

# City of Coral Gables

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## Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 26, 2016

9:00 AM

City Hall, Commission Chambers

### City Commission

*Mayor Jim Cason*  
*Vice Mayor Frank C. Quesada*  
*Commissioner Patricia Keon*  
*Commissioner Vince Lago*  
*Commissioner Jeannett Slesnick*

*Cathy Swanson-Rivenbark, City Manager*  
*Craig E. Leen, City Attorney*  
*Walter J. Foeman, City Clerk*

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:** 5 - Mayor Cason, Commissioner Keon, Commissioner Lago, Vice Mayor Quesada and Commissioner Slesnick

**INVOCATION**

[Note for the Record: Mayor Cason prefaced his remarks by introducing Reverend Vidalis Lopez, First United Methodist Church of Coral Gables; further mentioning that she had been appointed to serve as the Associate Pastor at First United Methodist Church of Coral Gables as of July 1st, 2015; further stating that she had previously served as one of the pastors in Central Florida, in the Villages; adding that Pastor Lopez refers to Ocala, Florida as her hometown, despite the fact that she was born in Pennsylvania; further pointing out that she followed in her father's footsteps, thus becoming an elder, or simply stated a pastor in the Methodist Church; Reverend Vidalis Lopez served in the ministry for 14 years while performing previous work as a Child Protective Investigator for the Department of Children and Families in Polk County.

Following the deliverance of the Invocation, Mayor Cason extended his best wishes to her and her congregation on behalf of our City].

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Vice Mayor Quesada 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. 2016-02 through Ordinance No. 2016-06) (b) Resolution(s) adopted (Resolution No. 2016-21 through Resolution No. 2016-37); (c) Video; (d) Audio Recording; (e) Minutes Folder with Agenda and background information, including items which were submitted at the meeting.

**A. PRESENTATIONS AND PROTOCOL DOCUMENTS**

None

City Clerk Item No. 1

**B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

B.-1. [16-4733](#) Regular City Commission Meeting of December 8, 2015.

**Attachments:** [Meeting Minutes.pdf](#)

[Verbatim Transcript - Agenda Item E-3 - Ordinance providing for text amendments](#)

[Verbatim Transcript - Agenda Item E-4 - Ordinance amending Coral Gables Code](#)

[Verbatim Transcript - Agenda Item E-5 - Ordinance amending Chapter 50 - Pensic](#)

[Verbatim Transcript - Agenda Item E-6 - Emergency Ordinance amending Chapte](#)

[Verbatim Transcript - Agenda Item F-2 - Board of Architects Appeal - 625 Almeria](#)

[Verbatim Transcript - Agenda Item F-3 - Reso urging Miami-Dade County Commis](#)

[Verbatim Transcript - Agenda Item F-4 - Reso amending Ordinance 2015-17 as ar](#)

[Verbatim Transcript - Agenda Item G-1 - Reso approving recommendaioon from I](#)

[Verbatim Transcript - Agenda Item G-3 - Reso approving Fiscal Year 2015-2016 C](#)

[Verbatim Transcript - Agenda Item H-1 - Reso accepting recommendation of the C](#)

[Verbatim Transcript - Agenda Item H-2 - Reso accepting staffs findings with regar](#)

[Verbatim Transcript - Agenda Item H-6 - Reso accepting the recommendation of C](#)

[Verbatim Transcript - Agenda Item H-9.pdf](#)

[Verbatim Transcript - Agenda Item I-1 - Status report regarding 5626 Granada Blv](#)

[Verbatim Transcript - Agenda Item I-3 - Status report regarding discussions with U](#)

[Verbatim Transcript - Agenda Item I-5 - Status report on guradhouse ordinance.pc](#)

[Verbatim Transcript - Agenda Items E-1 and E-2 are related Ordinance providing f](#)

[Verbatim Transcript - Agenda Items H-3 and H-4 - Reso issuing a Zoning in Progr](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Lago, seconded by Vice Mayor Quesada, that this matter be approved. The motion passed by the following vote.**

**Yeas :** 5 - Commissioner Keon, Commissioner Lago, Vice Mayor Quesada, Commissioner Slesnick and Mayor Cason

City Clerk Item No. 2

## 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 Commissioner Lago, seconded by Vice Mayor Quesada, to Adopt the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yeas :** 5 - Commissioner Lago, Vice Mayor Quesada, Commissioner Slesnick, Commissioner Keon and Mayor Cason

### **RESOLUTION NO. 2016-21**

#### C.-1. [16-4696](#)

A Resolution accepting the recommendation of the Chief Procurement Officer to award the Cocoplum Stormwater Improvements Phase I contract to V Engineering & Consulting Corp., in the amount of \$809,555 pursuant to Invitation For Bids (IFB) 2015.11.17, and Section 2-828 of the Procurement Code entitled "Contract Award"; and authorizing an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 annual budget to recognize as revenue a \$272,555 transfer from the Storm Water Fund Balance, and to appropriate such funds to put toward the cost of the project.

**Attachments:** [Consultant's Recommendation](#)  
[Bid Response - V Engineering & Consulting Corp.](#)  
[Bid Tabulation Sheet](#)  
[Draft Agenda Reso](#)  
[CM Cocoplum Stormwater Improvements](#)

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER TO AWARD THE CONTRACT FOR THE COCOPLUM STORMWATER IMPROVEMENTS PHASE I TO V ENGINEERING & CONSULTING CORP., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$809,555.00 PURSUANT TO INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB) 2015.11.17, AND SECTION 2-828 OF THE PROCUREMENT CODE ENTITLED "CONTRACT AWARD"; AND AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016 ANNUAL BUDGET TO RECOGNIZE AS REVENUE A \$272,555.00 TRANSFER FROM STORM WATER FUND BALANCE AND TO APPROPRIATE SUCH FUNDS TO PUT TOWARD THE COST OF THE PROJECT.

**This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2016-21 on the Consent Agenda.**

City Clerk Item No. 3

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-22**

- C.-2. [16-4702](#) A Resolution authorizing waiver of the charges associated with usage of barricades and parking meter rentals for "Gables Bike Day" on Sunday, February 28, 2016, as well as providing certain equipment and services.

**Attachments:** [CM Barricades](#)  
[Draft Resolution - Waiver of Charges for Gables Bike Day.pdf](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING WAIVER OF THE CHARGES ASSOCIATED WITH USAGE OF BARRICADES AND PARKING METER RENTALS FOR "GABLES BIKE DAY" ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2016, AS WELL AS PROVIDING CERTAIN EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES.

**This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2016-22 on the Consent Agenda.**

City Clerk Item No. 4

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-23**

- C.-3. [16-4718](#) A Resolution authorizing the Cathedral of St. George to sell alcoholic beverages as part of the Annual "Coral Gables Middle Eastern Festival" on 320 Palermo Avenue on Feb 20-21 of 2016, subject to Florida Department of Professional Regulation requirements.

**Attachments:** [Resolution for St. George's Festival 2016](#)  
[St. Georges Festival 2016 Application](#)  
[CM St. George Festival](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SAINT GEORGE ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL TO SELL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AS PART OF THE "SAINT GEORGE CATHEDRAL ANNUAL MIDDLE EASTERN FESTIVAL" ON 320 PALERMO AVENUE ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2016, FROM 11:00 A.M. TO MIDNIGHT, AND ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2016 FROM 12:00 P.M., TO 5:00 P.M., SUBJECT TO FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION REQUIREMENTS.

**This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2016-23 on the Consent Agenda.**

City Clerk Item No. 5

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-24****C.-4. [16-4716](#)**

A Resolution of the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida, calling on Florida Governor Rick Scott, State Senate President Andy Gardiner, and State Speaker of the House Steve Crisafulli to enact a Bill to install embedded, in-road, solar-powered marker lights in or within a 1-mile radius of an urban area in conjunction with the construction, reconstruction, or other change of any State Transportation Facility.

**Attachments:** [CM solar powered marker lights](#)  
[Draft Resolution - Solar Powered Marker Lights.pdf](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, CALLING ON FLORIDA GOVERNOR RICK SCOTT, STATE SENATE PRESIDENT ANDY GARDNER, AND STATE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE STEVE CRISAFULLI TO ENACT A BILL TO INSTALL EMBEDDED, IN-ROAD, SOLAR-POWERED, MARKER LIGHTS IN OR WITHIN A 1-MILE RADIUS OF AN URBAN AREA IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE CONSTRUCTION, OR OTHER CHANGE OF ANY STATE TRANSPORTATION FACILITY.

**This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2016-24 on the Consent Agenda.**

City Clerk Item No. 6

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-25****C.-5. [16-4706](#)**

A Resolution confirming Rosa Maria Mayorga (Board-As-A-Whole-Appointment) to serve as a member of the Cultural Development Board for the remainder of a two (2) year term, which began on June 1, 2015 and continues through May 31, 2017.

**Attachments:** [R-Draft.Mayorga.CDB.BdasaWhole.2015](#)  
[CDB mtg minutes Excerpt of January 05, 2016](#)  
[RMM CV 1-2016](#)  
[CM Board-as-a-Whole Appointment Rosa Mayorga](#)

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING ROSA MARIA MAYORGA (BOARD-AS-A-WHOLE-APPOINTMENT) TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD FOR THE REMAINDER OF A TWO (2) YEAR TERM, WHICH BEGAN ON JUNE 1, 2015 AND CONTINUES THROUGH MAY 31, 2017.

**This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2016-25 on the Consent Agenda.**

City Clerk Item No. 7

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-26**

- C.-6. [16-4713](#) A Resolution appointing Jose Soto (Nominated by Vice Mayor Quesada) to serve as a member of the Insurance Advisory Committee, for the remainder of a two (2) year term, which began on June 1, 2015 and continues through May 31, 2017.

**Attachments:** [Jose Soto Resume](#)  
[R-2016 Draft- Jose Soto - Insurance Advisory Committee](#)  
[CM Board Appointment - Jose Soto](#)

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING JOSE SOTO (NOMINATED BY VICE MAYOR QUESADA) TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE INSURANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE, FOR THE REMAINDER OF A TWO (2) YEAR TERM, WHICH BEGAN ON JUNE 1, 2015 AND CONTINUES THROUGH MAY 31, 2017.

**This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2016-26 on the Consent Agenda.**

City Clerk Item No. 8

1. **Presentation of Boards and/or Committees draft/final minutes requesting no action from the City Commission [Note: A vote to accept the minutes does not mean approval of the substance within the minutes]:**

- 1.-1. [16-4730](#) Board of Adjustment meeting minutes of January 11, 2016.

**Attachments:** [01 26 16 Exhibit A Copy of Notice of Public Hearing Ad](#)  
[01 26 16 Exhibit B Verbatim Transcript of Bd of Adj re 01 11 16](#)  
[01 26 16 CC Cover Minutes - Board of Adj. re 01 11 16](#)

**This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.**

City Clerk Item No. 9

- 1.-2. [16-4693](#) Coral Gables Advisory Board on Disability Affairs Meeting of November 4, 2015.

**Attachments:** [DAB 11-4-15 COVER](#)  
[DAB 11-4-15 Minutes](#)

**This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.**

City Clerk Item No. 10

- 1.-3. [16-4694](#) Coral Gables Advisory Board on Disability Affairs Meeting of December 2, 2015.

**Attachments:** [CM Advisory Board Dis. Affairs](#)  
[Advisory Board Dis. Affairs Mins.](#)

**This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.**

City Clerk Item No. 11

- 1.-4. [16-4731](#) Code Enforcement Board hearing of January 20, 2016 (Draft)

**Attachments:** [CEB Hearing Minutes - 1-20-16 - Draft](#)

**This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.**

City Clerk Item No. 12

- 1.-5. [15-4663](#) Parks & Recreation Youth Advisory Board Meeting of November 18, 2015.

**Attachments:** [Youth Advisory Board Cover page November 18 2015](#)  
[Youth Advisory Board Minutes Nov. 18 2015](#)

**This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.**

City Clerk Item No. 13

- 1.-6. [16-4711](#) Property Advisory Board Meeting of January 13, 2016.

**Attachments:** [DRAFT\\_PAB\\_Minutes\\_01.13.16](#)

**This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.**

City Clerk Item No. 14

- 1.-7. [15-4662](#) Senior Citizens Advisory Board Meeting of November 2, 2015

**Attachments:** [Senior Advisory Board Cover page November 2 2015](#)  
[Senior Advisory Board Minutes November 2 2015](#)

**This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.**

City Clerk Item No. 15

- 1.-8. [16-4698](#) Sustainability Advisory Board Meeting of November 18, 2015.

**Attachments:** [SAB 11-18-15 COVER](#)  
[SAB 11-18-15 minutes](#)

**This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.**

City Clerk Item No. 16



**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-27**

**Non**     **16-4848**  
**Agenda**

A Resolution approving Coral Gables Preparatory Academy’s “2016 Family Fun Day Carnival” Donation.

A RESOLUTION APPROVING CORAL GABLES PREPARATORY ACADEMY’S “2016 FAMILY FUN DAY CARNIVAL” DONATION.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Lago, seconded by Commissioner Slesnick, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2016-27. The motion passed by the following vote.**

**Yeas :** 5 - Vice Mayor Quesada, Commissioner Slesnick, Commissioner Keon, Commissioner Lago and Mayor Cason

City Clerk Item No. 17

**D.     PERSONAL APPEARANCES**

**D.-1.**     **16-4701**

Appearance by Nick Di Donato to present Coral Gables Country Club Annual Report, as specified in the Management Agreement.

**Attachments:**     [D-1- Nick Di Donato - Coral Gables Country Club Annual Report](#)

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

**This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed**

City Clerk Item No. 18

**E. PUBLIC HEARINGS****EMERGENCY ORDINANCE****ORDINANCE NO. 2016-02****E.-1. [16-4727](#)**

An Emergency Ordinance of the City of Coral Gables ratifying amendments to Chapter 54 of the City Code that are consistent with solid waste special assessment settlement with Miami-Dade County, and providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, and providing for an effective date.

**Attachments:** [Emergency Ordinance - Solid Waste Assessment Settlement.docx](#)  
[CM Emergency Ordinance Solid Waste](#)

**A motion was made by Vice Mayor Quesada, seconded by Commissioner Lago, that this matter be approved as an Ordinance on First Reading. The motion passed by the following vote.**

**Yeas :** 5 - Commissioner Keon, Commissioner Lago, Vice Mayor Quesada, Commissioner Slesnick and Mayor Cason

**ORDINANCE NO. 2016-02**

**Attachments:** [Emergency Ordinance - Solid Waste Assessment Settlement.docx](#)  
[CM Emergency Ordinance Solid Waste](#)

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES RATIFYING AMENDMENTS TO CITY CODE CHAPTER 54, "SOLID WASTE," ARTICLE III "COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL," DIVISION 4 "RATES, CHARGES, BILLING PROCEDURE", THAT ARE CONSISTENT WITH SOLID WASTE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT SETTLEMENT WITH MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, AND PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER PROVISION, SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, CODIFICATION AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

**A motion was made by Vice Mayor Quesada, seconded by Commissioner Lago, that this matter be adopted by Ordinance Number 2016-02. The motion passed by the following vote.**

**Yeas :** 5 - Commissioner Lago, Vice Mayor Quesada, Commissioner Slesnick, Commissioner Keon and Mayor Cason

City Clerk Item No. 25

**ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING****ORDINANCE NO. 2016-03**

- E.-2. [15-4639](#) An Ordinance of the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida, amending the City of Coral Gables Code, by creating Section 38-12, entitled "Penalty enhancements for bias motivated violations of the City Code or Zoning Code"; providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, codification, and providing for an effective date.  
(Sponsored by Commission Keon)

**Attachments:** [First Reading - Cover Memo - City Code - Hate Crime Ordinance](#)  
[Second Reading Cover Memo - Bias Related Violations](#)  
[Draft Ordinance - Bias Motivated Violations](#)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES CODE, BY CREATING SECTION 38-12, TITLED "PENALTY ENHANCEMENTS FOR BIAS MOTIVATED VIOLATIONS OF THE CITY CODE OR ZONING CODE"; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER PROVISION, SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, CODIFICATION, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Lago, seconded by Vice Mayor Quesada, that this matter be adopted by Ordinance Number 2016-03. The motion passed by the following vote.**

**Yeas :** 5 - Vice Mayor Quesada, Commissioner Slesnick, Commissioner Keon, Commissioner Lago and Mayor Cason

City Clerk Item No. 26

**ORDINANCE NO. 2016-04**

- E.-3. [15-4640](#) An Ordinance of the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida, providing for text amendments to the City of Coral Gables Code by Amending Chapter 62 "Streets, Sidewalks and Other Public Places," Article VI "Parades and Public Assemblies," to promote public peace and order in residential areas and to promote the important value of tranquil and harmonious neighborhoods in the City of Coral Gables, by regulating picketing within a defined buffer area, regardless of the content of the communication; providing for alternative areas for protest and picketing; and providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, codification, and providing for an effective date.

**Attachments:** [Draft Picketing Ordinance \(12\\_31 version\)](#)  
[Second Reading Cover Memo - Picketing](#)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR TEXT AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES CODE BY AMENDING CHAPTER 62 "STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES," ARTICLE VI "PARADES AND PUBLIC ASSEMBLIES," TO PROMOTE PUBLIC PEACE AND ORDER IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS AND TO PROMOTE THE IMPORTANT VALUE OF TRANQUIL AND HARMONIOUS

NEIGHBORHOODS IN THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, BY REGULATING PICKETING WITHIN A DEFINED BUFFER AREA, REGARDLESS OF THE CONTENT OF THE COMMUNICATION; PROVIDING FOR ALTERNATIVE AREAS FOR PROTEST AND PICKETING; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER PROVISION, SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, CODIFICATION, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**A motion was made by Vice Mayor Quesada, seconded by Commissioner Slesnick, that this matter be adopted by Ordinance Number 2016-04. The motion passed by the following vote.**

**Yeas :** 5 - Commissioner Slesnick, Commissioner Keon, Commissioner Lago, Vice Mayor Quesada and Mayor Cason

City Clerk Item No. 27

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 2016-05**

**E.-4. [15-4625](#)**

An Ordinance of the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida, amending the Code of the City of Coral Gables, Florida by amending Article III "Construction Regulation Board" of Chapter 101 "Administration and Enforcement"; providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, codification, and providing for an effective date.

**Attachments:** [E-5 Signed CM Const. Reg. Board Draft Ordinance - Agenda Item E-5.pdf](#)  
[Second Reading Cover Memo - Const. Reg. Board](#)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA BY AMENDING ARTICLE III "CONSTRUCTION REGULATION BOARD" OF CHAPTER 101 "ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT"; PROVIDING FOR ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, REPEALER, CODIFICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**A motion was made by Vice Mayor Quesada, seconded by Commissioner Slesnick, that this matter be adopted by Ordinance Number 2016-05. The motion passed by the following vote.**

**Yeas :** 5 - Commissioner Keon, Commissioner Lago, Vice Mayor Quesada, Commissioner Slesnick and Mayor Cason

City Clerk Item No. 28

**ORDINANCE NO. 2016-06**

- E.-5     [15-4626](#)     An Ordinance of the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida, amending the Code of the City of Coral Gables, Florida by amending Article III “Unsafe Structures” of Chapter 105 “Buildings and Building Regulations”; providing for enforcement procedures; providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, codification, and providing for an effective date.

**Attachments:**     [E-6 CM Unsafe Structures](#)  
                              [Draft Ordinance - Agenda Item E-6.pdf](#)  
                              [Second Reading Cover Memo - Unsafe Structures](#)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA BY AMENDING ARTICLE III “UNSAFE STRUCTURES” OF CHAPTER 105 “BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS”; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER PROVISION, SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, CODIFICATION, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Lago, seconded by Vice Mayor Quesada, that this matter be adopted by Ordinance Number 2016-06. The motion passed by the following vote.**

**Yeas :** 5 - Commissioner Lago, Vice Mayor Quesada, Commissioner Slesnick, Commissioner Keon and Mayor Cason

City Clerk Item No. 29

**ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING****ORDINANCE NO. 2016-09**

- E.-6.     [16-4723](#)     An Ordinance of the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida, prohibiting a resident or business from removing a sewer cap during a backup; providing for enforcement; providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, codification, and providing for an effective date.

**Attachments:**     [CM Sewer Cap removal - First Reading](#)  
                              [Ord. Sewer Cap removal](#)  
                              [CM Sewer Cap removal - Second Reading](#)

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Item E-6 is available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk and in Legistar].

**A motion was made by Commissioner Lago, seconded by Vice Mayor Quesada, that this matter be approved as an Ordinance on First Reading. The motion passed by the following vote.**

**Yeas :** 5 - Vice Mayor Quesada, Commissioner Slesnick, Commissioner Keon, Commissioner Lago and Mayor Cason

City Clerk Item No. 30

**ORDINANCE NO. 2016-10**

- E.-7. [16-4726](#) An Ordinance of the City Commission of Coral Gables adopting the Restated Charter as the official Charter of the City of Coral Gables, and providing for a repealer provision, a severability clause, codification, and providing for an effective date (This proposal does not substantively amend the Charter. Instead, this proposal improves its readability and format, corrects the footnotes and legal history, complies with the Municipal Home Rule Powers Act, and includes a forward).

**Attachments:** [CM Compiled Charter - First Reading Charter Review Ordinance.docx](#)  
[Restated Charter without Charter Review Committee Proposed Amendments.doc](#)  
[CM Compiled Charter - Second Reading](#)

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Item E-7 is available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk and in Legistar].

**A motion was made by Vice Mayor Quesada, seconded by Commissioner Slesnick, that this matter be approved as an Ordinance on First Reading. The motion passed by the following vote.**

**Yeas :** 5 - Commissioner Slesnick, Commissioner Keon, Commissioner Lago, Vice Mayor Quesada and Mayor Cason

City Clerk Item No. 31

**F. CITY COMMISSION ITEMS**

- F.-1. [16-4724](#) Status of ongoing mosquito remediation on the vacant FPL site, along with other outstanding FPL issues.  
(Sponsored by Commissioner Keon)

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

**This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed**

City Clerk Item No. 39

- F.-2. [16-4728](#) Discussion of potential ordinance allowing the riding of bicycles upon sidewalks on Miracle Mile, by repealing section 74-3 of the City Code.  
(Sponsored by Commissioner Lago)

**Attachments:** [Ordinance - repeal of 74-3 bikes on MM.docx](#)

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

**This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed**

City Clerk Item No. 43

- F.-3. [16-4732](#) Discussion of potential ordinance requiring silk screen barriers on construction sites next to waterways.  
(Sponsored by Commissioner Lago)

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Item F-3 is available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk and in Legistar].

**This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed**

City Clerk Item No. 40

- F.-4. [16-4734](#) Status update on Green Corridor/Ygrene P.A.C.E. (Property Assessed Clean Energy) Program.  
(Sponsored by Commissioner Lago)

**Attachments:** [District Update - January 2016.pdf](#)

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Item F-4 is available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk and in Legistar].

**This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed**

City Clerk Item No. 38

- F.-5. [16-4735](#) Discussion regarding formation of a Coral Gables Waterway Commission.  
(Sponsored by Commissioner Lago)

**This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed**

City Clerk Item No. 41

**G. BOARDS/COMMITTEES ITEMS**

None

City Clerk Item No. 44

**H. CITY MANAGER ITEMS**

Time Certain 9:30 a.m.

Agenda Items H-1 and H-7 are related.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-28**

- H.-1. [16-4708](#) A Resolution authorizing the assignment of ERP OPERATING LIMITED PARTNERSHIP and EQR-SWN LINE VISTAS, INC (collectively "Transferor") interest in the ground lease with regards to City owned property located at 353 Aragon Ave., otherwise known as Gables Grand to SCG ATLAS GABLES GRAND PLAZA, L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company ("Transferee") (Lease transfer of Gables Grand).

**Attachments:** [Certification - Exhibit B - Approved Operator](#)  
[Certification - Exhibit C - Financing and Debt Service Coverage](#)  
[EXHIBIT A](#)  
[CM Gables Grand Operator](#)  
[Resolution - 1.26.16 \(Gables Grand Operator\)](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ASSIGNMENT OF ERP OPERATING LIMITED PARTNERSHIP AND EQR-SWN LINE VISTAS, INC (COLLECTIVELY "TRANSFEROR") INTEREST IN THE GROUND LEASE WITH REGARDS TO CITY OWNED PROPERTY LOCATED AT 353 ARAGON AVE, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS GABLES GRAND TO SCG ATLAS GABLES GRAND PLAZA, L.L.C, A DELAWARE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY ("TRANSFEREE") (LEASE TRANSFER OF GABLES GRAND).

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

**A motion was made by Commissioner Lago, seconded by Commissioner Slesnick, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2016-28. The motion passed by the following vote.**

**Yeas :** 5 - Commissioner Slesnick, Commissioner Keon, Commissioner Lago, Vice Mayor Quesada and Mayor Cason

City Clerk Item No. 19



**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-30 (As Amended)****H.-2. [16-4704](#)**

Resolution inviting selected proposers -- TC Gables, LLC (Scheme B); Coral Gables City Center, LLC; and GCP BE, LLC -- from Stage I of the two-stage Request for Proposals (RFP) for City owned Garages 1 and 4 on Andalusia Avenue (RFP no. 2014.10.23), to continue to participate in Stage II of the RFP process.

**Attachments:** [Commission Cover 01.26.16 \(Approval of Garage RFP Stage I Proposers\)](#)  
[Resolution 01.26.16 \(Approval of Garage RFP Stage I Proposers\)](#)  
[01 26 16 RFP Memo to CC Exhibit A](#)  
[Attachment 1 - Memorandum - Evaluation of Responses.pdf](#)

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

**A motion was made by Commissioner Lago, seconded by Commissioner Slesnick, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2016-30. The motion passed by the following vote.**

**Yeas :** 5 - Commissioner Lago, Vice Mayor Quesada, Commissioner Slesnick, Commissioner Keon and Mayor Cason

City Clerk Item No. 21

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-31****Non [16-4858](#)  
Agenda**

A Resolution stating that the development of Garages 1 and 4 on Andalusia Avenue (RFP No. 2014.10.23), needs to be completed using a staged approach.

**A motion was made by Vice Mayor Quesada, seconded by Commissioner Lago, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2016-31. The motion passed by the following vote.**

**Yeas :** 5 - Vice Mayor Quesada, Commissioner Slesnick, Commissioner Keon, Commissioner Lago and Mayor Cason

City Clerk Item No. 22

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-32**

- H.-3. [16-4709](#) Resolution authorizing the City Manager to issue Stage II of the two-stage Request for Proposals (RFP) for city owned Garages 1 and 4 on Andalusia Avenue (RFP No. 2014.10.23), in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit "A."

**Attachments:** [Draft Stage 2 RFP Garages 1+4 1-26-16 Exhibit A](#)  
[Resolution 01.26.16 \(Issuance of Garage RFP Stage II\)](#)  
[01 26 16 RFP Memo to CC Exhibit B](#)  
[CM Garages 1 and 4](#)  
[Memorandum - Evaluation of Stage 1 RFP Responses.pdf](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ISSUE STAGE II OF THE TWO-STAGE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) FOR CITY OWNED GARAGES 1 AND 4 ON ANDALUSIA AVENUE (RFP NO. 2014.10.23), IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE FORM ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT "A."

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Item H-3 is available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk and in Legistar].

**A motion was made by Commissioner Lago, seconded by Commissioner Keon, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2016-32. The motion passed by the following vote.**

**Yeas :** 5 - Vice Mayor Quesada, Commissioner Slesnick, Commissioner Keon, Commissioner Lago and Mayor Cason

City Clerk Item No. 23

**Time Certain 11:00 a.m.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-33**

**H.-4. [16-4705](#)**

A Resolution approving a contract for the construction of the Miracle Mile and Giralda Avenue Streetscape Project (the Project) with Ric-Man International, Inc. for a guaranteed maximum price (GMP) of \$21,600,000; providing for amendments as approved by the City Manager and City Attorney prior to final approval; further waiving the Procurement Code pursuant to Section 2-583, entitled "Application of the Code," to authorize the City Manager to direct purchase certain items as specified in the Plan Design Specifications for the Project, and included within the GMP, as follows: stone pavers, stone furniture, lighting, and trees; further approving the direct purchase of additional pavers not included in the GMP for a price not to exceed \$300,000 to be available for future uses for the Project; further authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with Cooper Robertson and Associates in an amount not to exceed \$500,000 to provide Construction Administration Services for the Project; further approving the Project budget; and the waiver of City fees for the project.

**Attachments:** [Miracle Mile GMP RESOL](#)  
[public outreach](#)  
[GMP Contract](#)  
[CM Miracle Mile GMP](#)

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONTRACT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE MIRACLE MILE AND GIRALDA AVENUE STREETScape PROJECT (THE PROJECT) WITH RIC-MAN INTERNATIONAL, INC. FOR A GUARANTEED MAXIMUM PRICE (GMP) OF \$21,600,000; PROVIDING FOR AMENDMENTS AS APPROVED BY THE CITY MANAGER AND CITY ATTORNEY PRIOR TO FINAL APPROVAL; FURTHER WAIVING THE PROCUREMENT CODE PURSUANT TO SECTION 2-583, ENTITLED "APPLICATION OF THE CODE," TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO DIRECT PURCHASE CERTAIN ITEMS AS SPECIFIED IN THE PLAN DESIGN SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE PROJECT, AND INCLUDED WITHIN THE GMP, AS FOLLOWS: STONE PAVERS, STONE FURNITURE, LIGHTING, AND TREES; FURTHER APPROVING THE DIRECT PURCHASE OF ADDITIONAL PAVERS NOT INCLUDED IN THE GMP FOR A PRICE NOT TO EXCEED \$300,000 TO BE AVAILABLE FOR FUTURE USES FOR THE PROJECT; FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH COOPER ROBERTSON AND ASSOCIATES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$500,000 TO PROVIDE CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION SERVICES FOR THE PROJECT; FURTHER APPROVING THE PROJECT BUDGET; AND THE WAIVER OF CITY FEES FOR THE PROJECT.

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Item H-4 is available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk and in Legistar].

**A motion was made by Vice Mayor Quesada, seconded by Commissioner Lago, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2016-33. The motion passed by the following vote.**

**Yeas :** 5 - Commissioner Slesnick, Commissioner Keon, Commissioner Lago, Vice Mayor Quesada and Mayor Cason

City Clerk Item No. 24

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-34**

H.-5. [16-4691](#)

A Resolution repealing Resolution 2004-196 and amending Resolution 2012-25, to establish General Fund and Insurance Fund Reserve policies; and providing for an effective date.

**Attachments:** [Resolution - Fund Balance Reserve Policy January 26 2016 2004-196 2012-25 CM Fund Balance](#)

A RESOLUTION REPEALING RESOLUTION 2004-196 AND AMENDING RESOLUTION 2012-25 TO ESTABLISH GENERAL FUND AND INSURANCE FUND RESERVE POLICIES; AND FURTHER PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Item H-5 is available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk and in Legistar].

**A motion was made by Commissioner Lago, seconded by Vice Mayor Quesada, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2016-34. The motion passed by the following vote.**

**Yeas :** 5 - Commissioner Keon, Commissioner Lago, Vice Mayor Quesada, Commissioner Slesnick and Mayor Cason

City Clerk Item No. 32

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-35**

H.-6. [16-4692](#)

A Resolution of the City of Coral Gables, Florida amending and ratifying projects in the Neighborhood Renaissance Program; providing certain other matters in connection therewith; authorizing other required actions and providing an effective date.

**Attachments:** [Resolution-Amend NRP Projects 1-26-2016.doc Attachment 1 Implementation of NRP \(Projects\) 1-26-16 CM NRP Project](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA AMENDING AND RATIFYING PROJECTS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD RENAISSANCE PROGRAM; PROVIDING CERTAIN OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH; AUTHORIZING OTHER REQUIRED ACTIONS AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Item H-6 is available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk and in Legistar].

**A motion was made by Commissioner Lago, seconded by Vice Mayor Quesada, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2016-35. The motion passed by the following vote.**

**Yeas :** 5 - Commissioner Lago, Vice Mayor Quesada, Commissioner Slesnick, Commissioner Keon and Mayor Cason

City Clerk Item No. 33

**Agenda Items H-1 and H-7 are related.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-29**

H.-7. [16-4707](#)

A Resolution authorizing entering into a third amendment to the Amended and Restated Agreement with Merrick Center, Ltd. with regard to City owned property located at 353 Aragon Ave, Coral Gables, Florida, otherwise known as Gables Grand (to set the equity IRR for future transaction rent).

**Attachments:** [Third Amendment - Gables Ground Lease - KE draft 1-19-16](#)  
[Resolution - 1.26.16 \(Gables Grand Third Amendment\)](#)  
[CM third amendment](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ENTERING INTO A THIRD AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDED AND RESTATED AGREEMENT WITH MERRICK CENTER, LTD. WITH REGARD TO CITY OWNED PROPERTY LOCATED AT 353 ARAGON AVE, CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS GABLES GRAND (TO SET THE EQUITY IRR FOR FUTURE TRANSACTION RENT).

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Item H-7 is available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk and in Legistar].

**A motion was made by Vice Mayor Quesada, seconded by Commissioner Lago, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2016-29. The motion passed by the following vote.**

**Yeas :** 5 - Commissioner Keon, Commissioner Lago, Vice Mayor Quesada, Commissioner Slesnick and Mayor Cason

City Clerk Item No. 20

**Time Certain 9:30 a.m.**

H.-8. [16-4720](#)

Presentation of Special Event Standard Operating Procedures for Event Permit Approval.

**Attachments:** [CM Special Events Guidelines](#)  
[Special Event SOP Presentation.pptx](#)  
[Special Events Guidelines revised - 1-21-16.docx](#)

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Item H-8 is available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk and in Legistar].

**This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed**

City Clerk Item No. 34

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-36 (As Amended)****H.-9. [16-4719](#)**

A Resolution authorizing Satchmo Blues Bar and Grill, Inc. to sell alcoholic beverages from noon until 11 p.m., at the Plaza located at 60 Merrick Way from Thursday, March 17, 2016, through Saturday, March 19, 2016 and on Sunday, March 20, 2016 from noon till 8 p.m., during the St. Patrick's Day / Bluesfest event to benefit the Coral Gables Cultural Affairs Council, subject to Florida Department of Professional Regulation Requirements.

**Attachments:** [St. Patrick's Day & Bluesfest 2016 application signed](#)  
[St. Patricks & Bluesfest resolution 2016](#)  
[CM St. Patricks Day](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SATCHMO BLUES BAR AND GRILL, INC., TO SELL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FROM NOON UNTIL 10:00 P.M., ON THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 2016; AND ON FRIDAY MARCH 18, 2016 THROUGH SATURDAY, MARCH 19, 2016, FROM NOON UNTIL 11:00 P.M., AND NOON UNTIL 8:00 P.M., ON SUNDAY, MARCH 20, 2016 AT THE PLAZA, LOCATED AT 60 MERRICK WAY DURING THE "ST. PATRICK'S DAY/BLUESFEST" EVENT TO BENEFIT THE CORAL GABLES CULTURAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL, SUBJECT TO FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION REQUIREMENTS.

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Item H-9 is available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk and in Legistar].

**A motion was made by Vice Mayor Quesada, seconded by Commissioner Lago, that this matter be adopted as amended by Resolution Number 2016-36. The motion passed by the following vote.**

**Yeas :** 5 - Vice Mayor Quesada, Commissioner Slesnick, Commissioner Keon, Commissioner Lago and Mayor Cason

City Clerk Item No. 35

**H.-10. [16-4721](#)**

Discussion of alternative treatments for grass swales.

**Attachments:** [CM Swale area](#)  
[H-10 - Alternative treatments for grass swales](#)

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Item H-10 is available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk and in Legistar].

**This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed**

City Clerk Item No. 36

- H.-11. [16-4722](#) Progress update on the Citywide Tree Succession Project.

**Attachments:** [CM Tree Succession Project](#)

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Item H-11 is available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk and in Legistar].

**This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed**

City Clerk Item No. 37

## I. CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS

- I.-1. [16-4725](#) Status update regarding City Commission's request to the Miami-Dade County Mayor and Board of County Commissioners to resolve the lawsuit between Miami-Dade County and the Lola B. Walker Homeowner's Association.

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

**This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed**

City Clerk Item No. 42

## J. CITY CLERK ITEMS

None

City Clerk Item No. 45

## K. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Mayor Cason: Do you have any items?

Commissioner Slesnick: Just really quick. Dorothy Thompson, former Mayor Dorothy Thompson fell and broke her arm this morning, so she spent the morning at the hospital. I don't know if she has to have surgery, but you might want to offer your well wishes to her. Secondly, yesterday I had the opportunity to visit the Crystal Academy here in Coral Gables. It's a school for autistic children and I had a marvelous time there. Got to tour the school and the reputation is really improved the last four-five years, and they've just expanded. I was just very pleased for the opportunity of being there and meeting the children and seeing. We are very fortunate in Coral Gables to have them in our borders, because I understand the next school further south is in Kendall, so it makes it very convenient for the parents. And last but not least, we covered the lighting - Oh, here we go, this is my visit from yesterday at the Crystal Academy, there we are. Recognize anybody?

Mayor Cason: I see the City Mayor there.

Commissioner Slesnick: I had a wonderful visit and it just is eye-opening to see how much difference the kids have made just in a year, because I know a couple of the children and what a difference they've made. Thank you. Also, my appointment to the Charter Review Board was Richard DeWitt, who I think did a great job, as well as all the other members of the Charter Review Board; and I have a vacant seat in Code Enforcement and I'd like to move Richard now that he's finished with that over to Code Enforcement.

Mayor Cason: You have a motion.

Vice Mayor Quesada: So moved.

Commissioner Lago: Second.

Mayor Cason: City Clerk.

Commissioner Keon: Yes

Commissioner Lago: Yes

Vice Mayor Quesada: Yes

Commissioner Slesnick: Yes

Mayor Cason: Yes

(Vote: 5-0)

Commissioner Keon: Walter, I think he's on some board.

Commissioner Slesnick: He's on Emergency Management but take him off of that board. Thank you.

Commissioner Keon: Yes, take him off of that board and just correct that...pulled off that and placed on...

Commissioner Slesnick: And last but not least, I'd like to maybe bring up. I know we are down still about 20 police officers and I keep harping on this all the time that I really would like to see a fuller contingency of police officers in Coral Gables, and we don't need to discuss this, but maybe about four or five, or five or six are going to be



going on military duty and so forth, that we really need to speed up as fast as possible to find quality police officers.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: I appreciate you bringing that up. We actually have 16 openings. We are addressing those openings through overtime, so that the City is well served during this time. You all allowed us to hire an HR - Human Resources Analyst for Public Safety that is ramping up and going well, because you do not want us to compromise on backgrounds when it comes to any employee, but certainly an employee holding a gun and having the authority and so we are ramping up. We've authorized advertising, we have a new and I think very proactive system in place and I know you'll see the results of that, but also in the meantime I'm certain the public will realize that in addition to the neighborhood team leader, which has been initiated and is going well, we are recruiting the neighborhood safety aides, which will increase visibility. We have coordination with all of our departments, including the little yellow lights on the vehicles, so that there is full visibility. We are in the process of developing a program to hire additional part-time officers for traffic related improvements so that in the morning we are going to greet you, in the evening we are going to greet you so that as you are coming through the City of Coral Gables. You will remember to put that foot break on and hopefully avoid Coral Gables altogether, if you are just using us to cut through. So there is a very exciting multi-layer plan that is in place and so the concern that anyone might have that Coral Gables is not being well served from a public safety matter, from police recruitment, we are very much ramping up to do that. We are catching up from maybe some past decisions, but this Commission has said at all times that a Public Safety Director and the Police Chief have committed to doing the most robust appropriate recruitment for the City, and I'm really proud of the efforts and the results thus far, and I'm excited about the forward.

Commissioner Keon: I think that I heard a comment. I think it was the Assistant City Manager that said that it takes them 100 interviews or 100 applicants to find one police officer.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: For every 100 applications you will select through that because of background, because of credentials.

Commissioner Keon: One individual, so it's really - you really have to appreciate the lengths that the City goes to, to ensure that we have very highly qualified police officers.

Commissioner Slesnick: And I appreciate the high standards and want to keep them, but I do know like Miami-Dade County is recruiting 400 officers, so if they had to go through one per hundred that's a lot of interviews...

Mayor Cason: But they may not necessarily have the same standards as we do.

Commissioner Keon: I think that we have a little bit higher.

Commissioner Slesnick: There standards are pretty high.

Mayor Cason: Not as high as ours.

Commissioner Keon: Yes, we do have high ones.

Commissioner Slesnick: However, every police, every City around town seems to be recruiting police officers, so if we can get in on the front of it and keep hiring and catch those applicants before they go over to the County, I'd rather have them here if they are qualified...

Commissioner Keon: Absolutely. But I think with having the dedicated person in HR that is dedicated just to police or to public safety, we have in HR, we have hired an individual it's been budgeted for a recruiter for just police and fire, for just public safety. We really are ahead of the curve. We do have requirements with regard to education and things that are a little higher than some other places, but I think in the end it serves us well. We have particularly good officers as a result of that.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: You need a certain number of college credits, you also need to be 21, not 18 or 19, that some programs have. The other thing that I'm very excited about is, we are going to be hiring in advance of D.R.O.P. exits, so that we are looking at exactly when are the police officers going to be done with their D.R.O.P. and how we bring on new recruits in advance of that, so that they can go through the training, the academy, the field responsibilities so that there is a crossover and a passing of the baton, and the Budget Division and the Finance Department has been very supportive of that. So it's almost an over-fill that you'll see as we fully ramp up with the recruitment.

Mayor Cason: The other thing too that you had mentioned was involving waste management as sort of new set of eyes and coming on board of all of our new

technology and to the extent that red light cameras help stop accidents, those police spend an average of three hours per accident, 3,000 a year are available to do police work rather than traffic.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: And license plate readers and all the other types of technology that you all have authorized from a financial standpoint.

Commissioner Keon: They are even doing waves on their...

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: We are not going to tell all of their secrets Commissioner.

Commissioner Keon: Oh, OK. We won't tell all the secrets.

Commissioner Slesnick: And it would be nice to ramp up our crime watch too and be more supportive of it.

Commissioner Keon: You're right.

Mayor Cason: On that, I think there is a myth that we are not supportive of the crime watch. The budget for the crime watch is fully funded. The question is, will people want to create crime watch or they don't have them?-I think the police are fully - are willing to go to any crime watch meeting, the Chief himself goes. So I don't think, it shouldn't be left for the public somehow we are not supportive of crime watch or they don't have the money. I think they are very active, they have the funds they need and if there is something they want come to the City Manager or us and we'll approve it.

Commissioner Slesnick: It was underfunded, I think for about five years, and now it's maybe funded again, but also it maybe needs to be a little more ramped up because you just don't wait for the organization, you need to get out there and be proactive. So I think we need people because I've tried to set up things in my own neighborhood and I just didn't get the support that I thought I should have had.

Mayor Cason: Anything else?

Commissioner Slesnick: No. Thank you.

Commissioner Lago: Quickly. I invite you all on Thursday to attend the Town Hall

meeting that we are having, on Thursday the 28th at 6:30 (p.m.) to 8 p.m. It's an open forum. We are going to have many updates from City Departments. I welcome you all; I'll hope you'll be there to address the residents. We are hoping for a good turnout and it's going to be a nice evening to discuss the present and the future of the City. So I look forward to seeing you all there. Second, I would love to see if the City could provide us with an update in regards to the sidewalk program. I know that Glenn and his staff were working on defining that program for individuals who don't have sidewalks in their neighborhoods and are looking for somehow to deliver on those sidewalks. I think that from the last time we spoke, maybe have an update for next Commission meeting discussion.

Mayor Cason: And I want to ask the Manager on that. The flexibility we just gave on Neighborhood Renaissance included continued work on sidewalks connecting, assuming it would also be what you just mentioned.

Commissioner Lago: Yes because there are certain areas...

Mayor Cason: Don't have them.

Commissioner Lago: For example, the sidewalk just ends and there is still an ADA (i.e. American Disability Act) issue and especially for the elderly there is a problem. Let's be honest, there are certain areas where people don't want sidewalks. So what I want to try to build and I know that Glenn wants to speak about it at our next Commission Meeting, they were working on putting down a simple program, step-by-step that you have to follow to build consensus in regards to your neighborhood to deliver on some sidewalks.

Mayor Cason: But in the interim, I think we are still moving connecting existing sidewalks where you go sidewalk-grass-street-grass-sidewalk, so if you are pushing the baby carriage - you are starting to see that around the Greenways.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: It's citywide, so that through to the street from the sidewalk itself is being established citywide.

Mayor Cason: OK.

Commissioner Lago: And the final issue is, I've requested from the City Manager and I'd like to get all of your input in reference to doing a comprehensive U.S.-1 Corridor

Study; and what I want to do there is from 57th Avenue to Douglas and I want to study everything from pedestrian and bike accessibility, I want to study the zoning, I want to study traffic, neighborhood accessibility, I want to study sidewalks, and I want to study open spaces. The reason why I think it's important, the benefits, it would define requirements prior to anyone purchasing a piece of property on U.S.-1. It would ensure a transparent process. I think it would allow for significant input from residents, business owners, the Chamber, and many partners, like for example the County, public agencies, FDOT (i.e. Florida Department of Transportation), the Underline, Metrorail and UM. Besides all of that, I think they would allow us to finally maybe through, I spoke to Javier about it and the City Manager, you could probably use an outside consultant to come in and really have a lot of public input in reference to that area, and because as we know there has been several purchases as of recent. One of them was the Wendy's and one of them was Riviera Theater. Again, they are smaller parcels; we are not talking about big parcels, like for example, like the Paseo or the Mediterranean Village. I think it's important that right now we define what the real future is. I don't want to define it based on zoning, I don't want to do that, I don't think that's adequate. I think we need to take into effect 40 percent open space, if you are going to do a development; and if you are going to provide 40 percent of the space we'll give you the following additional requirements, or we won't give you the additional requirements. I want to get significant input and if my colleagues are interested in becoming involved and get behind this, I think that we could probably deliver these six months to a year, and it could be a real significant, final design, layout and future for that entire corridor.

Commissioner Keon: I think you are going to have to look at what plans may be already in or have been proposed for sites along there. I know that the Paseo project has created a lot of conversation, but people have to recognize that the Paseo project plans had been in the pipeline for two to three years. Those plans were already there long before discussions every began about any planning study; and we have an obligation to respect as well as our neighbors and our residents that the people that come to do business here also have certain rights and that is to have their applications heard, so it would be good to look at what is - because I know on, I call it the west side, I guess it's the north side, the side that the Metrorail runs along, what side of the highway is that?

Commissioner Slesnick: North.

Commissioner Keon: The north - along the north side like where the Berkowitz project

was, that had already been defined, developed whatever. It's back in play, they already are submitting plans and things for that, and there are a few other parcels along there that people are already talking about, so we need to help our community and our residents understand that you can't just bar somebody from wanting to develop the property under what is currently permissible by Code, but you can submit whatever you want to be placed there and it's up to us and to either right-size it or deny it.

Commissioner Lago: But don't confuse my final point. I want a moratorium on people bringing forth projects. There is no need to bring in an application immediately because that's not my statement. My statement is based on, I want to really look at it, I was very clear, not on the zoning. I want to look at it on many different levels. For example, like I mentioned to you right now before about the two parking garages that are coming. If you have an opportunity to really define how the sidewalks are on U.S.-1, how the bike lanes should be, to me, to be honest with you, I think 20 percent open space is a travesty when you talk about development. I think what ends up happening is a lot of people skirt the issue and you really don't have really truly defined open space. You don't. You don't have real grass, you don't have an area where you can play, you don't have an area where people can congregate. You have open space, a corridor, a planter, a this, a that, that to me is not open space. So I think it's a great opportunity to look at this corridor and see what we want in the future there.

Commissioner Slesnick: Commissioner Lago, are you bringing that up at your Town Hall meeting this coming Thursday? I just think you need to get the movement going because not in a year-and-a-half have a consultant, because I think U.S.-1 will be extensively rebuilt within a year-and-a-half.

Commissioner Keon: The plans will be submitted to do that.

Commissioner Slesnick: Oh, the plans will be submitted...

Commissioner Keon: It may not be finished, but yes, you're right.

Commissioner Slesnick: There is new ownership already there.

Commissioner Lago: Commissioner, what I said and I spoke to Javier and I spoke to the City Manager, again, I don't want to put staff in a position where they hurt themselves and they over-commit because staff, they want to deliver, they want to deliver, but I told them let's maybe look at getting a consultant, hiring world class

consultants, somebody who has extensive knowledge on these types of comprehensive studies, and let's see where they can put it, maybe we can put a timeline of six months, but really put a hard cap of six months. I don't want a moratorium on development, that's not what I want to do. I don't think any of us want to do that, and I don't want to down zone. I just want to make a request where we could potentially offer developments and open space and pedestrian and bicycle opportunities and safety, where right now if you just meet a certain threshold you get a bonus because it's Mediterranean. To me that doesn't really benefit our community. We need to heighten our requirements in regards to design, I think Ramon Trias does a lot, does an incredible job making sure that the developers understand that this is not the old days where you can throw up a few "nick-knacks" on a wall and it's Mediterranean, that's not the way it works. So again, it's just an idea. I would like to see if you are interested in supporting this, because it could potentially offer us a real jumping off point to delivering a U.S.-1 that has a true vision.

Mayor Cason: And it's better than the strip malls.

Commissioner Lago: That's a big concern of mine. I don't want a strip mall. I don't want just asphalt after asphalt after asphalt. To me that's a travesty when you have such a beautiful amenity as UM and as the Underline, which is forthcoming and you look across the street and you have 400 car asphalt.

Commissioner Slesnick: But you are not going to get a strip mall because of the price of the land down there.

Commissioner Lago: You never know. You never know.

Commissioner Keon: I think that they were designed at a time where that really was a very desirable...

Commissioner Slesnick: In the 1960's.

Commissioner Keon:...yes it was a desirable type of...

Mayor Cason: Something has to be built, it may not be a strip mall, but I would like us to have an input...

Commissioner Slesnick: I would like to have our input before the developers come in

and ask for as-of-right.

Commissioner Lago: Look what about this, what about this. This is my final point. How great would it be if we have this six month program discussion in regards to the comprehensive U.S.-1 study and we have four-five public meetings for the residents, for the business owners, for all the different entities that I mentioned and then you have these developers that have skin in the game, like the individuals that own the Riviera Theater, the individuals that bought the Wendy's, if they can come and say, this is what we are looking at, this is what we have an interest in and they can gear their project toward what we as a Commission and want as a community really want in that area. Instead of them just bringing a project and it get denied because they know that I want 40 percent, 35 percent, 30 percent open space, true green open space. This Commission is moving in a different direction. Look we bought open land. When was the last time the Commission, four, five years ago was the Alhambra piece?

Mayor Cason: We did Alhambra, we did...

Commissioner Lago: Four years ago?

Mayor Cason: Yes, four years.

Commissioner Lago: Now we just finished buying Lisbon and we are potentially entertaining other opportunities for open space. Like Vice Mayor Kerdyk told me one day, he said, open space is at a premium. If you can require it and if you can purchase it, make sure it's a priority and that has always stuck with me.

Commissioner Keon: What you have to recognize and what you have to have help our residents see is that if you are going to require 40 percent open space in a project, you are going to have to give something up, and that which you are going to give is height. You are going to give height because you have to, to open that up and to have them not build on that space, and to be able to provide those park-like settings and things, you have to go up. So we have to be in agreement and understand what the consequences of those things are.

Vice Mayor Quesada: One quick thing. I like the idea. I'm in favor of doing the study. I have to leave, it's almost 4 o'clock. I didn't think today's meeting would last this long.



Commissioner Keon: I have to be there at 4:30 p.m.

Commissioner Lago: Give me one last thing. I agree with you in regards that there has to be some give and take in regards to benefits, I understand that, and my point would be to educate the residents and make them understand. Another purpose that would serve, now we are talking about we are over-parked and now we are talking about potentially reducing our parking requirement, not to what the City of Miami and neighboring municipalities have, but why don't we instead of negotiating reduced parking project by project, let's set a parking reduction number? Let's say OK, this is what we are going to do. I'm just saying, I think it's worth a discussion.

Mayor Cason: Yes. I think it's worth a discussion to get ahead of the curve to have our vision of what we want to see along there and PAD (Planned Area Development) -like requirements so that we can...

Commissioner Keon: Right. I really am anxious to see the North Gables study, every week I ask about.

Commissioner Lago: That's another example. We got ahead of the curve there and we know where North Gables is going.

Commissioner Keon: Because I think Planning is already working with one developer, two right- size a project that was...

Commissioner Lago: We just said it. Staff is working with a developer to right-size a project, but we haven't even gotten the North Gables study done, but we can do that...

Commissioner Keon: We need to see that.

Mayor Cason: Anything else?

Commissioner Lago: That's it.

Mayor Cason: You have something.

Commissioner Keon: What I would really like to thank Kevin Kinney or whoever worked with the 550 Building on Biltmore Way to not backup, not to clog the road.

This morning I came that way again and they have not been blocking traffic, so you can get around that circle and you can get here. The only other thing I ask is, and I've talked about it a number of times, it's with regard to valet. I wondered where we are and looking at valet services in the City. I know on the Mile you have - that was a pilot project that sort of became a permanent project and I don't know if it was ever in any way...

Mayor Cason: ...during the two years.

Commissioner Keon: No, no, no, the centralized valet on the Mile was a pilot project and it seemed to go from pilot to permanent without...there should be some sort of...

Mayor Cason: I remember I looked into this and there was a one year contract in the beginning and there was never another contract.

Commissioner Keon: I think we need to look at that.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: We have postponed the RFP for the Central Valet Parking because of the construction that is going on. The decision was it's better to work for now with the existing valet parking company and then while the construction is happening we'll go out for a new selection.

Commissioner Keon: Yes, it wasn't the RFP that I was wondering about. It was more what the City would like to see and what you are asking for, it's like more the sort of planning for what are the types of things that would be included in the RFP, as to how they are going to operate and whatever else.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: The scope and objectives.

Commissioner Keon: Yes, that sort of thing; and then whether or not how we deal with and just all of the other valet stations all over the City. They still are parking in meter spaces, they still take up more than whatever they are allowed, they still - for a certain amount you can leave your car right here on this valet space while you are having dinner for a certain whatever. All of those things are happening with the current valets we have. I think it's abusive of the public to have a valet thing on all four corners or on three corners when you could have meters. When one valet per area can certainly serve that community and the community of restaurants that might be there.

Mayor Cason: And also the amount charged because if you look back at the original contract it was like \$7 and people were charging \$8, and there was no contract in between, somebody just did it.

Commissioner Keon: Right. So it's not going off of the RFP, it's sort of looking at how do we want valet to operate in this City and then maybe telling us about it or talking about it, and then go ahead and do it.

Mayor Cason: Why don't we have a discussion going forward even though you are not going to do an RFP, but we can continue next meeting to have a discussion with the elements that we want...

Commissioner Keon: The strategies with regard to valet are really what I'm talking about.

Commissioner Lago: I was going to mention the same thing Commissioner Keon mentioned, but I decided to cut them some slack this meeting, but I caught them again myself, parking at meters and I told the gentleman, you are not allowed to park there. He looked at me and goes; you know what can I do? I've heard from residents and business owners the same thing, the same issue continues. Literally, it's pervasive. I met with the owner, he's doing his best, I hope, but again it's out of control because employees don't listen. I can tell you horror stories from what I've heard from individuals.

Mayor Cason: So to be continued the next session.

City Attorney Leen: Mr. Mayor two things. Mr. Vice Mayor you don't need to stay, I just need to let the Commission know two things.

Mayor Cason: I'm not going to say anything so you can go to your meeting.

City Attorney Leen: So you are not surprised. One, the City of Miami, we have an interoffice agreement as conflict counsel, they want me to come on Thursday at 4, for their St. Jude matter to protect the historic designation; and then second; I'm going to be at the autism conference, I'm on the Board of Directors of the CARD Board, Center for Autism Related Disabilities, and I'm going to be in Tallahassee on Tuesday, I think you are too...

Commissioner Keon: I am there too.

City Attorney Leen:....speaking to the Legislature about autism. So it's in my personal capacity, but I just wanted to let you know that so you are aware and not surprised if you see me there.

Mayor Cason: If we see you up there. OK. With that meeting adjourned.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-37**

**Non**     [16-4859](#)  
**Agenda**

A Resolution appointing Richard De Witt (nominated by Commissioner Slesnick) to serve as a member of the Code Enforcement Board, for the remainder of a three (3) year term, which began on June 1, 2014 and continues through May 31, 2017.

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING RICHARD DE WITT (NOMINATED BY COMMISSIONER SLESNICK) TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD, FOR THE REMAINDER OF A THREE (3) YEAR TERM, WHICH BEGAN ON JUNE 1, 2014 AND CONTINUES THROUGH MAY 31, 2017.

**A motion was made by Vice Mayor Quesada, seconded by Commissioner Lago, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2016-37. The motion passed by the following vote.**

**Yeas :** 5 - Commissioner Keon, Commissioner Lago, Vice Mayor Quesada, Commissioner Slesnick and Mayor Cason

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**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 3:55 p.m. The next regular meeting of the City Commission has been scheduled for February 9, 2016, beginning 9 a.m.]

JIM CASON  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

WALTER J. FOEMAN  
CITY CLERK