

**City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Agenda Item I-1
September 22, 2015
City Commission Chambers
405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, FL**

City Commission

**Mayor Jim Cason
Commissioner Pat Keon
Commissioner Vince Lago
Vice Mayor Frank Quesada
Commissioner Jeannett Slesnick**

City Staff

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

Public Speaker(s)

Greg Collard, Land Use Special Counsel for the City

Agenda Item I-1 [Start: 10:37:57 a.m.]

Resolution re-designating the Traffic Circle at the intersection of Segovia Street and Biltmore Way from road right-of-way to City of Coral Gables property; directing the City Manager to modify all maps of the City to reflect this change in designation, apply to the Miami-Dade County Property Appraiser for a separate folio number for such parcel and to record this Resolution in the public records of Miami-Dade County.

City Attorney Leen: Mayor, I'm sorry Commissioner, may I raise I-1 very quickly because the attorney is here, it should be a very quick item.

Mayor Cason: Alright. Go ahead.

City Attorney Leen: It's just an approval. I-1, this was provided to the Commission as well. This is regarding the circles, the circle at Segovia and Coral Way and the one at Biltmore Way. What this does is it allows us to re-designate the circle portion for the City right-of-way, the circle that's the City's, as City land, and the County is doing the same thing regarding their circle and they are designating it as County land. There are sketches in the resolution that I forwarded to you that I'm placing in the record; and what this does is it allows us to put this artwork there and we are very appreciative of the County. Obviously, like I said, we work well with the County on almost every matter and this is one we have and we are appreciative of it. I have special land use counsel, if you'd like to say a couple of words.

Mr. Greg Collard: Hi, Greg Collard, special land use counsel for the City of Coral Gables, formally the Assistant County Attorney for Miami-Dade County for about 36 years. This issue relates to a problem in the County's Code that prohibits obstructions in map streets and these circles that have been created are still considered right-of-way and map streets. What this item does and what the County's item will do is get this out of the map street definition so that they can place the art projects on these circles.

Commissioner Lago: So this is red tape and bureaucracy at its finest, at least it was resolved.

Mayor Cason: It's a great solution. So we can put that beautiful flower.

Commissioner Lago: Thank God it didn't get into something more significant in regards to legal matters, because this could have been tied up for like two years. I just couldn't believe that we were actually entertaining this in the beginning and this is an actual issue with the County.

Mayor Cason: Alright, so we have to vote on this.

City Attorney Leen: I need to give credit to Mr. Collard and to Deborah Herman.

Vice Mayor Quesada: So moved.

Mayor Cason: Alright, Vice Mayor makes the motion to approve resolution I-1 and Commissioner Lago seconds. City Clerk.

Commissioner Keon: Yes

Commissioner Lago: Yes

Vice Mayor Quesada: Yes

Commissioner Slesnick: Yes

Mayor Cason: Yes

(Vote: 5-0)

Commissioner Lago: Great work. Thank you sir.

Commissioner Keon: Thank you.

Mr. Collard: Thank you very much.

City Attorney Leen: Mr. Mayor this idea, Greg Collard and Deborah Herman from the County Attorney's Office, just want to thank her, she worked very hard on this to try to make this possible.

Mayor Cason: Thank you.

Vice Mayor Quesada: Thank you.

[End: 10:40:20 a.m.]