

City of Coral Gables

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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 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, Commissioner Quesada and Commissioner Slesnick

INVOCATION

Jeff Sullivan, Executive Pastor at Granada Presbyterian Church gave the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Slesnick 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. 2016-28 through Ordinance No. 2016-29) (b) Resolution(s) adopted (Resolution No. 2016-106 through Resolution No. 2016-117); (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

- A.-1. [16-5020](#) Presentation of a Proclamation declaring April 22, 2016 as "Earth Day in Coral Gables."

[Note for the Record: After Mayor Cason finished reading the title to Agenda Item A-1, he proceeded to read a proclamation into the public record declaring April 22, 2016 as "Earth Day" in Day.

Commissioner Lago greeted the viewing audience by saying Good Morning, thanking them, for being present for "Earth Day", pointing out that the City has undergone some drastic measures as a City, achieving a sustainable effort, that has paid huge dividends -further inviting Matt and Jessica up to the dais, along with the rest of his colleagues on the City Commission to join him; further stating that sustainability is a joint effort which the City of Coral Gables Commission takes a great deal of pride in; and not to repeat all of the great things that our Mayor had just mentioned, but he stated that he was so proud to be a Coral Gables Commissioner; further noticing that some of the items that were mentioned by Mayor Cason were significant items-they were so significant that we are recommending that other cities take our City's lead.

Commissioner Lago further noted that the City of Coral Gables achieved a lot of these green initiatives without the Commission coming forth and putting forth a sustainable effort; he thinks that the City can achieve these sustainable green goals without the City putting forth a sustainable effort; pointing out that we are stewards of the earth, therefore we should make sure that everything that we do from something as simple as buying a pin, a procurement purchase, to something as important as what we did today, the purchase of 20 vehicles, which we have a few in front of City Hall, where we will be doing some demo testing later today, those are significant steps that will be going to make an impact today-and more importantly, it's going to set the groundwork for the future, therefore he wants to tell his colleagues on the City Commission that he is truly grateful for their support, and that Coral Gables is leading by example, and he thinks Coral Gables are truly the leaders in this community in South Florida in reference to sustainable efforts; further commending them; further acknowledging Matt and Jessica who spearheaded the many City initiatives and listened attentively to all of the City Commission's crazy ideas and helped us implement said ideas; further congratulating them and thanking them for their leadership].

This Presentation/Protocol Document was Presented and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 1

- A.-2. [16-4966](#) Presentation of the inaugural vehicles in the Gables Green Fleet, in honor of "Earth Day."

[Note for the Record: At this point during the City Commission Meeting City Manager Cathy Swanson Rivenbark informed the City Commission that she respectfully tabled the "Earth Day" proclamation until later, because she wanted to have the five electric vehicles outside and the charging stations installed in all of the City garages-explaining that there is one charging station in the back of City Hall that is near completion, that will be able to charge 0 to 70 percent in thirty minutes-a rapid charger. Mayor Cason responded by stating that upon completion of the meeting, they will go outside and inaugurate the first five electric vehicles].

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City Clerk Item No. 2

- A.-3. [16-5012](#) Presentation of a Proclamation declaring April 26, 2016 as "George Vasquez Day in Coral Gables," in recognition for being named 2015 Telecommunications Operator of the Year.

[Note for the Record: Following Mayor Cason's reading the title to Agenda Item A-3, he proceeded to read the proclamation declaring April 26, 2016 as "George Vasquez Day" in Coral Gables.

Vice Mayor Quesada prefaced his remarks by stating that fortunately/unfortunately, he has called 911 quite a bit, and he recollects that the most amazing thing is the ability of the telecommunications operators ability to listen to the requesting party on the other side ; Vice Mayor further explained that considering the fact that the City of Coral Gables has the best Police Department in the country, it is an honor to present this proclamation titled "Operator of the Year for Coral Gables 2016."

In accepting this accolade, George Vasquez thanked the Mayor and City Commission and the public, saying that it was an honor to be present, adding that he works with a team of professionals that take pride and satisfaction in getting help to those who need it; further saying that his team are the people that the public calls, and that they take their jobs incredibly seriously; pointing out that they love what they do, they loved helping the people of this community, and that he is humbled and honored to be in attendance; further thanking them for this recognition; further thanking his wife Donna and his daughter, Emily, who make it possible, they are his anchor.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark stated that she had the opportunity to attend the Awards Ceremony at the Public Safety Building where George spoke so eloquently about his ability to send a Red Truck or Blue Truck immediately to replace a need, wherein he complimented not only his staff, the team, the supervisor, but he also spoke about how important it was to have this position where he works, afternoons, and at night, so he could be there with Emily in the morning; he spoke about important

his family was, and that everybody appreciates his words].

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City Clerk Item No. 3

A.-4. [16-4990](#)

Congratulations to the Finance Department, represented by Keith R. Kleiman, Management and Budget Director, recipient of the Government Finance Officers Association's "Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for Fiscal Year 2015-2016."

Attachments: [Agenda - Presentation of Budget Presentation Award 2016](#)
[GFOA Budget Correspondence 2016](#)

[Note for the Record: Following Mayor Cason's reading of the title to Agenda Item A-4 (Congratulations to the Finance Department, represented by Keith Kleiman, Management and Budget Director, recipient of the Government Finance Officers Association's "Distinguished Budget Presentation Award," for Fiscal Year 2015-2016), he proceeded to request of our City Manager to present the item.

City Manager Cathy Swanson Rivenbark reminded the City Commission that had previously stated that fiscal conservatism is very important, and that we should use our resources efficiently and deliberately, as we serve the citizens of the City of Coral Gables ; further noting that the City Commission had asked our organization to be strategic in terms of how we use those resources, so that we can place same forward into the strategic plan that the City administration will be presenting to the Commission; further noting that during past years, the City of Coral Gables has had a history of having received the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award, while Commissioner Keon quickly pointed out that it is because of the Finance Department and all of the other City departments, the Manager stated that we know it takes a direct leader that is passionate and focused, who is able to ensure that we deliver a budget that is meaningful for our residents and that we implement same accordingly, all year long; further stating that it is not surprisingly that the Government Financial Officer's Association extended to Coral Gables the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for 2015-2016, and that the City awards this award to Keith Kleiman on behalf of all of his team.

In accepting this recognition, Keith Kleiman thanked everyone, including the Mayor and Commission, but he clarified that it is not a one man show, but instead a team effort; further pointing out that the City Commission has supported his department; further thanking them for all of the faith that they have placed in them; further informing the Commission that he has to bring people up, and not just stand there alone-further inviting Finance Director Diana Gomez up, along with his team of Mitranand, Kenny and Yvette, the latter who does all of the administrative work for his department, as well as the Finance Department, because they drop everything for us, when they ask them for help; finally thanking everyone for their cooperation and support.

Commissioner Lago noted that this was not Keith Kleiman's first time on the dais, saying that he is impressed with what this team does on many levels; further acknowledging that what he has encountered lately is that a lot of publicity has been encountered lately, as a result of the AAA Bond rating being restored; further stating that Coral Gables is one of the few municipalities in the state of Florida that has this privilege, saying that so many residents have come up to him and told him that Coral Gables is doing a great job, and it is a reflection of what all of the other staff in the City of Coral Gables , and his team does, and make possible for us, and that he congratulates all of his team].

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City Clerk Item No. 4

A.-5. [16-4996](#)

Congratulations to Detective Janesse Soto, recipient of the City of Coral Gables "Detective of the 1st Quarter Award," for the months of January through March, 2016.

Attachments: [COMMISSION COVER MEMO - DETECTIVE OF THE 1st QUARTER - SOTO 2016](#)
[DETECTIVE OF THE FIRST QUARTER 2016 SOTO](#)

[Note for the Record: Following Mayor Cason's reading of the title to Agenda Item A-5, City Manager Rivenbark requested of Assistant Chief Miller approached the podium, who in returned thanked the City Commission for recognizing the staff for the work that they do on a daily basis; further calling upon Sergeant Garcia to join Detective Soto, along with himself at the podium, who read the following written recommendation into the public record:

During this quarter Detective Soto arrested three different subjects clearing a total of three felony cases.

"Detective Soto was assigned a high profile robbery case involving a theft of a Rolex watch where a male victim was drugged (16-000160). Detective Soto's hard work and investigative skills is what brought this case to a positive closure. She spent many long hours investigating this case. She followed several leads and contacted several agencies. Through her information and efforts, she was able to positively identify the female subject. The identification of this subject was the direct result of her professionalism and dedication. She brought together many resources and presented a solid case against the subject; as a result, several other agencies were able to close their long lasting cases. Even though she affected she affected an arrest and closed her case, Detective Soto to this day continues to proactively work this case by listening to countless hours of jail phone conversations. She is dedicated to figuring out what the subject did with the stolen watches. Her goal was to recover all the stolen items for the victims and potentially apprehend everyone that may be involved. This subject committed a serious and violent act and because of her dedication, this

subject will not be hurting anyone else for a very long time.

Detective Soto was also assigned a complex stolen vehicle case, where through her investigating and interviewing skills, she was able to recover a vehicle valued over \$166,000 (16-001790). She prepared a solid case resulting in an arrest.

On another case, Detective Soto identified a subject that committed grand theft because of her ability to analyze criminal trends. Through reviewing several reports and recalling the specifics of each case, she was able to identify a subject that was involved in two of her theft cases (16-001916 and 16-002218). Again, because of her dedication and professionalism, our city is a safer place.

These investigations are an example of excellent investigative work. Detective Soto should be recognized for her dedication and professionalism to our residents, department and city. In accepting this accolade, Detective Soto said that she would like to thank her supervisor, namely Sergeant Garcia, who allows the detectives within the Property Crimes Unit to work-pointing out that he is always there for us, when they ask for advice; and when he ask for advice, he leans on them to make the arrest and do the investigation. So it is very important she thinks as investigators and detectives to have someone who is able to lead the unit, but it becomes difficult sometimes when one cannot even answer some of the questions; further thanking the City, for having given her the opportunity to become a detective, noting that she has learned alot within the years that she has been with the City; adding that she loves her job-saying that it is one of the most rewarding things that she has done, and that she would not be present without the help of the people on patrol and investigations; Detective Soto further points out that it is not only her award, but it is also their award-if the officers on the road would not write such thorough reports, she would be unable to close out her cases; if the officers would not do area canvasses for her, then she would be unable to get the leads that she receives; further summarizing that it is an effort of the entire department, and on behalf of them Detective Soto stated that she wanted to say thank you to them, as well, in addition to saying thank you to the City Commission for allowing them to receive these awards, which means a lot in her estimation because not many people say thank you, to them, it is more like, what is your job?-but it means a lot to the detectives when somebody does say thank you, because it is a thankless job; finally saying thank you to everyone who had congratulated her already. City Manager Rivenbark also informed the viewing public that this award serves as recognition and a reflection of the leadership demonstrated by Sergeant Garcia; further thanking him, along with Detective Soto].

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City Clerk Item No. 5

A.-6. [16-4997](#)

Congratulations to Officer Wilfredo Diaz, recipient of the City of Coral Gables "Officer of the Month Award," for the month of March, 2016.

Attachments: [COMMISSION COVER MEMO - OFFICER OF THE MONTH - MARCH - DIAZ](#)
[NOMINATION - OFFICER OF THE MONTH - MARCH - DIAZ](#)

[Note for the Record: Following Mayor Cason's reading of the title to Agenda Item A-66, City Manager Rivenbark call upon upon Assistant Police Chief Miller again for the Officer of the Month, for the month of March, 2016; further calling upon Officer Wilfredo Diaz and Lieutenant Barnett, his supervisor, who wrote the nomination for Officer of the Month, for Officer Diaz.

Lieutenant Barnett prefaced his comments by thanking the City Commission for recognizing the Officer of the Month on this same date; further recalling Detective Soto's mentioning in her acceptance remarks that she acknowledged the hard work that was made by staff before her case, citing that the matter before the Commission now was the case that led to the arrest of the offender.

Pointing out that over a two week period, an unknown suspect had been battering women in Zone 1 and Zone 2, in the vicinity of north of Miracle Mile and east of LeJeune Road. On March 5, 2016, Officer Diaz concentrated his efforts in the area where the offenses had been occurring in an effort to locate the subjects, or rapidly respond, should another incident occur. During the evening, it appeared that there were two reported cases; with said crimes, two descriptions were given; with said descriptions, Officer Diaz located a biker on the 1500 block of Ponce at approximately 9:30 p.m., which was about one hour after the occurrence, Officer Diaz initiated a traffic stop on the biker, since the biker had no head lights; Officer Diaz concluded the traffic stop and informed the biker of his Miranda rights; said information provided by the biker and his explanation for his activities caused Officer Diaz to complete a Field Contact form for the encounter and forward said information to his supervisor, Sergeant Yanerias and myself, of the encounter, and forward the information on to Sergeant Winn for further investigation; Assistant Chief Miller further informed the public that the next afternoon Sergeant Winn informed him that the person Sergeant Diaz stopped was very likely the offender of the five reported batteries, based on the photos, the descriptions and a composite drawing that they had already obtained from the previous victim; Assistant Chief Miller stated that the detectives used the Field of Contact Form that Officer Diaz had completed to conduct a photo-line up; based on the photo-line-up and the statements from the victim, the detectives were able to make an arrest for their five cases; finally stating that as a result, based on the demonstrated self-initiated proactive activity, he is recognized for the "Officer of the Month" Award for March, 2016.

In accepting this accolade, Officer Diaz thanked everyone involved for receipt of this

award-further thanking Lieutenant Barnett, his command staff, along with his fellow officers, stating that they back up each other every day and support each other, his family; noting that this is a great City, and that he loves working here, and that he looks forward to doing things like this].

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City Clerk Item No. 6

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None

City Clerk Item No. 7

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 Keon, Commissioner Lago, Commissioner Quesada, Commissioner Slesnick and Mayor Cason

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-106

C.-1. [16-4956](#)

A Resolution accepting the recommendation of the Chief Procurement Officer, to award the contract for the Citywide Roof Repairs at selected city facilities to Precision Roofing Corp., in the amount of \$342,965.70, pursuant to Invitation For Bids (IFB) 2016.02LS, and Section 2-828 of the Procurement Code, entitled "Contract Award."

Attachments: [Tabulation Sheet](#)
[Citywide Roof Repairs - Recommendation](#)
[IFB 2016-021LS CITYWIDE ROOF REPAIRS](#)
[Draft Agenda Reso - Roof Repairs](#)
[04 26 16 - Signed Cover Memo - Roof Repairs](#)
[Signed Resolution 2016-106](#)

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER TO AWARD THE CONTRACT FOR THE CITYWIDE ROOF REPAIRS AT SELECTED CITY FACILITIES TO PRECISION ROOFING CORP., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$342,965.70, PURSUANT TO INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB) 2016.02LS, AND SECTION 2-828 OF THE PROCUREMENT CODE ENTITLED "CONTRACT AWARD".

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2016-106 on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 8

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

- 1.-1. [16-4986](#) Arts Advisory Panel Meeting of February 12, 2016.

Attachments: [02.12.16 MinutesforCC04.26.16 AAP Meeting February 12 2016](#)

This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 9

- 1.-2. [16-5014](#) Budget/Audit Advisory Board Meeting of March 31, 2016.

Attachments: [Agenda - Budget Audit Board meeting of March 31, 2016](#)
[Budget Audit Advisory Board Meeting Minutes of March 31, 2016](#)

This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 10

- 1.-3. [16-4977](#) Coral Gables Advisory Board on Disability Affairs Meeting of March 2, 2016.

Attachments: [DAB 3-2-16 COVER](#)
[3-2-16 MINUTES](#)

This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 11

- 1.-4. [16-4987](#) Cultural Development Board Meeting of February 2, 2016.

Attachments: [02.02.16MinutesforCC04.26.16 CDB Minutes February 02 2016](#)

This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 12

- 1.-5. [16-4984](#) Economic Development Board Meeting of March 2, 2016

Attachments: [EDB Minutes 03-02-16 DRAFT](#)

This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 13

- 1.-6. [16-4985](#) Property Advisory Board Meeting of March 9, 2016
Attachments: [DRAFT PAB Minutes 03.09.16](#)
This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.
City Clerk Item No. 14
- 1.-7. [16-4988](#) Retirement Board Meeting of February 11, 2016
Attachments: [CC.04-26-2016.February 11, 2016 Minutes 02-11-2016](#)
This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.
City Clerk Item No. 15
- 1.-8. [16-4989](#) Retirement Board Meeting of March 16, 2016.
Attachments: [CC.04-26-2016.March 16, 2016 Minutes.03-16-2016](#)
This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.
City Clerk Item No. 16
- 1.-9. [16-4998](#) School Community Relations Committee Meeting of March 18, 2016.
Attachments: [3-18-16 Minutes Cover memo](#)
This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.
City Clerk Item No. 17
- 1.-10. [16-4993](#) Senior Advisory Board Meeting of April 4, 2016.
Attachments: [MeetingMinutes13-Apr-2016-09-30-21 Senior Citizens Advisory Board Cover page April 4 2016](#)
This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.
City Clerk Item No. 18

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-107

Non [16-5156](#)
Agenda

A Resolution appointing Manny Vigil to serve as a member of the Waterway Advisory Board (Nominated by Vice-Mayor Quesada), for the remainder of a two (2) year term, which began on June 1, 2015 and continues through May 31, 2017.

Attachments: [Signed Resolution 2016-107](#)

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Lago, seconded by Commissioner Keon, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2016-107. The motion passed by the following vote.

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

City Clerk Item No. 19

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-108

Non [16-5157](#)
Agenda

A Resolution appointing Laura Roberts to serve as a member of the Water Advisory Board (Nominated by Commissioner Slesnick), for the remainder of a two (2) year term, which began on June 1, 2015 and continues through May 31, 2017.

Attachments: [Signed Resolution 2016-108](#)

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING LAURA ROBERTS TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE WATERWAY ADVISORY BOARD (NOMINATED BY COMMISSIONER SLESNICK), FOR THE REMAINDER OF A TWO (2) YEAR TERM, WHICH BEGAN ON JUNE 1, 2015 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 2016-108. The motion passed by the following vote.

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

City Clerk Item No. 20

D. PERSONAL APPEARANCES

None

City Clerk Item No. 21

E. PUBLIC HEARINGS**ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING****ORDINANCE NO. 2016-28 (As Amended)****E.-1. [16-4961](#)**

An Ordinance of the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida, pursuant to the authority granted by the Dade County Home Rule Amendment to the Florida Constitution, conflicting with, modifying, and nullifying the preemption of polystyrene regulations in Chapter 2016-61, Laws of Florida (to be encoded as Section 500.90 of the Florida Statutes), to the extent that such preemption is a local, special, or general law applicable only to the City of Coral Gables in Miami-Dade County, and determining that the City's polystyrene regulations are not preempted and remain enforceable.

(Sponsored by Commissioner Lago)

Attachments: [04 12 16 - CC - Polystyrene Regulations](#)
[04 12 16 - Draft Ordinance - Polystyrene Regulations](#)
[04 26 16 - CC - Polystyrene Regulations](#)
[04 26 16 - Draft Ordinance - Second Reading - Polystyrene Regulations](#)
[Signed Ordinance 2016-28](#)
[Signed Ordinance 2016-28](#)
[Verbatim Transcript - CCMtg April 12 2016 - Agenda Item E-5 - Ordinance Dade C](#)
[Verbatim Transcript - CCMtg April 26 2016 - Agenda Item E-1 - Ordinance on Sec](#)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY GRANTED BY THE DADE COUNTY HOME RULE AMENDMENT (ARTICLE VIII, SECTION 6 OF THE FLORIDA CONSTITUTION OF 1968), CONFLICTING WITH, MODIFYING, AND NULLIFYING THE PREEMPTION OF POLYSTYRENE REGULATIONS IN CHAPTER 2016-61, LAWS OF FLORIDA (TO BE ENCODED AS SECTION 500.90 OF THE FLORIDA STATUTES), TO THE EXTENT THAT SUCH PREEMPTION IS A LOCAL, SPECIAL, OR GENERAL LAW APPLICABLE ONLY TO THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, AND DETERMINING THAT THE CITY'S POLYSTYRENE REGULATIONS ARE NOT PREEMPTED AND REMAIN ENFORCEABLE, 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 Commissioner Slesnick, seconded by Vice Mayor Quesada, that this matter be adopted as amended by Ordinance Number 2016-28 . The motion passed by the following vote.

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

City Clerk Item No. 23

ORDINANCE NO. 2016-29**E.-2. [16-4814](#)**

An Ordinance of the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida providing for text amendments to the City of Coral Gables Official Zoning Code, Article 5, "Development Standards," Division 13 "Miscellaneous Construction Requirements," creating Section 5-1302, "Sustainability Standards," establishing criteria for new building construction to achieve Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design ("LEED") certification or equivalent; providing posting of a bond to ensure compliance with LEED certification or equivalent; providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, codification, and providing for an effective date. (PZB recommended approval, Vote: 5-0)

Attachments: [Exhibit A 04 12 16 Draft Ordinance - Green Building Standards.pdf](#)
[Exhibit B 02 10 16 PZB Staff Report.pdf](#)
[Exhibit C 02 10 16 PZB Minutes.pdf](#)
[Exhibit D Summary of Green Building Ordinances in South Florida.pdf](#)
[04 12 16 Green Building Standards 1st reading.docx](#)
[04 26 16 CC - Green Building Standards Ord. 2nd Reading.docx](#)
[04 26 16 - Signed Cover Memo - Green Building Standards 2nd reading](#)
[Signed Ordinance 2016-29](#)
[Verbatim Transcript - CCMtg April 12 2016 - Agenda Item E-4-F-1 and H-9 are rel.](#)
[Verbatim Transcript - CCMtg April 26 2016 - Agenda Item E-2 - Ordinance providi](#)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA PROVIDING FOR TEXT AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES OFFICIAL ZONING CODE, ARTICLE 5, "DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS," DIVISION 13 "MISCELLANEOUS CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS," CREATING SECTION 5-1302, "SUSTAINABILITY STANDARDS," ESTABLISHING CRITERIA FOR NEW BUILDING CONSTRUCTION TO ACHIEVE LEADERSHIP IN ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN ("LEED") CERTIFICATION OR EQUIVALENT; PROVIDING POSTING OF BOND TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH LEED CERTIFICATION OR EQUIVALENT; 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-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 Ordinance Number 2016-29. The motion passed by the following vote.

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

City Clerk Item No. 24

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING**ORDINANCE NO. 2016-30**

- E.-3.** **16-5000** An Ordinance of the City Commission of Coral Gables amending the City Code, Chapter 2, entitled "Administration," Article XIII entitled "Procurement Code," by adding a new Section 2-780, Procedure to provide a Buy American Preference in contracts for goods and general services; providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, and providing for an effective date.

(Sponsored by Commissioner Lago)

Attachments: [Buy American Q & A](#)
[Sustainable Procurement & Buy American Preference Report](#)
[Buy American Preference Policy Draft Ordinance](#)
[04 26 16 - Signed Cover Memo - Buy American Preference Policy](#)
[05-24-2016 - Signed Cover Memo - Buy American Preference Policy](#)
[Signed Ordinance 2016-30](#)
[Verbatim Transcript - CCMtg April 26 2016 - Agenda Item E-3 - Ordinance amend](#)

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Keon, 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 Lago, Commissioner Quesada, Commissioner Slesnick, Commissioner Keon and Mayor Cason

City Clerk Item No. 34

ORDINANCE NO. 2016-31

- E.-4.** **16-5001** An Ordinance of the City Commission of Coral Gables amending the City Code, Chapter 2, entitled "Administration," Article XIII entitled "Procurement Code," by adding a new Section 2-778, Sustainable (Green) Procurement and adding a new section 2-779, Procedure, to provide a preference for Sustainable Procurement in the purchase of goods and general services; providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, and providing for an effective date.

(Sponsored by Commissioner Lago)

Attachments: [Sust. Proc. Q & A](#)
[Sustainable Procurement & Buy American Preference Report](#)
[Sustainable Procurement Preference - Draft Ordinance](#)
[04 26 16 - Signed Cover Memo - Agenda Item E-4](#)
[05-24-2016 - Signed Cover Memo - Sustainable Procurement Preference](#)
[Signed Ordinance 2016-31.pdf](#)
[Verbatim Transcript - CCMtg April 26 2016 - Agenda Item E-4 - Ordinance amend](#)

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A motion was made by Commissioner Keon, 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 - Commissioner Slesnick, Commissioner Keon, Commissioner Lago, Commissioner Quesada and Mayor Cason

City Clerk Item No. 32

F. CITY COMMISSION ITEMS**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-116**

- F.-1. [16-5002](#) Discussion regarding state law relating to plastic bag regulations, including discussion of options for Commission action, provided by City Attorney.
(Sponsored by Commissioner Lago)

Attachments: [403.7033](#)
[Retail Bag Report](#)
[Verbatim Transcript - CCMtg April 26 2016 - Agenda Item F-1 - Discussion regard](#)

[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].

A motion was made by Commissioner Lago, seconded by Commissioner Slesnick, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2016-116. The motion passed by the following vote.

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

City Clerk Item No. 35

G. BOARDS/COMMITTEES ITEMS

- G.-1. [16-5005](#) A Resolution appointing _____ to serve as a member of the Waterway Advisory Board (Nominated for the Commission-As-A-Whole Appointment), for the remainder of a two (2) year term, which began on June 1, 2015 and continues through May 31, 2017.

Attachments: [Buddy Newman - Resume](#)
[Draft Resolution - Waterway Advisory Board](#)
[Peter Bennett Resume 4-19-16](#)
[4 26 16 - Signed Cover Memo - Waterway Advisory Board](#)

This Resolution was deferred by Resolution No Number Assigned

City Clerk Item No. 22

H. CITY MANAGER ITEMS

- H.-1. [16-4991](#) Presentation of the Quarterly Financial Report for the six months ended March 31, 2016.

Attachments: [04 26 16 - Signed Cover Memo - Agenda Item H-1](#)
[Presentation of Quaterly Finacial Report](#)
[Verbatim Transcript - CCMtg April 26 2016 - Agenda Item H-1 - Presentation of Q](#)

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This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 31

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-115

- H.-2. [16-4995](#) Resolution accepting the Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) Grant Program Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Miami and the City of Coral Gables; and authorizing an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Annual Budget to recognize the grant as revenue, and to appropriate such funds to cover the grant expenditures.

Attachments: [RESOLUTION - 2015 UASI](#)
[UASI 2015 MOA](#)
[City of Miami Resolution, UASI 2015](#)
[UASI 2015 executed Agreement \(Exhibit 1\)](#)
[UASI 2015 Budget \(Exhibit 2\)](#)
[04 26 16 - Signed Cover Memo - Resolution 2015 UASI MOA](#)
[Signed Resolution 2016-115](#)
[Verbatim Transcript - CCMtg April 26 2016 - Agenda Item H-2 - Reso accepting U](#)

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE URBAN AREA SECURITY INITIATIVE (UASI) GRANT PROGRAM MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF MIAMI AND THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES; AND AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016 ANNUAL BUDGET, TO RECOGNIZE THE GRANT AS REVENUE AND TO APPROPRIATE SUCH FUNDS TO COVER THE GRANT EXPENDITURES.

[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 Vice Mayor Quesada, seconded by Commissioner Slesnick, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2016-115. The motion passed by the following vote.

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

City Clerk Item No. 33

Agenda Items H-3 through H-7 are Related.

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Items H-3 through H-7 are available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk and in Legistar].

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-109**H.-3. 16-5006**

A Resolution approving the Agreement of Sale and Purchase with Fernandra Properties, LLC, and the City for the residential lot located at 807 Catalonia Ave, Coral Gables, Florida as part of the Neighborhood Renaissance Program (NRP), for purpose of a neighborhood park and waiving the requirements of the Procurement Code, pursuant to Section 2-5483(d).

Attachments: [DRAFT Resolution - 4.26.16 \(Catalonia\)](#)
[Catalonia Lot-Executed](#)
[Catalonia-Map](#)
[807 Catalonia Meeting notice](#)
[Catalonia-Neighbor Comments](#)
[807 Catalonia Avenue - appraisal report](#)
[04 26 16 - Signed Cover Memo - 807 Catalonia Ave](#)
[Excerpt Minutes of the Budget Advisory Board Meeting of March 31, 2016](#)
[Excerpt Minutes of the Economic Development Board Meeting of April 6, 2016](#)
[Excerpt Minutes of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting of April 15, 2016](#)
[Excerpt Minutes of the Property Advisory Board Meeting of April 13, 2016](#)
[Signed Resolution 2016-109](#)
[Verbatim Transcript - CCMtg April 26 2016 Agenda Item H-3 thru H-7](#)

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AGREEMENT OF SALE AND PURCHASE WITH FERNANDRA PROPERTIES, LLC, AND THE CITY FOR THE RESIDENTIAL LOT LOCATED AT 807 CATALONIA AVE, CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA AS PART OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD RENAISSANCE PROGRAM (NRP) FOR PURPOSE OF A NEIGHBORHOOD PARK AND WAIVING THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE PROCUREMENT CODE, PURSUANT TO SECTION 2-583(D) AND SECTION 2-2011.

A motion was made by Commissioner Keon, seconded by Commissioner Slesnick, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2016-109. The motion passed by the following vote.

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

City Clerk Item No. 25

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-110**H.-4. 16-5007**

A Resolution approving the Agreement of Sale and Purchase with Adelena Quevedo Perez, Alicia Menedez King, George A. Menedez and Alex M. Menedez (Sellers) and the City for the residential lot located at 937-939 Majorca Ave, Coral Gables, Florida (tax identification number 03-4108-001-5682) as part of the Neighborhood Renaissance Program (NRP), for purpose of a neighborhood park and waiving the requirements of the Procurement Code, pursuant to Section 2-5483(d).

Attachments: [DRAFT Resolution - 4.26.16 \(Majorca\)](#)
[Majorca Lot-Executed](#)
[Majorca-Map](#)
[939 Majorca Meeting notice](#)
[937 Majorca Avenue - appraisal report](#)
[04 26 16 - Signed Cover Memo - 937-939 Majorca Ave](#)
[Excerpt Minutes of the Budget Advisory Board Meeting of March 31, 2016](#)
[Excerpt Minutes of the Economic Development Board Meeting of April 6, 2016](#)
[Excerpt Minutes of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting of April 15, 2016](#)
[Excerpt Minutes of the Property Advisory Board Meeting of April 13, 2016](#)
[Signed Resolution 2016-110](#)
[Verbatim Transcript - CCMtg April 26 2016 Agenda Item H-3 thru H-7](#)

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AGREEMENT OF SALE AND PURCHASE WITH ADELENA QUEVEDO PEREZ, ALICIA MENEDEZ KING, GEORGE A. MENEDEZ AND ALEX M. MENEDEZ (SELLERS) AND THE CITY FOR THE RESIDENTIAL LOT LOCATED AT 937-939 MAJORCA AVE, CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA (TAX IDENTIFICATION NUMBER 03-4108-001-5682) AS PART OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD RENAISSANCE PROGRAM (NRP) FOR PURPOSE OF A NEIGHBORHOOD PARK AND WAIVING THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE PROCUREMENT CODE, PURSUANT TO SECTION 2-583(D) AND SECTION 2-2011.

A motion was made by Commissioner Keon, seconded by Commissioner Slesnick, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2016-110. The motion passed by the following vote.

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

City Clerk Item No. 26

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-111**H.-5. 16-5010**

A Resolution approving the Agreement of Sale and Purchase with Venancio and Wayra Torre and the City for the residential lot located at 241 Sarto Ave, Coral Gables, Florida (Tax identification number 03-4117-007-0715) as part of the Neighborhood Renaissance Program (NRP), for purpose of a neighborhood park and waiving the requirements of the Procurement Code, pursuant to Section 2-5483(d).

Attachments: [DRAFT Resolution - 4.26.16 \(Sarto\)](#)
[Sarto Lot-Executed w Title exception](#)
[Sarto-Map](#)
[corner of sarto and salzedo meeting notice](#)
[243 Sarto Avenue - appraisal report](#)
[04 26 16 - Signed Cover Memo - 241 Sarto Avenue](#)
[Excerpt Minutes of the Budget Advisory Board Meeting of March 31, 2016](#)
[Excerpt Minutes of the Economic Development Board Meeting of April 6, 2016](#)
[Excerpt Minutes of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting of April 15, 2016](#)
[Excerpt Minutes of the Property Advisory Board Meeting of April 13, 2016](#)
[Signed Resolution 2016-111](#)
[Verbatim Transcript - CCMtg April 26 2016 Agenda Item H-3 thru H-7](#)

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AGREEMENT OF SALE AND PURCHASE WITH VENANCIO AND WAYRA TORRE AND THE CITY FOR THE RESIDENTIAL LOT LOCATED AT 241 SARTO AVE, CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA (TAX IDENTIFICATION NUMBER 03-4117-007-0715) AS PART OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD RENAISSANCE PROGRAM (NRP) FOR PURPOSE OF A NEIGHBORHOOD PARK AND WAIVING THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE PROCUREMENT CODE, PURSUANT TO SECTION 2-583(D) AND SECTION 2-2011.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lago, seconded by Commissioner Slesnick, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2016-111. The motion passed by the following vote.

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

City Clerk Item No. 27

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-112**H.-6. 16-5011**

A Resolution approving the Agreement of Sale and Purchase with John Micali and the City for the residential lot located at 6540 Marlin Dr, Coral Gables, Florida as part of the Neighborhood Renaissance Program (NRP), for purpose of a neighborhood park and waiving the requirements of the Procurement Code, pursuant to Section 2-5483(d).

Attachments: [DRAFT Resolution - 4.26.16 \(Marlin\)](#)
[Marlin-Executed](#)
[Marlin-Map](#)
[6540 Marlin Meeting Notice](#)
[6540 Marlin Drive - appraisal report](#)
[04 26 16 - Signed Cover Memo - 6540 Marlin Drive](#)
[Excerpt Minutes of the Budget Advisory Board Meeting of March 31, 2016](#)
[Excerpt Minutes of the Economic Development Board Meeting of April 6, 2016](#)
[Excerpt Minutes of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting of April 15, 2016](#)
[Excerpt Minutes of the Property Advisory Board Meeting of April 13, 2016](#)
[Signed Resolution 2016-112](#)
[Verbatim Transcript - CCMtg April 26 2016 Agenda Item H-3 thru H-7](#)

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AGREEMENT OF SALE AND PURCHASE WITH JOHN MICALI AND THE CITY FOR THE RESIDENTIAL LOT LOCATED AT 6540 MARLIN DR, CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA AS PART OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD RENAISSANCE PROGRAM (NRP) FOR PURPOSE OF A NEIGHBORHOOD PARK AND WAIVING THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE PROCUREMENT CODE, PURSUANT TO SECTION 2-583(D) AND SECTION 2-2011.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Quesada, seconded by Commissioner Lago, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2016-112. The motion passed by the following vote.

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

City Clerk Item No. 28

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-113**H.-7. 16-5008**

A Resolution approving the Agreement of Sale and Purchase with Yvette Barrera Musa and the City for the residential property located at 1047 Venetia Ave, Coral Gables, Florida as part of the Neighborhood Renaissance Program (NRP), for purpose of a neighborhood park and waiving the requirements of the Procurement Code, pursuant to Section 2-5483(d).

Attachments: [DRAFT Resolution - 4.26.16 \(Venetia\)](#)
[1047 Venetia Lot-Executed](#)
[Venetia-Map](#)
[1047 Venetia Meeting notice](#)
[Venetia-Neighbor Comments](#)
[Venetia1047HistoricSignificance](#)
[1047 Venetia Avenue - appraisal report](#)
[04 26 16 - Signed Cover Memo - 1047 Venetia Avenue](#)
[Excerpt Minutes of the Budget Advisory Board Meeting of March 31, 2016](#)
[Excerpt Minutes of the Economic Development Board Meeting of April 6, 2016](#)
[Excerpt Minutes of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting of April 15, 2016](#)
[Excerpt Minutes of the Property Advisory Board Meeting of April 13, 2016](#)
[Signed Resolution 2016-113](#)
[Verbatim Transcript - CCMtg April 26 2016 Agenda Item H-3 thru H-7](#)

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AGREEMENT OF SALE AND PURCHASE WITH YVETTE BARRERA MUSA AND THE CITY FOR THE RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1047 VENETIA AVE, CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA AS PART OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD RENAISSANCE PROGRAM (NRP) FOR PURPOSE OF A NEIGHBORHOOD PARK AND WAIVING THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE PROCUREMENT CODE, PURSUANT TO SECTION 2-583(D) AND SECTION 2-2011.

A motion was made by Commissioner Keon, seconded by Vice Mayor Quesada, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2016-113. The motion passed by the following vote.

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

City Clerk Item No. 29

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-114**H.-8. 16-5013**

A Resolution authorizing a change order of the Country Club Prado Landscape Improvements contract with VisualScape, Inc. in the amount of \$480,045, under the same Schedule of Values and terms and conditions as the Country Club Prado contract, pursuant to Section 2-829, approval of change orders and contract modifications, to provide landscape improvement at the following acquired passive parks, Lisbon Park, Durango Triangle Park and Enrique "Henry" Cepero Memorial Park.

Attachments: [VisualScape ChgOrd for Passive Parks -RESOL 04 26 16 - Signed Cover Memo - VisualScape Signed Resolution 2016-114 Verbatim Transcript - CCMtg April 26 2016 - Agenda Item H-8 - Reso authorizing :](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CHANGE ORDER OF THE COUNTRY CLUB PRADO LANDSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS CONTRACT WITH VISUALSCAPE, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$480,045.00 UNDER THE SAME SCHEDULE OF VALUES AND TERMS AND CONDITIONS AS THE COUNTRY CLUB PRADO CONTRACT, PURSUANT TO SECTION 2-829, APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDERS AND CONTRACT MODIFICATIONS, TO PROVIDE LANDSCAPE IMPROVEMENT AT THE FOLLOWING ACQUIRED PASSIVE PARKS, LISBON PARK, DURANGO TRIANGLE PARK AND ENRIQUE "HENRY" CEPERO MEMORIAL PARK.

[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].

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Quesada, seconded by Commissioner Slesnick, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2016-114. The motion passed by the following vote.

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

City Clerk Item No. 30

H.-9. 16-4999

Initial Discussion: Addressing trash collection in swales: issues and options.

Attachments: [Presentation 04 26 16 - Signed Cover Memo - Agenda Item H-9 Verbatim Transcript - CCMtg April 26 2016 - Agenda Item H-9 - Discussion address](#)

[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].

This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 36

I. CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-117**

- I.-1. [16-5003](#) Discussion regarding selection of election date and method for proposed Charter amendments.

Attachments: [Verbatim Transcript - CCMtg April 26 2016 - Agenda Item I-1 - Discussion regardi](#)

[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].

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Quesada, seconded by Commissioner Lago, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2016-117. The motion passed by the following vote.

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

City Clerk Item No. 38

- I.-2. [16-5004](#) Status Report on Mediterranean Village Development Agreement.

Attachments: [Verbatim Transcript - CCMtg April 26 2016 - Agenda Item I-2 - Status Report on M](#)

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Item I-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. 37

J. CITY CLERK ITEMS

City Clerk Item No. 39

K. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Commissioner Keon: I wondered where we were on the interdecennial census? Have we made a decision on that or are we still waiting for more information?

Mayor Cason: No, we haven't made a decision. We had a cost.

Commissioner Lago: The cost was prohibitive.

Commissioner Keon: We said the cost was quite high, but then what were the revenue sharing benefit that came to us if we...

Mayor Cason: We did not have the discussion. I recall that there was some positives, as you get bigger you get some more benefits. We've never had that discussion...

City Attorney Leen: So we are going to have another discussion on the census. As we informed you it's expensive, so there's an issue with that. We are trying to determine the amount that the City could get back from doing this. What would be the benefit to the City to offset the cost? The City Manager's office has been helpful with that, thank you. Also, Cory Lopez Castro, our Special Counsel has been helpful with that, they are both looking into that. The issue you should know is, on the legal front it's actually gone quite well. The MPO is proceeding with the change that will allow if we do an interdecennial census and it showed that we had over \$50,000, or any City in Dade County, they would place us on the MPO. So in terms of the legal aspect its gone very well and we were successful, but we will be coming back with you to you now more on the policies/business aspect of whether to actually order a census. What we'll do, I'll have a report for you and a memo with attachments and you can take a look and make a decision, but it is over a million dollars to actually have an interdecennial census. We are challenging the cost as well. We are inquiring to look into it, but it looks like the cost is a hard number and it's not going to change much. So the issue is how much can it be offset by money that will come in or other benefits to the City of over \$50,000, but it is a very high cost.

Commissioner Keon: The other thing yesterday when I was meeting with the Manager, the pre-agenda meeting with the Manager and in reviewing all of the initiatives that particularly Commissioner Lago has put forth on energy efficiency and LEED and green everything. Really, I recycle so much stuff now that I didn't before, so thank you. We are talking about the potential for using solar panels here within the City, and I asked her if on the cottage that's right in back of City Hall there is a lot of roof space...there is a sizable amount of space. If we could have someone maybe just take a look at our ability to place solar panels there and how much of City Hall can we actually run on the amount of energy that would be generated through that?-and is the roof structurally in a position to be able to put the solar panels on them and what the cost benefit to us would be? I think it would make such a statement about our commitment to be a green City.

Mayor Cason: Also, just in general on City buildings we have the 72nd facility, you've got the Passport now, it's probably lots of places that could.

Commissioner Keon: Right. But there are some that really lends themselves to it. This

is such a beautiful building that you wouldn't want anything to take away from the beauty of the building, but these are...have a parapet so they are not seen, and I think they sit on the west side so they don't get a lot of morning sun, but they certainly get a lot of afternoon sun.

Mr. Anderson: Part of the Sustainability Master Plan is in draft form; one of the locations that the consultant wants us to take a look at is the Youth Center, the roof on the Youth Center is a possible location, and they've estimated about \$400,000 to do that. So again, that's just their estimate, but that was one of the locations they were looking at.

Commissioner Keon: But City Hall is such an iconic - it says this is what this government stands for.

Mr. Anderson: Exactly.

Commissioner Keon:....in City Hall....

Mr. Anderson: And to be able to turn that into an education facility, educating the public about the benefits of it as well.

Commissioner Keon: It's so visible, but people are so aware, but I don't know what the decisions are. I don't know if we qualify for the same federal rebates.

Commissioner Lago: That I don't have an answer for.

Commissioner Keon: I don't know.

Mayor Cason: We don't have to pay permit fees.

Commissioner Keon: We don't have to pay permit fees (laughter), but if there are rebate programs available federally now for solar panels or for governments and what's involved in it, and would it be a good thing for us to do?

Commissioner Lago: Matt, let me ask you a question just going off what Commissioner Keon stated, is there any way that you could find out through the Manager, if cities could apply for that 30 percent federal tax credit from the government, see if that's an opportunity. I heard, I'm not sure, I don't want to talk

without actually having the facts, but I heard that there was an extension from 2017 to 2020, for that federal tax credit for 30 percent.

Mr. Anderson: I believe that's accurate, but I'll be able to...I'll confirm it.

Commissioner Lago: In my case, it was 30 percent. It was pretty significant.

Commissioner Keon: But we don't pay federal taxes.

Commissioner Lago: I didn't put any money down on my system. I amortized it over 15 years and I'm basically paying less now than I was when I was paying electricity.

Mayor Cason: But her point is that the City doesn't pay federal taxes.

Commissioner Lago: Yes, but what I think the first step in reference to Commissioner Keon's inquiry is that we need to have a firm, like a private entity come in that is just a specialist when it comes to solar panels. I'm not going to mention the company that I used, I want to have open competition, but I know that there are two or three firms out there who are the leaders in this community when it comes to solar panel installation and fabrication. What we could potentially do is bring them in, in some sort of RFQ/RFP, they can do an analysis for us like they do on every single residential and commercial project that they install and they could tell us, look, they'll kind of do an analysis in regards to our electricity consumption over the last year, they'll see exactly how many panels can be installed and then they'll give us an actual calculation in regards to what the cost would be and the amortization of it would be over 15 or 20, because the options are, not only 15, you can do 5, 10, 15, 20, or 30, that's using Ygrene, if you use the Ygrene program. There are different options. I think it would be a great idea.

Commissioner Keon: Maybe just look into it and see if good business makes sense for us to do that.

Mr. Anderson: OK.

Commissioner Lago: And by the way, it makes sense, if I could just add on to that. It makes sense because as we all know over the next two years energy is going to be increasing, the price of energy is going to be increasing, I think it's like 25 percent, a little more than 25 percent.

Mayor Cason: Right. We've got some new buildings, like trolley, Police perhaps that again can look at that as a new...

Mr. Anderson: And it can help contribute to the new LEED Silver Certification that can get additional points under that as well.

Commissioner Keon: Right. And maybe do what the benefit, the cost benefit too.

Commissioner Lago: But this building is extremely inefficient. Again, I don't think we have one LED light in the building. So it's going to be very difficult.

Commissioner Keon: But we know that we want to eventually, we are going to refurbish City Hall, and at that time we will make those changes.

Commissioner Lago: Well what ends up happening with most of these firms is they tell you, what is your R-Y on your proposed package are you going to be installing on your residential or commercial property? Here it's going to be very difficult to quantify that, because we really don't have a very efficient building, but again, I'm with you.

Mayor Cason: Anything else that you have?

Commissioner Keon: Yes. I also have been talking to the Manager yesterday. You know I just came back from Switzerland and Germany, and I was so impressed with their initiatives, particularly in Germany, on conservation and green. I was also really impressed with was the civility of those city streets, and at some point I would like us to have a discussion as to how do you go about changing the culture of a community to work as a more civil community with regard to like having people be able to safely cross streets without being run over, and the behaviors that we see - taking on the County is a whole other story, but if there is a way that we can look into even within our downtown, that sort of behavior is the civility and the types of things that we can do maybe to change and to encourage behavior to change, that maybe in the downtown you are only allowed to make a right turn where it is posted that you can, an outlaw right turn.

Mayor Cason: A lot of that is going to be part of our ability to get from the County greater flexibility to do those sorts of things.

Commissioner Keon: Right. But I think at some point maybe a month, and the Manager knows which people on her staff that you would work with a department to look at things that really make it so much more safe for bicyclists and pedestrians and whatever in our City; and it is amazing there are very, very few bike lanes and there are thousands of bikes in the downtown of these cities, and I was so surprised and dazzled, the street cars stop for you if you are a pedestrian crossing the street, the street cars. So I think we should think about it. Thank you.

Commissioner Lago: I have two points Mayor. I'd like to see through the Manager if we can get Will in Code Enforcement to get a list, maybe working hand-in-hand with our new Assistant City Manager and Mr. Fernandez, get a list of the existing current construction projects, which are not many, it's a handful of projects that we have going on in the City right now, and I'd like to have those projects reviewed on a weekly basis, or a monthly basis, in regards to the existing conditions of their MOT's; their fences, their silk fences, some projects are incredibly well maintained, some are not. I just want to make sure that even though it's in the downtown and it's not near a residential neighborhood, it still has to be properly maintained. Again, this is my own industry that I'm reprimanding, so I just want to make sure and it's something that we need to make sure, not only it has to be beautiful, well kept, but it has to be ADA compliant in regards to the sidewalks, the signage has to be appropriate, like I mentioned before. I don't want any large construction signs giving visual pollution. Like the Mayor mentioned before, there has to be extensive no trespassing, keep out signs, whatever is required as per the Code, but more importantly than all that is an orderly job site is essential for job safety and for pedestrian safety. And I see a lot of the projects that are out there, they are in different stages of construction; some are finishing, some are just starting. There is a lack of consideration in reference to once the door closes and they walk away, people have to walk those streets during that construction project, and I want to make sure that the site is beautiful even from the outside of the project, that's number one. Number two, I'm going to be going to Chicago on Thursday for a visit with my wife, first time I ever attend Chicago, and the reason why I bring that up is because the Mayor Carlos Gimenez, had that park summit, one of the other issues that he mentioned besides how important parks are, which I covered already, is the issue of some of the traffic modifications that they've made in regards to removing traffic lanes and actually installing bike and bus lanes in Chicago; and there was a great presentation that was done by an outside consultant while the Mayors and Commissioners that were at the symposium, and I'm trying to get that from Mayor Ginemez' office. It was pretty incredible to see what Chicago has done; and I was speaking to Commissioner Keon about that before our

Commission meeting today, in an effort to try to get some of her tips, because I know she travels the world, and they say Chicago, besides being one of the foodie destinations of the United States, like the Vice Mayor has told me, is a place that is a dream when it comes to parks, when it comes to pedestrian-friendly access, when it comes to public transportation, so I'm really looking forward to that. I'm going to take a lot of pictures and I'll share it amongst the Commission, but I think that's something that if anybody hasn't gone to Chicago, I'll tell you how it went. I think I'm the only one here that hasn't been to Chicago, right?

Mayor Cason: It's a wonderful town.

Commissioner Keon: It's beautiful.

Mayor Cason: There is a song about it too.

Vice Mayor Quesada: Congrats to the City Manager and all of us. This is the first time since I've been on this dais that we've had a fulltime Manager and two fulltime Assistant City Managers. So we are expecting to churn out so much work now, it's awesome (laughter), kidding just a little bit. Also, we used to have in the past and it stopped and I want to see if we can implement it again, all the ongoing items that we've requested just the different projects that we have ongoing, we would get it in our agenda packet every two weeks. It was an excel spreadsheet and Cathy, I've never discussed it with you, I don't know if anyone else has, but Mr. Mayor you may have remembered.

Mayor Cason: Yes, I think after Cindy left, she prepared the last one on the 90 projects or initiatives where we stood on each one.

Vice Mayor Quesada: Yes, just sort of whether something is moving forward or not, sort of open items, especially now at the end of the meetings, we discussed a number of different items, it's nice just to know what's sort of pending out there, what's died, what's moving forward, what's pending for what reason. It doesn't have to be terribly comprehensive as far as the detail minutia what's going on, but it's a nice little snapshot summary for us.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: We have internal one and we'll look at what you used to do and we'll merge those.

Vice Mayor Quesada: OK. Thanks. That's it.

Commissioner Slesnick: Three short things. Congratulations Mr. City Attorney, for the Agave contract and so forth, and all that, I know it's a lot of your time in the last week or two and so many people have been asking about that. So thank you for the update on Agave Mediterranean Village. Also, I want to thank IT for putting everything that could possibly come from the City on my iPad, so I don't get two reams of paper every two weeks that I have to go through and recycle. So thank you IT Department. And last, but not least, I don't need a report on this, but I would like to really have our Assistant City Manager think about how we are hiring police officers and give us a report next time on the number of active police officers we have as versus how many are in training, and how many are on military duty, leave and so forth, and how we are doing on the part-time people that we are going to hire for traffic and speed enforcement, because so many of the letters that I get out of all the letters that we do get, more about speeding in Coral Gables, and especially in our residential streets. Summer is coming so the amount of traffic will decrease probably, but because of that people will tend to speed since they don't have - especially on Alhambra and some of our major streets. So if we can just get an update next time on what we are doing, because I understand we were down 20 officers and we are still down 20 officers.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: If we are going to open up an issue we are ready to present.

Commissioner Slesnick: No, no, no, but I'd like it next time. I don't want to keep going right now.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: Commissioner Lago asked us about neighborhood safety aids, CCTV, and hiring, and so I thought he was going to come up with that, he didn't, it's OK.

Commissioner Slesnick: Well, I'd rather wait till next time.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: That's fine, but I think that it's really important for us to have accurate information, and this presentation will allow us to do that.

Commissioner Slesnick: Well, I'd really like it next time, because I do get a lot - and the Traffic Division was really important for making people in Coral Gables in

crossing streets. We do need some more lighting in different places because I was almost run over by the Museum the other night because there is only one small light pole over there and people are on their phones making left and right turns, and they don't pay attention that's on the street, public safety in general, if you could give us an update.

Commissioner Keon: But I don't think we are down 20, are we?

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: We'll be happy to do a full report on all of the issues and the status.

Commissioner Lago: I was just being considerate...

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: I just don't want you to think I forgot.

Commissioner Lago: Of course. I had a conversation with Assistant City Manager Fernandez prior to the Commission. But in reference to that issue, what Commissioner Slesnick brought up, can you follow-up, Madam City Manager, in regards to my request of lowering the speed limit that we've been working on, something that I stole from Vice Mayor Quesada. He always laughs because he knows that I stole it from him.

Mayor Cason: But if it doesn't happen then you are to blame.

Commissioner Lago: No, no...

Vice Mayor Quesada: It's OK. I stole it from Chip Withers.

Commissioner Lago: Oh....But I spoke to Jessica Keller and Jessica told me that she was going to have a response, she was waiting from the County to have a response in regards to the procedures that are required, but that it looked favorable and she should have an update any week.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: We'll include that too.

Commissioner Slesnick: And I really can be caught for speeding because I think 30 is a very appropriate speed limit, but just the ones that go 40 and 50 in my neighborhood.

Commissioner Lago: Could we have, just going off what Commissioner Slesnick said and what I requested from the Assistant City Manager. Could we have at our next Commission Meeting next week, could we have just a simple five or ten minute presentation in regards to CCTV?-our neighborhood safety aides, and where we are in regards to my request for lowering the speed limit.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: Sure.

Commissioner Lago: I appreciate that. That would give it the appropriate time that it deserves. I know you have it all. I just want to give it the appropriate time that it deserves.

Mayor Cason: Next meeting. Anybody else has anything else?

City Attorney Leen: Mr. Mayor, just want to report to you that the Corporate Run is on Thursday evening. We've won several years in a row and we'll try again, and I want to recognize Sarah Espino who had done a tremendous job as the Captain, if she's watching. She's probably not because she is probably doing her work at Venetian Pool, but by chance it on TV and she's watching, I just want to thank her.

Vice Mayor Quesada: Are we going to have another duel Craig?

Commissioner Lago: I was hoping...

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: We've suggested that Craig not be so boastful next time, so he is working on that. Commissioner Slesnick is reminding us that May 1 is the "Party at the Bottom of the Pool," the grand finale of the 90th and that limited, limited ticket sales are still available, flat shoes only, and must have a reservation.

Mayor Cason: And also we have the ribbon-cutting, which you will do the pledge before you get on a plane to Chicago...

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: For streetscape.

Mayor Cason:...for streetscape and then for the "Bottom of the Pool," if anybody needs snorkels I have some.

Vice Mayor Quesada: It should be awesome.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: And Frank Button on Arbor Day, so you have a very busy...

Commissioner Lago: I'm happy that the Mayor brought that up. I would really like to start at 10:30 (a.m.) because I have to leave immediately after.

Commissioner Slesnick: On Arbor Day?

Commissioner Lago: No, on Thursday, on streetscape.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: On streetscape.

Commissioner Lago: It should be very, very tight. I'm nervous about that.

Mayor Cason: We will do the Pledge of Allegiance exactly at 10:30 (a.m.).

Commissioner Lago: And I couldn't miss it because after so many years of working on this, I wanted to make sure that I was there.

Mayor Cason: You'll be there.

Commissioner Lago: At least for a photo-op with the Mayor.

Mayor Cason: With that the meeting is adjourned.

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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 1:15 p.m. The next regular meeting of the City Commission has been scheduled for May 3rd, 2016, beginning 9 a.m.]

JIM CASON
MAYOR

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CITY CLERK