral Gables Firefighter's Benevolent Association to sell Christmas trees, install a temporary chain link fence and display an inflatable Santa Claus on the Coral Gables Baptist Church property, located at 5501 Granada Boulevard, starting on or about November 22 through December 24, 2016.

Attachments: [Resolution for christmas trees](#)
[Christmas tree sale attachments](#)
[Signed Cover Memo-Christmas Tree Sale 2016](#)
[Signed Resolution 2016-230](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION GRANTING PERMISSION TO THE CORAL GABLES FIREFIGHTER'S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION TO SELL CHRISTMAS TREES, INSTALL A TEMPORARY CHAIN LINK FENCE AND DISPLAY AN INFLATABLE SANTA CLAUS ON THE CORAL GABLES BAPTIST CHURCH PROPERTY, LOCATED AT 5501 GRANADA BOULEVARD, STARTING ON OR ABOUT NOVEMBER 22 THROUGH DECEMBER 24, 2016.

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2016-230 on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 11

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

1.-1. Communications Committee Meeting of September 15, 2016.

Attachments: [Agendaitemoctober2016](#)
[Minutes September 2016](#)

This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 12

1.-2. [16-5418](#) Construction Regulation Board Meeting of August 8, 2016.

Attachments: [AUGUST 8 2016 - CRB](#)
[MEMBER ATTENDANCE 2016 - AUGUST](#)

This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 13

1.-3. [16-5417](#) Economic Development Board Meeting of September 7, 2016.

Attachments: [09-07-16 DRAFT EDB Minutes](#)

This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 14

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-231

**Non
Agenda** [16-5463](#)

A Resolution appointing Alicia Bache-Wiig (Nominated by Commissioner Vince Lago), to Serve as a member of the Historic PReservation Board, for the remainder of a two (2) year term, which began on June 1, 2015 and continues through May 31, 2017.

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING ALICIA BACHE-WIIG (NOMINATED BY COMMISSIONER VINCE LAGO), TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD, FOR THE REMAINDER OF A TWO (2) YEAR TERM, WHICH BEGAN ON JUNE 1, 2015 AND CONTINUES THROUGH MAY 31, 2017.

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2016-231 on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 15

D. PERSONAL APPEARANCES

None

City Clerk Item No. 16

E. PUBLIC HEARINGS**EMERGENCY ORDINANCE**

Time Certain 10:30am (Agenda Items E-1 and H-2 are related).

ORDINANCE NO. 2016-50

E.-1. [16-5428](#)

An Ordinance amending Chapter 50 of the Code of the City of Coral Gables, entitled "Pensions," amending Section 50-27, Purchase of Credited Service for Period of Military Service and/or Employment With Other Public Employers and providing for repealer provision, severability clause, codification, and providing for an effective date (the sole purpose of this Ordinance is to incorporate the pension change agreed upon in the 2014-2017 Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City and International Association of Fire Fighters).

Attachments: [Signed Cover Memo - Pensions - Section 50-27](#)
[Draft Ordinance - Pensions - Section 50-27](#)
[Signed Ordinance 2016-50](#)
[CCMtq October 11 2016 - Agenda Item E-1 and H-2 are related - Collective Barga](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Keon, seconded by Commissioner Lago, that this matter be approved as an Ordinance on First Reading. The motion passed by the following vote.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2016-50

Attachments: [Signed Cover Memo - Pensions - Section 50-27](#)
[Draft Ordinance - Pensions - Section 50-27](#)
[Signed Ordinance 2016-50](#)
[CCMtq October 11 2016 - Agenda Item E-1 and H-2 are related - Collective Barga](#)

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 50 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, ENTITLED "PENSIONS"; AMENDING SECTION 50-27, PURCHASE OF CREDITED SERVICE FOR PERIOD OF MILITARY SERVICE AND/OR EMPLOYMENT WITH OTHER PUBLIC EMPLOYERS; AND PROVIDING FOR REPEALER PROVISION, SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, CODIFICATION, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (THE SOLE PURPOSE OF THIS ORDINANCE IS TO INCORPORATE THE PENSION CHANGE AGREED UPON IN THE 2014-2017 COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND IAFF).

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Keon, seconded by Commissioner Lago, that this matter be adopted by Ordinance Number 2016-50. The motion passed by the following vote.

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

City Clerk Item No. 21

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING

ORDINANCE NO. 2016-49

E.-2. [16-5241](#)

An Ordinance of the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida providing for text amendments to the City of Coral Gables Official Zoning Code, by amending Article 5, "Development Standards," amending Section 5-2601, "Bed and Breakfast establishments" to modify the existing Bed and Breakfast establishments standards and criteria to allow for viable Bed and Breakfast establishments; providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, codification, and providing for an effective date. (07.13.16 PZB recommended approval; Vote 7-0)

Attachments: [Exhibit A 09.28.16 CC 1st Reading - Draft Ordinance - Bed and Breakfast](#)
[Exhibit B Bed and Breakfast Zoning Code Text Amendment Staff Report and Attach](#)
[Exhibit C 07.13.16 Planning and Zoning Board Meeting Minutes](#)
[Exhibit D 09.28.16 City Commission Powerpoint Presentation](#)
[09 28 16 Signed CC Bed and Breakfast Zoning Code Text Amendment 1st Reading](#)
[10 11 16 Signed CC Bed and Breakfast Zoning Code Text Amendment 2nd Reading](#)
[Exhibit A 10.11.16 CC 2nd Reading - Draft Ordinance - Bed and Breakfast](#)
[Division 26. Bed and Breakfast Establishments](#)
[Signed Ordinance 2016-49](#)
[CCMtg October 11 2016 - Agenda Item E-2 - Ordinance providing for text amendments](#)
[CCMtg September 28 2016 - Agenda Item E-4 - Ordinance providing for text amendments](#)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA PROVIDING FOR TEXT AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES OFFICIAL ZONING CODE, BY AMENDING ARTICLE 5, "DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS," AMENDING SECTION 5-2601, "BED AND BREAKFAST ESTABLISHMENTS" TO MODIFY THE EXISTING BED AND BREAKFAST ESTABLISHMENTS STANDARDS AND CRITERIA TO ALLOW FOR VIABLE BED AND BREAKFAST ESTABLISHMENTS; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER PROVISION, PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, CODIFICATION, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Lago, seconded by Commissioner Slesnick, that this matter be adopted by Ordinance Number 2016-49. The motion passed by the following vote.

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

City Clerk Item No. 18

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING**Agenda Items E-3 and E-4 are related.****ORDINANCE NO. 2016-51**

- E.-3.** [16-5412](#) An Ordinance of the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida requesting an amendment to the Future Land Use Map of the City of Coral Gables Comprehensive Plan pursuant to Zoning Code Article 3, "Development Review", Division 15, "Comprehensive Plan Text and Map Amendments", and Small Scale amendment procedures (ss. 163.3187, Florida Statutes), from "Public Buildings and Grounds" to "Commercial High-Rise Intensity" for the property legally described as Lots 1-12 and 27-38, Block 18, Coral Gables Crafts Section (2801 Salzedo Street), Coral Gables, Florida; providing a repealer provision, severability clause, and providing for an effective date. (current Public Safety Building) (09 14 16 PZB recommended approval; Vote 5-1)

Attachments: [10 11 16 Exhibit A - Draft Ordinance - Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment](#)
 [10 11 16 Exhibit B - Draft Ordinance - Zoning Code Map Amendment](#)
 [10 11 16 Exhibit C - 09 14 16 PZB Staff Report and recommendation with attachr](#)
 [10 11 16 Exhibit D - 09 14 16 PZB Minutes](#)
 [10 11 16 Exhibit E - PowerPoint Presentation](#)
 [Signed Cover Memo - 10 11 16 - First Reading - 2801 Salzedo Street](#)
 [10 25 16 Exhibit A - Draft Ordinance - Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment](#)
 [10 25 16 Exhibit B - Draft Ordinance - Zoning Code Map Amendment](#)
 [10 25 16 Signed CC Cover Memo- Public Safety Building \(2801 Salzedo St\) CP a](#)
 [Signed Ordinance 2016-51](#)
 [CCMtg October 25 2016 - Agenda Items E-1 E-2 and H-2 are related Ordinances](#)
 [CCMtg October 11 2016 - Agenda Items E-3 and E-4 are related - Ordinance requ](#)

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Item E-3 & E-4 is available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk and in Legistar].

A motion was made by Commissioner Lago, seconded by Vice Mayor Quesada, that this matter be approved as an Ordinance on First Reading. The motion passed by the following vote.

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

City Clerk Item No. 24

ORDINANCE NO. 2016-52

- E.-4.** [16-5413](#) An Ordinance of the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida requesting a change of zoning pursuant to Zoning Code Article 3, "Development Review", Division 14, "Zoning Code Text and Map Amendments", from Special Use District (S) to Commercial District (C) for the property legally described as Lots 1-12 and 27-38, Block 18, Coral Gables Crafts Section (2801 Salzedo Street), Coral Gables, Florida; providing a repealer provision, severability clause, and providing for an effective date. (current Public Safety Building) (09 14 16 PZB recommended approval; Vote 5-1)

Attachments: [10 11 16 Exhibit A - Draft Ordinance - Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment](#)
[10 11 16 Exhibit B - Draft Ordinance - Zoning Code Map Amendment](#)
[10 11 16 Exhibit C - 09 14 16 PZB Staff Report and recommendation with attachr](#)
[10 11 16 Exhibit D - 09 14 16 PZB Minutes](#)
[10 11 16 Exhibit E - PowerPoint Presentation](#)
[Signed Cover Memo - 10 11 16 - First Reading - 2801 Salzedo Street](#)
[10 25 16 Exhibit A - Draft Ordinance - Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment](#)
[10 25 16 Exhibit B - Draft Ordinance - Zoning Code Map Amendment](#)
[10 25 16 Signed CC Cover Memo- Public Safety Building \(2801 Salzedo St\) CP a](#)
[Signed Ordinance 2016-52](#)
[CCMtg October 25 2016 - Agenda Items E-1 E-2 and H-2 are related Ordinances](#)
[CCMtg October 11 2016 - Agenda Items E-3 and E-4 are related - Ordinance requ](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Keon, seconded by Commissioner Lago, that this matter be approved as an Ordinance on First Reading. The motion passed by the following vote.

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

City Clerk Item No. 25

ORDINANCE NO. 2016-53

E.-5. [16-5414](#)

An Ordinance of the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida providing for text amendments to the City of Coral Gables Official Zoning Code, Article 3, "Development Review," Division 3, "Uniform Notice and Procedures for Public Hearing," Section 3-302, "Notice" amending the public hearing notification requirements for Zoning Code Text Amendments that change the actual list of permitted, conditional, or prohibited uses within a zoning category; providing a repealer provision, severability clause, codification, and providing for an effective date. (09 14 16 PZB recommended approval; Vote 6-0)

Attachments: [10 11 16 Exhibit A - Draft Ordinance](#)
[10 11 16 Exhibit B - 09 14 16 PZB Staff Report and recommendation with attachm](#)
[10 11 16 Exhibit C - 09 14 16 PZB Minutes](#)
[Signed CC Cover Memo - 10 11 16 CC - Public Hearing Notification Requirements](#)
[10 25 16 Exhibit A - Draft Ordinance](#)
[10 25 16 Signed CC Cover Memo - Public Hearing Notification Requirements ZC](#)
[Signed Ordinance 2016-53](#)
[CCMtg October 25 2016 - Agenda Item E-3 - Ordinance providing for text amendn](#)
[CCMtg October 11 2016 - Agenda Item E-5 - Ordinance providing for text amendn](#)

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Item E-5 is available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk and in Legistar].

A motion was made by Commissioner Keon, seconded by Commissioner Lago, that this matter be approved as an Ordinance on First Reading. The motion passed by the following vote.

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

City Clerk Item No. 26

ORDINANCE NO. 2016-55

- E.-6. [16-5423](#) An Ordinance of the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida, amending Section 2-198 of the City of Coral Gables code, allowing for all elected and appointed officials to administer oaths, providing a repealer provision, severability clause, codification, enforceability and providing for an effective date.

Attachments: [Draft Ordinance - Section 2-198](#)
[Signed Cover Memo - Section 2-198](#)
[Signed Cover Memo - Section 2-198 - 2nd Reading](#)
[Draft Ordinance - Section 2-198 - 2nd Reading](#)
[Signed Ordinance 2016-55](#)
[CCMtg October 25 2016 - Agenda Item E-6 - Ordinance amending Section 2-198](#)
[CCMtg October 11 2016 - Agenda Item E-6 - Ordinance amending Section 2-198](#)

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Item E-6 is available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk and in Legistar].

A motion was made by Commissioner Lago, seconded by Commissioner Keon, that this matter be approved as an Ordinance on First Reading. The motion passed by the following vote.

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

City Clerk Item No. 22

RESOLUTIONS**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-232 (As Amended)**

- E.-7. [16-5415](#) A Resolution of the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida requesting mixed use site plan conditional use review pursuant to Zoning Code Article 4, "Zoning Districts", Division 2, "Overlay and Special Purpose Districts", Section 4-201, "Mixed Use District (MXD)", for the mixed use project referred to as "The Henry" on the property legally described as Lots 22-38, Block 2, Industrial Section (4015 - 4131 Laguna Street), Coral Gables, Florida; including required conditions and providing for an effective date. (09 14 16 PZB recommended approval; Vote 5-0)

Attachments: [10 11 16 Exhibit A Applicants Submittal The Henry](#)
[10 11 16 Exhibit B Resolution](#)
[10 11 16 Exhibit C 09 14 16 Staff Report - The Henry with attachment b thru e](#)
[10 11 16 Exhibit D 09 14 16 PZB Minutes](#)
[10 11 16 Exhibit E Commission Powerpoint](#)
[Signed 10 11 16 CC Cover Memo - The Henry](#)
[CCMtg Oct 11 2016 - Agenda Item E-7 - Resolution requesting mixed use site plan R-2016-232 Signed](#)

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Item E-7 is available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk and in Legistar].

A motion was made by Commissioner Lago, seconded by Commissioner Keon, that this matter be adopted as amended by Resolution Number 2016-232. The motion passed by the following vote.

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

City Clerk Item No. 19

F. CITY COMMISSION ITEMS

None

City Clerk Item No. 27

G. BOARDS/COMMITTEES ITEMS

None

City Clerk Item No. 28

H. CITY MANAGER ITEMS**Time Certain 10:00am (Agenda Item H-1).**

- H.-1. [16-5416](#) Presentation of the draft 2016 Downtown Retail Strategy report prepared by Downtown Works, LLC, in collaboration with the City's Economic Development Department, Coral Gables Business Improvement District (BID) and Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce.

Attachments: [Signed Commission cover 9.29.16 \(Downtown Retail Strategy presentation\)](#)

This Presentation/Protocol Document was Deferred

City Clerk Item No. 17

Time Certain 10:30am (Agenda Items E-1 and H-2 are related).**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-233**

- H.-2. [16-5426](#) A Resolution of the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida, with attachments, ratifying the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Coral Gables and the International Association of Fire Fighters, Local 1210, for the period of October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2017.

Attachments: [Resolution - 2016](#)
[MISC IAFF CBA Strikeout Underline 2014-2017 \(10-01-16\) \(3\)](#)
[IAFF 2014-2017 CBA Clean Version](#)
[Signed Cover Memo Resolution 2014-2017 CBA](#)
[Signed Resolution 2016-233](#)
[CCMtg October 11 2016 - Agenda Item E-1 and H-2 are related - Collective Barg](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, WITH ATTACHMENTS, RATIFYING THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES AND THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIRE FIGHTERS, LOCAL 1210, FOR THE PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 2014 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2017.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Quesada, seconded by Commissioner Slesnick, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2016-233. The motion passed by the following vote.

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

City Clerk Item No. 20

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-234H.-3. [16-5425](#)

A Resolution in accordance with Section 2-26 of the City Code, entitled "Regular Meetings, Special Meetings" setting forth the meeting dates through December 2016, as follows: Tuesday, November 15, 2016 and Tuesday, December 6, 2016.

Attachments: [Draft Resolution - Meeting Schedule](#)
[Signed Draft Cover Memo - Meeting Schedule.docx](#)
[Signed Resolution 2016-234](#)

A RESOLUTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 2-26 OF THE CITY CODE, ENTITLED "REGULAR MEETINGS, SPECIAL MEETINGS" SETTING FORTH THE MEETING DATES THROUGH DECEMBER 2016, AS FOLLOWS: TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2016 AND TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2016.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lago, seconded by Commissioner Slesnick, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2016-234. The motion passed by the following vote.

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

City Clerk Item No. 23

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-235Non [16-5464](#)
Agenda

A Resolution appointing Pete Chircuit (Nominated by City Manager Cathy Swanson-Rivenbark) to serve as a member of the Coral Gables Retirement Board, for the remainder of a two (2) year term, which began on June 1, 2015 and continues through May 31, 2017.

Attachments: [Signed Resolution 2016-235](#)

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING PETE CHIRCUIT (NOMINATED BY CITY MANAGER CATHY SWANSON-RIVENBARK) TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE CORAL GABLES RETIREMENT BOARD, FOR THE REMAINDER OF A TWO (2) YEAR TERM, WHICH BEGAN ON JUNE 1, 2015 AND CONTINUES THROUGH MAY 31, 2017.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lago, seconded by Vice Mayor Quesada, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2016-235. The motion passed by the following vote.

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

City Clerk Item No. 29

I. CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS

Agenda Items A-1-and I-1 are related.

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-227

- I.-1. [16-5429](#) A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Coral Gables, Florida, declaring principles of inclusion for all individuals with disabilities, and urging action by national, state, and local governments, businesses, and residential communities consistent with these principles.

Attachments: [Signed Cover Memo](#)
[Draft Resolution](#)
[Signed Resolution 2016-227](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, DECLARING PRINCIPLES OF INCLUSION FOR ALL INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES, AND URGING ACTION BY NATIONAL, STATE, AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, BUSINESSES, AND RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITIES CONSISTENT WITH THESE PRINCIPLES.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lago, seconded by Commissioner Keon, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2016-227. The motion passed by the following vote.

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

City Clerk Item No. 3

- I.-2. [16-5421](#) Status report regarding annexation and responses to Commission questions.

Attachments: [CCMtg October 11 2016 - Agenda Item I-2 - Status report regarding annexation ar](#)

This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 30

- I.-3. [16-5392](#) Request for Executive Session (if any).

Attachments: [CCMtg October 11 2016 - Agenda Item I-3 - Request for Executive Session and a](#)

This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 31

J. CITY CLERK ITEMS

None

City Clerk Item No. 32

K. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Mayor Cason: OK. Let's start on the discussion Commissioner Slesnick, you have anything?

Commissioner Slesnick: I would just like to say that the Coral Gables Community Foundation has their annual fundraiser this Friday night at the Coral Gables Country Club and the Coral Gables Community Foundation is really a vital organization in our town, because they supply funds for various causes that the City cannot award and scholarships and all sorts of other things that are given in support of the non-profits in the rest of our community. And one thing that I want people to think about is, the City is always in need of parks and we are trying to buy more open spaces is that around ten years ago Robert Fewell donated the land that's on the corner of Granada and Coral Way and now it's Fewell Park, and he gave that land to the City; and if anybody is thinking about wanting to make a contribution, and have their name memorialized in the City down the line or do something good for their City that everyone would really appreciate is, if you have land that you are thinking about how to dispose of, giving it to the Coral Gables Community Foundation, which would then give you a tax break and you can write it off with your Income Tax, and then the Community Foundation would give it onto the City. So that's a great way to make a difference in the lives of the rest of your community and citizens if you gave that land to the City. So, I'd like people to keep that in the back of their minds.

Mayor Cason: Very good idea.

Vice Mayor Quesada: A few quick things. First of all, next meeting wear pink, breast cancer awareness month. Second thing, streetscape concerns - every time I sit down with Cathy I discuss this with her. I know Peter is doing a good job sort of giving suggestions and working with them to give them whatever they need, but I just want it to be on you guys radar, we haven't discussed it in the last few meetings, maybe we don't need to, but every time I go down Giralda, every time I go down Miracle Mile I get concerned, I want to see more movement there. I know that staff has been doing a great job meeting with the business owners, but really just keep it on your radar, see what everything that we can do. I know we've got, I think it's over 180 signs...

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: 188.

Vice Mayor Quesada: 188 signs to let you know businesses are still open and

operating. You know it's funny, I was thinking about Giralda, I don't know the last time you guys were on it, right now with the barricades it's so narrow, I mean you really only just have a sidewalk, you have like three feet of width if you want to walk down to one of the retailers on Giralda. I was trying to think of different ideas of what we can do to help move people through there. Fortunately, I've gone to a few of the restaurants recently and there have been a lot of people in the restaurants, so I've been happy about that.

Mayor Cason: The signs helped.

Vice Mayor Quesada: Yes, I think that the signs actually do help. But I'm just saying, I think we should, all of us, I think we have a duty just to keep our mind open for any out of the box ideas. Doesn't matter if no one's ever done it before, we've never done it before, but it's a long haul for them and obviously we are doing everything we can, but again, any out of the box ideas that any resident has at home or we can think of, please bring them up. Last night I got home from the office late, about 1:30 in the morning I went out there, it's frustrating not seeing any workers out there and I feel like there is not much movement. I know they are doing everything they can; I know staff is working with them. I'm not trying to create a big issue out of this, but it's a concern that we need to be cognizant of.

Commissioner Slesnick: I did see that we got a memo this morning that they were talking about waiting till after Christmas, after the holidays to finish the street and maybe have a hold on it, but that they are going to plough ahead and keep going right now.

Vice Mayor Quesada: Was that the final vote? I know as of yesterday...

Commissioner Slesnick: This just came in this morning.

Vice Mayor Quesada: No that's great. I don't mean to make a big thing out of it. I just wanted to make you guys aware.

Mayor Cason: We are all meeting with Peter and meeting with business owners on this.

Vice Mayor Quesada: But what I'm saying is, I don't want anyone to hold back any out of the box ideas. Again, it doesn't matter if it's never happened before, or no City

has ever done it before. I was thinking about a way of bringing Segway to try to move people up and down those streets to make it easier, to make it attractive, to make it like that could be fun and interesting, let's go to one of those retailers.

Mayor Cason: Rickshaw's.

Vice Mayor Quesada: Its doesn't work, they are too wide. I looked into that. The average rickshaw is like four to five feet wide and we only...

Mayor Cason: Ric Man could bring rickshaws. Anything else?

Vice Mayor Quesada: The solar resolution to put in the Herald.

Commissioner Lago: I was going to speak about that.

Vice Mayor Quesada: Well, I wasn't sure if you were or not. I don't want to steal your thunder.

Commissioner Lago: Not at all. Now you have solar panels on your house, you are entitled to speak about solar.

Vice Mayor Quesada: So I just want to make sure we can put the way that obviously that item has been phrased is very confusing, very, very confusing.

Mayor Cason: On purpose.

Vice Mayor Quesada: Whether it's on purpose or not, it's very confusing, and I just want to be clear and make sure that we get it out to as many people as possible.

Commissioner Lago: I spoke to the City Manager and staff about that issue and I wanted you input as a Commission to find out, because you know we are very careful in reference to items that are coming before the voters in either showing support or stating that we are opposed to certain legislative matters that are coming before the Commission, excuse me, before the voters. Do we want to put something out there either in print or through a resolution that states that we are either in favor or against that ordinance that's coming before the voters? I'm in favor of it. I'm just being sensitive.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: You are in favor of the ordinance or you are in favor of putting something out?

Commissioner Lago: Let me be clear. I'm in favor of putting something out on behalf of this Commission which educates as many residents and business owners as possible that what FPL and the other four utility companies that have spent close to \$20 million of their own money, which actually it's our money, is being used to confuse the voters in an effort to ensure that they continue control over all the electricity that's produced; and obviously, results in people not wanting to install solar in their homes or in their businesses.

Mayor Cason: Maybe what can be done would be something in the way of information that says, if you vote yes here's what you are really voting for, if you vote no here's what you are voting for, because it's very confusing.

Vice Mayor Quesada: Is the City precluded for saying....

City Attorney Leen: The City Commission can take whatever position it believes is appropriate in an interest of the City. So you could for example, be against the amendment based on what's said. The limitation is when the funds, City funds are expended, so for example to buy an advertisement. What the legal authority indicates is that in those situations you can only buy, because you know residents may be for or against it, so the idea is if you are going to use public funds then it has to be done to educate. But educating could be, for example, where you have a question that is confusing or that may cause people to vote in favor of solar and it's not really....

Vice Mayor Quesada: OK - ,because there is a legal technicality here; can you can your office draft up something for us to review and then we can decide whether...

Commissioner Lago: When is the next Commission meeting?

Mayor Cason: Before the vote.

Commissioner Lago: Yes, but Absentee Ballots go out now.

Vice Mayor Quesada: Why can't he circulate it and we could say yes or no individually.

City Attorney Leen: All I can do is if I circulate it, I can get your input, but I can't poll you, I can't ask you what your...

Vice Mayor Quesada: OK. So then I make a motion to direct the City Attorney to draft an advertisement related to the solar amendment that's going to be on the November Ballot to clarify the impact of what voting yes would do, and what voting no would do, to be placed in our Herald article; and then also pursuant to my motion for the Mayor to determine whether, just so that it doesn't have to go through all of us, he'll have the final say since we can't have a vote outside of the public realm, so he'll have the final say on it. But really that's what it is, to educate what the impact would be if you vote for or against it, more educational than anything else.

City Attorney Leen: Appoint a designee and I will show them and the City Manager the item and if - I don't think you should delegate all your authority to one individual, because that then may require us to have a Sunshine Meeting when I meet with the Mayor. What I would say is that, I understand what you want, I fully understand.

Vice Mayor Quesada: I would like an educational advertisement put out by the City Commission related to the solar vote coming up in November.

City Attorney Leen: OK.

Mayor Cason: Which would then explains what a yes vote means and what a no vote means.

City Attorney Leen: What I'm going to do is, what I would typically do here is, I will write it, I will send it to each of you, I will take your feedback, and I will use my judgement in conjunction with the City Manager.

Vice Mayor Quesada: Perfect - then we don't designate anyone and my motion is for you and the City Manager to decide. Does that work?

Commissioner Keon: It will go out in the Sunday, the Neighbor...

Mayor Cason: The page we have, put it in the page we have.

Commissioner Keon: And in the E-NEWS or separate?

Mayor Cason: Both - E-NEWS and...

Commissioner Keon: No, I mean to take out another ad for?

Vice Mayor Quesada: No, in the existing space that we have.

Mayor Cason: Yes. The space we already have. Alright, everybody in favor of that?

All: Yes.

City Attorney Leen: The other thing is, does the Commission want to, I know that Commissioner Lago had raised this, do you want to take a formal position?- which you can by resolution for or against Amendment One, or is it enough to educate? I mean it's pretty clear what the Commission's view is based on today's discussion.

Commissioner Lago: I don't have an issue taking a formal position. Obviously, I want to stand with all my colleagues.

Vice Mayor Quesada: I would like to take a formal position.

Mayor Cason: Do we have a motion?

City Attorney Leen: Do you want to do a vote or do you want to do unanimous consent?

Mayor Cason: Make a motion.

Commissioner Lago: I make a motion to take a formal stand in reference to opposing Amendment One, correct?- just want to be clear, because there is an Amendment Two also.

Vice Mayor Quesada: The Amendment related to solar.

Commissioner Lago: The Amendment related to solar.

Mayor Cason: As drafted.

Commissioner Lago: As drafted.

Mayor Cason: Opposed.

Commissioner Lago: Opposed.

Mayor Cason: Do we have a second?

Vice Mayor Quesada: Second.

Mayor Cason: City Clerk.

Vice Mayor Quesada: Yes

Commissioner Slesnick: Yes

Commissioner Keon: Yes

Commissioner Lago: Yes

Mayor Cason: Yes

(Vote: 5-0)

Vice Mayor Quesada: When you are drafting that advertisement to educate, obviously try to make it as succinct as possible.

City Attorney Leen: Yes sir.

Vice Mayor Quesada: Try to write it in the positive not the negative. We've had trouble with that in the past, and if there are any visuals that you can use, please use them. I want to make it as eye-catching as easy to read as possible, because obviously it's buried amongst other advertisements. I don't want it to look like three paragraphs and then you look at it and you go, I'm not reading this, see what I'm saying.

City Attorney Leen: Yes. I understand.

Mayor Cason: Anything else?- any other items?

Vice Mayor Quesada: No that's it.

Commissioner Lago: OK. Just a few quick items -- the Alhambra Circle Park, I've received several e-mails. I know that probably my colleagues have also, and I spoke

to the Manager in reference to that. They are looking for just a simple swing set; they are not looking for like a water park just so we are aware. I have my in-laws that live two blocks away, they have no issues with a simple swing set, so you can take your children or your grandchildren. I'd also like to reiterate to staff...

Vice Mayor Quesada: Is this the same item or you are jumping?

Commissioner Lago: I'm jumping to another item.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: A tot lot is planned as a part of that. I think we made a mistake perhaps on calling it passive, thinking that its only green space, but they met with the neighbors, we are able to speak on it if you like, but there is a small children's play component as a part of that.

Commissioner Lago: Perfect. OK. I'll make sure now I have a way to quickly respond to the residents that were calling, they were a little bit confused. The second issue is, I've been getting a few phone calls from the residents on Algard, Cantoria, and Garcia, and I spoke to the Manager about that. They've been waiting; they are eagerly waiting for the tree succession. If you are familiar with this area, they are basically boxed in by 57th Avenue and Bird Road. It's a little bit of a tough area in our City; they get a lot of cut-through traffic. Their main two concerns right now obviously, besides the venders or the traffic calming, which is not going to happen any time soon, because we are obviously doing an analysis citywide. What they are really looking forward to is getting the tree succession plan for it to commence in their neighborhood and also they are having an issue with 57th Avenue; and the issue there is, that they are hoping for the swales to be beautified. You have a lot of cars that to cut-through standing traffic they go on the sidewalk, they go on the swales, and they are kind of sick and tired of it. So I'd like to see if hopefully we can get this addressed. I know we've been dealing with it for like the past two years with staff, maybe we can put something together that can alleviate some of the issues for those residents. The third issue - I know that we are working on an open space code review. I wanted to see when that was going to come before the Commission, and I also wanted to bring to the attention, I know that staff is already dealing with it, 4835 University Drive. Its two townhomes on the water next to Doctor's Hospital and it's basically like a fraternity house. For example, at the game on Saturday there were probably a few hundred students there, they leave garbage everywhere, there is an adjacent construction project, which has also been cited on numerous times for working on Sundays, they are not supposed to. This is probably about two minutes

from my house and its eyesore on a continual basis, and there is no grass there, it's basically a mud pit in front of these two properties. And the final issue I wanted to bring to your attention and now I'm going to force you to look around when you drive through the downtown and notice, kind of like what the Mayor did with the buttons. When you drive through downtown or when you walk through downtown, I've been encountering through the alleys and all of our sidewalks, you start noticing these bushes that are growing everywhere; or you notice for example, these trees that are growing everywhere in the alleys, and I'll give you a copy of all of this so you can see it. Basically, these are items that break our sidewalks, so what I'd like to see and this is adjacent to the actual parking garage. So what I'd like to see is if maybe staff can put together a plan to eradicate the growth of all these weeds and hedges that are growing, which at the end of the day are not beneficial in any form, and cause a lot more damage than necessary.

Mayor Cason: Commissioner Keon.

Vice Mayor Quesada: You know I just thought of something; I apologize Commissioner Keon. The advertisement that we create and this resolution that we just passed related to solar, can we communicate that to all neighboring municipalities?

Commissioner Lago: Great idea.

Vice Mayor Quesada: And let them know that we are going to be advertising it and send it to them in Word format so if they want to copy and paste it and do their own advertisement.

City Attorney Leen: Yes. The City Manager sent me a Word version of South Miami's.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: Commissioner Lago sent to us.

Commissioner Lago: I reached out to the Mayor of South Miami.

Vice Mayor Quesada: I just want to make sure that we get the other municipalities doing the same thing; we can really spread the word.

City Attorney Leen: So we'll send the Word version to the Miami-Dade League of

Cities, to the County, and then we'll try to send it to as many cities as we can.

Vice Mayor Quesada: Yes - perfect. Thank you.

Mayor Cason: Commissioner Keon.

Commissioner Keon: I'd like to one, commend staff for the crosswalks that have gone in that connect Ingraham Park, both on the north and on the west side and I'm forever grateful to Ernesto Pino for connecting that on the east. He was able to come up with a sidewalk that I see a number of people that are in wheelchairs using so they can access and go to the park, so I want to really applaud the Public Works staff for their work on connecting that park to the community. It is a beautiful park, but somehow the plan for the connecting it to the people got left out, and they've done a wonderful job in connecting that park to all of the residents in the surrounding areas. So thank you, thank you very, very much.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: And the County was very supportive, they allowed us to do something that we would not normally be able to do.

Commissioner Keon: Yes, we thank the County, thank our staff, thank everyone for really looking at the connectivity of that park for people, and it's a good lesson learned for us as we plan open spaces and we plan parks that we make sure that they can be accessed safely by pedestrians and bicyclists. So thank you very much, you did a great job on that. The other thing also, along LeJeune there in front of Ingraham Park, that swale is always beaten up, because of people wanting to make a right hand turn at that place. I don't know what you do; there is always a mud puddle kind of there. I don't know if we widen the access, the dedicated lane to turn right.

Commissioner Slesnick: Where is it?

Commissioner Keon: Right on LeJeune right after you come over the bridge going north either to turn on Ingraham Highway or I know that we have put into place the opportunity to actually plant in the swales certain types of materials and certain plants or whatever. I don't know if maybe you can just talk about whether you think that if there were actual plants there that people may not be as quick run over and destroy them, grass is very easy to...

Mayor Cason: Curbs are another...

Commissioner Keon: The issue with curbs always is, part of what allows things to drain and the streets to drain and the run off from the streets is the fact that we don't have curbs, and so our swales are even with our streets. So our streets have a place for water to go more quickly to run off and to be absorbed into the grassy areas and the grassy swales, so it doesn't puddle on the streets and if you get a lot of puddling on the street and you get hydro-planing, I have no expertise in that, but I know that our Public Works staff does so I think they can make a decision where curbs are appropriate and where it isn't appropriate to putting curbs. But I'm wondering if - and I don't know, there are mountable curbs whether that makes a difference or just planting material made to sway people from cutting those corners and cutting those things, but if you can just maybe just take a look at it and it's an internal issue, you can decide, but it should help kind of beautify the area, because I do think our swales add a very attractive element to our City when they are maintained and cared for; and I want to also make sure that we go back, there was a discussion at the last meeting was on the removal of "no parking" signs that don't serve any purpose other than...

Mayor Cason: And "no dumping".

Commissioner Keon:...and "no dumping" signs serve no purpose other than to not allow -, because you have the homeowner that just doesn't want anybody to ever park in front of their, in that house, and it's not due to any encroachment from businesses or schools or those sorts of things. I noticed that all along, where was I walking the other day?- actually it's on Edgewater Drive, all along the north side of the street they have "no parking" in the parkway, "no dumping" signs, but there are parking spaces. I don't know who they are referring to and the parkway is where there is a curb and there is a big tree in it, so I don't know where you can park. If you can just go up Edgewater and take a look, it's on the north side of the street, what purpose does "no parking" signs serve.

Mayor Cason: A lot of those may have been put in 40-50 years ago.

Commissioner Keon: Well it could have, but there are parking spaces all along there, so the only place they have a parking sign is in front of a very big tree on a little curbed bump-out, so I'm not sure what purpose they serve and it's just lots and lots of signage. So if you can take a look at it, you may find that it does serve a purpose, it's hard to understand what it would be, but if it doesn't take them out I know that along, I think along Almeria or Valencia and some of those streets in there apparently

there were “no parking” signs were put up prior to some construction that has since been done, and now the construction is finished and they asked to have the “no parking” signs put back in, because the individuals that are, I don’t know if they are condo associations, I don’t know if they have been sold out to be condo associations, but the people that the fees are being paid to really don’t want to have to maintain the swale so they put in “no parking” signs so that nobody parks there, so that there is no maintenance for those swales. I don’t think that there is any encroachments from anybody else, because they are in residential areas, they just don’t want to have anybody park on their swales. In that area also if you could take a look at, I know in the French Village there is one or two, I think along that area, I know there’s a few, and I know a lot of them along Edgewater and those I can’t figure out what they refer to. That’s all. Thank you.

Mayor Cason: The only thing I have is, I’ve had some discussions with the City Manager and staff on collecting monies still owed to the City. We were very successful in collecting the garbage, but we are still owed about \$800-and some thousand dollars from residents who haven’t paid. Code Enforcement, we had some ambulance fees that are mainly covered by insurance, but their cases where people don’t follow through and so we don’t get reimbursed, and that’s a lot of money that we could use for parks and other things. So again, hardship cases aside, where people have just not made the effort to collect the money from their insurance companies, we ought to make the effort and get those people to pay because that’s a lot of money that’s sitting out there on the table that we could use. That’s all I have. Anything else anybody? So meeting adjourned.

Commissioner Lago: Thank you.

City Clerk Item No. 33

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-236

Non [16-5465](#)
Agenda

A Resolution of the City Commission of Coral Gables directing the City Attorney and the City Manager to release educational material in relation to Amendment 1 in the upcoming November 8, 2016 General Election.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Quesada, seconded by Mayor Cason, that this motion be adopted by Resolution Number 2016-236. The motion passed by an unanimous vote.

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

City Clerk Item No. 34

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-237

Non [16-5466](#)
Agenda

A Resolution of the City Commission of Coral Gables opposing Amendment 1 in the upcoming November 8, 2016 General Election.

Attachments: [Signed Resolution 2016-237](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Lago, seconded by Vice Mayor Quesada, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2016-237. The motion passed by the following vote.

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

City Clerk Item No. 35

ADJOURNMENT

[Note for the Record: There being no further business on the Regular City Commission Meeting Agenda. The Commission of the City of Coral Gables adjourned its meeting at 12:40 p.m. The next regular meeting of the City Commission has been scheduled for October 25, 2016, beginning 9 a.m.]

JIM CASON
MAYOR

ATTEST:

WALTER J. FOEMAN
CITY CLERK