



**City of Coral Gables
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
October 27, 2009**

ITEM TITLE:

Resolution authorizing the waiving of the cost of parking meter rentals for the 2009-2010 Giralda Street Festival, "Giralda Under The Stars"

RECOMMENDATION OF THE CITY MANAGER:

Approval

BRIEF HISTORY:

This is a pilot program of the Business Improvement District. The concept is to close the 100 block of Giralda Street on the first Friday of each month from December through May. The restaurants would set up tables in the street and provide music. Attached is a breakdown of the estimated cost of one evening. This effort is strongly supported by the restaurants located on this block. The B.I.D. is committed to underwriting the first two events. If successful, they will proceed with the remaining months. Section 74-140(f) of the City Code states that a request for a waiver of payment for parking meters shall be made directly to the City Commission. A letter from Mari Molina, Executive Director of the Business Improvement District, requesting the waiver of payment for parking meters is attached. This effort is intended to assist businesses in these difficult economic times.

APPROVED BY:

DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR	City Attorney (If Applicable)	City Manager
Dona M. Grier, ACP	<i>Alvarez</i>	<i>Patterson</i>

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Letter from Mari Molina, B.I.D. Executive Director
2. Estimated costs for one evening
3. Draft Resolution