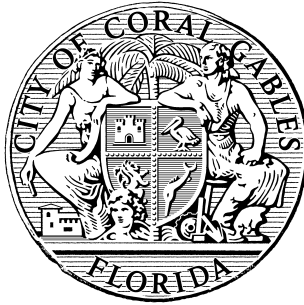


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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 28, 2008

9:00 AM

City Hall, Commission Chambers

City Commission

*Mayor Donald D. Slesnick, II
Vice Mayor William H. Kerdyk, Jr.
Commissioner Maria Anderson
Commissioner Rafael "Ralph" Cabrera, Jr.
Commissioner Wayne "Chip" Withers*

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

ROLLCALL

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

INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Reverend Cathy Felber of the First United Church of South Miami.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Wayne "Chip" Withers 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. 2008-27); (b) Resolution(s) adopted (Resolution No. 2008-170 through Resolution No. 2008-178); (c) Video; (d) Audio Recording; (d) Minutes Folder with Agenda and background information, including items which were submitted at the meeting.

A. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

- A.-1. [08-0713](#) Recognition of CoralGables@Home, a membership organization operated by the non-profit Coral Gables Community Foundation
- [Note for the Record: Mrs. Jeannett Slesnick, chairperson of the Coral Gables Community Foundation, addressed the City Commission in connection with its Coral Gables@Home Program, a program which is designed to assist our residents, 50 years of age and older, to "age in place," in their homes; further stating that during the first quarterly meeting of the Coral Gables Foundation, there was approval for the seed money in furtherance of this project; further stating that a generous grant was provided by the Kirk Foundation in the amount of \$250,000, along with other community support; further stating that said program will have attained its 501-3-C status by the end of Calendar Year 2009; further introducing the following Committee members present during presentation of this item: Heather Harris, Consultant for the Coral Gables@Home Program, Marli Lutz, Executive Director of the Coral Gables@Home Program; Betty Jimenez R.N., Chair for the Coral Gables@Home Program; Mia Cavaco; Executive Director for the Coral Gables Community Foundation.

Ms. Heather Harris also proceeded to explain the Village Concept, stating that said reference provides elderly the opportunity to "age in place" and live healthy lives; further pointing out that the first Village Concept was in Beacon Hill, Massachusetts;

further stating that the Florida program is the first one of its kind in the state, and as a point of reference our committee has conducted market research, spoke to potential vendors, developed a business plan, and hired an executive director in furtherance of said program.

Ms. Marli Lutz presented a powerpoint program stating that the City of Coral Gables was named as one of the best places to retire on The Today's Show; further stating that it is the first Florida-based program to assist the residents to stay at home; further acknowledging the \$250,000 grant received from the Kirk Foundation; further reiterating that the Beacon Hill Village was the first pilot program, said program with membership dues of \$600 per individuals and \$850 per couple, as compared to Coral Gables@Home program, with annual membership dues of \$500 per household; further stating that subsidized membership of \$100 (entitles one to \$250 worth of services); further inviting any member of the Commission to address any of their questions to Betty Jimenez.

Ms. Jimenez stated that she is employed in the capacity of a geriatric nurse; further stating that it is now a priority in the state of Florida to have seniors to be able to live within their respective communities; further reiterating that this project is the first of its kind in Florida; further expressing optimism that said project will be duplicated throughout other parts of Florida.

Questions/Comments from the City Commission: Commissioner Anderson stated that it is her hope that said initiative will assist with the integration of our City Services Guide, etc.; whereupon Ms. Jimenez responded that she is optimistic that it will be helpful in showing how to access certain city services. Mayor Slesnick added that he hopes that the committee through this program has been working with our Senior Citizens Advisory Board, along with our City's Parks and Recreation Department.

Mrs. Slesnick reminded the public that packets regarding the program are available; further stating that there is nothing like being lonely at home; further pointing out that there is a budget contained in the program document, outlining the operating revenues, operating expenses, marketing expense, office expenses, other expenses, operating income, etc.; further stating that the committee has raised enough funding to take the program into next year, wherein it is their desire to become self-sustaining, parting with its membership. Mayor Slesnick added that he appreciates the work that the City's Senior Citizens Advisory Board along with our Parks and Recreation Department have done; further concluding said presentation with the saying that blessings are upon you and may you find peace].

City Clerk Item No. 1

A.-2. [08-0693](#)

Congratulations to Dayron Garcia, Building and Zoning Department, recipient of the City of Coral Gables Employee of the Month Award, for the month of November 2008

Attachments: [Cover Memo](#) [EOM November2008](#)
[EOM DayronGarcia Nov2008](#)

[Note for the Record: Marj Adler noted that the Employee of the Month for November 2008, namely Dayron Garcia, Building and Zoning Department, who had received nominations from three different people; further stating that all three nominators shared a common point of reference in describing Mr. Garcia's work ethic, stating that he goes over and beyond the call of duty in rendering service to others; that he handles the public with respect regarding over the counter service request, and that his communication skills are very good, since he is very well received by the public. Interim Department Director Ed Weller reaffirmed same, noting that approximately three years ago, he began his tenure with the City, moving from a temporary staff agency to becoming a full-time team player in the Permitting Division of the Building and Zoning Department.

Commissioner Anderson after initially acknowledging the challenges that the Building and Zoning Department has faced, further acknowledged the special efforts of those individuals who continually strive day-by-day, which is deserving of public recognition; further engaging the public with a little light hearted humor, in the form of group participation asking each person in the audience to yell "Twinkie," thus revealing Dayron's secret; further presenting him with two boxes of same.

In accepting the accolade as the November Employee of the Month, Mr. Garcia acknowledged the great staff in the Building and Zoning Department, in making the City a better place].

City Clerk Item No. 2

- A.-3. [08-0695](#) Presentation of 20 year service pin to Sebrina Brown, Building and Zoning Department

Attachments: [CM_SebrinaBrown20YrServicePin](#)

[Note for the Record: Sebrina Brown, Concurrency Administrator, received her 20 year service pin from the Building and Zoning Department. In receiving the pin, City Manager Brown stated that she began her career as a Clerical Assistant II in Building and Zoning in August of 1988; was promoted to Assistant Plans Coordinator in July of 1989 and to Zoning Technician in February of 1993; ultimately being promoted to Concurrency Administrator, also in the Building and Zoning Department in August of 2006, where she currently serves.

In describing her work ethic, City Manager Brown stated that she has produced high quality and accurate work, exhibits initiative and resourcefulness, makes sound decisions, and demonstrates a graceful demeanor under pressure.

In further recognition of this milestone in her career, Ms. Brown stated that she didn't think she would be in the City's workforce for 20 years; however, she has continually added to her resume; further stating that she has no regrets, while acknowledging the fact that her co-workers have been wonderful; further acknowledging that her department has been through a lot; however, pointing out that they have grown, that they supported one another, and are very proud of one another].

City Clerk Item No. 3

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- B.-1. [08-0699](#) Regular City Commission Meeting of October 14, 2008

Attachments: [CCMtg October 14 2008 Agenda Item D-3 - Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce](#)
[CCMtg October 14 2008 agenda item E-1 - Board of Adjustment Appeal, 601 Nav](#)
[CCMtg October 14 2008 Agenda Item E-2 - Concurrency Appeal.pdf](#)
[CCMtg October 14 2008 agenda item H-1 - Country Club RFP Recommend Libert](#)
[CCMtg October 14 2008 Agenda Item D-2 - Business Improvement District Report](#)
[October 14, Meeting Minutes.pdf](#)

Yeas : 4 - Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Cabrera, Jr., Commissioner Withers and Mayor Slesnick II

Absent : 1 - Vice Mayor Kerdyk, Jr.

City Clerk Item No. 4

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

Yeas : 4 - Commissioner Cabrera, Jr., Commissioner Withers, Commissioner Anderson and Mayor Slesnick II

Absent : 1 - Vice Mayor Kerdyk, Jr.

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-170**C.-1. 08-0716**

A Resolution granting temporary encroachments into the right-of-way from November 1, 2008 through January 31, 2009, for the placement of holiday decoration planters along Giralda Avenue and Andalusia Avenue, in accordance with the holiday decoration plan and coordinated by the Business Improvement District and the City of Coral Gables.

Attachments: [Planters Picture 1](#)
[Planters Picture 2](#)
[Holiday Planters Cover Memo](#)
[Holiday Planters Resolution](#)

A RESOLUTION GRANTING TEMPORARY ENCROACHMENTS FOR THE PLACEMENT OF HOLIDAY DECORATION PLANTERS ALONG GIRALDA AVENUE AND ANDALUSIA AVENUE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE HOLIDAY DECORATION PLAN COORDINATED AND CREATED BY THE BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT AND THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES FROM NOVEMBER 1, 2008 THROUGH JANUARY 31, 2009.

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2008-170 on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 5

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

C.-3. 08-0698

Board of Adjustment Meeting of October 6, 2008

Attachments: [Cover memo - BOADJ Meeting Minutes 10-6-08](#)
[Notice - BOADJ Meeting 10-6-08](#)
[BOADJ Meeting Minutes 10-6-08](#)

City Clerk Item No. 6

- C.-4. [08-0704](#) Communications Committee Meeting of October 16, 2008

Attachments: [Microsoft Word - minutes october 2008.pdf](#)
[Microsoft Word - communicationsminutesagendaoctober08.pdf](#)
[annualreport08.doc](#)

City Clerk Item No. 7

- C.-5. [08-0705](#) Coral Gables Advisory Board on Disability Affairs Meeting of September 3, 2008

Attachments: [08Sep](#)
[covernoactionSept3](#)

City Clerk Item No. 8

- C.-6. [08-0709](#) Library Advisory Board Meeting of October 8, 2008

Attachments: [LB Cover Sheet 10-8-08na](#)
[Library Minutes 10-08-08](#)

City Clerk Item No. 9

- C.-7. [08-0711](#) Historic Preservation Board Meeting of September 18, 2008

Attachments: [NoAction.09.18.08MinustesforCC10.28.08](#)
[HPBSept182008](#)

City Clerk Item No. 10

- C.-8. [08-0712](#) Coral Gables Merrick House Governing Board Meeting of September 15, 2008

Attachments: [Merrick House Minutes-Sept 15, 2008R](#)
[CGMNoAction-09.15.08Minutes](#)

City Clerk Item No. 11

Pulled From Consent Agenda

C.-2. [08-0697](#) Public Safety Committee Meeting of September 16, 2008

Attachments: [PSC Minutes of 09-16-2008](#)
[Sept 16 PSC minutes](#)

[Note for the Record: Following the **City Clerk's** publishing of the Consent Agenda into the Public Record, **Commissioner Cabrera** requested of the City Clerk to pull Agenda Item C-2, whereby the roll call vote on the Consent Agenda was taken. Commissioner Cabrera prefaced his remarks by stating that the last time that the Public Safety Committee came before the City Commission, there was concern regarding the Board's continued existence; further stating that it is incumbent upon his colleagues to consider whether said Board should continue to exist, or will be sunsetted? Further stating that following a review of the minutes, realizing that said Board represents a group that needs to obtain its information from both the Police and Fire Departments, that he has seen no activity from this Board, other than a proposal for a possible newsletter that is being contemplated; further stating that the City already has a newsletter, and therefore in his estimation, said proposed initiative can be viewed as redundant and costly; further stating that his own appointee (Rene Alvarez) to said Board is desirous of getting off said Board and joining another Board.

Mayor Slesnick suggested that the City Commission invite the chairman of the Public Safety Committee, namely Rene Alvarez, to come before the City Commission for the purpose of having a dialogue with our governing board.

City Attorney Hernandez stated that in accordance with our City's Boards and Committee Ordinance, each board is required to submit an Annual Report; further stating that in conjunction with same, that said board may include in its recommendations as to whether or not the board feels it should be sunsetted].

Yeas : 4 - Commissioner Withers, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Cabrera, Jr. and Mayor Slesnick II

Absent : 1 - Vice Mayor Kerdyk, Jr.

City Clerk Item No. 12

D. PERSONAL APPEARANCES**D.-1. [08-0715](#)**

Lee Davidson, General Manager of the Village of Merrick Park, to provide a status report on the Village of Merrick Park

[Note for the Record: a Copy of the verbatim transcript of Agenda Item D-1 is available for Public Inspection in the City Clerk's Office and in Legistar.]

City Clerk Item No. 13

D.-2. [08-0719](#)

Natalie Salas, on behalf of the Homestead-Miami Speedway, to request permission to place temporary banners from November 9-16, 2008 on existing poles and brackets along Ponce de Leon Blvd. related to the upcoming Nascar Championships.

Attachments: [102808-Nascar banners.pdf](#)
[102808-Homestead Speedway Letter.pdf](#)
[Nascar Banner.pdf](#)

[Note for the Record: Ms. **Laura Pequignot**, Vice President of Marketing and Communications, Homestead Miami-Speedway, appeared before the Coral Gables City Commission, in connection with permission to place temporary banners on existing poles and brackets along Ponce de Leon Blvd., for the upcoming NASCAR Championships (November 14th-16th, 2008); further prefacing her remarks citing some of those events that connected our City to this event have included the Race Festival along Alhambra Circle and the Carting Events, in which members of the City Commission participated in (i.e. Commissioner Cabrera, Mayor Slesnick). Ms. Pequignot further stated that during Calendar Year 2009, the Homestead -Miami Speedway will host the Indy Car Series; further stating that being current home to NASCAR's Ford Championship Weekend season finale (November 14-16, 2008), as well as the Indy Car series is unprecedented in the history of motorsports, and that the Homestead-Miami Speedway would host the championship events of both top two motorsports circuits in North America; further stating that this year, the Hyatt Regency Coral Gables will serve as the official Media Headquarters Hotel, thus becoming the focal point of all of the national and international media for said event, in addition to said participants frequenting the many retail, dining and entertainment establishments; further emphasizing that venues will include an On-Site Media Center, a private Media Lounge, Hyatt will sponsor a NASCAR Press Conference, etc; other amenities include a shuttle service between the Hyatt and Homestead-Miami Speedway; exclusive media gifts from HMS sponsors delivered to Hyatt rooms each night, etc.; further stating that the long term goal of Homestead-Miami Speedway is to make the City of Coral Gables a hub, not just for the media, but for the sponsor.

Questions/Concerns, Inquiry by Members of the City Commission: Mayor Slesnick made reference to the fact that the City Commission had waived the prohibition against the placement of banners along City streets once (i.e. for the Business Improvement District in connection with its season banners); further stating

that there have been an inordinate number of requests for same by individuals and groups, but the City has refused to grant same; further inquiring of Ms. Pequignot as to whether she has sought permission from the Hyatt Hotel for placement of banners outside the hotel itself; whereby Ms. Pequignot stated that she would explore said option; further reiterating her position that said request is not being done in furtherance of the event itself, but for the purpose of promoting a welcome; further restating on behalf of Homestead-Miami Speedway, their commitment toward building a partnership with the City of Coral Gables through hosting V.I.P. parties, seminars, welcoming P.T. for other media, etc.

Commissioner Cabrera stated that he has also participated in the Go Cart Race Event; further indicating that he will not be supporting this measure, because to do so would be opening up “Pandora’s Box” for each and every event here in our City (i.e. Carnival Miami, and other multiple events here); further stating that the Business Improvement District (B.I.D.) went through a six months process before the City Commission finally approved their banners; further responding to Ms. Pequignots commitment for partnership with the City of Coral Gables, stating that there are other opportunities for collaboration beyond signage, thus stimulating interest, creating other opportunities with other civic organizations.

Mayor Slesnick pointed out that the City Manager has been given the authority to allow for temporary signage at specific site locations; further urging Ms. Pequignot to work with the City Manager's Office regarding same; further urging said representatives of Homestead Miami Speedway to consider the 18 wheelers around the Hyatt Hotel for such a public purpose; further stating his opinion that he is not upset with the idea of site specific signage].

City Clerk Item No. 14

E. PUBLIC HEARINGS**Time Certain: 10:00 a.m.****NA.E. [08-0776](#)
-1.1.**

A Resolution of the City of Coral Gables City Commission to grant Robert Fine's motion to dismiss the appeal and approve the Board of Adjustment's decision to grant Mr. Fine's variance.

[Note for the Record: A copy of the verbatim transcript for Agenda Item NA.E-1.1 is available for public inspection in the City Clerk's Office and in Legistar.]

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Withers, that this motion be adopted by Resolution Number. No Number Assigned. The motion FAILED by the following vote:

Yeas : 2 - Commissioner Anderson and Commissioner Withers

Nays : 3 - Commissioner Cabrera, Jr., Vice Mayor Kerdyk, Jr. and Mayor Slesnick II

City Clerk Item No. 15

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-171**NA.E. [08-0730](#)
-1.2.**

A Resolution of the City of Coral Gables allowing the appeal of F.W. Zeke Guilford to be heard.

A RESOLUTION TO DENY REQUEST MADE BY ROBERT FINE, ESQUIRE, TO DISMISS MR. F.W. ZEKE GUILFORD'S APPEAL ON BEHALF OF HIS CLIENT, NAMELY MR. ANDRES MURAI (APPLICANT).

[Note for the Record: A copy of the verbatim transcript for Agenda Item NA.E-1.2 is available for public inspection in the City Clerk's Office and in Legistar.]

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Kerdyk, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Cabrera, Jr., that this motion be adopted by Resolution Number 2008-171. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yeas : 3 - Commissioner Anderson, Vice Mayor Kerdyk, Jr. and Mayor Slesnick II

Nays : 2 - Commissioner Withers and Commissioner Cabrera, Jr.

City Clerk Item No. 16

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-172**E.-1. 08-0700**

Board of Adjustment Appeal - Application No. 8677-Z

F.W. Zeke Guilford, Esquire; Applicant, has filed an appeal to the Coral Gables City Commission from a decision of the Board of Adjustment at its regular meeting September 8, 2008, wherein it approved an application for a variance pursuant to Ordinance No. 1525, as amended and known as the "Zoning Code." (Board of Adjustment approval vote: 4-1)

SUMMARY OF APPEAL:

The Applicant is appealing the Board of Adjustment approval in regard to the proposed standing seam metal roof for the proposed single-family residence.

Consider a variance request for a standing seam metal roof for the existing single-family residence located at 360 Solano Prado, Coral Gables, FL.

Attachments: [Cover memo-360 Solano Prado](#)
[Notice](#)
[Application for Appeal](#)
[360 Solano Prado Photos](#)
[Application for Variances](#)
[Application for Variances II](#)
[BOADJ Submittal Package](#)
[Board of Adjustment Transcripts](#)
[Documentary & Evidentiary Materials](#)
[Orig. Apprvd. Proj. & damage causing changes](#)
[Package](#)
[Submittal](#)
[Motion to Dismiss for Lack of Standing and Incorporated Memorandum of Law](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CORAL GABLES COMMISSION DENYING THE APPEAL FILED BY F.W. ZEKE GUILFORD, ESQ. (APPLICATION NO. 86-77), THEREBY UPHOLDING THE DECISION OF THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT TO ALLOW FOR A VARIANCE TO INSTALL A STANDING SEAM METAL ROOF FOR THE EXISTING SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE LOCATED AT 360 SOLANO PRADO, CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Withers, that this motion be denied by Resolution Number 2008-172. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yeas : 3 - Commissioner Withers, Commissioner Anderson and Mayor Slesnick II

Nays : 2 - Commissioner Cabrera, Jr. and Vice Mayor Kerdyk, Jr.

City Clerk Item No. 17

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING**ORDINANCE NO. 2008-27****E.-2. 08-0677**

An Ordinance of the City of Coral Gables, Florida Amending the City Code, Chapter 2, entitled "Administration", Article VIII, entitled "Procurement Code", by correcting scrivener's errors; amending the definitions and application sections to conform with language requirements of the City Code, Florida Laws and Federal Laws and Federal Laws and Regulations; implementing a contract manager system; amending the section of the City Attorney's duties by adding a section on Appeals of City Attorney decisions; amending the section on protests of solicitations and awards to strengthen the notice requirements and contents for protests; amending the section on performance and payment bonds to reflect the mandatory requirements of bonds for all construction contracts; amending the language for the purchase, sale or lease of city-owned property to provide more stringent analysis for such actions; amending the construction manager-at-risk selection and negotiation process to conform with the requirements of Florida law; update the City's insurance section to conform with new City requirements; changing all Public Works Department's responsibilities for procurement to the Procurement Division of the Finance Department; providing for severability, repealer, codification, and an effective date. (Passed on First Reading October 14, 2008. Vote: 5-0)

Attachments: [Agenda - Procurement Code](#)
[FINAL DRAFT \(with Liz' changes\) - procurement code - 09 30 08 copy \(5\)](#)
[Signed Ordinance 2008-27.pdf](#)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CITY CODE, CHAPTER 2, ENTITLED "ADMINISTRATION", ARTICLE VIII, ENTITLED "PROCUREMENT CODE" BY CORRECTING SCRIVENERS ERRORS; AMENDING THE DEFINITIONS AND APPLICATION SECTIONS TO CONFORM WITH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CITY CODE, FLORIDA LAWS AND FEDERAL LAWS AND REGULATIONS; IMPLEMENTING A CONTRACT MANAGER SYSTEM; AMENDING THE SECTION ON THE CITY ATTORNEY'S DUTIES BY ADDING A SECTION ON APPEALS OF CITY ATTORNEY DECISIONS; AMENDING THE SECTION ON PROTESTS OF SOLICITATIONS AND AWARDS TO STRENGTHEN THE NOTICE REQUIREMENTS AND CONTENTS FOR PROTESTS; AMENDING THE SECTION ON PERFORMANCE AND PAYMENT BONDS TO REFLECT THE MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS OF BONDS FOR ALL CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS; AMENDING THE LANGUAGE FOR THE PURCHASE, SALE OR LEASE OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY TO PROVIDE MORE STRINGENT ANALYSIS FOR SUCH ACTIONS; AMENDING THE CONSTRUCTION MANAGER-AT-RISK SELECTION AND NEGOTIATION PROCESS TO CONFORM WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF FLORIDA LAW; UPDATE THE CITY'S INSURANCE SECTION TO CONFORM WITH NEW CITY REQUIREMENTS; CHANGING ALL PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT'S RESPONSIBILITIES FOR PROCUREMENT TO THE PROCUREMENT DIVISION OF THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT; PROVIDING FOR

SEVERABILITY, REPEALER, CODIFICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

[Note for the Record: **Following the City Attorney's** reading of the title to Agenda Item E-2 into the public record, **Mayor Slesnick** informed the public that said issue had been previously discussed, and was passed and adopted on First Reading on October 14th, 2008; there being no additional discussion, nor any public testimony proffered, following a motion being made by Commissioner Anderson, and seconded by Commissioner Withers, Mayor Slesnick instructed the City Clerk to call the roll on said matter].

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Withers, that this motion be adopted by Ordinance Number 2008-27. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yeas : 4 - Commissioner Withers, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Cabrera, Jr. and Mayor Slesnick II

Absent : 1 - Vice Mayor Kerdyk, Jr.

City Clerk Item No. 18

F. CITY COMMISSION ITEMS

- F.-1. [08-0718](#)** Discussion related to the Waste Collection Fee
Commissioner Maria Anderson

[Note for the Record: **Commissioner Anderson** stated that the City has recently raised its fees (i.e. household trash, recycling, lawn trash, etc.), slightly; further stating that even though the City still subsidizes said fee, she would like to do something for the senior population of our City; further stating that she would like to see the additional revenue (\$62) per household received through four quarterly payments (\$672), as compared to the annual fee payment (\$610) of the above reference fees waived for seniors in the form of a senior discount.

Finance Director Don Nelson stated that the aforementioned fee increase went from \$580 to \$610; further stating that customers are allowed to pay either a one time annual fee of \$610, or four quarterly payments of \$168; further stating that there are 10,900 residential customers that pay annually, while the remaining quarter pays in quarterly installments; Commissioner Withers stated that 15,770 residents are 50 years of age and older; further stating that the financial impact has yet to be determined, since it has not been determined how many people will apply; whereupon Commissioner Withers surmised that out of the 40,000 residents, 60% are seniors, roughly leaving a financial impact of approximately between \$12,000 to \$15,000.

Questions/Inquiry, Issues by the City Commission: Mayor Slesnick inquired of **Mr. Nelson** what did he mean by the reference that he would consider granting the senior citizen discount to everyone?-whereupon Mr. Nelson stated that subject to proof of age verification (i.e. which Mr. Nelson states is different from age verification

presented for the fire alarm), at the time payment is made in the Finance Department, said customers would be granted said discount; further stating that beginning next year, customers will be able to make payments via the web; further stating that he has been receiving inquiries from various groups, including veterans, members from the disabled community, etc. regarding whether the City can provide their respective group with an incentive for a senior discount; further stating that said matter presents an administrative challenge, said rationale/justification for fee increase being that of the administrative cost and carrying charges associated with same totaling \$310,000 (\$62 times 5,000 customers).

Commissioner Cabrera inquired of Mr. Nelson as to whether the City can establish a registration program for our seniors in our City, in order that one may assess said database, to ascertain whether or not a senior qualifies for the above referenced senior discount; further stating that the City needs to develop a system which tracks same. **City Manager David Brown** requested of the City Commission to allow the City Administration a chance get back to the Commission in an attempt to alleviate said administrative problem in furtherance of said senior discount.

Mayor Slesnick suggested that the City Administration consider increasing the definitional age requirement of seniors; further stating that 65 years of age should not be considered as old, and that he personally does not consider himself as being old; further noting that he cannot receive social security until he becomes 67 years of age; further thanking the neighborhood for its cooperation and support for such initiatives as the senior discount for the fire alarm ordinance etc; whereupon **Commissioner Cabrera** stated that said age standard was established by the Senior Citizens Advisory Board; further requesting of Mayor Slesnick to provide him with the basis for his position regarding changing the definitional requirement of age 65 for seniors; further stating that he uses the definitional standard for Medicare, as justification for his usage of age 65 for seniors].

City Clerk Item No. 19

G. BOARDS/COMMITTEES ITEMS

None

City Clerk Item No. 20

H. CITY MANAGER ITEMS**RESOLUTION NO. 2008-173****H.-1. 08-0702**

A Resolution accepting the bid of T&G Constructors, as the lowest and most responsive bid, in the base bid amount of \$309,134.00, plus two alternates, for a total amount of \$314,234.00 for the improvements to the Venetian Pool Building, Coral Gables, Florida.

Attachments: [Pool cover](#)
[Venetian pool Reso](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT THE BID OF T&G CONSTRUCTORS, AS BEING LOWEST AND MOST RESPONSIVE BID, IN THE BASE BID AMOUNT OF \$309,134.00, PLUS TWO ALTERNATES FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$314,234.00 FOR THE IMPROVEMENTS TO THE VENETIAN POOL BUILDING, CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA.

[Note for the Record: Following **City Manager Brown's** reading of the title to the resolution for Agenda Item H-1 into the public record, Public Works **Director Alberto Delgado** addressed the City Commission regarding those bids which were received and opened, along with the recommended award of same for improvements to the Venetian Pool building; further stating that in order to comply with the Americans With Disability Act (ADA) requirements, in accordance with the settlement agreement between the City of Coral Gables and the Department of Justice, said base bid included renovation of the men's and women's restrooms, refurbishing of the perimeter fence/wall and gates, said base bid, along with two alternate bids which total an amount of \$314,234; further stating that another portion of the project included replacement of the lockers, repairs to two ornamental fountains, and painting of the fence and ironwork; further mentioning that the projected completion date for said women and men's bathroom project is by April of 2009; further stating that the Waterproof and Coordinated System Improvements will start in January of 2009 and end in May of 2009.

Questions/Inquiries, Concerns by the City Commission: Mayor Slesnick informed Mr. Delgado through the City Manager, that it is his expectation that the City will have our Venetian Pool open and operational by next summer. Commissioner Withers inquired as to whether the City Administration did projections for any revenues for the pool (i.e. catering revenues, etc.); whereupon Mr. Nelson stated that the City factored in the expediting of job repairs, and that revenues were projected for one quarter].

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Vice Mayor Kerdyk, Jr., that this motion be adopted by Resolution Number 2008-173. 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. 21

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-174

H.-2. 08-0703

A Resolution accepting the bid of Wilco Electric, LLC, in the amount of \$72,592.00, the lowest and most responsive bid, for the upgrading of the electrical service at Salvadore Park Tennis Center.

Attachments: [Wilco signed cover](#)
[Salvadore Reso](#)
[Salvadore letter - Natty](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT THE BID OF WILCO ELECTRICAL, LLC, AS THE LOWEST AND MOST RESPONSIVE BID, IN THE SUM OF \$72,592.00, FOR THE UPGRADING OF ELECTRICAL SERVICE AT SALVADORE TENNIS CENTER, CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA.

[Note for the Record: Following the City Manager reading of the title to the resolution for Agenda Item H-2 into the public record, **City Manager David Brown** requested of **Public Works Director Alberto Delgado** to address the City Commission regarding the bids which were received, and opened, along with the recommended award of same for the upgrading of the electrical services at Salvador Park Tennis Center; further stating that said park is undergoing a configuration of tennis courts, new lighting and new fencing, in order to upgrade the electrical circuits; further stating that three bids were received-**Wilco Electrical, LLC** (\$72,592.00); **R&D Electric** (\$76,000.00), and **Canseco Electrical Contractors**; further stating that the Public Works Department has recommended the bid of Wilco Electrical, LLC., as the lowest responsible bid for the upgrading of the electric service at **Salvador Tennis Center**, in the sum of \$72,592.

Questions/Concerns/Inquiries by the City Commission: **Mayor Slesnick** stated that he has had conversations with knowledgeable people, and the one comment that has been most bothersome to him was the allegation that the contractor does not conform to City's direction, fails to show up timely at City meetings, along with his nonchalant, non-caring attitude; further stating that if said allegations are true, and that if certain personnel in the Public Works Department has failed to bring said matter to the contractor's attention in requesting a more responsive and caring attitude, then it is incumbent upon the director and the City Manager to address said matter.

Commissioner Cabrera noted that he never sees any activity occurring at the Granada Snack Shop/Bathroom area. Mr. Delgado stated that every time he engages a new contractor with the City for the first time, he has to go through a process that he characterizes as "domestication;" further stating that making a contractor conform to certain standards is a matter for the project manager; further stating that the City's

project manager for this project, is on top of the situation; further ensuring that said contractors are within the guidelines that have been established for the City of Coral Gables; whereupon Mayor Slesnick responded to **Mr. Delgado** that although you are on top of said matter, nothing is happening; further requesting through the City Manager of Mr. Delgado, that those affected departmental personnel are also reminded of same to ensure that the contractor for said project starts performing those designated duties that the City would like them to perform.

Kings Bay Guard House Project: Mr. Delgado further stated that the **Kings Bay Guard House Project** is almost done; further adding that the affected residents are happy with the progress of same thus far.

Granada Snack Shop: In responding to Commissioner Cabrera's concerns regarding the **Granada Snack Shop**, Mr. Delgado stated that this Friday, October 31st, will be the completion deadline for the bathrooms, which are available for public use; further stating that the new contractor had to work around **Burger Bob's** and the Pro Shop, since said events were both occurring at the same time].

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Kerdyk, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Anderson, that this motion be adopted by Resolution Number 2008-174. 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. 22

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-175

H.-3. 08-0710

A Resolution accepting the bid of Bay Plumbing Co., in the amount of \$39,440.00, as the lowest and most responsive bid, for the domestic water pump project at the Coral Gables Police Headquarters, Project PWD #A-08-012.

Attachments: [Correct Pump cover](#)
[Water Pump Police Resolution](#)
[Letter for Bay Plumbing](#)
[Bid Proposal Tabulation](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT THE BID OF BAY PLUMBING CO., AS BEING THE LOWEST AND MOST RESPONSIVE BID, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$39,440.00, FOR THE DOMESTIC WATER PUMP PROJECT AT THE CORAL GABLES POLICE HEADQUARTERS, PROJECT PWD #A-08-012.

[Note for the Record: Following the City Manager's reading of the title to the resolution for Agenda Item H-3 into the public record, **City Manager David Brown** requested of **Public Works Director Alberto Delgado** to address the City Commission regarding the bids which were received and opened, along with the recommendation for acceptance of the bid of **Bay Plumbing Company**, in the amount

of \$39,440, as the lowest and most responsive bid for the domestic water pump project (to replace the booster pump system) at the Coral Gables Police Headquarters; further stating that there were three qualified bidders, and that out of the three, only two submitted bids, one resulted in a Statement of No Bid.

Questions/Inquiries, Concerns of the City Commission: Commissioner Withers queried Mr. Delgado, stating that in today's economy, with the potential number of bidders that exist, we only received three qualified bidders, raises the issue as to whether something is wrong with our pre qualification process (i.e. said bid does not go out to the general universe of plumbers; we are not prequalifying plumbers, etc.) wherein out of the one's that the City has prequalified, only one is qualified to do the work; further encouraging a review of our pre-qualification criteria].

A motion was made by Commissioner Withers, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, that this motion be adopted by Resolution Number 2008-175. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

City Clerk Item No. 23

I. CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS**RESOLUTION NO. 2008-176****I.-1. 08-0707**

A Resolution directing the City Attorney to prepare an Ordinance amending the City Charter to delete Section 22, entitled "Authority over officers and employees; removal, suspension, reduction; requests for cause and hearing; trial board."; and further authorizing the holding of a special municipal referendum election on the issue at the general biennial election to be held on April 14, 2009, for the submission to the qualified electors of the City of Coral Gables.

Attachments: [agendacover res charter trialboard](#)
[comm charter 22 trialboard](#)
[Directing CA to prepare ordinance \(trialboard\) 10 28 08](#)

A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO PREPARE AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY CHARTER TO DELETE SECTION 22 ENTITLED "AUTHORITY OVER OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES; REMOVAL, SUSPENSION, REDUCTION; REQUESTS FOR CAUSE AND HEARING; TRIAL BOARD", AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE HOLDING OF SPECIAL MUNICIPAL REFERENDUM ELECTION ON THE ISSUE AT THE GENERAL BIENNIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON APRIL 14, 2009, FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Vice Mayor Kerdyk, Jr., that this motion be adopted by Resolution Number 2008-176. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

Nays : 1 - Commissioner Cabrera, Jr.

City Clerk Item No. 24

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-177**I.-2. 08-0708**

A Resolution directing the City Attorney to prepare an Ordinance amending Section 54 of the City Charter, entitled "Public Works - Bidding contracts," to change the threshold amount above which all contracts for execution of any public work or improvement must be approved by the City Commission, from \$25,000 to \$100,000, and further authorizing the holding of a special municipal referendum election on the issue at the general biennial election to be held on April 14, 2009, for the submission to the qualified electors of the City of Coral Gables.

Attachments: [agendacover_res_charter_pw_biddingcontracts](#)
[comm_charter 54_pw_biddingcontracts](#)
[Directing CA to prepare ordinance \(biddingcontracts\) 10 28 08](#)

A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO PREPARE AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 54 OF THE CITY CHARTER ENTITLED "PUBLIC WORKS - BIDDING CONTRACTS," TO CHANGE THE THRESHOLD AMOUNT ABOVE WHICH ALL CONTRACTS FOR EXECUTION OF ANY PUBLIC WORK OR IMPROVEMENT MUST BE APPROVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION, FROM \$25,000 TO \$100,000; AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE HOLDING OF A SPECIAL MUNICIPAL REFERENDUM ELECTION ON THE ISSUE AT THE GENERAL BIENNIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON APRIL 14, 2008, FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES.

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

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Kerdyk, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Withers, that this motion be adopted by Resolution Number 2008-177. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yeas : 3 - Commissioner Withers, Vice Mayor Kerdyk, Jr. and Mayor Slesnick II

Nays : 1 - Commissioner Cabrera, Jr.

Absent : 1 - Commissioner Anderson

City Clerk Item No. 25

- I.-3. [08-0706](#) Pending Litigation Report

Attachments: [PENLIT.10_28_08](#)

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

City Clerk Item No. 26

J. CITY CLERK ITEMS

None

City Clerk Item No. 27

K. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Mayor Slesnick: Mr. Cabrera.

Commissioner Cabrera: Nothing.

Mayor Slesnick: Mr. Kerdyk.

Vice Mayor Kerdyk: No, nothing.

Mayor Slesnick: Mr. Withers.

Commissioner Withers: I just have one real quick thing, at the last meeting we voted down a body art whatever establishment and what jumped out at me was that we really don't seem to have a process established when we don't have a use described in our Code. I am still not clear is it strictly the Building Department or the Zoning Department or who actually has the final say so on the recommendation. I don't know if there is a process in place I would hope that we maybe establish it, maybe it does go to the Planning and Zoning Board but instead of just someone arbitrarily coming up and thinking that they have the authority to say, this is my opinion I just think it is a little scary.

City Attorney Hernandez: Commissioner I agree with you, although it is my position that the way it was drafted it was so that the City Commission can determine whether they would like to forward the matter to the Planning and Zoning Board, impose its own conditions, accept whatever proper restrictive covenants, send it to Board of Adjustments, the idea was to provide as much flexibility as possible so that the Commission can deal with these issues. However, I agree with you that the better approach would be a more systematic detailed process that the Commission if they choose to move forward would allow the applicant to avail themselves of that. And

you are absolutely right.

Commissioner Withers: I don't know how the rest of the Commission feels.

City Manager Brown: Maybe problematic uses go to Planning and Zoning automatically for recommendation.

Commissioner Withers: So for one individual to say this is problematic.

City Attorney Hernandez: Right.

Mayor Slesnick: I though we were going to address this specific issue on the Code, were we not going to come back.

City Manager Brown: We are.

Commissioner Withers: Alright, good, perfect, thanks Don that is all that I have.

Mayor Slesnick: Mr. Brown.

City Manager Brown: No, sir.

Mayor Slesnick: Just a couple of thoughts, I am sorry Ms. Anderson is not here I don't want to overlook her, one is last Friday we had the Gold Coast Planning Association sponsor a very, very forward thinking seminar at the Biltmore Hotel with people from all over South Florida about Planning the future of South Florida. Mayor Alvarez of the County was in attendance and gave the kick-off note and two of the County Commissioners, others were there. It was really nice that I was here in Coral Gables and also yesterday, this week the ULI is meeting here Urban Land Institute a worldwide organization about Urban Planning, 4,000 people are in town and a mobile workshop came to Coral Gables to see what we are doing in Coral Gables as a study like a test to say to that they are very interested, because Coral Gables is noted as being as being a very great success in urban planning and our growth control and so forth. Ms. Anderson.

Commissioner Anderson: Yes, thank you, a couple of things. I think that we all got the memo or the email about the General Manager at Christy's and I know that you addressed that. Is that being taken care of?

City Manager Brown: We are addressing that this morning.

Commissioner Anderson: OK, great. I had a call from my board member on the retirement board and he was mentioning that there was a meeting on this Thursday

where they were going to have an update on the issues on the retirement. The hits on the retirement plan with the latest economic downturn. I would like at some point soon to get an update I asked him directly. Is it anything we did? He goes "No, it is generally, everybody has been taking the same hits" but I think it is really important that we know what they are if we need to take any actions or whatever; we just need to be updated on that.

City Manager Brown: Got it.

Commissioner Anderson: There was an article on Sunday's paper about the plans for Matheson Hammock and Chip I don't know if you remember we had a notice meeting several years back.

Commissioner Withers: Yes.

Commissioner Anderson: Maybe about 5-6 years ago on this particular issue where we had some neighbors from the Hammock Lakes area come and talk to us about their concerns over the county's proposed development of the park. The parks people came in and said they weren't going to do much or if they were. Nobody really took great stock in what the County had said or believed them. The issue here is that this park is right in the middle of their neighborhood. It is a County park, the wetlands and there are houses all around it. My concern is that there is indeed plans to go forward, that there is some severe risks for these folks because it is right in their backyards, literally in their backyards. From an environmental standpoint, fire issues, our own infrastructure. What if something happens in the park that affects our residents who responds? If Coral Gables responds what impact does that have on us from a financial burden that we assumed based on what the County may do? I think that it is a very poorly conceived plan. I think that there are problems with the access roads to that park and to that area and I think we really need to be aware and maybe let Commissioner Jimenez know some of the things that I just brought up here and that many of the neighbors hopefully will be at the meeting tonight.

Commissioner Cabrera: Are you going to be there tonight?

Commissioner Anderson: I am not able to.

Commissioner Cabrera: I am going to be there, so I will share your concerns because I have the same concerns that you have just outlined so I appreciate you bringing them up.

Commissioner Anderson: That is perfect.

Vice Mayor Kerdyk: You are talking west of Old Cutler.

Commissioner Anderson: Yes, it is the Matheson Hammock.

Vice Mayor Kerdyk: But there is also that issue going on east of Old Cutler in Matheson Hammock 2 where they are going to put the 200 dry storage.

Commissioner Cabrera: 400.

Vice Mayor Kerdyk: 400, dry storage, is that what you were talking about?

Commissioner Cabrera: No, she is talking about the park.

[inaudible]

Vice Mayor Kerdyk: The other is equally as problematic.

Commissioner Anderson: Oh, I agree and there is this whole thing about the boat storage facility, which says they are not going to talk about it but it is likely to come up. I think we have to be vigilant on all counts.

Vice Mayor Kerdyk: No doubt about it.

Commissioner Anderson: Because it has impacts not only on our residents from a quality of life perspective but as a financial impact and services.

Vice Mayor Kerdyk: Services, traffic, it has it all.

Commissioner Anderson: Absolutely.

Vice Mayor Kerdyk: It is a big, big issue.

Commissioner Cabrera: The meeting is held tonight at David Fairchild Tropical Gardens from 7 to 9 and I am just going on my own.

Mayor Slesnick: That is about the west.

Commissioner Cabrera: That is about the park, what Ms. Anderson just talked about and I have to be careful, I am going there on my own reconnaissance, thank you and I happen to share her views, I share all of her views about ingress and egress and density and potential uses but I don't want this Commission to think that I am going there to represent all of us, but I will let you know what takes place this evening at Commissioner Jimenez's meeting and I am strictly there as an spectator, as an observer, but I want you all to know that I definitely have all of the concerns that she

outlines.

Commissioner Withers: Is it the same plan with the RV area and all that, have they modified the plans?

Commissioner Anderson: I have not seen the plans so I can't tell you, but I suspect that if they are going to go ahead with certain things they are going to try to maximize its financials for them. It is a financial proposal, to make money in the park or rentals, I don't know I have not seen it, but from my point of view it was not purely an altruistic endeavor.

Commissioner Withers: Don, they did when we saw this several years ago.

Commissioner Anderson: That is what it was.

Commissioner Withers: This was a full blown Camp Wilderness. It was.

Commissioner Anderson: And literally these camping grounds could be people borderless, could be watching people camping literally behind their backyards.

Mayor Slesnick: And Ralph since you are going I mean we don't have a position yet, but I certainly hope that you, I don't raise to objection to you suggesting that you are there on behalf of our Commission.

Commissioner Cabrera: Well, I would be happy to state on behalf of all us that I have concerns as outlined by one of my colleagues and shared by the rest and those are the uses, the ingress and egress and really the fact that the City of Coral Gables needs to be fully advised of any plans before they go forward.

City Attorney Hernandez: And they should be coming to the City.

Commissioner Cabrera: And they should be going through us.

Commissioner Anderson: And that was one of the linch pins when they came to us that they feel they don't need to come to us.

City Manager Brown: Mr. Mayor, you all are on the same page why don't you just right now pass a resolution of support to urge the county to work with the City? They do have to go through our operations for both the park and the dry storage. They have to go through our planning and zoning because they are both special uses, to support and work with us.

Mayor Slesnick: Do I have a motion?

Commissioner Cabrera: So moved.

Commissioner Anderson: Second.

Mayor Slesnick: Moved by Mr. Cabrera, seconded by Ms. Anderson. All in favor please say aye.

[Aye]

Mayor Slesnick: Oppose like sign, unanimously adopted. David do you have a staff person going tonight?

City Manager Brown: Yes, we do we have two, Fred Couceyro is going from Parks and Recreation and Ernesto Pino from Public Works, they will both be there.

Mayor Slesnick: I thought that was important for Mr. Cabrera to know that he will have company there.

Commissioner Anderson: One last item, just as an FYI. The BID, the Business Improvement District has a really nice brochure on the streetscape project and some of the things that they have come up with as far as their committees recommendations and it is I suspect it is on shopcoralgables.com and I wanted to commend them because it is very nicely, visually presented explaining things and also answering some of the frequently asked questions. So congratulations to them, I think they are coming to us in November, November 18, to present their projects I believe.

Mayor Slesnick: Thank you.

Commissioner Anderson: That is it for me.

Mayor Slesnick: We are adjourning our meeting and taking a 10-minute break and we are coming back for the Commission to have a workshop on discussing how this Commission intends to go about searching for the next City Manager.

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-178

**NA.K. [08-0779](#)
-1.1.**

A Resolution of support urging Miami-Dade County to work with the City of Coral Gables, to go through the necessary administrative processes in connection with two community projects affecting Mattheson-Hamock Park, namely construction/improvements to the west side of the park along with dry storage issue affecting the boat facility.

A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT URGING MIAMI-DADE COUNTY TO WORK WITH THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, TO GO THROUGH THE NECESSARY ADMINISTRATIVE PROCESSES INVOLVED IN CONNECTION WITH TWO PROPOSED COMMUNITY PROJECTS AFFECTING MATTHESON-HAMMOCK PARK, NAMELY CONSTRUCTION/IMPROVEMENTS TO THE WEST SIDE OF THE PARK, AND THE TWO HUNDRED (200) PLUS BOAT STORAGE FACILITY, FOR DRY BOAT STORAGE.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cabrera, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Anderson, that this motion be adopted by Resolution Number 2008-178. 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

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 12:24 pm on October 28, 2008. The next regular meeting of the City Commission has been scheduled for November 18, 2008, beginning 9 a.m.]

DONALD D. SLESNICK
MAYOR

ATTEST:

WALTER J. FOEMAN
CITY CLERK