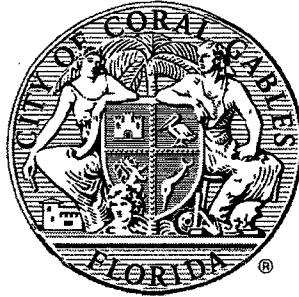


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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 14, 2017

9:00 AM

City Hall, Commission Chambers

City Commission

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

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

ROLL CALL

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

INVOCATION

Dr. Walter T. Richardson from Dr. Walter T. Richardson Ministries gave the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vimce Mayor Quesada led the Pledge of Allegiance.

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

The following minutes summary includes all presentations made, and actions taken which information is supplemented by the following exhibits on file in the Office of the City Clerk, and which are by reference made a part of the record herein: (a) Ordinance(s) adopted (Ordinance No. 2017-05) (b) Resolution(s) adopted (Resolution No. 2017-26 through Resolution No. 2017-39); (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. 17-5798 Presentation of a Proclamation declaring February 2017 as "Black History Month" in Coral Gables.

[Note for the Record: Following Mayor Cason's reading of the title to Agenda Item 1 (i.e. Presentation of a Proclamation declaring February 2017 as "Black History Month" in Coral Gables), City Manager Cathy Swanson-Rivenbark stated that a film has been prepared for the City Commission's viewing today on the role of Bahamian workers on the building of Coral Gables that can be played at your convenience. Mayor Cason read the full proclamation that proclaims February 2017 as "Black History Month". Commissioner Lago thanked the City Attorney for suggesting that he make the presentation on the proclamation for "Black History Month", saying it was his honor to present the proclamation. Commissioner Lago then introduced Edwina Prime, who he met five years ago, while knocking on doors in the McFarlane Homestead and Golden Gate neighborhoods, who he stated is an exceptional woman and is both an outstanding historian and representative for Coral Gables. Commissioner Lago added that Ms. Prime is one of the most soft-spoken persons who carries the biggest punch that he knows, in that she has no fear in attempting to get things done, and stated that the Bahamian Village Center is nearly complete after 15 years of effort; and she has done an incredible job on preserving the historic aspect of those neighborhoods. Commissioner Lago acknowledged the Bahamian workers who lived in those neighborhoods, who had expertise in working with coral rock, and were entrusted by George Merrick to build the many beautiful sculptures and fountains, which define Coral Gables, that have stood the test of time for 90 years. Commissioner Lago encouraged everyone to read about those individuals and their stories that formed the backbone of Coral Gables then and have left a significant lasting fingerprint on the City to this day. Commissioner Lago said it was his honor to present this proclamation on "Black History Month" on behalf of the City of Coral Gables.

Ms. Edwina Prime said that "Black History Month" is being celebrated throughout the nation and that the McFarlane Homeowner's Association was very impressed with the City making this presentation and expressed her thanks to the Mayor, City Commission and staff for this proclamation celebrating "Black History Month", further stating that this proclamation with our other memorabilia will be placed in a new building, which is almost completed. Ms. Leona Cooper-Baker thanked the City Commission for remembering the Black Community in Coral Gables every year, and said she was excited about the many things happening in her neighborhood and said

that their neighborhood feels so important that the City has not forgotten the neighborhood after all of these years. Mr. Carl Prime stated that the McFarlane neighborhood is truly honored by this proclamation by the film on the Bahamian Village and added that he was grateful to be a lifelong resident of this neighborhood. City Attorney Craig Leen stated in the 6 years he has been City Attorney he has seen a tremendous connection between the City and the McFarlane Homestead and Golden Gate Neighborhoods and that he thinks it is growing, and that he was very happy that the City and the Bahamian Village neighborhood were working together; and is proud that these neighborhoods Associations have are always being willing to give the City a chance to work with them and wanting to be a part of this community. Mayor Cason encouraged everyone to read Arva Moore Parks book about George Merrick, which will help you understand the importance of the Bahamian workers in building Coral Gables. Commissioner Keon acknowledged Leona Cooper-Baker for her friendship and assistance in building bridges of friendship that builds neighborhoods, exemplified in this neighborhood, which is a wonderful neighborhood of wonderful people who have been here since the beginning of this City].

This Presentation/Protocol Document was Presented and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 1

A.-2. 17-5758

Presentation of twenty year service pin to Claudia Luna, Communications Operator.

Attachments: Claudia Luna

[Note for the Record: Following Mayor Cason's reading of the title to Agenda Item 2 (i.e. Presentation of twenty year service pin to Claudia Luna, Communications Operator), City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark called up Chief Ed Hudak, Interim Human Resources Director Karla Green to present the twenty year service pin to Claudia Luna and further stating that communications operators are among the City first responders who talk to our residents through very difficult times wherein rescue is on the way. City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark stated that our communication operators are extremely talented and valued by our City, and for years Claudia has not only been doing an excellent job, but also training others to continue with that standard of excellence. Interim Human Resources Director Green said, we are here to congratulate Claudia on this career milestone of 20 years of service to the City of Coral Gables. Chief Hudak said he has seen Claudia grow up in the department for over the past 20 years and as the City Manager said, Communications Operators are our first responders and it takes a very special person to perform this job. Communications Operator Luna thanked the City Commission, her senior staff and family and added that it is ironic that today is Valentine's Day, as my job is my first

love. Ms. Luna thanked her supervisors for giving her the support she needs to do in training and gave a "Shout Out" to the rest of the Communications Team].

This Presentation/Protocol Document was Presented and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 2

A.-3. 17-5754

Congratulations to Firefighter Carlos Eguiluz, recipient of the City of Coral Gables "Firefighter of the Month Award," for the month of February 2017.

Attachments: Cover Memo, FF of Month, Feb
Notification Letter, Feb FF of the Month

[Note for the Record: Following Mayor Cason's reading of the title to Agenda Item 3 (i.e. Congratulations to Firefighter Carlos Eguiluz, recipient of the City of Coral Gables "Firefighter of the Month Award," for the month of February 2017), Mayor Cason asked City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark and Chief de la Rosa to introduce the recipient. Chief Marcos de la Rosa stated that we place a challenge and an expectation on firefighters that they provide excellent service to our residents and visitors to our community, but they should also be active participants in enhancing our community, and our profession and this "Firefighter of the Month" epitomizes this challenge and expectation that we pose upon them, and he had Division Chief Gilberto Hernandez introduce him.

Division Chief Hernandez said he would like to introduce Battalion B Driver/Engineer Carlos "Iggy" Eguiluz" as the "Firefighter of the Month" for February. Division Chief Hernandez stated that Iggy recently received a special award that the department is very proud of and the department wanted to share this with the City Commission and the City Manager today, Division Chief Hernandez stated that the Coral Gables Fire Department responds to an estimated 600 motor vehicle accidents annually with injuries, and at times we encounter patients trapped in a vehicle with these patients having significant injuries that need to be transported to a Trauma Center. Division Chief Hernandez stated that in these cases these patients can't simply be taken from the vehicle, rather we must remove the vehicle from the patient, with this form of vehicle rescue known as vehicle extrication, which is the act of pushing, cutting and displacing metal, in essence to create a hole to remove the patient from the vehicle. Division Chief Hernandez added that the Coral Gables Fire Department is very good at doing this, we are one of the best equipped and best trained departments in the country; we have competed in regional, national and international competitions in Canada, England, Scotland, South Africa, along with training teams from other countries trained in vehicle extrication. Division Chief Hernandez stated that the success the department has had is in no small part due to the efforts of Iggy. Division

Chief Hernandez said that Iggy had spent the length of his career devoted to the world of vehicle extrication having joined the Coral Gables vehicle extrication team in 1991 and has competed as a team member, medic, incident commander, team coordinator; he became a regional, national and international judge; today he is sought out as a head judge for competitions all over the world. Division Chief Hernandez said Iggy was recently recognized at the National Extrication Competition by North American Vehicle Rescue Association and the World Rescue Organization. Division Chief Hernandez said this is a very special honor, and this is a very big deal in the extrication world, and we are very happy to have him as one of our assets in our department.

Firefighter Eguiluz said he would like to take this opportunity to thank a few people and said that this is a big thing, as this represents the first time three organizations from around the world gave out a Lifetime Achievement Award to a member; further stating that he was dedicating this award to the City's Fire Department and to our City. Firefighter Eguiluz added that he would like to thank Dan Zing, Chairman of the World Rescue Agency and the North American Vehicle Rescue Association and Carl Fargione of the Transportation Emergency Rescue Committee. Firefighter Eguiluz said the purpose of this competition is competition, but it is not a sporting event, it's a matter of life situation and the amount of training that is conducted for these events are unbelievable. Firefighter Eguiluz stated that the Coral Gables Team has won 6 regional championships and one World Championship in 2001. Firefighter Eguiluz thanked retired Fire Chief DeJesus for starting the Coral Gables extrication team in 1991 and Miami-Dade County Retired Chief Brian Anderson for his help and mentoring. Firefighter Eguiluz thanked Chief de la Rosa and Division Chief Hernandez for their 100 percent support for our team. Firefighter Eguiluz thanked his wife Paula, who helped prepare his PowerPoint presentations for his training programs and putting up with his long hours with the team, and his sister Julie Nolan, who has been the motivating and inspiring person in his life. Firefighter Eguiluz thanked the City Administration and City Commission, who have backed the team since 1991, and have always been willing to invest in the necessary training].

This Presentation/Protocol Document was Presented and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 3

A.-4. 17-5755

Congratulations to Lt. Jose Pereda, recipient of the City of Coral Gables "Firefighter of the Year Award," for 2016.

Attachments: Cover Memo - FF OF THE YEAR - 2016
Notification Letter, FF of Year 2016

[Note for the Record: Following Mayor Cason's reading of the title to Agenda Item 4 (Congratulations to Lt. Jose Pereda, recipient of the City of Coral Gables "Firefighter of the Year Award", for 2016), Mayor Cason asked City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark and Chief de la Rosa to introduce the recipient. Chief de la Rosa stated as the Fire Chief, that he is very proud to recognize those firefighters back-to-back, who have had a profound impact on this community. Chief de la Rosa stated that Lieutenant Pereda was here before, as the "Firefighter of the Month", because of his expert training, experience and intuition that made a significant difference in a young ladies' life with his side sense that something was not right. Chief de la Rosa stated that the young lady's was in a bicycle accident and seemed normal, her signs showed normal, and she was not complaining, but Lieutenant Pereda's side sense indicated that something wasn't right and led to his decision to take her to the trauma center. Chief de la Rosa stated that had she not been taken to the trauma center she could have lost her leg or her life. Chief de la Rosa stated that because of Lieutenant Pereda's meritorious display of job performance and his incredible response to an emergency call, we have selected Lieutenant Pereda as the "Firefighter of the Year" for the City of Coral Gables Fire Department.

Lieutenant Pereda thanked the City Commission and my co-workers, because getting "Firefighter of the Year" is not a one-man show, it's a team effort, it's the whole team, that made this call come together. Lieutenant Pereda said, he will take the credit, but it was a whole team effort for the guys and girls who come to work every day for the Coral Gables Fire Department, who give it their all. Lieutenant Pereda said we have a great team here with great support, great training and a great administration, and I want to thank everyone].

This Presentation/Protocol Document was Presented and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 4

A.-5. 17-5787

Congratulations to Officer Luis Lopez, recipient of the City of Coral Gables "2016 Officer of the Year Award."

Attachments: COMMISSION COVER MEMO - OFFICER OF THE YEAR 2016 - LUIS LOPEZ
OFFICER OF THE YEAR 2016 - LUIS LOPEZ

[Note for the Record: Following Mayor Cason's reading of the title to Agenda Item 5 (Congratulations to Officer Luis Lopez, recipient of the City of Coral Gables "2016 Officer of the Year Award"), City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark asked Chief Hudak to come up to introduce the "Officer of the Year". Chief Hudak introduced Sean Pendray of the Coral Gables Kiwanis Club, who has supported the "Officer of the Month" for so many years. Mr. Pendray stated the Kiwanis Club is proud to support this "Police Officer of the Month" recognition program, which the Club has sponsored for the past fifty years and would like to also recognize our signature sponsor, the Haggard Law firm, and Curtis Haggard who was one of the founders of this award. Chief Hudak also acknowledged the Awards Committee that makes the monthly "Police Officer of the Month" selections, whose members include: Assistant Chief Michael Miller, Chairman of the Committee for the past 2 years assisted by Anna Sierra and Committee Members: Lieutenant Joe Warner, Sergeant Brad Baena, Detective Michelle Christensen, Officer Kelly Denham, Officer Joe Fleres and Communications Operator Melissa Lopez del Castillo.

Chief Hudak introduced the "Officer of the Year", by stating that you met this Officer before, as he was the "Police Officer of the Month" for September, 2016. Chief Hudak recounted the incident when a resident was confronted by a gun wielding and machete wielding individual coming out of his house. The subject hit the homeowner with the "but end" of the machete, who at the time was in contact with the Police Department's Communications Operators, who heard the scuffle in the background. Both Sergeant Erasmus Lopez and Officer Luis Lopez responded to the call as they were in the area in route to the Police Station for the beginning of their shift. Sergeant Lopez and Officer Lopez gave chase to the subject. Officer Lopez upon hearing another resident trying to call out jumped fences to find the subject trying to force the resident inside his house. After the subject entered the house, he released the subject and attempted to barricade himself in a room. Officer Lopez continued through the door to apprehend the subject, ultimately deploying his Taser. Sergeant Lopez arrived on the outside of the home and boxed him at the window sill. The subject was then taken into custody without further harm being done to any other civilians, after having victimized two individuals. Chief Hudak then read from the nomination of Officer Lopez "thankfully both officers, especially Officer Lopez, which resulted in the protection of life and property and further criminal action against the

populace and successful apprehension of both the armed subject and the protection of others". Chief Hudak stated that Sergeant Lopez was subsequently selected for the Chief's Award and Officer Lopez was selected as the "Officer of the Month", and as a result of his heroic deeds compared to everything and everybody else, in a very still competition, was selected by the Committee as your "Police Officer of the Year".

Officer Lopez thanked the City Commission and thanked everyone for being here, including his wife and dad. Officer Lopez stated it was a dangerous day, but he had a very good leader in Sergeant Lopez, who assisted him very much on this call and he thanked all of the officers, who responded to his assistance that day, and thanked Lieutenant Atherley, who nominated him for this award].

This Presentation/Protocol Document was Presented and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 5

A.-6. 17-5757

Congratulations to Stinson Davis who holds the title Maintenance Worker II, recipient of the "Employee of the Month Award," for the month of February, 2017.

Attachments: [eom february 2017 letter nomination](#)
[Cover Memo EOM of February 2017](#)

[Note for the Record: Following Mayor Cason's reading of the title to Agenda Item 6 (Congratulations to Stinson Davis who holds the title Maintenance Worker II, recipient of the "Employee of the Month Award," for the month of February, 2017), City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark asked Parking Director Kevin Kinney and Interim Human Resources Director Karla Green to come up to introduce the "Employee of the Month" for February. Interim Human Resources Director said we are proud to present an exceptional employee, who excels in the ability to make things happen, who is a shining star, we are recognizing Stinson Davis of the Parking Department as the "Employee of the Month" for February. Interim Human Resources Director Green said Stinson not only goes above and beyond the call of duty, but during his more than 29 years with the City of Coral Gables he has performed each and every day as a dedicated and competent employee who does his job with a smile and a touch of class. Interim Human Resources Director Green said let's congratulate Stinson for his commitment and outstanding services to the City and its residents. Interim Human Resources Director Green asked everyone to watch the video about Stinson. Parking Director Kinney stated that Stinson's devotion to the community can be seen in his coaching of Little League Baseball, not only does he love coaching the little kids, he organizes, coaches and plays on a basketball team representing the City. Parking Director Kinney also stated that Stinson and his wife have for many years been the foster parents to two young boys, and added that anyone who takes

that much interest in our community raising the next generation gets a high mark in my book. Parking Director Kinney stated that Stinson is a great employee and this honor is overdue and we thank him for everything that he does for us. Maintenance Worker Davis thanked the Parking Department and the City of Coral Gables, and added that he enjoys working with the City staff and his co-workers. City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark remarked that in his nomination stated that Stinson after noticing a drunk driver, he called the Police Department, and when the driver tried to drive off before the Police arrived he took the keys away from the driver, and added that Stinson represents why Coral Gables employees are so amazing and we really celebrate his nomination].

This Presentation/Protocol Document was Presented and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 6

**Non 17-5819
Agenda**

Presentation for the Make-A-Wish Southern Florida, Wings for Wishes Champion's Event.

[Note for the Record: Mayor Cason stated that Commissioner Lago would like to take a few minutes to the Make-A-Wish-Foundation regarding their event this weekend. Commissioner Lago said he would like to introduce two individuals, namely Gal Bensaadon and Brian Exelbert, who are involved in the "Wings for Wishes" event, an event wherein namely all of the proceeds raised goes to the charity, that is held in our own backyard, and he would like to put up a challenge, which Commissioner Lago will fund himself, for a Coral Gables team to challenge other municipalities to raise money and awareness for this great charity. Mr. Bensaadon said he and Mr. Exelbert are "Make-A-Wish Champions" for the last 3 years with the "Wings-for-Wishes" event, which is a wing eating competition that raises money for a phenomenal cause, in which contestants try to grant a wish to children with life threatening conditions, this wish that they receive gives them a brief glimmer of hope, fun and a break from their day-to-day treatments. Mr. Bensaadon stated that "Wings-for-Wishes" event raised \$20,000 in their first year, 30,000 in their second year, and looking forward to raising \$50,000 this year. Commissioner Lago said he will be putting up his own money for this challenge to raise money for this cause. Vice Mayor Quesada said that we should challenge the City of Miami and the City of Miami Beach. Commissioner Lago said he is personally putting out a challenge to his colleagues in the 34 municipalities, to get as many people in those elected bodies to come out to spread the word and raise money for this program that will make such a difference in many young person's lives. Mr. Bensaadon stated that they have set as a goal of \$88,000, which will pay for about 15 wishes that cost approximately \$5,000 for each wish].

This Presentation/Protocol Document was Presented and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 7

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

B.-1. 17-5812 Regular City Commission Meeting of January 10, 2017.

Attachments: City Commission Meeting Minutes 01-10-2017
CCMtg Jan 10 2017 - Agenda Item H-1 - Request to proceed with an ordinance re
CCMtg Jan 10 2017 - Agenda Items E-1, E-2 and E-7 are related - Ordinances rec
CCMtg January 10 2017 - Agenda Item C-5 - Resolution approving Fiscal Year 20
CCMtg January 10 2017 - Agenda Item E-4 - Ordinance amending Section 105-26
CCMtg January 10 2017 - Agenda Item E-5 and E-6 are related - Ordinance provi
CCMtg January 10 2017 - Agenda Item K - Discussion Items

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

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

City Clerk Item No. 10

B.-2. 17-5813 Regular City Commission Meeting of January 24, 2017.

Attachments: City Commission Meeting Minutes 01-24-2017
CCMtg Jan 24 2017 - Agenda Item H-1 - Resolution authorizing contract negotiati
CCMtg Jan 24 2017 - Agenda Items E-3 through E-7 are related - Proposed North
CCMtg January 24 2017 - Agenda Item 2-2 - Library Advisory Board meeting of D
CCMtg January 24 2017 - Agenda Item C-7 - Resolution approving the Fiscal Yea
CCMtg January 24 2017 - Agenda Item C-8 - Resolution authorizing the execution
CCMtg January 24 2017 - Agenda Item E-1 and E-2 are related - Providing for te
CCMtg January 24 2017 - Agenda Item E-8 - Ordinance amending Chapter 50 - P
CCMtg January 24 2017 - Agenda Item E-9 - Ordinance creating Section 74-5 of C
CCMtg January 24 2017 - Agenda Item F-2 - Resolution directing City Attorneys o
CCMtg January 24 2017 - Agenda Item F-3 - Discussion regarding possibility of of
CCMtg January 24 2017 - Agenda Item K - Discussion Items
CCMtg January 24 2017 - Agenda Items 2-1 and F-1 are related - resolution by C
CCMtg January 24 2017 - Non-Agenda Item Re hourly rates on Eighth Street - Co

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

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

City Clerk Item No. 11

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 Commissioner Slesnick, to Adopt the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-27**C.-1. 16-5615**

A Resolution authorizing the Kiwanis Club of Little Havana to sell alcoholic beverages on Alhambra Circle from Douglas Road to Le Jeune Road, from 12:00 p.m. to midnight on Saturday, March 4, 2017, and from 12:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 5, 2017, as part of the "Carnaval on the Mile," subject to Florida Department of Professional Regulation Requirements, and with a stipulation that the event will return to Miracle Mile at the completion of the Streetscape Project.

Attachments: [Carnaval on the Mile Draft Resolution 2017](#)
[Carnaval On the Mile 2017 Application](#)
[Carnal on the mile map 2 2017](#)
[Carnaval map 3 ALHAMBRA layout w parking](#)
[Signed Cover Sheet for Carnaval on the Mile 2017](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE KIWANIS CLUB OF LITTLE HAVANA TO SELL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ON ALHAMBRA CIRCLE FROM DOUGLAS ROAD TO LE JEUNE ROAD FROM 12:00 P.M. TO MIDNIGHT ON SATURDAY, MARCH 4, 2017, AND FROM 12:00 P.M. TO 10:00 P.M. ON SUNDAY, MARCH 5, 2017, AS PART OF "CARNAVAL ON THE MILE", SUBJECT TO FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION REQUIREMENTS, AND WITH A STIPULATION THAT THE EVENT WILL RETURN TO MIRACLE MILE AT THE COMPLETION OF THE STREETSCAPE PROJECT.

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2017-27 on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 12

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-28C.-2. 17-5771

A Resolution granting a one-day permit to Smart Kids Bright Organization for a fundraiser including the sale of alcoholic beverages on Wednesday, March 15, 2017, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Village of Merrick Park on San Lorenzo Avenue during the "Veritage Miami" event, subject to Florida Department of Professional Regulation Requirements.

Attachments: [Smart Kids Bright RESOLUTION 2017](#)
[Smart Kids Bright APPLICATION 2017 REDO](#)
[Smart Kids Bright Signed Cover Memo 2017](#)

A RESOLUTION GRANTING A ONE-DAY PERMIT TO SMART KIDS BRIGHT ORGANIZATION FOR A FUNDRAISER INCLUDING THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ON WEDNESDAY MARCH 15TH, 2017 FROM 6:00 P.M. TO 9:30 P.M. AT THE VILLAGE OF MERRICK PARK ON SAN LORENZO AVENUE DURING THE "VERITAGE MIAMI" EVENT, SUBJECT TO FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION REQUIREMENTS.

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2017-28 on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 13

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-29C.-3. 17-5753

A Resolution authorizing the acceptance and execution of the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Emergency Medical Services (EMS) County Grant #C5013 Letter of Understanding and Agreement from the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners and the State of Florida Department of Health; and amending the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Annual Budget, to recognize the \$1,794 grant award as revenue, and appropriate such funds to cover the cost of the grant expenditures.

Attachments: [Draft Resolution, EMS Cty Grant #C5013, Ltr of Understanding](#)
[Letter of Understanding, EMS Cty Grant #C5013](#)
[Copy of State Award Letter](#)
[Work Plan Projects Budget Summary](#)
[Work Plan Projects Budget Detail](#)
[MD County's Projects Work Plan, rev 10-20-16](#)
[Signed Cover Memo, EMS Cty Grant #C5013, Ltr of Understanding](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE AND EXECUTION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017 EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS) COUNTY GRANT #C5013 LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING AND AGREEMENT FROM THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND THE STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH; AND AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017 ANNUAL BUDGET TO RECOGNIZE THE \$1,794 GRANT AWARD AS REVENUE AND APPROPRIATE SUCH FUNDS TO COVER THE COST OF THE GRANT EXPENDITURES.

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2017-29 on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 14

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-30C.-4. 17-5762

A Resolution authorizing waiver of the charges associated with usage of barricades and parking meter rentals for "Gables Bike Day" on Sunday, March 12, 2017, as well as providing certain equipment and services.

Attachments: bike day RESOL
bike day Signed COVER

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING WAIVER OF THE CHARGES ASSOCIATED WITH USAGE OF BARRICADES AND PARKING METER RENTALS FOR "GABLES BIKE DAY" ON SUNDAY, MARCH 12, 2017, AS WELL AS PROVIDING CERTAIN EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES.

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2017-30 on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 15

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-31C.-5. 17-5772

A Resolution amending Ordinance 2015-17, as amended, to adjust the Special Events fees, increase admission fees for Venetian Pool, and add an administrative fee for summer camp late registration.

Attachments: Signed Cover Memo - amending Ordinance 2015-17 - fee adjustment
Draft Resolution - amending Ordinance 2015-17 - fee adjustment
Special Events Guidelines
Venetian Pool Fee Comparison Study

A RESOLUTION AMENDING ORDINANCE 2015-17, AS AMENDED, TO ADJUST THE FEES FOR SPECIAL EVENTS AND INCREASE NON-RESIDENT ADMISSION FEES FOR VENETIAN POOL.

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2017-31 on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 16

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-32C.-6. 17-5711

A Resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Cultural Grants.

Attachments: CDB Minutes December 05 2016 EXCERPT re. Cultural Grant Funding
Signed CC.Cultural Grant Funding 2016-17
R-Draft-Cultural Grant Funding 2016-17
Exhibit A 02.09.17
Signed CC. 02-24-17 Cultural Grant Funding 2016-17

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017 CULTURAL GRANTS.

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2017-32 on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 17

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-33**C.-7. 17-5791**

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

Attachments: R-2017 Draft- ALEXIS J. EHRENHAFT - Pinewood Cemetery Advisory Board Alexis Resume
R-2017-Signed Cover Memo- ALEXIS J. EHRENHAFT - Pinewood Cemetery Ad

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

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2017-33 on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 18

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-34**C.-8. 17-5800**

A Resolution authorizing Wolfe's Wine Shoppe to add the sale of alcoholic beverages by the glass for consumption on premises, as permitted by State law, on the property legally described as Coral Gables Crafts Section, Lot 16 & 17, Block 3, (124 Miracle Mile), Coral Gables, Florida; and providing for an effective date.

Attachments: Signed Cover Memo - Wolfe's Wine Shoppe
Draft Reso - Wolfe's Wine Shoppe
Signed Letter of Intent
Certificate of Use and Liquor Survey

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING WOLFE'S WINE SHOPPE TO ADD THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES BY THE GLASS FOR CONSUMPTION ON PREMISES, AS PERMITTED BY STATE LAW, ON THE PROPERTY LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS CORAL GABLES CRAFTS SECTION, LOT 16 & 17, BLOCK 3, (124 MIRACLE MILE), CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2017-34 on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 19

1. Presentation of Boards and/or Committees minutes requesting no action from the City Commission:**1.-1. 17-5738**

Communications Committee Meeting of January 19, 2017.

Attachments: Agendaitemfebruary2017
Minutes January 2017 FINAL

This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 20

- 1.-8. 17-5776 Senior Services Advisory Board Meeting of December 5, 2016.
Attachments: Senior Advisory Board Cover page & Min. Dec. 5 2016
This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.
City Clerk Item No. 27
- 1.-9. 17-5777 Youth Advisory Board Meeting of November 14, 2016.
Attachments: Parks & rec youth Advisory Board Cover page & Min Nov. 14 2016
This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.
City Clerk Item No. 28
- 1.-10. 17-5773 Youth Advisory Board Meeting of December 5, 2016.
Attachments: Parks & rec youth Advisory Board Cover page & Min Dec. 5 2016
This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.
City Clerk Item No. 29

D. PERSONAL APPEARANCES

Time Certain 9:45am - (Agenda Item D-1)

- D.-1. 17-5784 Status update of Coral Gables Retirement Board.
Attachments: Funding Policy for Coral Gables - updated 11-30-2016
[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Item D-1 is available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk and in Legistar].
This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed
City Clerk Item No. 8

E. PUBLIC HEARINGS**ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING****ORDINANCE NO. 2017-05****E.-1. 17-5716**

An Ordinance amending Chapter 50 of the Code of the City of Coral Gables, entitled "Pensions;" amending Section 50-83 "Members - Selection," to have the Director of Labor Relations and Risk Management serve on the Retirement Board and Remove the Human Resources Director from the Retirement Board, and providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, codification, and providing for an effective date.

Attachments: [Ordinance Amending Section 50-83 Members - 1-9-2017 PDF](#)
[Signed Cover Memo - Ordinance Amending Section 50-83](#)
[Signed Cover Memo - Ordinance Amending Section 50-83 - Second Reading](#)
[Ordinance Amending Section 50-83 Members - Second Reading](#)
[No Impact Letter](#)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 50 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, ENTITLED "PENSIONS"; AMENDING SECTION 50-83 "MEMBERS - SELECTION," TO HAVE THE DIRECTOR OF LABOR RELATIONS AND RISK MANAGEMENT SERVE ON THE RETIREMENT BOARD AND REMOVE THE HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR FROM THE RETIREMENT BOARD AND PROVIDING FOR REPEALER, CODIFICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Quesada, seconded by Commissioner Lago, that this matter be adopted by Ordinance Number 2017-05. The motion passed by the following vote.

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

City Clerk Item No. 30

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING**Agenda Items E-2 and E-3 are related.**

- E.-2. 17-5760** An Ordinance of the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida requesting an amendment to the text of the City of Coral Gables Comprehensive Plan, Future Land Use Element, Policy FLU-1.1.2, "Table FLU-1. Residential Land Uses," pursuant to expedited State review procedures (S.163.3184, Florida Statutes) and Zoning Code Article 3, "Development Review," Division 15, "Comprehensive Plan Text and Map Amendments," amending the "Multi-Family Medium Density" Land Use Classification to provide that a maximum density of 60 units/acre, or 75 units/acre with architectural incentives per the Zoning Code, shall be permitted for development pursuant to Residential Infill Regulations, with additional density permitted in accordance with any workforce / attainable housing density program; providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, and providing for an effective date. (02 01 17 PZB recommended deferral until Attainable/Workforce Housing Study is completed, Vote: 4-3)

Attachments: 02 14 17 Exhibit A - Draft Ordinance - Comprehensive Plan Text Amendment
02 14 17 Exhibit B - Draft Ordinance - Zoning Code Text Amendment
02 14 17 Exhibit C - 02 01 17 PZB Staff Report with attachments
02 14 17 Exhibit D - Excerpts of 02 01 17 PZB Meeting Minutes
02 14 17 Exhibit E - 02 02 17 City Attorney email RE North Ponce Infill Regulation
02 14 17 Exhibit F - 02 14 17 City Commission PowerPoint presentation
02 14 17 CC Signed Cover Memo - North Ponce Residential

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

City Clerk Item No. 36

E.-3. 17-5761

An Ordinance of the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida providing for text amendments to the City of Coral Gables Official Zoning Code, by amending Article 4, "Zoning Districts," adding Section 4-206, "Residential Infill Regulations" to modify and supplement the existing Multi-Family 2 standards and criteria for certain properties located within the North Ponce area to allow as a conditional use appropriate redevelopment including increased density that promotes walkability, enhances East Ponce de Leon Boulevard, and provides a visual connection between the Douglas Entrance and Ponce de Leon Boulevard; providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, codification, and providing for an effective date. (02 01 17 PZB recommended deferral until Attainable/Workforce Housing Study is completed, Vote: 4-3)

Attachments: [02 14 17 Exhibit A - Draft Ordinance - Comprehensive Plan Text Amendment](#)
[02 14 17 Exhibit B - Draft Ordinance - Zoning Code Text Amendment](#)
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A motion was made by Vice Mayor Quesada, 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 Slesnick, Commissioner Keon, Commissioner Lago, Vice Mayor Quesada and Mayor Cason

City Clerk Item No. 37

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-39

17-5890

A Resolution providing guidance regarding the proposed amendments to the Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Code creating the North Ponce de Leon Boulevard residential infill regulations.

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING GUIDANCE REGARDING THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND ZONING CODE CREATING THE NORTH PONCE DE LEON BOULEVARD RESIDENTIAL INFILL REGULATIONS.

A motion was made by Commissioner Keon, seconded by Commissioner Slesnick, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2017-39. The motion passed by the following vote.

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

City Clerk Item No. 38

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-07

- E.-4. **17-5779** An Ordinance of the City Commission of Coral Gables creating Section 2-203 of the Code of the City of Coral Gables entitled "City Clerk and Office of the City Clerk," establishing the function, duties, and responsibilities of the Office of the City Clerk; providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, codification, and providing for an effective date.

Attachments: Signed Cover Memo - Section 2-203 - City Clerk and Office the City Clerk - First R
Draft Ordinance - Section 2-203 - City Clerk and Office of the City Clerk - First Rea
Cover Memo - Section 2-203 - City Clerk and Office the City Clerk - Second Read
Draft Ordinance - Section 2-203 - City Clerk and Office of the City Clerk - Second

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

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

City Clerk Item No. 34

F. CITY COMMISSION ITEMS

None

City Clerk Item No. 40

G. BOARDS/COMMITTEES ITEMS

None

City Clerk Item No. 41

H. CITY MANAGER ITEMS**RESOLUTION NO. 2017-26****H.-1. 17-5751**

A Resolution of the City of Coral Gables, Florida, approving an agreement with In-Telligent, LLC, for the provision of its In-Telligent application platform, subject to the Procurement Code, for the purpose of transmitting emergency alerts to the community at no cost to the City; authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with In-Telligent, LLC in furtherance hereof; providing for implementation and providing for an effective date.

Attachments: In-telligent Draft Resolution
In-telligent LLC License and Use Agreement - Coral Gables - Draft (01.25.2017)-C
In-telligent Signed CoverMemo

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH IN-TELLIGENT, LLC FOR THE PROVISION OF ITS INTELLIGENT APPLICATION PLATFORM, SUBJECT TO THE PROCUREMENT CODE, FOR THE PURPOSE OF TRANSMITTING EMERGENCY ALERTS TO THE COMMUNITY AT NO COST TO THE CITY; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH IN-TELLIGENT, LLC IN FURTHERANCE HEREOF; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Quesada, seconded by Commissioner Slesnick, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2017-26. The motion passed by the following vote.

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

City Clerk Item No. 9

H.-2. 17-5802

Public Safety Strategies update.

[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].

This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 44

I. CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS**RESOLUTION NO. 2017-38**

- I-1 17-5799 A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Coral Gables, Florida, regarding duties of Cultural Development Board Members and staff.

Attachments: Signed Cover Memo - re Cultural Development Board members and staff
Draft Resolution - re Cultural Development Board members and staff

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, REGARDING DUTIES OF CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF.

[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 Commissioner Lago, seconded by Vice Mayor Quesada, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2017-38. The motion passed by the following vote.

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

City Clerk Item No. 35

- I-2. 17-5742 Status report regarding annexation.

Attachments: Report revised 2-9-17
Exh 1 - Rev Cost
Exh 3 - HPPD Fact Sheet HI 2-6-17
Exh 2 LGs survey 2-9-17
Presentation Cover

[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. 43

- I-3. 17-5743 Request for an Executive Session (if any).

This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 42

J. CITY CLERK ITEMS**RESOLUTION NO. 2017-35**

Non **17-5889**
Agenda

A Resolution pursuant to Section 1 of the City Charter instructing the City Clerk to accept qualified candidates to run for election for the unexpired term of the Office of City Commissioner, Group 5.

A RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO SECTION 1 OF THE CITY CHARTER INSTRUCTING THE CLERK TO ACCEPT QUALIFIED CANDIDATES TO RUN FOR ELECTION FOR THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THE OFFICE OF CITY COMMISSIONER, GROUP 5.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lago, seconded by Vice Mayor Quesada, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2017-35. The motion passed by the following vote.

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

City Clerk Item No. 31

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-36

J.-1. **17-5786**

A Resolution of the City Commission, with attachment, making provisions for holding a General Biennial Election on April 11, 2017, for the election of candidates for the office(s) of Mayor and three City Commissioners; further designating and appointing the City Clerk as the official representative of the City Commission, with respect to the supervision of said General Biennial election; further directing the City Clerk to give notice by publication of the adoption of this resolution and the provisions hereof.

Attachments: Signed Cover Memo - General Biennial Election 04-11-2017
Draft Resolution - General Biennial Election 04-11-2017

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION, WITH ATTACHMENT, MAKING PROVISIONS FOR HOLDING A GENERAL BIENNIAL ELECTION ON APRIL 11, 2017, FOR THE ELECTION OF CANDIDATES FOR THE OFFICE(S) OF MAYOR AND THREE CITY COMMISSIONERS; FURTHER DESIGNATING AND APPOINTING THE CITY CLERK AS THE OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CITY COMMISSION, WITH RESPECT TO THE SUPERVISION OF SAID GENERAL BIENNIAL ELECTION; FURTHER DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO GIVE NOTICE BY PUBLICATION OF THE ADOPTION OF THIS RESOLUTION AND THE PROVISIONS HEREOF.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lago, seconded by Vice Mayor Quesada, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2017-36. The motion passed by the following vote.

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

City Clerk Item No. 32

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-37J.-2. **17-5778**

A Resolution appointing members of the Canvassing Board (board) for the upcoming General Biennial Election of Tuesday, April 11, 2017, namely, the Honorable Carlos Guzman, County Court Judge, 11th Judicial Circuit, the Honorable Jacqueline Hogan Scola, Circuit Court Judge, 11th Judicial Circuit, and City Clerk, Walter J. Foeman, for the purpose of canvassing absentee ballots and precinct returns; further authorizing said board to certify the results of said election.

Attachments: Signed Cover Memo - Canvassing Board - Biennial Election 04-11-2017
Draft Resolution - Canvassing Board - Biennial Election 04-11-2017

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE CANVASSING BOARD (BOARD) FOR THE UPCOMING GENERAL BIENNIAL ELECTION OF TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 2017, NAMELY, THE HONORABLE CARLOS GUZMAN, COUNTY COURT JUDGE, 11TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, THE HONORABLE JACQUELINE HOGAN SCOLA, CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE, 11TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, AND CITY CLERK, WALTER J. FOEMAN, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CANVASSING ABSENTEE BALLOTS AND PRECINCT RETURNS; FURTHER AUTHORIZING SAID BOARD TO CERTIFY THE RESULTS OF SAID ELECTION.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lago, seconded by Commissioner Slesnick, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2017-37. The motion passed by the following vote.

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

City Clerk Item No. 33

K. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Mayor Cason: Discussion.

Commissioner Keon: Just one item I'd like to talk about. I spoke with the City Manager the other day, and it deals with the issue of festivals in our City and the amount of requests that we get for festivals. When someone wants to do a festival in the City they go to the Special Events Committee and it really becomes a Public Works issue as far as the approval for the item and how it's going to whatever the festival is and whatever. Sometimes we have a variety of festivals that some of them are considered to be cultural festivals and whatever, but in large part they become opportunity, they are kind of street fairs, they are a variety of other things. I wondered if when we have a request to hold a festival in the City if our Cultural Affairs Board could take a look at those festivals and kind of decide and look at the festival and if it's a cultural festival that it is truly a cultural festival and what they are offering is really representative of the particular group that is having it, and these different festivals. I mean there are some events that are events; the Kiwanis is an event, that's a little

different, but a lot of these are festivals of one sort generally that maybe our Cultural Affairs Board - these requests could go to our Cultural Affairs Board and they could look at them and are they the type of festivals or would they recommend them as the type of festival that would be appropriate in the City?- how could they make it a higher quality festival?- how can it best service?- and who is it serving? Is it serving the residents of the City of Coral Gables because that's who they really impose a burden on a lot of times with traffic and with blocking off streets and a lot of other things, and we hear often concerns raised by residents in the areas near these festivals with the decibel level of the music, the loud music and these different things. If maybe the Cultural Board could actually look at this festival and then if they would get a recommendation from them on the particular festival and how maybe it would best be staged before it actually goes to Public Works as just an event. If we could just maybe give that a little bit of thought, if we could maybe have it as an item to come put on the agenda maybe next time or something? If you could give it some thought.

Commissioner Lago: I echo your sentiments 110 percent.

Commissioner Keon: OK. Thank you.

Commissioner Lago: About six months ago, and the Manager will tell you because her staff prepared it, I have a list of all the events, because I received about four or five phone calls from residents that live near Ponce Circle Park and they told me Vince, we are having so many events. They are more controlled in the downtown area then they don't have an issue, but the fact that these events are going on and the music is so intense. I wanted to find out how many events are really going on. So, what I'm going to have is the Manager, please send my colleagues the list that you prepared for me, which is detailed. One of the individuals that requested it was Mr. Durana who requested it. So he basically said, find out how many events are going on and when the amount of events that we approved over the last year, when I saw it I said, this is pretty intense, because there is really not a moment over the weekend to have that break and just those residential neighborhoods that are so close to commercial, especially when these events take over for an entire weekend, it becomes a little bit too much. So, I'm with you. I would love to have an item on the agenda when we discuss it, but after you kind of have a chance to take a look at that full breakdown. Naomi prepared it, was it Naomi that prepared it?

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: Together with Fred Couceyro.

Commissioner Lago: They did a great job. They did a great job.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: Special events is actually, although I'm sure Public Works could handle it, it's actually managed through Parks.

Commissioner Lago: They did a great job.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: They do the barricades, they do the physical layouts.

Commissioner Keon: The Parks kind of does the review and then they do the work, but you know I think we have a Cultural Affairs Board that other than they approve the grants and that sort of thing, but maybe they can help us see that the type of event that if offered in the City, 1) serves the residents of the City and is of the quality that you would like to see in the City.

Commissioner Lago: I'll give you a perfect event that happened in the City on Ponce Circle Park, which I think epitomizes what the City is all about, the cook-off event for the Chamber, the hamburger event.

Commissioner Slesnick: Burgerlicious.

Commissioner Lago: I'm just guessing, I don't have facts, I would probably say 75-80 percent of the individuals that are there are young professionals, career professionals who live in the Gables, who leave their office on Thursday or Friday night whenever the event is and they come to the Burgerlicious at 6 o'clock and enjoy two or three hours and it's over. You are talking about 2,000 people in Ponce Circle Park, it's not like it's about 100-200 people. When you look at this list and you kind of see all these events, I think it will make Commissioner, it will give a lot of credence to Commissioner Keon's request to have a little bit of a discussion point.

Commissioner Slesnick: Did either of you see the Art Festival that was moved to Alhambra instead of closing down Miracle Mile, they had the Art Festival, did any of you attend that?- that was very nice closing off just one part of Alhambra.

Commissioner Lago: It was nice, it was nice. You're right. I agree with that.

Mayor Cason: Pat anything else?

Commissioner Keon: No that was all. Thank you.

Commissioner Lago: I forgot to mention for Wings for Wishes, I think that they have to get final approval from the City in reference to close that street. I'd like to see if staff can see where it is right now in reference to that event. I know it's in March, but I want to make sure that if they are approved or denied that they get that approval now, so they can make the proper plans for it. I want to commend Code Enforcement; they've taken a very proactive look and stance in regards to people throwing trash inappropriately, to put it mildly, on the days we are not supposed to, they've been out there. They've been educating the community and I think it's essential that we continue to ramp that up, especially with the NSA's (Neighborhood Safety Aides), people need to be educated that they just can't go out there. For example, somebody in my neighborhood that threw out a file cabinet and a toaster on a Saturday and it was out there till Tuesday, that type of behavior is unacceptable in Coral Gables. We know better than that. So, I want to compliment Code Enforcement and give them a few words of positive re-enforcement that they are stepping up and I appreciate that, they are doing a very good job.

Commissioner Slesnick: I want to wish everybody a Happy Valentine's Day, hope you have fun tonight. If you want to go someplace before you go out to a late dinner, the Coral Gables Cinema is featuring "It Happened One Night," an Oldie-Goldie movie, romantic movie with Claudette Colbert and then go out to dinner later, so you can get into the restaurants. Also in my survey, a recent survey that I did, I was happy I asked about community events and so forth, that people attend, and the number one top attraction was the Coral Gables Cinema, a close second was Actor's Playhouse, and then also readings at Books and Books. So, right in our little hub of cultural center it was really highly rated, along with the museum; and I wanted to mention, I really would like to see or we were talking about having something like this where hazardous waste was picked up just like we pick up electronic waste on Saturday, one Saturday if we could while Farmers Market is going on, because selling houses, I see people moving out and putting paint cans and things in plastic bags for our trash men and I hate to see that.

Commissioner Lago: We are working on that already. We have that scheduled for April.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: 21 - it's behind City Hall, it's a part of the

electronic plug recycling, I'm sorry sir.

Mayor Cason: It includes batteries?

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: Including batteries - And so what we are also though doing is looking at how can we integrate that in our, we don't have it yet, but how can we integrate it in a more regular system associated with our trash pickup, like once a month, but they are evaluating all of that and we'll bring it back to you.

Commissioner Slesnick: I just hate to see anything going into our water system. Last but not least, I'm so proud of our City Attorney for following up on 1411 Mantua, which is now a vacant lot instead of an old house, it was being torn apart. So, thank you Mr. City Attorney for following up on that.

City Attorney Leen: My pleasure. I was going to mention 1411 Mantua as well.

Commissioner Slesnick: I beat you to it.

Mayor Cason: Go ahead and mention it.

City Attorney Leen: I'm very happy to say that 1411 Mantua no longer exists as a structure, it's been demolished. We are now in the process of putting sod, as the Commission always request and removing the fence, and we still have a forfeiture proceeding on this property, so the bank better reimburse us for what we have done in the public interest, or else we are going to end up with that property.

Commissioner Lago: I think that would be a great pocket park.

City Attorney Leen: I'm just letting them know they need to reimburse us right away or we are going to proceed with that forfeiture and take over that property.

Commissioner Lago: What are the chances that we could potentially purchase that property or end up with that property in some form or way?

City Attorney Leen: We will go into discussions with the bank, so there is always a chance. I'll talk to the City Manager.

Commissioner Lago: Commissioner Keon mentioned what are the fines on that

property?

Commissioner Keon: Can you explain again to people, because I hear people often say to me...

Commissioner Lago: We sell it for peanuts.

Commissioner Keon: A lot of people say to me, why did you settle with that property when it had all those Code Enforcement fines?- and you try to explain to people that...

City Attorney Leen: When in a nutshell, there is a Supreme Court case, City of Palm Bay, which says that Code Enforcement fines do not have super priority, so essentially they are foreclosed. They are always foreclosed by the bank or if it's a Homestead property, which is rare sometimes with these types of types of properties you can't really attach the lien to the house, because under the Constitution you can't lien a Homestead property. So, for both of those reasons they are basically unenforceable. What ends up happening is typically when there is going to be a transfer of the property to a third party, they'll come and try to negotiate the liens with you and in those circumstances you often want to do that, because you want to facilitate the transfer of the property and what we do is enter into essentially a stipulation through Miriam and through Code Enforcement whereby they agree that the new party coming in to purchase it, to fix up everything within a certain time or the liens get placed back on the property.

Mayor Cason: But, in this particular property.

City Attorney Leen: In this property we have special assessment liens, because we paid for demolition, we paid attorney's fees, we paid a number of things related to this property and the forfeiture proceeding and we are requesting all that be paid back in order to bring the property into compliance.

Commissioner Keon: Because that special assessment does hold a priority.

Commissioner Lago: Is the bank being responsive?

City Attorney Leen: Well the bank has not been that helpful. They've been more neutral. Openly they did not block seeking demolition, they contested it for a while

and then the court issued the order and they acquiesced, so we were able to demolish the property. They have not come forward and agreed to pay these things yet. So, we are going to proceed with forfeiture, really the time limit is the end of the case, because what our Code says is if they comply before the end of the case, the case is dismissed. If they don't comply, then we get the forfeiture. We already have been found to have probably cause for the seizure, so we are in possession of the property. That brings me to the next point very quickly. In March, we are going to be coming back to you with the abandoned property report, which we do periodically, what you are going to find is that we've addressed every property that was originally now on that list. So, we are adding property, so if any of you have any properties that you know, and Madam City Manager, obviously you as well and Code Enforcement and we often get them from City staff, but if any of you have any specific properties that you would like put on this list, please let me know or if you have any questions, because we can essentially refresh the list, because now we are looking for additional properties to bring into compliance. This has been a great program. I would like to give very special thanks to the City Manager, to the two Assistant City Managers, because there has been both a Code Enforcement component and a Police component, but I have to give special thanks to my counterpart over there, the Building Official, Assistant City Manager who on every one of these properties has been so helpful, also Code Enforcement. I really want to thank Code Enforcement because they have been so helpful on these properties. We've addressed every one that was on that list, so I'm very proud to be part of that. The last thing is Justice Advocate Program I would like to give...

Commissioner Lago: You forgot to give credit to somebody who deserves all the credit.

City Attorney Leen: Commissioner Keon deserves the credit.

Commissioner Lago: There you go. You are a gentleman. She came up with this legislation and I remember when she came up and you know what I thought in my mind, I said I should have come up with that idea, that's a great idea.

City Attorney Leen: Commissioner Keon did come forward with the enhanced abandoned property ordinance, remember that?

Commissioner Keon: It was to go after the banks...and you know how to do it as our City Attorney, you were able to go through and find a way for us to legally do

that, and it really was with the support of my colleagues.

City Attorney Leen: Oh, yes, the Mayor. Remember Cotorro and he raised that every meeting for a year.

Commissioner Keon: That's why Cotorro fixed, that's why...

City Attorney Leen: The squatter's ordinance.

Commissioner Lago: I can show you the string of e-mails from residents just the level of frustrations was boiling over - what do you mean you can't do anything about this home Cottoro and the one near the Synagogue.

Commissioner Keon: Right - the one on Granada, and that's when we said, yes we can, we can go after them.

City Attorney Leen: We raised a number of them, Commissioner Slesnick sees some of them in her job as a real estate agent, she will point them out.

Commissioner Keon: But we do have an abandoned property list, you have to register abandoned properties...

City Attorney Leen: Yes,

Commissioner Keon:...and so we can continue to work from that...

City Attorney Leen: Yes.

Commissioner Keon:...but we shouldn't rely on fines to solve issues and to maintain our neighborhoods and to allow properties. The Manager often says that one property can't ruin a neighborhood.

City Attorney Leen: So, the last thing I want to say was with the Justice Advocate Program. I would like to thank Frank Fernandez, he's been helping us with the program, also Chief Hudak, both of them, but what we are going to be doing now is we are looking at cases, which are no action. So, what that means is, let's say we arrest someone, we find probable cause, we bring it to the Prosecutor's office and they don't proceed with the case, so they "No Action" it, a "No Pros," sometimes

they dismiss the case, but nothing happens, that's always been a concern of this Commission. That's one of the reasons we established the Justice Advocate Program. So, what we are going to be doing is, we are going to be looking at for the last three months and then going forward every "No Action," we are going to be meeting with Director Fernandez, Chief Hudak, going over those "No Actions," so use it as a training tool, because sometimes we may need to do something in addition to help the Prosecution and in cases where it was "No Pros" and maybe we feel like the case should have proceeded, we are going to bring our own action, that's what we are looking at. We are looking at bringing our own action as a Municipal Ordinance Violation or a Code Enforcement Violation under the enhanced ordinances that all of you supported. So, I'll bring that for you next month.

Commissioner Lago: Perfect.

Mayor Cason: Everybody go home and have a nice Valentine's Day. Meeting adjourned.

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L. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Time Certain 12:00pm (Agenda Item L-1)

- L.-1. **17-5806** Discussion regarding the Fraternal Order of Police Contract, closed to the public pursuant to Sec. 447.605, F.S., for purposes of discussing collective bargaining.

This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed

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ADJOURNMENT

[Note for the Record: There being no further business on the Regular City Commission Meeting Agenda. The Commission of the City of Coral Gables adjourned its meeting at 3:39 p.m. The next regular meeting of the City Commission has been scheduled for Tuesday, February 28, 2017, beginning 9 a.m.]

JIM CASON
MAYOR

ATTEST



WALTER J. FOEMAN
CITY CLERK