

City of Coral Gables

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Coral Gables, FL 33134
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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 22, 2019

9:00 AM

**Pre-meeting presentations will be held in the City Hall Courtyard
at 8:30 am.**

City Hall, Commission Chambers

City Commission

*Mayor Raul J. Valdes-Fauli
Vice Mayor Vince Lago
Commissioner Jorge L. Fors, Jr.
Commissioner Patricia Keon
Commissioner Michael Mena*

*Peter J. Iglesias, P.E., City Manager
Miriam Soler Ramos, City Attorney
Billy Y. Urquia, City Clerk*

Pre-meeting presentations will be held in the City Hall Courtyard at 8:30 am.

ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Commissioner Fors Jr., Commissioner Keon, Vice Mayor Lago, Commissioner Mena and Mayor Valdes-Fauli

Judging of the Annual Great Pumpkin Challenge

INVOCATION

Reverend Martha Shiverick from Riviera Presbyterian Church gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Valdes-Fauli led the Pledge of Allegiance.

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

The following minutes summary includes all presentations made, and actions taken which is supplemented by the following exhibits on file in the Office of the City Clerk, and which are hereby made a part of the record herein: (a) Resolution(s) adopted (Resolution No. 2019-308 through Resolution No. 2019-324); (b) Video; (c) Audio Recording; (d) Minutes Folder with Agenda and background information, including items which were submitted at the meeting.

A. PRESENTATIONS AND PROTOCOL DOCUMENTS

- A.-1. [19-9297](#) Presentation of a Proclamation declaring October 22, 2019 as "Marlon Carl "Lonnie" Hayes Day" in Coral Gables.

Attachments: [Proclamation](#)

Mayor Valdes-Fauli introduced the proclamation declaring October 22, 2019 as "Marlon Carl "Lonnie" Hayes Day in Coral Gables and Commissioner Keon was asked to read the proclamation. Commissioner Keon stated that she had the pleasure of knowing Lonnie Hayes through all the years of working in the Youth Center and doing programs for children in this City, and that he really was a wonderfully, good and beloved man, and she is very happy to be able to present this proclamation on behalf of the Mayor, City Commission and the City. Ms. Barbara Harley, the youngest of the four Hayes children stated that unfortunately her mother, Mrs. Hayes couldn't attend today, that she is doing extremely well, and they are proud of her because this was a rather difficult experience, losing my dad, but she wanted to express her gratitude. She went on to state that her dad absolutely loved the City of Coral Gables, the Youth Center especially, and she often says that she is pretty sure she was born at the Youth Center, because being the baby of four, she was taken there at an early age and told to sit under a tree and not move. She and her husband

Tom both raised their children at the Youth Center with her dad until they (her mother and father) moved seven years ago, and they were at every event that they could be at. She thanked everyone for honoring her dad and said she is sure he is smiling down on them today. The City of Coral Gables is indeed better because of Lonnie's rich legacy of selfless service.

This Presentation/Protocol Document was Presented and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 1

A.-2. [19-9314](#)

Farewell and Presentation of a Key to the City to Dunia Miranda Maury, Trade Commissioner of Guatemala in Miami, for her 20 years of service and her support to the City of Coral Gables International Programs.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli in introducing Trade Commissioner Maury stated that she has always been here and been a friend of the City of Coral Gables, and this is a well-deserved, although sad presentation because she is leaving us. Trade Commissioner Maury thanked the Mayor and City Commission as well as its citizens. She stated that it was a very emotional moment after twenty-two years and eight months of service as Guatemala Trade Commissioner in her capacity of promoting Guatemala and the cities that are their Sister Cities with Coral Gables, Antigua Guatemala. It has been an honor and a wonderful journey that today has come to an end, but it is just a cycle because she knows that in the very near future that life is going to bring her back again to the "City Beautiful". Mayor Valdes-Fauli also recognized Lourdes Cuzan, Chairperson of the City's International Affairs Coordinating Council who was present for the presentation of the proclamation.

This Presentation/Protocol Document was Presented and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 3

A.-3. [19-9248](#)

Presentation of a Proclamation declaring October 21, 2019 through October 27, 2019 as "Florida City Government Week" in Coral Gables.

Attachments: [Proclamation](#)

Mayor Valdes-Fauli introduced the proclamation and asked Vice Mayor Lago read it. The proclamation was then presented to employees representing various city departments.

This Presentation/Protocol Document was Presented and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 2

- A.-4. [19-9244](#) Presentation of a Proclamation declaring October 23, 2019 through October 31, 2019 as "Red Ribbon Week" in Coral Gables.

Attachments: [Proclamation](#)

Mayor Valdes-Fauli introduced the proclamation and asked Commissioner Fors, Jr., to read it memorializing the importance of "Red Ribbon Week" which was established in Congress in 1988 to encourage a drug-free lifestyle and involvement in drug prevention and reduction efforts, and it commemorates Enrique "Kiki" Camarena, a Drug Enforcement Administration Agent who was murdered in the line of duty and the belief that one person can make a difference.

A representative from the Young Marines of the Marine Corps League stated that there are over 9,000 youths enrolled in their program, whose mission is to positively impact America's future by providing quality youth development programs for boys and girls that nurtures and develops its members into responsible citizens who enjoy and promote a healthy drug-free lifestyle. She thanked the Mayor and City Commission and accepted the proclamation on behalf of the Young Marines of the Marine Corps League.

This Presentation/Protocol Document was Presented and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 4

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- B.-1. [19-9334](#) Regular City Commission Meeting of October 8, 2019.

Attachments: [CCMtg Oct 8 2019 - Agenda Item F-1 - Ordinance to increase the maximum student](#)
[CCMtg Oct 8 2019 - Agenda Item F-5 - Ordinance to provide additional definitions](#)
[CCMtg Oct 8 2019 - Agenda Item F-9 - Ordinance providing for a performance bo](#)
[CCMtg Oct 8 2019 - Agenda Item G-5 - Update regarding Cocoplum resurfacing a](#)
[CCMtg Oct 8 2019 - Agenda Item I-2 - Hurricane Dorian Debriefing](#)
[CCMtg Oct 8 2019 - Agenda Items F-10 and F-14 are related - Ordinance and Re](#)
[CCMtg October 8 2019 - Agenda Item F-2 - Ordinance providing for text amendm](#)
[CCMtg October 8 2019 - Agenda Item F-3 - Ordinance providing for text amendm](#)
[CCMtg October 8 2019 - Agenda Item F-4 - Ordinance amending Chapter 74 Traf](#)
[CCMtg October 8 2019 - Agenda Item G-2 - Resolution urging the Florida Legislat](#)
[CCMtg October 8 2019 - Agenda Item G-3 - Resolution opposing preemption of ci](#)
[CCMtg October 8 2019 - Agenda Item G-4 - Discussion regarding the 6th annual \](#)
[CCMtg October 8 2019 - Agenda Item G-6 - Discussion about parking issues at C](#)
[CCMtg October 8 2019 - Agenda Item I-1 - Update regarding Doctors Hospital Lot](#)
[CCMtg October 8 2019 - Agenda Item L - Discussion Items](#)
[CCMtg October 8 2019 - Agenda Items C-1 and C-2 - Mayors Comments](#)
[CCMtg October 8 2019 - Agenda Items F-6 F-7 and F-8 are related - ordinances f](#)
[Regular City Commission Meeting of October 8, 2019](#)

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Lago, seconded by Commissioner Keon, that this motion be approved . The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Yeas : 5 - Commissioner Fors, Jr., Commissioner Keon, Vice Mayor Lago, Commissioner Mena and Mayor Valdes-Fauli

City Clerk Item No. 5

C. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

C.-1. [19-9313](#) Welcoming and Introduction of Curtillet Khatcherian, owner of Maryline Beauty Salon in Aix-en-Provence who has recently opened her 2nd salon on 80 Miracle Mile, Coral Gables.

This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 6

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-308

C.-2. [19-9304](#) A Resolution designating the City of San José, Costa Rica as a "Sister City" of the City of Coral Gables, Florida.

Attachments: [Cover Memo - Resolution - Draft Sister City - San Jose, Costa Rica](#)
[Resolution - Draft Sister City - San Jose, Costa Rica](#)
[Signed Resolution 2019-308](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION EXPRESSING THE CITY'S DESIRE TO ESTABLISH A SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIP WITH SAN JOSÉ, COSTA RICA.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Lago, seconded by Commissioner Keon, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2019-308. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas : 5 - Commissioner Fors, Jr., Commissioner Keon, Vice Mayor Lago, Commissioner Mena and Mayor Valdes-Fauli

City Clerk Item No. 7

C.-3. [19-9336](#) A discussion regarding La Fundación Internacional para la Libertad.

This Agenda Item was Withdrawn

City Clerk Item No. 8

Time Certain 11:00am (Agenda Item C-4)

C.-4. [19-9316](#) Discussion regarding suit challenging SB 168.

This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 41

D. 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 Vice Mayor Lago, seconded by Commissioner Keon, to Adopt the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yeas : 5 - Commissioner Keon, Vice Mayor Lago, Commissioner Mena, Commissioner Fors, Jr. and Mayor Valdes-Fauli

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-309**D.-1. [19-9301](#)**

A Resolution confirming the appointment of Bonita Norman (Nominated by Board-As-A-Whole) to serve as a member of the Landscape Beautification Advisory Board, for a two (2) year term which began on June 1, 2019 and continues through May 31, 2021.

Attachments: [Minutes 09-05-19](#)
[2019-Cover Memo- Bonita Norman - BAW](#)
[Draft- R-2019- Bonita Norman - Landcape Beautification Advisory Board - BAW](#)
[Signed Resolution 2019-309](#)

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF BONITA NORMAN (NOMINATED BY BOARD-AS-A-WHOLE) TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE LANDSCAPE BEAUTIFICATION ADVISORY BOARD, FOR A TWO (2) YEAR TERM WHICH BEGAN ON JUNE 1, 2019 AND CONTINUES THROUGH MAY 31, 2021.

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2019-309 on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 9

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-310**D.-3. [19-9261](#)**

A Resolution accepting the recommendation of the Procurement Officer to award the Trash and Recycling Receptacles contract to Anova Furnishings, Inc., the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, in the initial amount of \$235,660.00, pursuant to Invitation for Bids (IFB) 2019-033 and Section 2-763 of the Procurement Code entitled "Contract Award".

Attachments: [Agenda Memo - IFB 2019-033 - Trash and Recycling Receptacles](#)
[Resolution IFB 2019-033 - Trash and Recycling Receptacles](#)
[City Manager Intent to Award Memo - Signed](#)
[Bid Tabulation](#)
[Anova Furnishings - Response](#)
[Signed Resolution 2019-310](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PROCUREMENT OFFICER TO AWARD THE PURCHASE OF TRASH AND RECYCLING RECEPTACLES TO ANOVA FURNISHINGS, INC., THE LOWEST RESPONSIVE AND RESPONSIBLE BIDDER, IN THE INITIAL AMOUNT OF \$235,660.00, PURSUANT TO INVITATION TO BIDS (IFB) 2019-033 AND SECTION 2-763 OF THE CITY'S PROCUREMENT CODE ENTITLED "CONTRACT AWARD".

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2019-310 on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 10

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-311**D.-4. [19-9323](#)**

A Resolution rescinding Resolution 2010-127 and adopting an amended resolution authorizing a new "Flags on Ponce Program" providing for the participation of the City of Coral Gables to allocate funds for our Sister Cities Flags; and providing for an effective date.

Attachments: [Cover Memo - Flags on Ponce Program](#)
[IACC Resolution - Flags on Ponce - Commission meeting of October 22, 2019](#)
[IACC-Minutes September 17 2019](#)
[Signed Resolution 2019-311](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 2010-127 AND ADOPTING AN AMENDED RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A NEW "FLAGS ON PONCE PROGRAM" PROVIDING FOR THE PARTICIPATION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES TO ALLOCATE FUNDS FOR OUR SISTER CITIES; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2019-311 on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 11

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-312

- D.-5. [19-9330](#) A Resolution appointing Alec Schneider (Nominated by Mayor Valdes-Fauli) to serve as a member of the Parks and Recreation Youth Advisory Board, for a two (2) year term which began on June 1, 2019 and continues through May 31, 2021.

Attachments: [Draft- R-2019- Alec Schneider- Youth Advisory Board Cover Memo- Alec Schneider - Youth Advisory Board Signed Resolution 2019-312](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION APPOINTING ALEC SCHNEIDER (NOMINATED BY MAYOR VALDES-FAULI) TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD, FOR A TWO (2) YEAR TERM WHICH BEGAN ON JUNE 1, 2019 AND CONTINUES THROUGH MAY 31, 2021.

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2019-312 on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 12

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

- 1.-1. [19-9288](#) Advisory Board on Disability Affairs Meeting of August 14, 2019.

Attachments: [Cov Memo](#)
[08 14 19 Mins W Exhibit](#)
[CITY CLERK OFC Attendance Form 08 14 19](#)
[08 14 19 Agenda](#)

This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 13

- 1.-2. [19-9283](#) Arts Advisory Panel Meeting of August 28, 2019.

Attachments: [08.28.19 MinutesforCC10.22.19](#)
[AAP Meeting August 28 2019 DRAFT](#)

This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 14

- 1.-3. [19-9312](#) Budget/Audit Advisory Board Meeting of September 25, 2019.

Attachments: [Budget Audit Board Minutes 9 25 2019](#)
[Board Meeting Mintues of 9-25-19](#)

This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 15

- 1.-4. [19-9260](#) Coral Gables/University of Miami Community Relations Committee Meeting of September 16, 2019.
- Attachments:** [SEPTEMBER 16, 2019 MINUTES](#)
[MEMBER ATTENDANCE](#)
- This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.**
- City Clerk Item No. 16
- 1.-5. [19-9284](#) Cultural Development Board Meeting of September 17, 2019.
- Attachments:** [09.17.19 MinutesforCC10.22.19](#)
[CDB Minutes September 17 2019 DRAFT](#)
- This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.**
- City Clerk Item No. 17
- 1.-6. [19-9315](#) Donald R. Hopkins and William A. Cooper Scholarship Committee Meeting of June 7, 2019.
- Attachments:** [Minutes 6.7.19](#)
- This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.**
- City Clerk Item No. 18
- 1.-7. [19-9202](#) International Affairs Coordinating Council Meeting of August 20, 2019.
- Attachments:** [IACC Agenda - August 20 2019](#)
[IACC-Minutes August 20 2019](#)
- This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.**
- City Clerk Item No. 19
- 1.-8. [19-9300](#) Landscape Beautification Advisory Board Meeting of September 5th, 2019.
- Attachments:** [10-22-19 CCMtg Cover Memo LBAB Min 09-05-19](#)
[Minutes BC 09-05-19. signed](#)
- This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.**
- City Clerk Item No. 20
- 1.-9. [19-9250](#) School and Community Relations Committee Meeting of September 20, 2019.
- Attachments:** [9-20 Meeting Minutes](#)
[Cover Memo September Minutes](#)
- This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.**
- City Clerk Item No. 21

- 1.-10. [19-9317](#) Sustainability Advisory Board Meeting of July 24, 2019.

Attachments: [SAB 7-24-19 COVER](#)
[SAB 7-24-19 Meeting Minutes](#)

This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 22

2. **Presentation of Boards and/or Committees draft/final minutes requesting action from the City Commission [Note: A vote to accept the minutes does not mean approval of the substance within the minutes]:**

Agenda Items 2-1 and I-1 are related.

- 2.-1. [19-9281](#) A Resolution of the Cultural Affairs Board recommending approval of the concept for a work of public art titled "Mean Average" by Tony Cragg in conjunction with The Plaza Coral Gables development project at 2901 Ponce De Leon Boulevard in fulfillment of the Art in Public Places requirement for public art in private development. (unanimously recommended by the Arts Advisory Panel approval/denial vote: 4 to 0, and the Cultural Development Board approval/denial vote: 6 to 0).

Attachments: [AAP Meeting July 17 2019 DRAFT - EXCERPT re. The Plaza AiPP Tony Cragg CDB Minutes September 17 2019 DRAFT - EXCERPT re. The Plaza, Tony Cragg Tony Cragg, Project Concept - Exhibit A Commission Cover 10.22.19 The Plaza, Tony Cragg CDB R-Draft-AiPP The Plaza, Tony Cragg CDB The Plaza - Tony Cragg for CC](#)

This Resolution was Discussed and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 26

Agenda Items 2-2 and I-2 are related.

- 2.-2. [19-9282](#) A Resolution of the Cultural Development Board recommending against accepting a donation of the artwork "Quark" by John Henry from the Kirk Landon Foundation. (unanimously recommended by the Arts Advisory Panel approval/denial vote: 4 to 0, and the Cultural Development Board approval/denial vote: 6 to 0).

Attachments: [John Henry - QUARK description John Henry CV AAP Meeting February 27 2019 DRAFT - EXCERPT re. John Henry sculpture AAP Meeting August 28 2019 DRAFT - EXCERPT re. John Henry sculpture CDB Minutes September 17 2019 DRAFT - EXCERPT re. John Henry sculpture Commission Cover 10.22.19 John Henry CDB R-Draft-AiPP John Henry CDB John Henry PPT for CC](#)

This Resolution was Discussed and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 28

Pulled from Consent Agenda**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-313****D.-2. [19-9298](#)**

A Resolution authorizing Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce to sell alcoholic beverages at Fred B. Hartnett Ponce Circle Park on Thursday, November 7, 2019, from 5:30 P.M. to 10:00 P.M. during the Burgerlicious event to benefit the Coral Gables Community Foundation, subject to Florida Department of Professional Regulation Requirements.

Attachments: [Burgerlicious 2019 Cover Page](#)
[Burgerlicious 2019 Resolution](#)
[Application](#)
[Signed Resolution 2019-313](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION AUTHORIZING CORAL GABLES CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO SELL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AT FRED B. HARTNETT PONCE CIRCLE PARK ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2019, BEGINNING AT 5:30 P.M. UNTIL 10:00 P.M., DURING THE "BURGERLISCIOUS" EVENT TO BENEFIT THE CORAL GABLES COMMUNITY FOUNDATION, SUBJECT TO FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION REQUIREMENTS.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Lago, seconded by Commissioner Keon, that this motion be adopted by Resolution Number 2019-313. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Yeas : 5 - Commissioner Fors, Jr., Commissioner Keon, Vice Mayor Lago, Commissioner Mena and Mayor Valdes-Fauli

City Clerk Item No. 23

E. PERSONAL APPEARANCES**Time Certain 10:00am (Agenda Item E-1)****RESOLUTION NO. 2019-318**

- E.-1.** [19-9296](#) Personal Appearance by Chairman of the Board of Director of The Everglades Foundation, Carlos de la Cruz, Jr. who will discuss the importance of reoccurring Everglades restoration funding.
(Sponsored by Vice Mayor Lago).

Attachments: [Signed Resolution 2019-318](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION URGING ACTION BY THE FEDERAL AND STATE LEGISLATURE TO PROTECT OUR DRINKING WATER AND FUND THE FLORIDA EVERGLADES CONSERVATION PROJECTS.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Lago, seconded by Commissioner Keon, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2019-318. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas : 5 - Commissioner Mena, Commissioner Fors, Jr., Commissioner Keon, Vice Mayor Lago and Mayor Valdes-Fauli

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RESOLUTION NO. 2019-319

- E.-2.** [19-9280](#) Personal Appearance by Jennifer Peña, Chief Administrative Officer for Kristi House Inc., a child advocacy center for Miami Dade County, serving child victims of abuse and sex trafficking for 25 years.
(Sponsored by Vice Mayor Lago)

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Lago, seconded by Commissioner Keon, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2019-319. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas : 5 - Commissioner Fors, Jr., Commissioner Keon, Vice Mayor Lago, Commissioner Mena and Mayor Valdes-Fauli

City Clerk Item No. 34

F. PUBLIC HEARINGS

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

- F.-1. [19-9279](#) An Ordinance of the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida providing for text amendments to the City of Coral Gables Official Zoning Code, Article 2, "Decision Making and Administrative Bodies," Division 3, "Board of Architects," Section 2-302, "Membership; Terms; Vacancies; Removal" removing the term limitations for members of the Board of Architects; providing for repealer provision, severability clause, codification, and providing for an effective date. (ZC Text Amendment re term limitations) (10 16 19 PZB recommended approval, Vote 5-1)

Attachments: [10 22 19 Exhibit A - Draft Ordinance - ZC Text Amendment](#)
[10 22 19 CC Cover Memo - BOA Term Limit](#)
[10 16 19 PZB Staff Report - Zoning Code Text Amendment - BOA w attachments](#)
[11 12 19 Exhibit C - Excerpts 10 16 19 Planning & Zoning minutes](#)
[11 12 19 Exhibit B - 10 16 19 PZB Staff Report - Zoning Code Text Amendment -](#)
[11 12 19 CC Cover Memo - BOA Term Limit - 2nd Reading](#)
[12 10 19 Exhibit A - Draft Ordinance - City Code Text Amendment](#)
[12 10 19 Exhibit B - Draft Ordinance - ZC Text Amendment](#)
[12 10 19 Exhibit C - 10 16 19 PZB Staff Report - Zoning Code Text Amendment -](#)
[12 10 19 Exhibit D - Excerpts 10 16 19 Planning & Zoning minutes](#)
[12 10 19 CC Cover Memo - BOA Term Limit - 2nd Reading](#)

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

Yeas : 5 - Commissioner Keon, Vice Mayor Lago, Commissioner Mena, Commissioner Fors, Jr. and Mayor Valdes-Fauli

City Clerk Item No. 30

- F.-2. [19-9267](#) An Ordinance of the City of Coral Gables, Florida amending the City of Coral Gables Code Chapter 78, Article I, Section 78-1 entitled "Restricted Use of Utility Easement Property", and Chapter 1, "General Provisions", Section 1-7 entitled "Penalties" to include additional penalties for violations of Section 78-1; providing for repealer provision, severability clause, codification, and providing for an effective date. (Sponsored by Vice Mayor Lago)

Attachments: [Ordinance Amending 78-1 Restricted Use of Utility Easement Property and 1-7 Pe](#)
[Cover memo - Ordinance Amending 78-1 Restricted Use of Utility Easement](#)

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

Yeas : 5 - Vice Mayor Lago, Commissioner Mena, Commissioner Fors, Jr., Commissioner Keon and Mayor Valdes-Fauli

City Clerk Item No. 31

G. CITY COMMISSION ITEMS

- G.-1.** [19-9276](#) A discussion regarding homeless individuals in Coral Gables.
(Sponsored by Vice Mayor Lago)

Attachments: [Entered into public record at hearing](#)

This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 38

- G.-2.** [19-9277](#) A discussion regarding dredging in the Coral Gables waterway and water quality testing using tracers.
(Sponsored by Vice Mayor Lago)

This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 39

- G.-3.** [19-9278](#) A discussion regarding ride sharing drivers stationed near the Cocoplum Circle and the existing conditions surrounding the Cocoplum Circle.
(Sponsored by Vice Mayor Lago)

This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 32

Time Certain 12:00pm (Agenda Item G-4)

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-335

- G.-4.** [19-9327](#) A discussion regarding process for appeals from decisions of the Historic Preservation Board.
(Sponsored by Vice Mayor Lago)

Attachments: [G-1 speaker cards](#)

This Agenda Item was Deferred

City Clerk Item No. 46

- G.-5.** [19-9308](#) A discussion regarding a skate park proposal.
(Sponsored by Vice Mayor Lago)

This Agenda Item was Deferred

City Clerk Item No. 40

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-323**G.-6. [19-9269](#)**

A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Coral Gables, Florida, urging the Miami-Dade County Commission to complete the Old Cutler Bike Trail along Old Cutler Road.

(Sponsored by Vice Mayor Lago)

Attachments: [Old Cutler Bike trail resolution](#)
[Cover Memo Resolution Old Cutler Bike Trail](#)
[Signed Resolution 2019-323](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION URGING THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMISSION TO COMPLETE THE OLD CUTLER BIKE TRAIL ALONG OLD CUTLER ROAD.

A motion was made by Commissioner Keon, seconded by Vice Mayor Lago, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2019-323. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas : 5 - Commissioner Fors, Jr., Commissioner Keon, Vice Mayor Lago, Commissioner Mena and Mayor Valdes-Fauli

City Clerk Item No. 42

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-320**G.-7. [19-9306](#)**

A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Coral Gables, Florida, in support of Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Commissioner Fried's Legislative Package of Bills to address energy efficiency, climate change resiliency, and clean energy research.

(Sponsored by Vice Mayor Lago)

(Sponsored by Mayor Valdes-Fauli)

Attachments: [Cover Memo Resolution Commissioner Fried Legislative Package](#)
[Commissioner Fried Legislative Package Resolution](#)
[Signed Resolution 2019-320](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY IN SUPPORT OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES COMMISSIONER NICOLE "NIKKI" FRIED'S LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE OF BILLS TO ADDRESS ENERGY EFFICIENCY, CLIMATE CHANGE, RESILIENCY, AND CLEAN ENERGY RESEARCH.

A motion was made by Commissioner Keon, seconded by Commissioner Fors, Jr., that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2019-320. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas : 5 - Commissioner Keon, Vice Mayor Lago, Commissioner Mena, Commissioner Fors, Jr. and Mayor Valdes-Fauli

City Clerk Item No. 35

H. BOARDS/COMMITTEES ITEMS

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-324

**Non 19-9370
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A Resolution appointing Bonnie Crouch Seipp (Nominated by Commissioner Keon) to serve as a member of the Coral Gables Merrick House Governing Board, for a two (2) year term which began on June 1m 2019 and continues through May 31, 2021.

Attachments: [Signed Resolution 2019-324](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION APPOINTING BONNIE CROUCH SEIPP (NOMINATED BY COMMISSIONER KEON) TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE CORAL GABLES MERRICK HOUSE GOVERNING BOARD, FOR A TWO (2) YEAR TERM WHICH BEGAN ON JUNE 1, 2019 AND CONTINUES THROUGH MAY 31, 2021.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Lago, seconded by Commissioner Keon, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2019-324. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas : 5 - Commissioner Keon, Vice Mayor Lago, Commissioner Mena, Commissioner Fors, Jr. and Mayor Valdes-Fauli

City Clerk Item No. 43

I. CITY MANAGER ITEMS

Agenda Items 2-1 and I-1 are related.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-316

I.-1. [19-9320](#)

A Resolution approving the concept for a work of public art titled "Mean Average" by Tony Cragg in conjunction with The Plaza Coral Gables development project at 2901 Ponce De Leon Boulevard in fulfillment of the Art in Public Places requirement for public art in private development. (unanimously recommended by the Arts Advisory Panel approval/denial vote: 4 to 0, and the Cultural Development Board approval/denial vote: 6 to 0).

Attachments: [Commission Cover 10.22.19 The Plaza, Tony Cragg](#)
[R-Draft-AiPP The Plaza, Tony Cragg](#)
[Tony Cragg, Project Concept - Exhibit A](#)
[CDB Minutes September 17 2019 DRAFT - EXCERPT re. The Plaza, Tony Cragg](#)
[AAP Meeting July 17 2019 DRAFT - EXCERPT re. The Plaza AiPP Tony Cragg](#)
[The Plaza - Tony Cragg for CC](#)
[Signed Resolution 2019-316](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION APPROVING THE CONCEPT FOR A WORK OF PUBLIC ART TITLED "MEAN AVERAGE" BY TONY CRAGG IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE PLAZA CORAL GABLES DEVELOPMENT PROJECT AT 2901 PONCE DE LEON BOULEVARD IN FULFILLMENT OF THE ART IN PUBLIC PLACES REQUIREMENT FOR PUBLIC ART IN PRIVATE DEVELOPMENT. (UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDED BY THE ARTS ADVISORY PANEL APPROVAL/DENIAL

VOTE: 4 TO 0, AND THE CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD APPROVAL/DENIAL VOTE: 6 TO 0).

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Lago, seconded by Commissioner Keon, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2019-316. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas : 5 - Commissioner Mena, Commissioner Fors, Jr., Commissioner Keon, Vice Mayor Lago and Mayor Valdes-Fauli

City Clerk Item No. 27

Agenda Items 2-2 and I-2 are related.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-317

I.-2. 19-9318

A Resolution to not accept a donation of the artwork "Quark" by John Henry from the Kirk Landon Foundation. (unanimously recommended by the Arts Advisory Panel approval/denial vote: 4 to 0, and the Cultural Development Board approval/denial vote: 6 to 0).

Attachments: [John Henry CV](#)
[John Henry - QUARK description](#)
[AAP Meeting February 27 2019 DRAFT - EXCERPT re. John Henry sculpture](#)
[AAP Meeting August 28 2019 DRAFT - EXCERPT re. John Henry sculpture](#)
[CDB Minutes September 17 2019 DRAFT - EXCERPT re. John Henry sculpture](#)
[Commission Cover 10.22.19 John Henry](#)
[R-Draft-AiPP John Henry](#)
[John Henry PPT for CC](#)
[Signed Resolution 2019-317](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION TO NOT ACCEPT A DONATION OF THE ARTWORK "QUARK" BY JOHN HENRY FROM THE KIRK LANDON FOUNDATION. (UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDED BY THE ARTS ADVISORY PANEL APPROVAL/DENIAL VOTE: 4 TO 0, AND THE CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD APPROVAL/DENIAL VOTE: 6 TO 0).

A motion was made by Commissioner Keon, seconded by Vice Mayor Lago, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2019-317. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas : 4 - Commissioner Fors, Jr., Commissioner Keon, Vice Mayor Lago and Commissioner Mena

Nays : 1 - Mayor Valdes-Fauli

City Clerk Item No. 29

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-325I.-3. [19-9183](#)

A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Coral Gables, Florida, directing the City Manager to cease the regular use of products containing glyphosate by City staff or City contractors.

Attachments: [Cover Memo Resolution Glyphosate](#)
[Glyphosate Resolution](#)
[Signed Resolution 2019-325](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION, DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO CEASE THE REGULAR USE OF PRODUCTS CONTAINING GLYPHOSATE BY CITY STAFF OR CITY CONTRACTORS.

A motion was made by Commissioner Keon, seconded by Vice Mayor Lago, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2019-325. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas : 5 - Vice Mayor Lago, Commissioner Mena, Commissioner Fors, Jr.,
Commissioner Keon and Mayor Valdes-Fauli

City Clerk Item No. 44

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-314I.-4. [19-9305](#)

A Resolution of the City Commission of Coral Gables authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Donation/Pledge Agreement with Mercedes-Benz of Coral Gables and Mercedes-Benz of Cutler Bay.

Attachments: [Cover Memo - Resolution - Donation-Pledge Agreement with Mercedes-Benz for \(](#)
[Resolution - Donation-Pledge Agreement with Mercedes-Benz for Coral Gables P](#)
[Signed Resolution 2019-314](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A DONATION/PLEDGE AGREEMENT WITH MERCEDES-BENZ OF CORAL GABLES AND MERCEDES-BENZ CUTLER BAY.

A motion was made by Commissioner Keon, seconded by Vice Mayor Lago, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2019-314. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas : 5 - Commissioner Keon, Vice Mayor Lago, Commissioner Mena,
Commissioner Fors, Jr. and Mayor Valdes-Fauli

City Clerk Item No. 24

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-321I.-5. [19-9324](#)

A Resolution of the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida issuing a Zoning in Progress, in accordance with Article 3, "Development Review," Division 7, "Moratorium," Section 3-703, "Zoning in Progress Request" and 3-704, "City Commission Zoning in Progress Resolution Review and Decision" for the consideration of Zoning Code Text Amendments to address the operation of retail businesses engaged in the sale of retail products containing cannabidiol/CBD sold as a principal retail product within the City; providing for an effective date.

Attachments: [2019-10-22 CC Cover Memo- Resolution establishing ZIP re CBD retail businesses](#)
[Resolution Establishing ZIP re CBD](#)
[Signed Resolution 2019-321](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION ISSUING A ZONING IN PROGRESS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 3, "DEVELOPMENT REVIEW," DIVISION 7, "MORATORIUM," SECTION 3-703, "ZONING IN PROGRESS REQUEST" AND 3-704, "CITY COMMISSION ZONING IN PROGRESS RESOLUTION REVIEW AND DECISION" FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF ZONING CODE TEXT AMENDMENTS TO ADDRESS THE OPERATION OF RETAIL BUSINESSES ENGAGED IN THE SALE OF RETAIL PRODUCTS CONTAINING CANNABIDIOL/CBD SOLD AS A PRINCIPAL RETAIL PRODUCT WITHIN THE CITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

A motion was made by Commissioner Keon, seconded by Vice Mayor Lago, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2019-321. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas : 5 - Vice Mayor Lago, Commissioner Mena, Commissioner Fors, Jr.,
Commissioner Keon and Mayor Valdes-Fauli

City Clerk Item No. 36

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-322I.-6. [19-9325](#)

A Resolution of the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida issuing a Zoning in Progress, in accordance with Article 3, "Development Review," Division 7, "Moratorium," Section 3-703, "Zoning in Progress Request" and 3-704, "City Commission Zoning in Progress Resolution Review and Decision" for the consideration of Zoning Code Text Amendments to address the operation of retail vape shops within the City; providing for an effective date.

Attachments: [2019-10-22 CC Cover Memo- Resolution establishing ZIP re retail vape shops](#)
[Resolution Establishing ZIP re retail vape shops](#)
[Signed Resolution 2019-322](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION ISSUING A ZONING IN PROGRESS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 3, "DEVELOPMENT REVIEW," DIVISION 7, "MORATORIUM," SECTION 3-703, "ZONING IN PROGRESS REQUEST" AND 3-704, "CITY COMMISSION ZONING IN PROGRESS RESOLUTION REVIEW AND DECISION" FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF ZONING CODE TEXT AMENDMENTS TO ADDRESS THE OPERATION OF RETAIL VAPE SHOPS WITHIN THE CITY; PROVIDING

FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

A motion was made by Commissioner Keon, seconded by Vice Mayor Lago, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2019-322. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas : 5 - Commissioner Mena, Commissioner Fors, Jr., Commissioner Keon, Vice Mayor Lago and Mayor Valdes-Fauli

City Clerk Item No. 37

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-315

I.-7. [19-9326](#)

A Resolution of the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida approving a Professional Services Work Order with Martinez Alvarez Urban Design, Architecture & Interior Design Inc. for Basic Services for the Historic Restoration, Repairs and Tenant Improvements for the H. George Fink Studio at 2506 Ponce de Leon Boulevard, Coral Gables, Florida.

Attachments: [2019-10-22 CC Cover Memo- Resolution approving Work Order with Martinez Alv](#)
[Resolution Approving Professional Services Work Order with Ana Alvarez](#)
[Executed Contract - Martinez Alvarez](#)
[Martinez Alvarez Inc-May 20, 2019 letter](#)
[3NZ2000-Fink Studios Agreement 10.14.19-CLEAN](#)
[Signed Resolution 2019-315](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION APPROVING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WORK ORDER WITH MARTINEZ ALVAREZ URBAN DESIGN, ARCHITECTURE & INTERIOR DESIGN INC. FOR BASIC SERVICES FOR THE HISTORIC RESTORATION, REPAIRS AND TENANT IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE H. GEORGE FINK STUDIO AT 2506 PONCE DE LEON BOULEVARD, CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Lago, seconded by Commissioner Keon, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2019-315. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas : 5 - Vice Mayor Lago, Commissioner Mena, Commissioner Fors, Jr., Commissioner Keon and Mayor Valdes-Fauli

City Clerk Item No. 25

J. CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS

J.-1. [19-9242](#) Request for Executive Session (if any).

City Clerk Item No. 47

K. CITY CLERK ITEMS

None

City Clerk Item No. 48

L. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Commissioner Keon: The other thing that I had was, I had spoken to the Planning Department, I spoke with Liz Plater-Zybert also, and I would like your support to have staff bring back a text amendment on remote parking and the parking requirements and ask, Liz' suggestion was also that you ask for a plan from the Manager's office and from the Parking Department on administering a remote parking program. What I'd like is to come back with a text amendment that is consistent with the Mile, the Miracle Mile and the Giralda Overlay, both of those have - the overlay is there, we know what the heights are, we know that it was to deter any parking, any garages on those, along those two sites. So, you only are left with the option of remote parking. If you are going to follow the policy that has been set and long discussed for the Mile and for Giralda, it was that there would be remote parking; and up until the Commission meeting a few days ago, two weeks ago, I was under the impression that remote parking was a conditional use, as I think also was the applicant and also from the Manager, also because this is also an issue in the industrial area that the Manager is working with some applicant on. So, tell us how you may feel about it. I'd like staff to come back with an amendment that at least we can look at and we can either vote up or down at the next Commission meeting, so we can also give direction to these applicants as to whether or not these items are going to be approved or they are not, given the plans that they are presenting. So, I'm not asking you to approve it, I'm only asking you to come back with an item that we can look at and discuss and we can either vote up or we vote down.

Vice Mayor Lago: You want to respond, or you want to hear from the Commission. I'm a believer that EPZ has been working on this for a few months now. We've had two Sunshine meetings where we discussed everything from open space to administrative clean-up procedures, which my understanding was that EPZ presented that to the Planning and Zoning Board last Thursday, correct? EPZ has not started or has not commenced working on any legislative matters, they are cleaning up the code, and correct me if I'm wrong, that's my understanding, that's the conversation that I had with staff. And that we are moving now in the direction of addressing the legislative matters of the code, or the recommendation I can give you.

Deputy Development Services Director Cejas: Currently in the days of there was definitely more substantial concerns.

Vice Mayor Lago: So, what I would like to do, in my opinion, if it's the will of the

Commission to move in a different direction, I would like to allow EPZ to finish their job. I don't want to bifurcate portions of their scope to bring it back to be able to address one developer or another. And you talk about the industrial area, it's a completely different area, I wrote that legislation. That legislation, the reason why I approved that legislation is a result of, you have areas at Merrick Park which has an over-abundance of parking, which in my opinion is already in place, its already paid for, and we should allow remote parking, but there is parking in place to the tune of, correct me if I'm wrong, I here there is an over-abundance 1,500 to 2,000 parking spaces that are not being used in that plaza, and that was also in a very limited use. That was for property that was small, that was basically in between two big projects, and you wanted to see those properties basically redeveloped into a two or three-story structure with a nice storefront, instead of having them go to a two-story structure with parking on the bottom...scenario. So, I think we should allow EPZ to do their job, let them take their time, let them come back to the Commission with their recommendation and then we'll move forward from there. I don't want to push this forward because we need to appease one developer. That's just my opinion. I think it just sets a bad precedent and it sets a really bad statement moving forward as a Commission.

Commissioner Keon: Well, I spoke with EPZ and spoke with Liz, I've spoken with Ramon, I've spoken with Devin, they don't see a problem in doing that. I think the applicant had been told all along that the remote parking was available and planned and moved forward feeling the remote parking. I think there is also an additional person that's talking with you that is developing on the Mile also that wants to or assume they were going to use remote parking, and I think that there is a third in the process of coming forward that all assumed there was remote parking. So, in speaking with Liz Plater-Zybert and speaking with the Planning Department, no one had seen that it was a problem to come forward with a text amendment for these particular overlay districts at this time. It didn't bifurcate anything, it didn't affect their work, that they could easily do it So, all I'm asking is that you go back and speak with them, if its not a problem that you come back and, I would just like your support, that you come back at the next meeting. If you can't go to them and you go to Liz, and if there is a major issue then come back and tell us there is a major issue and we can't do it. But if its not, that you would come back and allow this project, particularly on the Mile, to begin to move forward, because if you wait until we're done its going to be March and into April which is a very, very long period of time, and I don't think there is any need for it. And right now, if there is a purpose of one developer and you have the opportunity to vote on it, you vote on it, you are not

giving them anything. You are providing what they believe was available to them and led to believe by staff up until - and a plan that was going to be done anyway. So, I don't see a problem with it. So as long as you believe it works for you, you believe it works for the consultant to be able to do this, I would ask that, I'd ask for your support to do that for the next meeting.

Vice Mayor Lago: So, let me ask you a quick question. Mr. Cejas let's put it on the record and also Mr. Trias and Mr. City Manager, do you believe that we should, again, you are bifurcating the report, you are breaking up into pieces, to basically address an issue that somebody thinks its important, because we need to expedite a certain project, when other developers have to wait in line for their text amendment to be approved and to be reviewed, that's number one. Number two, after you answer that question, do you believe having been involved with the parking trust that the appropriate measure is to not address remote parking. The appropriate measure is to build a parking trust, let's deal with this certain project. Its required by code to have 271 parking spaces. The Planning and Zoning Board said that they'll accept 120, but they are not eligible for remote parking. I'm of the belief and showed it to this Commission that we should be smart about this, and require not remote parking, where the developer is paying for a private entity and we don't see any of those fees and they get a great benefit out of it. What we should do is, we should require a parking trust where we, we are able to get those funds to be able to spend those funds on a parking trust, which what would be spend it for. We would spend it on our parking garage that we need to build, which has already been done, we are not reinventing the wheel. This has been done in City of Miami, the Design District, and in Wynwood. For example, when I met with the consultant that you are very familiar with that lives in our City and also did it in the City of Miami, they raised over \$6 million dollars for Coconut Grove. I'd rather have that money in our coffers than in some private entity's hands paying for off-street parking. So to me, I'd like to know if you think it's a good idea to cut up EPZ's work and not have it present to the Commission one finalized document, so we can make a decision on whether to approve it or not, or we should cut it up; and the same question is, do you believe that a parking trust is a better solution than remote parking.

Deputy Development Services Director Cejas: Devin Cejas, Deputy Development Services Director. With regards to your questions, I think that we need to move forward in a direction that is everything that has been done so far with regards to remote parking.

Vice Mayor Lago: So, you are saying that we should finish EPZ study and then come back as a whole, correct?

Deputy Development Services Director Cejas: We are in the midst of working with EPZ. It is one of the items that we are evaluating. We don't want to derail the progress that EPZ is doing. We need to look at their timeframe. We want to make certain that all concerns are aligned. It should be a cohesive effort. With regards to the parking management plan, from a planning perspective its something I believe can work, the City Manager, these are policy initiatives. My history with parking plans its generally something that is directed by administration, not necessarily a planning initiative, but the two have to work together. So, this is where the two questions kind of align. What are going to be our parking standards moving forward, which as we all know, EPZ is already working on that and will that align with a possible parking management plan?

Vice Mayor Lago: The reason why I bring that up is because this property, if we do put together a parking trust would probably be our biggest funder of a parking trust. Instead of allowing them to remote park where they are going to pay somebody \$120 - \$130 a month for X amount of parking spaces, the code requires 271, right now Planning and Zoning said 120, they could buy these parking spaces. But the developer doesn't want to do that, because that requires money upfront, but other cities are doing it already. And other elected officials that I've spoken to says listen, it's absolutely foolish to move in a direction that you are moving. Build a parking trust, get that money upfront, and use it for City business. Use it for building these parking garages which we are in so dire need of. It's a funding mechanism and it just makes sense; and leaving that money on the table and giving it to a developer, to me, its not what I believe is in the best interest or financially prudent as an elected official in the City. So, we can run concurrently with EPZ's effort for the next two or three months till she finalizes it and presents it to the Commission. We can build a parking trust and when we vote on a project, we can say listen, we are not going to allow remote parking. What we are going to do is we are going to force you to pay, not force you, but we are going to require you to pay into a parking trust. Its already been done before, it's a simple process, and we can make that money and deliver for the residents and for the business community and not have to take anymore debt on as a City. To build this parking structure is going to cost \$25 to \$30 million. What if I could pay half of it with the two or three or four different projects that are going to be applying for remote parking on the Mile. You think that make sense, yes or no.

Deputy Development Services Director Cejas: Again, issues with the parking trust fund, I've seen it work when done appropriately. What are the exact measures that we be in Coral Gables? I don't know. The dynamics here are different than other cities. These are things to be evaluated. Again, a parking trust fund is only a policy matter to be directed by you all and the City Manager. We will evaluate it and makes sure it aligns well with the zoning ordinance.

Commissioner Keon: But wait. The parking trust whether it is a parking trust is still remote parking. It is still not parking on site. The issue we are talking about here is, do you not build parking within the project because you are going to park remotely. It doesn't have anything to do with whether it is through a trust or if it is through some other private means that there is parking available. All of that entire issue with regard to how you park remotely is an issue and is a plan that you, through the administration, and through the parking department, can come to and allow. No matter what it is, its still remote. It is still remote. So, what I'm asking for is that you allow for the remote parking because I don't want to see, I don't want to see anyone go ahead and build a parking garage or a parking on the Mile. It will destroy the aesthetics of the Mile. I don't want to see that.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Can I suggest something? This is a very complicated issue. I agree with you that a four-five, six-stories of parking on the Mile will destroy it, but this is a very complicated issue and it should not be a pocket item that comes up at the end of the meeting. Why don't we put it on the agenda for the next time?

Commissioner Keon: All I'm asking is that they bring the amendment the next time so we can discuss it. I'm not asking you at this moment to approve anything.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: No, no, no, but let's put it on the agenda for next time.

Commissioner Keon: I'm not asking for anything. I'm asking you to bring the amendment to us in the issue of how you or where you park remotely that is an additional item.

Deputy Development Services Director Cejas: And those are the zoning concerns that we are evaluating with EPZ and we want to make certain that...

Commissioner Keon: In speaking with Liz, I spoke with her, I asked her if it was a problem, she said no, its not. You can go back and speak to her. If you believe and

she can tell you that yes, it's a problem, no you shouldn't do this, all you have to do is tell me. I will accept whatever you have to say.

Deputy Development Services Director Cejas: And that's what we look forward to bringing it back to you. It gives us an opportunity to continue discussing this with EPZ to make certain that the overall intent and vision of the City is not lost.

Commissioner Keon: That's all I'm asking. That's all I'm asking you to do is to allow it to come back in November with what you have. That's all I'm asking you to vote it up or vote it down.

Vice Mayor Lago: I think this Commission needs to have a serious discussion. We can't be held hostage with this idea of, we are going to build a parking plan, they are not going to build a parking plan. Number one, you can build 96 feet on Miracle Mile right now with a two-med bonus. Mr. Santamaria, Peter, Ramon, you were in a meeting, City Manager, City Attorney was in a meeting that we discussed this issue. I was very clear. This project is unbuildable as a requirement of 271 parking spaces, because the building does not have the width for the parking radius needed to turn the project into parking. Its unparkable. The reason why they are asking for a parking reduction is because they don't want to eat up the ramp to get into the commercial space on the first floor. It doesn't make sense if you require them to park, so they are going to build a parking plan, never going to happen. It's a similar situation to what happened to us in Gables Station. We have to go higher, we have to go higher, we have to go higher. They are not going to build it, because if you require 271 parking spaces it will eat away at all the profits, because you will not have enough building floor print to be able to monetize building this massive structure. So, I really think that we as a City, we need to negotiate this to our benefit. Do I want a brand-new project on Miracle Mile and Ponce? - of course I do. I think it would be wonderful. I've said I'm in favor of rooftop dining, I'm in favor of negotiating, but the idea that they are going to build this. Just think about it. How many parking spaces, how narrow is this lot and the configuration of the lot?

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: We are getting into a specific project, Vice Mayor.

Vice Mayor Lago: My point is simple. The financing and the zoning code change are intertwined, and we should be very careful not to waste this perfect opportunity to fund a big portion of our parking garage.

Commissioner Keon: I don't think it's appropriate.

Vice Mayor Lago: And in reference to the EPZ, why are we in such a hurry, let her finish her study completely and see how this affects other parts of the study. I don't like this idea of rushing. We tried it at the last Commission meeting, nobody second the motion. We are rushing again at this Commission meeting to try to see how we can get this done. I don't understand. I've never seen this done before where we are trying so hard to push for one applicant to get this legislation and the zoning code change.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: I disagree with you. This came up at the end of the meeting. It is not scheduled on the agenda. It's a very important issue and we should discuss it as an agenda item. Why are we discussing it?

Commissioner Fors: Can you just remind me again...

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Let me finish. And nobody is trying to favor any applicant or anything. This is an issue that concerns our zoning and concerns Miracle Mile where I wasn't thinking and I think you weren't thinking about a specific project on this, and the last time when you didn't get a second it had to do with transfer of development rights and not this issue at all.

Vice Mayor Lago: No, it wasn't that Mayor. It wasn't my second, it wasn't my second. It was Commissioner Keon who...

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Let's move on.

Commissioner Fors: Can you just remind me again, so I know, I don't recall at the last meeting if we let EPZ process take its natural course. Do we have any idea of when she will come back with it naturally? March, April is what Commissioner Keon said.

City Attorney Ramos: At the last meeting it was left that she would come back with all of it together. Its expected that she'll have a report to staff at the end of December, is what I understand, then staff needs to meet internally, then it has to go to Commission workshop. So, we are looking at the ordinance that's coming here, I think conservatively in March.

Commissioner Keon: But that's for the entire - all of the amendments, all of them together.

City Manager Iglesias: Its probably the end of March or April at least.

Commissioner Keon: Its going to be April.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: And supposedly what she is doing is clearing up our zoning code and not rewriting it.

Commissioner Keon: Right.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: And that should be very, very clear.

Commissioner Keon: Its six months before you see it. All I'm asking is for the sake of those projects that are coming forward on the Mile and potentially one that is going to come forward on Giralda, is that the issue of remote parking that everyone thought was conditional use and apply to any building. We became aware that it...that's all I'm asking.

Vice Mayor Lago: Make a motion, make a motion and let's vote on it.

Commissioner Keon: I'm asking for your support. That's my motion. I'll make that motion.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: What motion?

Commissioner Keon: I'm asking that they would come back, meet with EPZ. They would come back at the next Commission meeting with a...related to just the remote parking on those overlay areas and a response to the question that the Manager has with regard to the industrial district. If you can do that, that you come back in the meeting in November.

City Attorney Ramos: Commissioner, let me ask the question, when is the Planning and Zoning meeting in November? - is it before or after the November Commission meeting?

Deputy Development Services Director Cejas: I believe it's after.

Planning and Zoning Director Trias: No.

Commissioner Fors: I think we need to hear from EPZ directly here if you think it will affect it or not.

Commissioner Mena: Absolutely.

City Attorney Ramos: The 13th. So, it's after the City Commission meeting, so if you want it to go to Planning and Zoning first, your motion should be to have it back in December.

Commissioner Keon: Then have it come back in December. It can go to the Planning and Zoning Board in November and come back to the Commission in December.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: OK. The request has been made and you got it. Let's move on.

Commissioner Keon: I made a request, but I can't make a request, the Commission as-a-whole.

City Attorney Ramos: We need a motion to direct staff.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: OK. Make a motion.

Commissioner Keon: I will make that motion.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Is there a second.

Commissioner Mena: Can I say something.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Commissioner Mena.

Commissioner Mena: I'm not really sure what the motion is at this point and you know, its not something that was noticed on the agenda or a motion.

Commissioner Keon: The only thing I'm asking for Commissioner Mena is that it would...

Commissioner Mena: Can I finish. Can I finish. Can I finish please.

Commissioner Keon: ...come in December so it can be looked at. I'm sorry.

Commissioner Mena: Its alright if you guys talk but I can't see you, so if I could just finish.

Commissioner Keon: Yes - sorry.

Commissioner Mena: If you're just asking for someone from EPZ to come and advise on how this can or can't be done at the next meeting, I don't see why that requires a motion. I'm not really sure. Beyond that I don't think its appropriate to really get into all these issues that are being discussed because it wasn't something on the agenda.

City Attorney Ramos: Commissioner Mena according to the City Code, in order for staff to be directed there has to be a motion the Commission sites. I think Commissioner Keon is trying to direct staff which is why she moved the motion.

Commissioner Mena: But isn't it just an agenda item she is sponsoring for next meeting. What is she directing staff to do other than come to us with a proposal?

Commissioner Keon: OK. Commissioner Mena, I don't want to amend, I don't think its appropriate for anyone of us to amend the zoning code from the dais, so I don't want to propose an amendment. I don't feel that that is appropriate for me to do it.

Commissioner Mena: But we sponsor items on agendas all the time.

Commissioner Keon: So what I'm asking is that we would direct staff to come back with the amendment to the remote parking as it relates to the overlay district that they were in the process of doing anyway, if they would come back and do it now, as opposed to having it come back sometime in the spring.

Commissioner Mena: I guess what I'm not understanding is, how is that different than every time we sponsor an ordinance, a proposed amendment or anything else, just put it on the next agenda, tell staff to get you what you need for your proposal and then we'll talk about it and vote at that meeting. Isn't that the way it always works?

Commissioner Keon: Are you comfortable with we just ask staff to come back with

the amendment at the December meeting so that it could go through the Planning and Zoning Board in November, and then will come on the Commission agenda in December and we would vote on it.

Commissioner Mena: I think you can come back with whatever proposal you want at the next meeting, put it on the agenda and we'll discuss it. I have zero objection to you putting whatever you want on our next agenda. I've got no problem with that, or any of my other colleagues for that matter.

City Attorney Ramos: So, I don't know if there is a second. There is a motion made, is there a second? OK, so the motion fails. So, staff won't bring it back, you can sponsor an item if you wish.

Commissioner Keon: No. I want staff to bring back. I think it's inappropriate - I'm not going to amend the zoning code.

Commissioner Mena: You're not amending it.

Commissioner Keon: Pardon me?

Commissioner Mena: You wouldn't be amending it. We would all vote on that issue.

Commissioner Keon: But the issue is, Commissioner Mena, I individually cannot direct staff. I need us as a body to direct staff. I can't do it. I'm not writing the amendment. I am asking for the amendment to come from the Planning Department, no more than I can tell anybody in this administration or that works in this City what to do, other than maybe my assistant to bring me a cup of tea. I cannot direct people in the performance of their job. I can ask that we would do it as a body. I need someone to second that to give that direction to staff.

Vice Mayor Lago: Let me give you my input Commissioner Mena. This is very clear what the direction is of this Commission. This is the second time this comes before the Commission, its been brought up. There isn't a second, so this body here has been very clear. Let the process play out. Let the consultant come to the Commission with their recommendation, we vote it up, we vote it down. During that time, I think it's smart, like Commissioner Keon mentioned, remote parking has the same affect as what I'm talking about a parking trust. Look into that so we can hopefully keep that money on our side of the ledger. But in reference to bifurcating EPZ, there isn't

support for that. This is the second time we had this discussion.

Commissioner Keon: What does it mean to bifurcate? - what does that mean bifurcating?

Commissioner Fors: I guess to split it and treat things, do a piecemeal, I guess you would say; and one analysis that I don't think we had done until Miriam said it right now is that, we are looking at the difference between December and March, right? Procedurally that's what would happen.

City Attorney Ramos: That's what I'm hearing. I haven't spoken to Elizabeth, but that's what staff is telling me.

Commissioner Fors: December, March, April - its not that big of a difference. Even if we bifurcate it, if that's the word we are going to use, that's December.

Commissioner Keon: So, you are splitting something in pieces when you are bifurcating...

Vice Mayor Lago: You are splitting.

Commissioner Keon: You are taking it out of sequence.

Vice Mayor Lago: This is very similar to the discussion about how many months I served on the Planning and Zoning Board or not. Bifurcate, split, whatever way you want to put it, there is a process that's moving forward and its going to be presenting both legislative and standard cleanup on the zoning code. This person has been given a work order, a work order has been signed, they've been working on it for some time now, we've had multiple meetings. Let this individual which is a very professional individual, who I have a lot of respect for, whose done this for many, many years, come back with their recommendations in a Sunshine meeting and then we'll bring it before the Commission, and we'll do this in a democratic way. We'll vote on the changes that this individual requested, its simple. It's not that hard. So bifurcate - split.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Yes, it is hard, it is hard. If we have an opportunity, we would miss it, because when we entrusted this lady, Elizabeth Plater-Zybert with something it was a year ago, and we didn't know that we would have an opportunity. So, I don't think it would be out of the range of opportunity for us to ask for something to be

speeded up.

Commissioner Mena: I don't.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: What?

Commissioner Mena: I don't have an issue if, to Commissioner Keon, if EPZ comes to the next meeting and tells us, look, this aspect of what I'm doing is done, I'm done with it. Then fine. I'm happy to look at it and discuss it. If she says its still a moving, there are two moving parts to this, because I'm looking at other issues that might impact it, then I think we need to wait for the whole thing. I don't know that answer. I'm hearing a lot of sort of prod extra about what she said or didn't say. But if she tells us, hey, in terms of remote parking I'm done with that part of what I'm doing already. Here's what I think, and I'm happy to hear her. That's not an issue.

Commissioner Keon: Alright. And its probably better to have her have the conversation with everyone than for her to have a conversation with me. So, I think you are right in that sense, Commissioner Mena. So, I will ask that you please ask Liz Plater-Zybert to come to the November Commission meeting to discuss this issue.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Is that a motion?

Commissioner Keon: Yes.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Is there a second?

Commissioner Fors: I'll second.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Will you call the roll please.

Commissioner Mena: I'm really not following the motion thing guys.

Commissioner Keon: Pardon me?

Commissioner Mena: I'm really not following the motion thing. We have people at every meeting come at our request. I'm not understanding what we are moving for.

Commissioner Fors: I agree with Mena. I mean just bring her.

Commissioner Mena: Just have her come.

Commissioner Keon: All I'm doing is trying to follow what the City Attorney is telling me is appropriate manner how to deal with this. So, I'm asking you...

City Attorney Ramos: The code says, in order to direct staff, staff can be directed...

Commissioner Mena: We are not directing staff.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: We are asking staff.

City Attorney Ramos: You would be directing staff to bring EPZ.

Commissioner Mena: We are not directing staff. We are putting it on the next agenda, putting it on the next agenda and asking EPZ to come period.

Commissioner Keon: Miriam can you answer Commissioner Mena, do I need a motion to do that.

City Attorney Ramos: Mr. Manager are you comfortable bringing EPZ to the next meeting without a motion?

City Manager Iglesias: Yes, I am.

Commissioner Keon: OK - never mind. Thank you, Commissioner Mena.

Commissioner Fors: Can I make a quick comment before we adjourn?

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Please.

Commissioner Fors: Just so you know, I had met with residents last night as I do every month, and there were some views expressed about how certain people felt disrespected at the walk-through of the Alhambra Plaza bike path community outreach. I also, by the way, received e-mails of people with compliments of how the process went and how cordial staff was. So, I just wanted to tell the City Manager if he could please just to take seriously the complaint of those who may have felt disrespected for whatever reason. I understand that that issue can be emotional for

both sides. Some people can perceive certain things as rudeness that are not and sometimes people are perceiving things that are in fact rude. I have heard complaints on both sides, compliments and complaints, probably an even amount. I wanted to just make sure that we have a situation where residents are, at least perceive or feel disrespected that we take it extra seriously and look into it, but I understand that requires some degree of investigation. So please just take it seriously.

City Manager Iglesias: We will do that Commissioner Fors. Our policy on this item is meant to be as transparent as possible. We've had a kickoff meeting that was videoed. We've had meetings now on the site in October, we had two cameras there. We will have another site meeting in January and then we'll have a vote at the end of January and throughout the month of February and that vote will, of that poll will come back in the first week in March. So, we've tried to be as clear as possible on every aspect of this, if people want it, they want it, or they don't want it, they don't want it. I think the poll will determine that. We'll look at this just to make sure that since it's a sensitive item that we are at our very best on all this. I looked at four hours of the video, we had over four hours of video on Saturday. I did not see any issue there, but I will certainly address any.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Can I address something, make a comment. This is an extremely contentious issue for Coral Gables, we've got several, but this is one of them, and it is a tendency of people who decisions or discussions are not in their favor to complain about discourtesy or complain about, you know that you're a lawyer, and they complain about the process or whatever the issue doesn't necessarily go their way, which is not, because this is a 50-50 issue. So please take that into consideration and Mr. City Manager take that into consideration. Anything else to come before the meeting?

Vice Mayor Lago: Mayor.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Again, you've had nine items on the agenda.

Vice Mayor Lago: Just two quick things. Number one, I want to echo the sentiments of Commissioner Fors, he's 100 percent correct. I heard both sides, and again, its very emotional like he mentioned, this issue. But always as we do here in the City let's put the residents first and let's just be as considerate as possible before the Commission makes a decision. The second, I want to make sure that the residents that came to speak about the item that I put on the agenda, 33 Catalonia Avenue and the process that was followed, we are not going to be hearing it today, we are going

to push it to the next Commission meeting, because Dona Spain is not here right now and I want her, to make sure that she's here, she could give us her input. I don't want to give more information in regards to that out of respect for her, but we are going to give this the appropriate time, if my colleagues will allow me to just so we can clarify the process and make sure that this doesn't happen ever again and see what we can do in regards to 33 Alhambra.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: What doesn't happen ever again?

Vice Mayor Lago: There was an error that occurred in the process which was, I don't want to go too much into it, but Miriam, I can see you are dying to speak, so go ahead.

City Attorney Ramos: Just wanted to say there wasn't an error.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: There wasn't an error. It was classified as an error because...

Vice Mayor Lago: The issue that happened was that the person that appealed, there is some wording in the code that states that, that person could be a tenant, but they are required to be on the title, correct? - not on the title but...

City Attorney Ramos: So, who the notice goes to, an aggrieved party, which is whose allowed to appear.

Vice Mayor Lago: But the person that could apply.

City Attorney Ramos: Right - Its only - and the language says property owners and tenants is such names are identified in the current tax roll.

Vice Mayor Lago: Yes. So, the issue was the current tax roll. But I don't want to get into too much detail, because I want Dona Spain to obviously be here, its important for her to be here and then we can have a further discussion on that.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: OK. Thank you. Anything else?

Vice Mayor Lago: Happy Halloween.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Happy Halloween. Meeting adjourned. Thank you.

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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 11:48 a.m. The next regular meeting of the City Commission has been scheduled for Tuesday, November 12, 2019, beginning 9 a.m.]

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