

# **City of Coral Gables**

*City of Coral Gables  
405 Biltmore Way  
Coral Gables, FL 33134  
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## **Agenda**

**Tuesday, March 25, 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*

**INVOCATION**

*Father Bernard Kirlin, St. Augustine Church*

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE****A. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS**

1. [08-0226](#) Presentation of a Proclamation to Mayor Dorothy Thomson, in honor of Women's History Month
2. [08-0176](#) Presentation of 30 year service pin to David Kurtz, Parks and Recreation Department
3. [08-0178](#) Presentation of 25 year service pin to John Curry, Fire Department
4. [08-0180](#) Presentation of 20 year service pin to Norman Blackwood, Automotive Department
5. [08-0177](#) Presentation of 20 year service pin to Patricia Arocha, Automotive Department
6. [08-0181](#) Presentation of 20 year service pin to Juan Velasquez, Automotive Department
7. [08-0182](#) Presentation of 20 year service pin to Victor Goizueta, Automotive Department
8. [08-0212](#) Congratulations to Officer Frank Jackson, Sergeant Alan Matas, Detective Ivan Cabrera, Detective William Swikehardt, Sgt. Andrew Weidenfeld, and Officer Reinaldo Azan from the City of Coral Gables Police Department, for being selected as finalists for the prestigious LEO Foundation Awards.
9. [08-0183](#) Congratulations to Faye Thompson, Police Department, recipient of the City of Coral Gables Employee of the Month Award, for the month of April 2008.

**B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. [08-0217](#) Regular City Commission Meeting of March 11, 2008

**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.*

1. **08-0184** Resolution granting a one-day permit to the Globe Cafe to sell alcoholic beverages on Friday, May 16, 2008, from 4:00 p.m. to 12:00 midnight along the 300 block of Alhambra Circle during the CUBALIBRE event, pursuant to Florida Department of Professional Regulation requirements and City Special Event Committee provisions.
2. **08-0186** Resolution granting a one-day permit to the Kiwanis Club of Little Havana to sell alcoholic beverages on Friday, April 4, 2008, from 6:00 p.m. to 12:00 midnight at Ponce Circle Park as the finale of the Latin Jazz Concert Series, pursuant to Florida Department of Professional Regulation requirements and City Special Event Committee provisions.
3. **08-0219** Resolution appointing Mark E. Meranda (Nominated by Mayor Slesnick) to serve as a member of the Emergency Management Division, for the remaining balance of the two (2) year term, which began on June 1, 2007 through May 31, 2009.

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

4. [08-0171](#) Parks and Recreation Youth Advisory Board Meeting of February 7, 2008
5. [08-0173](#) Landscape Beautification Advisory Board Meeting of March 6, 2008
6. [08-0188](#) Senior Citizens Advisory Board Meeting of March 3, 2008
7. [08-0190](#) Code Enforcement Board Meeting of February 20, 2008
8. [08-0193](#) Library Advisory Board Meeting of March 12, 2008
9. [08-0200](#) School and Community Relations Committee Meeting of February 12, 2008
10. [08-0201](#) Public Safety Committee Meeting of January 8, 2008
11. [08-0208](#) Historic Preservation Board Meeting of February 28, 2008
12. [08-0215](#) Coral Gables Advisory Board on Disability Affairs Meeting of February 6, 2008
13. [08-0216](#) Property Advisory Board Meeting of February 20, 2008
14. [08-0222](#) Traffic Advisory Board meeting of February 19, 2008

**D. PERSONAL APPEARANCES**

1. [08-0202](#) Leslie Sternlieb, a Coral Gables resident, to speak about the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation Great Strides Walk to start at Merrick Park on Saturday, May 17, 2008 at 9:00 a.m.

**E. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

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

**ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING****Items E-1 and E-2 are related****07-1043**

An Ordinance of the City of Coral Gables, Florida, amending the City of Coral Gables Comprehensive Land Use Plan, providing for a new "Educational Element" and associated text amendments to the Intergovernmental Coordination Element and Capital Improvements Element necessary to meet state-mandated public school concurrency requirements; authorizing transmittal of these amendments to the South Florida Regional Planning Council, Florida Department of Community Affairs, and other applicable agencies for compliance review as required by Florida Statutes; providing for a repealer provision, a savings clause, a severability clause, and codification; and providing for an effective date. (Passed on First Reading December 11, 2007)

**2. 08-0032**

An Ordinance of the City of Coral Gables, Florida, providing for text amendments to the Zoning Code, Article 3, Division 13, entitled "Concurrency Review," providing for updates to concurrency review provisions and procedures, including the addition of public school concurrency review procedures necessary to meet State of Florida mandated public school concurrency requirements; providing for severability, repealer, codification, and an effective date. (Passed on First Reading January 22, 2008)

**Items E-3 and E-4 are related****3. 08-0077**

An Ordinance of the City Commission of Coral Gables for a change of land use from "Residential Use (Single-Family) Low Density" to "Commercial Use, Low-Rise Density" on Lot 24, Block 1B, MacFarlane Homestead and St. Albans Park Section (230 Florida Avenue), Coral Gables, Florida; providing for a repealer provision, a savings clause, and a severability clause; and providing for an effective date. (Passed on First Reading February 12, 2008)

**4. 08-0078**

An Ordinance of the City Commission of Coral Gables for a change of zoning from "SFR", Single Family Residential to "CL", Commercial Limited on Lot 24, Block 1B, MacFarlane Homestead and St. Albans Park Section (230 Florida Avenue), and review of proposed amendments to a previously approved site plan referred to as "Bahamian Village" on Lots 7-27, Block 1B, MacFarlane Homestead and St. Albans Park Section (intersection of Grand Avenue and U.S. 1), Coral Gables, Florida, and including required conditions; providing for a repealer provision, a savings clause, and a severability clause; and providing for an effective date. (Passed on First Reading February 12, 2008)

**5. 08-0066**

An Ordinance of the City Commission of Coral Gables amending Chapter 50 of the "Code of the City of Coral Gables," entitled "Pensions," providing for certain changes in order to comply with provisions of Chapters 175 and 185, Florida Statutes; providing for an effective date; and repealing all Ordinances inconsistent herewith. (Passed on First Reading February 12, 2008)

## ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

**None**

### F. CITY COMMISSION ITEMS

1. [08-0194](#) Discussion on distribution of the City Newsletter  
Mayor Donald D. Slesnick, II
2. [08-0220](#) Discussion on mechanical lifts and relation to the overall parking ratios on new developments in the City  
Vice Mayor William H. Kerdyk, Jr.
3. [08-0221](#) Discussion pertaining to green buildings throughout the City  
Vice Mayor William H. Kerdyk, Jr.

### G. BOARDS/COMMITTEES ITEMS

1. [08-0207](#) Presentation of excerpts from the Historic Preservation Board meeting of January 17, 2008 requesting the following action with regard to CASE FILE AV 2005-01.

That the City Commission adopt a Resolution authorizing Ad Valorem tax relief for the property located at 1024 Asturia Avenue, a local historic landmark legally described as Lot 6 and Lot 7, Block 8, Coral Gables Section "C". The approximate tax exemption requested is for a \$333,406 improvement, which corresponds to approximately \$1,750.38 per year and to \$17,503.82 over ten years.
2. [08-0209](#) Presentation of excerpts from the Historic Preservation Board meeting of February 28, 2008 requesting the following action with regard to CASE FILE AV2004-01.

That the City Commission adopt a resolution authorizing Ad Valorem tax relief for the property located at 637 Alcazar Avenue, a local historic landmark legally described as Lot 23 and Lot 24, Block 19, Coral Gables Section "B". The approximate tax exemption requested is for a \$400,000 improvement, which corresponds to approximately \$2,460.00 per year and to \$24,600.00 over ten years.

**H. CITY MANAGER ITEMS**

1. 08-0195 Resolution accepting the bid of Conquest Engineering Group Corp., the lowest and most responsive bid for the construction of the Old Cutler Road Force Main Replacement - Phase II, in the City of Coral Gables, Florida, for an amount not to exceed \$493,949.00 from the Sanitary Sewer Fund.
2. 08-0213 Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with Miller Pipeline Corporation, the number one-ranked firm recommended by the Sewer Lining Selection Committee, for construction and installation of sewer linings and associated rehabilitation of sanitary sewers for the project entitled "Construction of Sanitary Sewer Improvements at various locations in the City of Coral Gables, PWD #07-13" for the not to exceed amount of \$1,000,000.00.
3. 08-0197 Update on Police Patrol
4. 08-0214 Update on the Coral Gables Country Club

**I. CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS**

1. 08-0225 Pending Litigation Report

**J. CITY CLERK ITEMS**

None

**K. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

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

**ADJOURNMENT****NOTE**

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

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

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

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

**David L. Brown  
City Manager**