

City of Coral Gables

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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 26, 2010

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*

*Patrick G. Salerno, City Manager
Elizabeth M. Hernandez, City Attorney
Walter J. Foeman, City Clerk*

ROLL CALL

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

INVOCATION

Reverend Cathy Felber from the First United Methodist Church of South Miami gave the Invocation.

[Note for the Record: Mayor Slesnick requested of Reverend Cathy Felber, 1st United Methodist Church of South Miami, to thank her congregation for allowing her to participate in this morning's Invocation; further extending the invitation to Reverend Felber to stay awhile and enjoy a portion of the meeting schedule].

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

City Attorney Elizabeth Hernandez 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. 2010-09 through Resolution No. 2010-19); (b) Video; (c) Audio Recording; (d) Minutes Folder with Agenda and background information, including items which were submitted at the meeting.

A. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

- A.-1.** [10-0112](#) Presentation of 20 years service pin to David Johnson, Fire Department.

Attachments: [CM David Johnson](#)

[Note for the Record: City Manager Salerno requested of Fire Chief Walter Reed to provide to the public a brief history on Firefighter David Johnson, on the occasion of his being the recipient of a 20 year service pin, wherein Chief Reed stated that Firefighter Johnson began his career as a firefighter recruit with the city on January of 1999 and completed his training on April 16th, 1990; he became certified as an EMT in 1992, a paramedic in 1996, driver engineer in 1998, and fire inspector in 2002; further adding that he is one of those individuals who is always looking for ways to improve his working environment, takes pride in his work, especially his Air Tech assignments; further displaying a good sense of team spirit; further acknowledging to the public that one of Firefighter Johnson's specialized skills is being a bee keeper; further noting that he has helped train the department and developed many of the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs); further reminding Fire Chief Reed that one of the first fires that he fought in the city was with him; further acknowledging that in Calendar Year 2001, that he was selected as "Firefighter of the Year;" further distinguishing Firefighter Johnson as a fantastic individual who is always willing to help others.

In accepting this accolade Firefighter Johnson stated that twenty years ago before he was hired, an elderly gentleman came up to him and questioned him as to what he was doing with his life; further adding that upon entering the city's workforce, that he didn't have any specialized training, noting that the city afforded him the opportunity to obtain the appropriate fire certifications and training, sent him to Fire School, EMT School and stuck by him; further pointing out that his father taught him to be loyal; further stating that he was grateful for the opportunity].

This Presentation/Protocol Document was Presented and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 1

- A.-2.** [10-0113](#) Presentation of 20 years service pin to Lt. Jerome Leslie, Fire Department.

Attachments: [CM Leslie](#)

This Presentation/Protocol Document was Deferred

City Clerk Item No. 2

[Note for the Record: Mayor Slesnick acknowledged the untimely passing of former Deputy Fire Chief Richard Allen Gossett; further extending on behalf of the City Commission his condolences to the family; further acknowledging that the funeral ceremony was quite moving and that Fire Chief Reed issued a superb eulogy; further acknowledging the presence of the entire firefighter family, which further accentuates the value and worth of our fire family here in the city].

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

B.-1. [10-0132](#) Regular City Commission Meeting of January 12, 2009.

Attachments: [Verbatim Transcript - Agenda Item F-1 - Discussion regarding Planning Session w Meeting Minutes.pdf](#)

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

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

City Clerk Item No. 3

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-09**C.-1. 10-0129**

Resolution reappointing Lt. Brian Lawrence and Chief Richard Naue (Both incumbents whom ran unopposed, therefore being Elected by Participants) to serve as members of the Police Officers Retirement Trust Fund for a two (2) year term, beginning January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2011.

Attachments: [R-2010 - Draft re Police Retirement Board](#)
[Police Officers Retirement Trust Fund](#)
[C-1 Signed Cover Memo](#)
[Signed Resolution 2010-09.pdf](#)

RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING LIEUTENANT BRIAN LAWRENCE AND CHIEF RICHARD NAUE (BOTH INCUMBENTS WHOM RAN UNOPOSED, THEREBY BEING ELECTED BY PARTICIPANTS) TO SERVE AS MEMBERS OF THE CORAL GABLES POLICE OFFICERS RETIREMENT TRUST FUND FOR A TWO (2) YEAR TERM, BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2010 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2011.

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2010-09 on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 5

- C.-2. [10-0130](#) Resolution appointing _____ (Nominated by Commission-As-A-Whole) to serve as a member of the Firefighters Pension Trust Fund, for a two (2) year term, beginning June 1, 2009 through May 31, 2011.

Attachments: [Firefighters Retirement Pension Trust Fund](#)
[R-2010 - Draft re Firefighters Retirement Board](#)
[C-2 Signed Cover Memo](#)

[Note for the Record: Mayor Slesnick informed the public prior to the roll call on the Consent Agenda, that Agenda Item C-2 had been deferred for further information at the request of the City Clerk, who had placed said item on the Agenda in order to allow the Clerk to communicate with the representative(s) of the Firefighters Pension Trust Fund to ascertain additional clarification regarding the composition of the board and what member is being placed].

This Resolution was Deferred

City Clerk Item No. 4

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-10

- C.-5. [10-0136](#) Resolution amending a resolution approving salary and benefit package, as set forth herein.

Attachments: [PSalerno-Health Dental Ins Resolution](#)
[C-5 Signed Cover Memo](#)
[Signed Resolution 2010-10.pdf](#)

RESOLUTION AMENDING A RESOLUTION APPROVING SALARY AND BENEFIT PACKAGE, AS SET FORTH HEREIN.

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2010-10 on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 6

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-11

- C.-9. [10-0123](#) Resolution accepting the donation of a replica of the statue "Madonna del Bambino" from our Sister City, Province of Pisa, Italy.

Attachments: [Pisa-statua per City Coral Gables](#)
[Pisa-traduzione scheda dell'opera](#)
[01 CDB Minutes EXCERPT re. Pisa donation JANUARY 20 2010](#)
[01 Res 2010 Madonna Del Bambino](#)
[01 Commission Cover Res.Madonna Del Bambino](#)
[C-9 Signed Cover Memo](#)
[Signed Resolution 2010-11.pdf](#)

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE DONATION OF A REPLICA OF THE STATUE "MADONNA DEL BAMBINO" FROM OUR SISTER CITY, PROVINCE OF PISA, ITALY.

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2010-11 on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 7

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

- C.-10. [10-0105](#) Library Advisory Board Meeting of December 9, 2009

Attachments: [LB Cover Sheet 12-9-09](#)
[Library Minutes 12-9-09](#)

This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 8

- C.-11. [10-0106](#) Landscape Beautification Advisory Board Meeting of January 7, 2010

Attachments: [BC Cover Sheet 1-7-10](#)
[Minutes BC 1-7-10](#)

This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 9

- C.-12. [10-0107](#) Communications Committee Meeting of December 17, 2009

Attachments: [Microsoft Word - communicationsminutesagendaJanuary10.pdf](#)
[Microsoft Word - minutes december 2009.pdf](#)

This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 10

- C.-13. [10-0110](#) Retirement Board Meeting of October 8, 2009

Attachments: [CC.01-26-2010.October 8, 2009](#)
[Minutes.10-08-09](#)
[Executive Summary.10-08-2009](#)

This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 11

- C.-14. [10-0111](#) Retirement Board Meeting of November 12, 2009

Attachments: [CC.01-26-2010.November 12, 2009](#)
[Minutes.11-12-09](#)
[Executive Summary.11-12-2009](#)

This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 12

- C.-15. [10-0115](#) Insurance Advisory Committee Meeting of January 7, 2010

Attachments: [CoverMemo_IACMtg_012010](#)
[IAC_Minutes_DRAFT_010710](#)

This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 13

- C.-16. [10-0116](#) Historic Preservation Board Meeting of December 16, 2009

Attachments: [HPB Minutes December 16, 2009](#)
[NoAction12.16.09.MinutesforCC01.26.10](#)

This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 14

- C.-17. [10-0121](#) International Affairs Coordinating Council Meeting of December 15, 2009

Attachments: [Microsoft Word - IACC_Minutes 12-15-09](#)
[Microsoft Word - Blank Agenda Cover Memo](#)

This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 15

- C.-18. [10-0122](#) Economic Development Board Meeting of December 2, 2009

Attachments: [EDB. Commission cover no action 1-26-10.pdf](#)
[EDB Minutes 12.2.09 - Final](#)

This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 16

- C.-19. [10-0125](#) Budget/Audit Advisory Board Meeting of December 17, 2009

Attachments: [012610-Cover Memo CC Minutes 121709.pdf](#)
[012610-Minutes 121709.pdf](#)

This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 17

- C.-20. [10-0126](#) Traffic Advisory Board Meeting of December 15, 2009

Attachments: [TAB Dec Minutes](#)
[TAB Cover Memo](#)

This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 18

Pulled from Consent Agenda**RESOLUTION NO. 2010-12****C.-3. 10-0108**

Resolution accepting the recommendation of the Chief Procurement Officer authorizing an agreement with Robert J. Shafer & Associates, Inc. for the provision of health insurance consulting services in the amount of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) per year pursuant to Section 2-828 of the Procurement Code and Request For Proposals (RFP) 2009.11.10 for an initial three (3) year period, with three (3) additional two (2) year renewal options.

Attachments: [Bid Response](#)
[Bid Tabulation](#)
[Resolution](#)
[C-3 Signed Cover Memo](#)
[Signed Resolution 2010-12.pdf](#)

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH ROBERT J. SHAFER & ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR THE PROVISION OF HEALTH INSURANCE CONSULTING SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF THIRTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$30,000) PER YEAR, PURSUANT TO SECTION 2-828 OF THE PROCUREMENT CODE AND REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) 2009.11.10 FOR AN INITIAL THREE (3) YEAR PERIOD, WITH THREE (3) ADDITIONAL TWO (2) YEAR RENEWAL OPTIONS.

[Note for the Record: Mayor Slesnick acknowledged that said items had been pulled by resident George Volsky, who made the following comments:

That he was not questioning the reason for these items, that he only wants to address the matter of cost; further stipulating that nationwide, that the prices on goods and services are going down; further noting that on Agenda Items C-6, C-7 and C-8, these resolutions authorize an increase in professional service fees; adding that the City is spending more money during this period of great financial need; further noting that he was not talking about the matter involving the certification license of the Chief Compliance Officer (Laurie St. John); further questioning the governing body as to how can anyone be thinking about spending more money when every locality in the country is witnessing prices going down; further querying the administration as to how many consultants do we have in the city of Coral Gables?-and whether or not the city needs those consultants?-when in fact he believes that there are capable people within the city to perform certain tasks; further reiterating that the city is in a very difficult financial period, why should the city vote on an increase in fees?

Questions, Inquiries, Comments and Concerns from the City Commission: Vice Mayor Kerdyk questioned the City Manager as to whether the fees in question are appropriated within the current year's budget?-wherein City Manager Salerno pointed out that said references were semantically wrong, noting that in the cover memo

regarding the aforementioned agenda items, that two words are referenced, in the one clause there is reference to the word "increase" (in professional services), and in the second clause, there is reference to the word "additional services." Further adding that said references does not correspond to the increase in current rates; said references pertain to an additional period of time at the same rates; further providing for justification that because there were "X" dollars that were spent each year, that our Procurement Department described same as an increase; further clarifying that said references pertains to an additional period of time, not guaranteed amounts, but up to a certain amount maximum, not to exceed amount.

Vice Mayor Kerdyk acknowledged that an increase in professional services represents an increase in time; further querying the City Manager Salerno as to whether the City ever goes back to its consultants and ask them in an attempt to renegotiate fees?-Interim Public Works Director Ernesto Pino informed the City Commission that said matter will be advertised by our Procurement Division who will be going out to bid, looking for competitive pricing for services prior to September 30, 2010].

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Withers, that this motion be adopted by Resolution Number 2010-12. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

City Clerk Item No. 19

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-13**C.-4. [10-0109](#)**

Resolution authorizing the extension of the existing contract with Micro Security Solutions for a period through May 31, 2010 in an amount not to exceed \$150,000 for Security Equipment Installation and Maintenance of CCTV Systems, Access Control Systems, Fire alarm systems and all associated software, hardware and accessories.

Attachments: [C-4 Signed Cover Memo](#)
[Security Resolution](#)
[Signed Resolution 2010-13.pdf](#)

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXTENSION OF THE EXISTING CONTRACT WITH MICRO SECURITY SOLUTIONS FOR A PERIOD THROUGH MAY 31, 2010 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$150,000.00) FOR SECURITY EQUIPMENT INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF CCTV SYSTEMS, ACCESS CONTROL SYSTEMS, FIRE ALARM SYSTEMS AND ALL ASSOCIATED SOFTWARE, HARDWARE AND ACCESSORIES.

[Note for the Record: Please refer to those comments referenced above on Agenda Item C-3].

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Withers, that this motion be adopted by Resolution Number 2010-13. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

City Clerk Item No. 20

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-14**C.-6. [10-0117](#)**

Resolution authorizing an increase in professional services fees in the amount of \$250,000 for URS Corporation, Environmental Engineering Consultants, for additional services through the end of the contract period, December 31, 2010.

Attachments: [URS Res 12-31](#)
[URS COVER NEW](#)
[C-6 Signed Cover Memo](#)
[Signed Resolution 2010-14.pdf](#)

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN INCREASE IN PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FEES IN THE AMOUNT OF TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$250,000.00) FOR URS CORPORATION, ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING CONSULTANTS, FOR ADDITIONAL SERVICES THROUGH THE END OF THE CONTRACT PERIOD, DECEMBER 31, 2010.

[Note for the Record: Please refer to those comments referenced above on Agenda Item C-3].

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Withers, that this motion be adopted by Resolution Number 2010-14. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

City Clerk Item No. 21

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-15**C.-7. [10-0118](#)**

Resolution authorizing an increase in professional services fees in the amount of \$250,000 for Hazen and Sawyer, Environmental Engineering Consultants, for additional services through the end of the contract period, December 31, 2010.

Attachments: [Hazen and Sawyer Res 12-31](#)
[Hazen & Sawyer 12-31-NEW](#)
[C-7 Signed Cover Memo](#)
[Signed Resolution 2010-15.pdf](#)

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN INCREASE IN PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FEES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$250,000 FOR HAZEN AND SAWYER, ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING CONSULTANTS, FOR ADDITIONAL SERVICES THROUGH THE END OF THE CONTRACT PERIOD, DECEMBER 31, 2010.

[Note for the Record: Please refer to those comments referenced above on Agenda Item C-3].

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Withers, that this motion be adopted by Resolution Number 2010-15. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

City Clerk Item No. 22

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-16

- C.-8. [10-0119](#) Resolution authorizing an increase in professional services fees in the amount of \$150,000 for Camp, Dresser and McKee, Inc. (CDM), Environmental Engineering Consultants, for additional services through the end of the contract period, December 31, 2010.

Attachments: [RCamp Dresser Res 12-31](#)
[camp cover 12-31](#)
[C-8 Signed Cover Memo](#)
[Signed Resolution 2010-16.pdf](#)

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN INCREASE IN PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FEES IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$150,000.00) FOR CAMP, DRESSER AND MCKEE, INC. (CDM), ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING CONSULTANTS, FOR ADDITIONAL SERVICES THROUGH THE END OF THE CONTRACT, DECEMBER 31, 2010.

[Note for the Record: Please refer to those comments referenced above on Agenda Item C-3].

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Withers, that this motion be adopted by Resolution Number 2010-16. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

City Clerk Item No. 23

D. PERSONAL APPEARANCES

None

City Clerk Item No. 24

E. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

City Clerk Item No. 25

F. CITY COMMISSION ITEMS**RESOLUTION NO. 2010-17**

- F.-1. [10-0135](#)** Resolution supporting the proposed Green Corridor Legislation; transmitting this resolution to certain public officials and providing for an effective date.
Mayor Donald D. Slesnick, II

Attachments: [F-1 Signed Cover Memo](#)
[GreenCorridorReso](#)
[Signed Resolution 2010-17.pdf](#)

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING LEGISLATION THAT WOULD CREATE A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM (VIA ESTABLISHMENT OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICTS, TO BE CALLED GREEN CORRIDORS IN FURTHERANCE OF PROVIDING ASSISTANCE WITH FINANCING OF RENEWABLE ENERGY PRODUCING DEVICES; FURTHER TRANSMITTING THIS RESOLUTION TO CERTAIN PUBLIC OFFICIALS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

[Note for the Record: Mayor Slesnick prefaced his remarks by stating that he has a very specific Green resolution, more particularly Green Corridor legislation; additionally, he also has one more piece of legislation from the Miami Herald re same; further mentioning that said proposed legislation was provided to him by Paul Vrooman, Mayor of Cutler Bay; further stating that the cities of Pinecrest, Cutler Bay, Palmetto Bay and South Miami have joined together on said initiative in furtherance of pushing said matter before the state legislature; further mentioning that said proposed legislation does not commit the city of Coral Gables to take any specific action; however, it urges the state legislature to adopt the enabling legislation, to allow cities to talk about Green Corridor concepts, which have been used in California for the financing of solar panels on private homes. Mayor Slesnick further stated that although solar panels may have architectural and zoning issues, nevertheless said proposed legislation says to the state legislature, please pass this legislation which allow cities to consider the matter of solar panels in the future; further stating that the aforementioned neighboring cities felt that the proposed legislation is a good idea, and that he concurs].

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Cabrera, Jr., that this motion be adopted by Resolution Number 2010-17. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

City Clerk Item No. 27

- F.-2. [10-0134](#) Discussion regarding the city's "Green" efforts.
Commissioner Rafael "Ralph" Cabrera, Jr.

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

This Agenda Item was Discussed

City Clerk Item No. 26

G. BOARDS/COMMITTEES ITEMS

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-18

- G.-1. [10-0131](#) Presentation of excerpts from the International Affairs Coordinating Council Meeting of December 16, 2009, recommending the following action:

That the City of Quito, Ecuador, be removed from the Sister Cities Program of the City of Coral Gables.

Attachments: [Excerpts Quito](#)
[email translation](#)
[G-1 Signed Cover Memo](#)
[Signed Resolution 2010-18.pdf](#)

RESOLUTION DEFERRING CONSIDERATION OF ANY ACTION TO BE TAKEN, IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROPOSED RECOMMENDATION RECEIVED FROM THE INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS COORDINATION COUNCIL TO REMOVE THE CITY OF QUITO, ECUADOR FROM THE SISTER CITIES PROGRAM OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, PENDING FURTHER COMMUNICATION BY OUR CITY WITH QUITO, ECUADOR IN AN ATTEMPT TO FIND MUTUAL WAYS OF COOPERATION IN FURTHERANCE OF REACTIVATING OUR SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIP.

[Note for the Record: Mayor Slesnick prefaced his remarks by stating that the International Affairs Coordinating Council had prematurely taking action on a matter involving our Sister City of Quito, Ecuador, said city which has been our Sister City for a number of years; further stating that through his and the efforts of the IACC, they have worked extremely hard to build a relationship with Quito, Ecuador further stating that he has recently received a letter from the newly elected Mayor, who has requested that our city rekindle the "Flame of Friendship;" further requesting that our city hold in abeyance any action to throw Quito out of our Sister City relationship until we try one more time; further clarifying the intentions of the governing body as it pertains to the action by the IACC, as not to reject the IACC actions, but merely to postpone the decision until further information is gathered].

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Kerdyk, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Anderson, that this motion be deferred by Resolution Number 2010-18. The motion passed unanimously.

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

City Clerk Item No. 28

H. CITY MANAGER ITEMS

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-19

H.-1. 10-0114

Resolution accepting the recommendation of the Chief Procurement Officer to award the Ponce de Leon Boulevard Median Installation and Roadway Improvements (Phase II) Project to Tran Construction, Inc. pursuant to Section 2-828 of the Procurement Code and Invitation for Bid (IFB) 2009.12.01 in the amount of \$1,513,727.60 (one million five hundred thirteen thousand seven hundred twenty-seven dollars and sixty cents); further authorizing an appropriation of funds for this project.

Attachments: [Bid Response](#)
[Tabulation Sheet](#)
[Consultant's Recommendation](#)
[Resolution](#)
[H-1 Signed Cover Memo](#)
[Signed Resolution 2010-19.pdf](#)

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER TO AWARD THE PONCE DE LEON BOULEVARD MEDIAN INSTALLATION AND ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS (PHASE II) PROJECT TO TRAN CONSTRUCTION, INC. PURSUANT TO SECTION 2-828 OF THE PROCUREMENT CODE AND INVITATION FOR BID (IFB) 2009.12.01 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,513,727.60 (ONE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THIRTEEN THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED TWENTY-SEVEN DOLLARS AND SIXTY CENTS); FURTHER AUTHORIZING AN APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR THIS PROJECT.

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

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Kerdyk, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Anderson, that this motion be adopted by Resolution Number 2010-19. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

City Clerk Item No. 29

I. CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS

None

City Clerk Item No. 30

J. CITY CLERK ITEMS

None

City Clerk Item No. 31

K. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Mayor Slesnick: Ms. Anderson.

Commissioner Anderson: Just two things. I also have the honor of going to Chief Gossett's funeral, the viewing earlier, and I think it would be nice at the appropriate time to maybe to do something here at the Commission meeting to honor that. I kept his bio and I'll forward it onto the Manager and the Clerk to see what we can do, to do some type of appropriate acknowledgement. He was not only our city employee and a loyal city employee, but he was also a resident, that's the same one, you can forward that.

Mayor Slesnick: I'll hand it to the Clerk right now for you; Maria, I'll hand it to the Clerk right now.

Commissioner Anderson: Perfect - that's great and the second item would be to have the Manager and also working with the City Clerk, to schedule a noticed meeting to figure out dates so both Commissioner Cabrera and I could meet and also invite some folks to be part of it, because I know the Clerk has to be a part of the official minutes.

Commissioner Cabrera: [Inaudible - mike off]

Commissioner Anderson: Yes, that's fine, whatever, just as long as it gets done.

Commissioner Cabrera: You will work on that for us?

City Clerk Foeman: Yes.

Commissioner Anderson: Super. That's it for me.

Mayor Slesnick: Mr. Cabrera.

Commissioner Cabrera: Let me just segway on the "green" issue. So in the interim,

Commissioner Anderson and I are going to put together...[inaudible]...I really misspoke because six weeks and a day from now all we are going to do is get together and discuss as is...really dig into...from what I read and from what we talked about. So having said that I want to make sure that we are all clear that next Commission meeting we would invite members of the Chamber to make a brief presentation so that....[inaudible]...

Commissioner Anderson: Absolutely.

Mayor Slesnick: I absolutely agree. I would just really ask as a courtesy if we could give a small slot to the Garden Club to come in and say some words too about what they are doing. I don't mean to make a gigantic production, but I think it would be fair because they've been working too.

Commissioner Anderson: I think they should be invited absolutely, and if Mrs. Jude wants to speak she is more than welcome. I know that the folks I've been working with have kept in touch - not a problem.

Mayor Slesnick: I agree with Ralph though, I think we need to be very specific as to what their time limits are or else it could be an entire day of talking about it.

Commissioner Cabrera: You know, believe it or not the Chamber's President, I'm sorry sir, I apologize, the Chamber's President has already communicated via e-mail to me, and he is watching and he actually is prepared to come to us. So what I'll do is I'll work with him and Commissioner Anderson so we do this in a very...

Mayor Slesnick: He's watching?

Commissioner Cabrera: He's watching.

Mayor Slesnick: Hi Mark.

Commissioner Cabrera: He may not be watching now, but he was watching earlier. Anyway, I understand, I understand what we are trying to do here, and at the same time if our next meeting is anything like today's and last meeting, then we'll have plenty of time to have them speak.

Mayor Slesnick: You are absolutely right about that too.

Commissioner Cabrera: Anyway - for my other comments let me begin by congratulating our City Attorney who was just awarded or recognized by Florida International University as a Torch Award recipient. The Torch Award is probably the highest award an alumni of Florida International University can receive. I'm so envious

of her because I've been trying to get any kind of award from my alma mater, but I don't seem to score on that stuff. Really, all kidding aside, congratulations, well deserved, and I'm glad that your alma mater is recognizing you, one of your alma maters, right. So really good stuff, when I saw that I was really happy for you.

City Attorney Hernandez: Thank you, thank you.

Commissioner Cabrera: And the City Attorney is also working with me on the issue of texting while driving and the potential support for legislation on that matter, and we plan to bring you something at the next Commission meeting. Is that about it, ma'am?

City Attorney Hernandez: That's it.

Commissioner Cabrera: On another - on a completely different issue, I think most of us have been contacted by the owners/management of Riviera Day School regarding some of the challenges that they've been facing with the construction site next to them, and I don't know what you all have done. I responded very quickly and obviously, I don't make bones about this, I have a child that goes there and she tells me about some of the things that go on in the middle of the day, and she thinks there is literally an earthquake going on, but you know, its construction, its right next to the school. But I just wanted to let you know that our Assistant City Manager, Maria Menendez, is working very hard to coordinate the process with both the school and the construction site, the contractors and so, in case you were going to get involved, I want you to know that staff has really taken a strong position and I'm very grateful to her efforts. We spoke this past weekend and so that's being worked on as we speak. In the audience today we have a resident, Mr. Jimmy Hartnett, and I had the opportunity to have breakfast with Mr. Hartnett last week, and I always come away learning something new, and I'm always excited to meet with him because he educates me on the past, the present, and certainly the future; and I think what Jimmy shared with me, one of the things that I wanted to share with all of you is, you know the plywood that we find along Miracle Mile and the Ponce corridors, there is where construction going on with storefronts, its ugly, its unsightly, it really doesn't do any justice to the Miracle Mile or Ponce, and he had a very interesting suggestion. He said why don't you cover the plywood with the same material that you cover the glass fronts, the storefronts when they are vacant; and I know that's a B.I.D. initiative, I believe the B.I.D. is responsible for that, but I'd like to direct the Manager's office to work with perhaps the B.I.D. on a way to be able to at least make those storefronts that are under construction, I don't want to say more attractive, but more acceptable to the entire area and that's not an expensive endeavor, it should not cost a lot of money and the cost should be paid by the store that is building itself out or the tenant, or perhaps the property owner.

Commissioner Withers: How about allowing them to even put temporary signage of

their store logo or something like that up there?

Commissioner Cabrera: Well many of them have that, many of them have that, but the signage is the appropriate sign based upon our sign ordinance.

Commissioner Withers: Well I'm talking about on the plywood itself, if someone...

Commissioner Cabrera: Well they do, they have that, you can walk by the Mile and you can see what's coming, and you'll see...but are you saying that....

Commissioner Withers: I know, but you are talking about putting a whole mural on the plywood, I'm talking about a similar mural as opposed to just the name of the store.

Commissioner Anderson: How about some, I think we had this before, some of our children in our elementary schools to provide art to put murals on those too, that's an idea, because I think it's a great idea.

Commissioner Cabrera: I don't care what it is as long as....

Commissioner Anderson: Yes, you're right; I think it's ugly to have that out there.

Commissioner Cabrera: And again, Mr. Hartnett was nice enough to bring that to my attention.

Mayor Slesnick: May I ask a question?

Commissioner Cabrera: Absolutely.

Mayor Slesnick: Well Ralph has brought it up. There is a place along Ponce, Bill you may know, on the west side near Anacapri or on the next block, that's been boarded up for ages, and I don't see anything going on there. How long do we allow...?

Vice Mayor Kerdyk: Which one? Not the one they are doing construction on right now?

Mayor Slesnick: Well it looks like a construction site, but nothing has happened, I mean, it's been there for months.

Vice Mayor Kerdyk: It's the block of Anacapri, the same side street. Supposedly a construction site.

Mayor Slesnick: Well how long do we allow that kind of site to stay like that, unimproved?- that's my question. I don't expect an answer, if someone looks in...

Vice Mayor Kerdyk: It's the 2500 block; 2516 Ponce to be specific, not mine, not leasing it.

Commissioner Cabrera: My last three items; I'd like to get from the Manager's office soon an update on the Coral Gables Country Club, where we are?- where the contractor is?- what are the next steps? I've had a private conversation with the Manager, and I'd now like to have a public conversation in terms of creating some transparency on this issue, because there are a lot of issues surrounding the Country Club, and there are a lot of rumors going on out there in the public, and I'd like to be able to have a public forum on this item. So, I don't know how the rest of you feel, but I think it's time to have discussions regarding the Coral Gables Country Club. Do you all share my sentiment?

Vice Mayor Kerdyk: Hundred percent.

Mayor Slesnick: Absolutely.

Commissioner Withers: Are you talking about the past or the future?

Commissioner Cabrera: When you say the past, I mean, I don't want to talk about Granada LLC.

Commissioner Withers: Because I know there is litigation going on, and I don't know how much...

Commissioner Cabrera: I'm curious as to where are we going? So to answer your question...

Commissioner Withers: Future.

Commissioner Cabrera:...It's your question or the Manager's question?

Commissioner Withers: My question.

Commissioner Cabrera: OK. To answer your question, I'm more interested in seeing where we are going with this future relationship. Are we going forward?- are we going to give some timing to the contractor given the delays that we caused?- or had been caused by some of the processes in place; you know, I want to move forward with them, and I want to be able to work on a partnership, but I also believe that the time has come that this be a public discussion and not a private one. It's a public building on public land, and we are using public dollars to renovate it.

Commissioner Withers: Yes, but Ralph, we just had five months of discussing this thing.

Commissioner Cabrera: I tell you what, I hear you.

Commissioner Withers: No, no, we did, and the Commission spoke.

Commissioner Cabrera: All I care about is going forward....

Commissioner Withers: Alright.

Commissioner Cabrera:...that's what I care about. I don't want to sit here and dwell on outdoor dining and things like that. I just want to move this thing forward. You know, I don't know how much you hear, but I'm constantly hearing from the citizenry all kinds of things, and it upsets me because I know very little and I don't want to shed too much light on issues, but you know, I got this bug about transparency and having public discussions on these issues, you know, maybe I'm wrong on this.

Vice Mayor Kerdyk: I'm for talking about it, I'm hundred percent for it.

Commissioner Cabrera: OK. Speaking of other discussions that are public; the first quarter - the city's fiscal quarter ended 12-31-09, the first fiscal quarter ended 12-31-09, I'd certainly like to get a first quarter financial review of the city's financial performance. I think we also need to see that, and I'd like to see that soon, I'd like to see that at if all possible at the very beginning of March, excuse me, I'm sorry, the very beginning of February. I don't want it to linger much longer. So, I'd like something to be brought to our attention regarding that; and last but certainly not least, Commissioner Withers brought up the Biltmore Hotel at our last meeting and there was an article in the paper about it, and there were quotes by some of us, and there were quotes by the operator of the Biltmore Hotel, and at some point in time I'd like to get a briefing on this publicly by the Manager's office. I know the City Attorney has been working diligently on the issue of the agreement, and as far as I'm concerned based upon my conversation with her yesterday it was almost completed. Correct me if I'm wrong.

City Attorney Hernandez: No, you are correct.

Commissioner Cabrera: Jump in any time you want.

City Attorney Hernandez: You're correct; we are down to one small issue.

Commissioner Cabrera: And so I'd like to see how we are going to move this thing forward, and those are the three items that I'd like to see happen and they are all in

future Commission meetings, but I'd like to see them sooner rather than later, and I believe the rest of us or some of us or the majority of us want to see this information as well.

Mayor Slesnick: Next meeting.

Commissioner Cabrera: Well, I was going to say (first quarter) the first quarter review may not give the Manager enough time even though the fiscal year ended 12-31.

Mayor Slesnick: I meant the Biltmore.

Commissioner Cabrera: I thought the Biltmore was already going to come the next meeting. I think Commissioner Withers had actually asked for that or someone had asked for that. Mr. Manager is that your...?

City Manager Salerno: Let me address, if you will, each of those items that you brought up. The Country Club item is not sitting still as I discussed with each of you. We are having discussions with the operator; those are moving along and as soon as we come to the point where I can present to you a direction in that regard, I will bring that forward. That is our plan, to bring you forward something, but there were - as you recall the Commissioners gave the operator some leeway with respect to timing on issues. Those are the items we have already have discussions with, in fact the operator was in town, I believe, last week where we had discussions in that regard, that is moving forward, it is not languishing, it is not sitting, it is moving forward. But I also don't want to - I want to make sure that we've had the opportunity to fully vet that, had that discussion and then we will present that matter to the Commission in due course when there is something to present. He is continuing to work on site; any Commissioner who would like to go to the Country Club, I'll make arrangements to have the facility open so they can get a tour and see the work that is proceeding. The project is not at this time sitting in that regard in any respect. There are ongoing discussions and there needs to be time to work through those documents, those issues. The Finance Director is working on the Quarterly Financial Report, he should have that to me soon, as you indicated Commissioner, it can't be done effective December 31st, there are things that need to be brought forward and as I said, he is already working on it, and that item will come before the Commission probably before the timeframe you even suggested. So the idea is to pass that report along to the Commissioners as soon as it's complete, and whether there is a discussion necessary or not, that will depend, I guess, on what the information is in the report. That's not sitting either, that is moving forward. The last item with respect to the Biltmore. I would only say that this matter is in large part at this stage a legal matter, and I'm not comfortable, I would not want to be on the record discussing matters with the Biltmore without the City Attorney making sure that I don't say something that would be inappropriate which, and I think she's in the best position to give an update with that

matter. Once the legal issues have been resolved we will move rapidly then into a review of their financial situation, but until we get to that point, I would prefer not to comment because we need to get past that hurdle. I don't know if the City Attorney is prepared to say anything at this meeting. I know there have been discussions ongoing and progress is being made, but beyond that I would not want to comment.

Commissioner Cabrera: So let me see if I understand correctly. First of all before I even response to your comments, not once did I use the word languishing nor sitting, so I don't suggest for one minute that you or your staff have been languishing or sitting on either the Country Club, the financial condition of the city, or the Biltmore. I don't insinuate that at all, so, if that's the tone you interpreted from me I never used those words. So I don't know where that came from. Secondly, in spite of the fact I know that you are not languishing or sitting on any of these issues, I believe as an elected official in the City of Coral Gables that these issues that I mentioned need to be brought forth, and therefore whether the quarterly financial looks wonderful or it looks mediocre or it looks bad, I believe that the citizens of Coral Gables need to see a public presentation on our financial condition because, I don't know about the rest of you, but I tell the public that we have some financial challenges and we are all working very hard to focus on those financial challenges and come out a much stronger city than we are today. As far as the issue about the Biltmore and the legal matters, at some point in time I believe that this community deserves some sort of a presentation, and I'm glad to hear that the contractor at the Coral Gables Country Club is doing work, but once again I believe that this community is entitled to understanding where we are with it without compromising any legal - potential legal problems or snafus. You've been very candid with me in one conversation that we had and I've been very comfortable in giving the contractor the time that they need to get there house in order, or to get their business plan in order, or to move forward, but my colleagues and I have not had that discussion and the public really doesn't know much about this. So this is the reason I'm bringing these items up, so if I gave you the impression that you are languishing or sitting on issues, that was not the intent of my discussion, and again I don't remember using any of those kinds of words. So that's how I feel about it. I still feel strongly that we need to have that update on the Country Club; I still feel very strongly that regardless of the first quarter financial performance of the city, it needs to be discussed as soon as possible, and last but not least, I think the Biltmore needs to be brought forward.

City Attorney Salerno: I agree with you Commissioner, that's where we are moving in each of those regards.

Commissioner Cabrera: My last comment of the day comes from Dona Spain who was kind enough to get me some information. I think we all know Tito Gomez.

Vice Mayor Kerdyk: Yes.

Commissioner Cabrera: Tito Gomez knows the entire Commission in one way or another; he called me the other day and he apparently is involved with a fuel contractor and wanted just to know what our city consumed in terms of fuel. I have no clue. I was just going to say I think you need to go to the Procurement Department and speak to them, but I took the liberty of asking staff to provide me with the information and I'm sharing it with you only because I am going to share it with Tito. According to Dona's information that I'm sure she derived from the Automotive Department through the Manager's office, we purchased in regular unleaded fuel 279,404 gallons a year; and in diesel fuel we purchased 215,995 gallons, and I'm assuming that's in a twelve month period?

Ms. Spain: Yes.

Commissioner Cabrera: So just thought you might be interested in knowing we buy a lot of fuel. That's it for me.

Mayor Slesnick: No its not.

Commissioner Cabrera: Oh, right, right. Thank you, thank you Don. The City of Coral Gables is recognized by the National Multiple Sclerosis Society of South Florida for their involvement in the Key Largo bicycle ride to raise funds for Multiple Sclerosis. Each year the National Multiple Sclerosis Society in South Florida puts on this bicycle ride and raises well over a million dollars for research and curative purposes for this terrible, terrible disease and we were recognized recently by the National Multiple Sclerosis for our involvement because last year and the year before, the ride which is a 150 mile round trip from Coral Gables to Key Largo started and finished at the University of Miami. So unfortunately we will not have the opportunity to host it this year, the good folks in Homestead will be hosting the ride, but they did recognize us and Don wanted me to bring this in. So this is to all of us and we have members of staff at Public Works, Public Service, we have Fire and Police that were part of this event, and we have a gentleman and his name escapes me, and I apologize to him, but he works, I believe, in our Police Department, and he is one of the key coordinators of this ride, so it's a great event and the folks at the MS Society decided to recognize us for our efforts.

Mayor Slesnick: And you took part.

Commissioner Cabrera: I have taken part in this now for twelve years. It was a time I could do it in one day and now I can't do it anymore. Yes, it's a nice recognition.

Commissioner Anderson: Beautiful.

Mayor Slesnick: Very nice. Thank you.

Commissioner Cabrera: Richard, did you do this last year? No? You worked it, OK. Thank you. Anyway, that's it.

Mayor Slesnick: Well that will look great in City Hall. Thank you Ralph. Ralph doesn't like to talk about himself, but he has participated and was recognized personally by the Society for his contributions. So we thank you very much. Bill.

Vice Mayor Kerdyk: Yes - Mayor just one quick item, with regards to enhancing the aesthetic beauty in the downtown area, we've talked about this issue on a couple of occasions, with several of the pieces of land not being developed at this time, those pieces of land are tarped in with green tarp around them. If you have Code Enforcement go out to the downtown areas and take a look at those tarps, I find in my travels that several of these tarps are down, the fences are broken and it's very unbecoming of the City of Coral Gables. Now the Mayor had an idea several months ago prior to you being here Mr. City Manager, and the idea was that we were going to reach out to these developers and ask them to put grass down. Now I understand there is some issues with grass because irrigation needs to be a portion of the component there, but I never heard back from staff making the discussion internally on how that could proceed. So if you could refocus staff and find out exactly where that stands with staff and report back to us, because I do think that these pieces of land will be vacant for quite a time. So we might as well make it as palatable for our residents and our downtown constituents as possible.

Commissioner Withers: And you know Bill, some of those actually infringe into the parking area, maybe we could even...plus we move them back to other side of the sidewalk and make the sidewalk accessible once again.

Vice Mayor Kerdyk: Yes, that's true.

City Manager Salerno: Commissioner, you are correct, the Mayor brought that issue up, the qualification he put to it was he would like to see those areas made aesthetically more desirable in a way also that was cost neutral to the developer, and that's where things have been difficult, because there are certainly - we could have rather quickly an ordinance amendment that would require developers in certain circumstances to improve those properties, the problem is getting it done where they are at a cost neutral, and the Mayor wanted it done as a cost neutral item. So that aspect, the cost neutral item, is where the rub has come and the difficulty in finding how to give the developer a break in that regard.

Vice Mayor Kerdyk: Have you looked at the possible scenario where we may credit them on building permits when they finally do pull the permit?- you know, give them credit for enhancing the green space for the time being, or utilizing some of the areas,

we charge them in offsetting what they do to enhance our beauty for the time being?- and giving back, even if we don't do anything with the grass, which I think it's a great idea, I love green space and parks and everybody knows my feeling as far as that goes. But certainly we need to make sure those tarps look good and the fences are erected and everything looks the way the City of Coral Gables should look.

City Manager Salerno: Absolutely, absolutely Commissioner.

Vice Mayor Kerdyk: I'm finished.

Mayor Slesnick: I thank you because I still have that same desire. Mr. Withers.

Commissioner Withers: I do not have any items, but I do have just one clarification with Liz and a remark that Ralph had made on the Biltmore. When you said Liz, there is just one minor detail on the agreement or the contract; I assume that's the escrow agreement?

City Attorney Hernandez: Yes, we have a disagreement over a document, whether it's a public record or a trade secret and we are trying to move toward resolution of that.

Commissioner Withers: OK, so it's the escrow agreement - OK.

City Attorney Hernandez: Yes, the other agreements are ready to go.

Mayor Slesnick: Mr. Manager, do you have anything?

City Manager Salerno: Nothing Mayor.

Mayor Slesnick: Just a few quick things; one is that the Vice Mayor got a letter from the Coral Gables Community Foundation, which he asked me to mention and save his voice a little bit here, but it was copied to each of you, it was a thank you again for the donation of the excess car that we gave to them, and it was that a lady in town life was saved because of that car. She had called the Community Foundation saying that she was having problems and would like to be taken to the hospital; she said that she was not interested in calling 911 and preferred not to because she didn't want her neighbors worried about her, and she didn't want the fuss of having a 911 vehicle coming to her house. So the Community Foundation took her; she was having trouble breathing, when she got to the emergency room they diagnosed that she was in fact having a heart attack, and they immediately took care of her, and she has been going around saying because of the city's donation to the Foundation her life has been saved.

Commissioner Cabrera: And she saved the Fire Rescue Transport fee.

Mayor Slesnick: Yes. Liz, I would like to get back, as we are talking about all these things that we like to get back to, talking about if I could just ask you to maybe circulate something, I know that you looked into the Leaf-Blower Ordinance awhile back, and again I get complaints on a regular basis about leaf-blowers, and I understand the difficulty in enforcing such an ordinance. I understand also that it has to be very specific and that it has to have some rationale in our powers as a city, but the main thing that I think that our city should be concerned with is, and I see this everyday; I doubt that all of you would not see this, I mean, I feel that you would see it, and that is the people with the leaf-blowers and these people blowing leaves into our streets and into our sewer system, which is in fact an incredible issue for our city, is the clogged up sewer system of the leaves. So I think that's one regulation and I also think that the loud gasoline engines without having any muffler system and so forth. Other cities have done this all across the country, and people complain to me about the noisiness of them, the smoke coming out of the engines, but I'm really concerned about the sewers and about the clogging of the sewers; and Mr. Manager and so if you could do that Liz, I'd appreciate it. But Mr. Manager, I've noticed in some of our downtown areas where we have trees, that there was an exceptional amount of water in the gutter sitting after the last rain, which was not that bad a rain the other day, but I have a feeling that a lot of the sewers we need to be checking for the leaves that came down during the last cold spell week. We had an avalanche of leaves all over the city and they worked their way into the sewers, before we have a big rain it might be a good preventative medicine to do that. Just to remind everybody that the next Commission meeting is on Wednesday not Tuesday, it's Wednesday, I believe the 10th of February, is that the correct date? So with that we are going to conclude. We have a ceremony over at the Country Club Prado, historic entrance at 8th Street, that's at noon, and we are going to rededicate it. We have just been able to complete a million dollar plus historic preservation project that this Commission languished over for a long, long time and we congratulate the many members of staff that worked on that project all the way from the workers in our Public Works all the way up to our managerial people who helped plan it. We'll be out there to celebrate another beautiful moment in Coral Gables history. That, we will adjourn.

City Clerk Item No. 32

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 10:37 am on January 26, 2010. The next regular meeting of the City Commission has been scheduled for February 10, 2010, beginning 9 a.m.]

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