



**City of Coral Gables
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
July 7, 2009**

AGENDA ITEM NO. _____

ITEM TITLE:

Ordinance on Second Reading. An Ordinance of the City Commission of Coral Gables pursuant to Zoning Code Article 3, Division 12, "Abandonment And Vacations", providing for the vacation of a twenty (20') foot alley between Lots, 1-4 and a portion of Lot 44, Lots 45 – 48 inclusive, Block 34, Coral Gables Section "K" and establishment of a new vehicular turnaround on Lots 42-44; and creation of two (2), sixteen (16') foot public access easements on Lots 12-16, Block 34, Coral Gables Section "K," to accommodate public access to the remaining portions of the twenty (20') foot alley within Block 34; the vacation is necessary to allow for the construction of various improvements for the City owned property known as the "Coral Gables Museum", legally described as Lots 1-4, 42-48, and vacated portion of the alley, Block 34, Coral Gables Section "K" (285 Aragon Avenue), Coral Gables, Florida; providing for a repealer provision, a savings clause, and a severability clause, and providing for an effective date (all legal descriptions on file for review).

RECOMMENDATION OF THE CITY MANAGER:

Approval.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION:

Recommend approval of the proposed alleyway vacation and easement dedications required for the Coral Gables Museum project as proposed by the Historic Resources and Public Works Departments.

Exhibit A – Revised Ordinance.

PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD RECOMMENDATION:

The Planning and Zoning Board at the 05.13.09 meeting recommended approval of the proposed alleyway vacation and easement dedications (vote: 6-0).

BRIEF HISTORY:

On 05.26.09, the City Commission considered and approved this item on First Reading (vote: 4-0). Second Reading of this item was deferred by the City Commission at the request of the City Attorney for further review. The Ordinance provided as Exhibit A includes revisions as reviewed and recommended by the City Attorney, which are shown in underline format. The Ordinance heading remains the same as provided on First Reading. Also included is a background memorandum and recommendation (see Exhibit B) and survey sketch showing proposed portion of alley to be vacated and dedicated areas (see Exhibit C), both of which were prepared by the Public Works Department.

The "Old Police and Fire Station" at the corner of Aragon Avenue and Salzedo Street is a designated historic landmark which being restored for use as the "Coral Gables Museum". A new gallery building and urban plaza are being constructed as a part of the museum complex across the existing alleyway on Parking Lot #2. The museum building and gallery are now proposed to be joined by an enclosed walkway connector which crosses the alleyway that separates the two parcels of the project. An open

breezeway was originally proposed. The required vacation of the portion of alleyway separating the two parcels and the dedication of replacement easements to provide access to the alleyway is the subject of this request by City Staff.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION:

Date:	Resolution/Ordinance No.	Comments
05.26.09	Ordinance	Approved by Commission on First Reading (vote: 4-0).

OTHER ADVISORY BOARD/COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION(S):

Date	Board/Committee	Comments (if any)
05.13.09	Planning and Zoning Board	Recommended approval (vote: 6-0)

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION(S):

Date	Form of Notification
04.27.09	Published Planning and Zoning Board Meeting Agenda in newspaper.
05.22.09	Posted City Commission memo and all attachments on City web page.
05.13.09	Memo to City Clerk requesting advertisement of Ordinance heading on First Reading.
06.23.09	Memo to City Clerk requesting advertisement of Ordinance heading on Second Reading.

APPROVED BY:

Department Director	City Attorney (If Applicable)	City Manager
Eric Riel, Jr. Planning Director		

EXHIBIT(S):

- A. Revised Ordinance – Alley vacation and easement dedication.
- B. 07.01.09 Public Works memorandum.
- C. Public Works survey sketch.