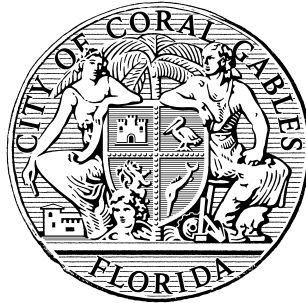


City of Coral Gables

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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 25, 2011

9:00 AM

City Hall, Commission Chambers

City Commission

*Mayor Jim Cason
Vice Mayor William H. Kerdyk, Jr.
Commissioner Maria Anderson
Commissioner Rafael "Ralph" Cabrera, Jr.
Commissioner Frank C. Quesada*

*Patrick G. Salerno, City Manager
Craig E. Leen, City Attorney
Walter J. Foeman, City Clerk*

ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Mayor Cason, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Cabrera Jr., Vice Mayor Kerdyk Jr. and Commissioner Quesada

INVOCATION

[Note for the Record: Mayor Cason informed the viewing public that he was happy to receive Pastor Lawrence Boudin, PhD from St. James Evangelical Lutheran Church, where he is currently serving as Interim Pastor here in Coral Gables.

Mayor Cason further pointed out that prior to the Seminary, Dr. Boudin worked as an editor of the Handbook of Latin-American studies at the Library of Congress in Washington D.C. He also on occasion taught classes in Latin American politics and international relations at American University.

Mayor Cason further mentioned that Dr. Boudin holds a PhD in International Studies from the University of Miami, a Masters Degree in Government from the University of Virginia in Charlottesville, Virginia, a Masters of Divinity from the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary, in Columbia, South Carolina, and a Bachelor's degree in Political Science and Spanish from the University of Rochester, in Rochester, New York.

Following the deliverance of the Invocation, Pastor Boudin also informed the City Commission that he is currently a Chaplain at Doctor's Hospital; adding that if any of the viewing public has the misfortune of becoming sick, that they may receive a visit from him].

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Frank Quesada led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

[Note for the Record (Non- Agenda Item): Mayor Cason prefaced his remarks by stating that approximately one week ago, he prepared a Resolution of Condolence, on behalf of the City Commission and gave it to the family of Jack Guiteras on the occasion of his untimely passing; further stating that Mr. Guiteras was one of the founders of Lorraine Travel in Cuba in 1948, and the owner of the Globe Restaurant; further informing the viewing public that Mr. Guiteras, who had been sick was a great friend of his, and a great citizen of Coral Gables, and that he will be missed.

Commissioner Anderson added her measure of thanks to Mayor Cason regarding his preparation and forwarding of the aforementioned protocol document, stating that she did not know that such a document had been prepared; further stating that the Guiteras family is a great family].

A.-1. 11-1143 Presentation of 30 years service pin to Marianela Landin, Police Department.

Attachments: [CM_Landin](#)

[Note for the Record: Mayor prefaced his remarks by stating that Agenda Items A-1 through A-6 are dedicated to those protocol recognitions, such as length of service, outstanding contributions made by employees in our protective services areas and employee achievement; further requesting of the City Manager to introduce Agenda Items A-1 and A-3, respectively. City Manager Salerno requested of Human Resources Director Elsa Jaramillo-Velez to approach the dais in connection with the presentation of a 30-year service pin to Marianela Landin, Coral Gables Police Department. Mrs. Jaramillo-Velez stated that Ms. Landin has spent her entire tenure in the Police Department; further calling upon Major Joe Mc Nichol to provide some additional details about Ms. Landin.

Major McNichol stated that Marianela Landin joined the Police Department on October 6, 1981, as a Police Communications Operator, later to become a Communications Operator in May of 1984, a position she holds to this day,

Major McNichol further described Marianela as being an individual who makes every effort to maintain a high quality work product, keeping alert of current changes, displaying a strong knowledge of responsibilities, displaying good initiative as well as being a team player who gets along very well with co-workers and supervisors-further distinguishing herself as being one who is very courteous, communicating both verbally and in written form in an exceptional manner.

Major McNichol further pointed out that Marianela continues to maintain additional challenges in her role of training new Communications Operators as well as officers ,

and periodically acts in the position of Supervisor.-further notes that she keeps current with new seminars and training-further recognized by her peers for her exemplary qualities, being selected as “Employee of the Month” in September of 1995; finally noticing that in April of 2010, she volunteered participation for the National Telecommunications Week Committee, to assist with coordinating the week long event. Major McNichol summed up his praised for Maria by stating that she is an excellent and dedicated employee who has and who will continue to make the City a more beautiful place to work and live].

This Presentation/Protocol Document was Presented and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 1

- A.-2. 11-1144** Presentation of 25 years service pin to Donald G. Nelson, Finance Department.

Attachments: [CM Nelson](#)

[Note for the Record: Human Resources Director, on the occasion of the presentation of a 25-year pin to Finance Director Don Nelson stated that Don graduated from Florida State University, however she stated in jest that the City would not hold that against Mr. Nelson; he received his Master’s Degree in Accounting at Florida International University -Don later joined the City’s Internal Audit Department, thereby accepting an Internal Auditor’s position- later being promoted to a higher position before becoming Chief Accountant. During his 5 year tenure with the City, Mrs. Jaramillo-Velez further noted that he was given increased responsibility, resulting in a thorough command of the City’s administrative and accounting functions; Don later joined the City of Miami Springs as Finance Director in Calendar Year 1981 and returned to Coral Gables as its Finance Director in November of 1991-directly responsible for preparing, presenting and implementing comprehensive annual financial reports, budgets, financial plans, projections, payroll, collections and administration of the City’s Retirement System].

This Presentation/Protocol Document was Presented and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 2

A.-3. 11-1157

Presentation of a Certificate of Appreciation to Donald G. Nelson, Finance Director, on the occasion of his retirement.

[Note for the Record: Mayor Cason requested of Vice Mayor Kerdyk to present the Certificate of Appreciation to Don Nelson, whereby Vice Mayor Kerdyk stated that it is hard to believe that 25 years have gone by so quickly; further acknowledging that under Mr. Nelson's tenure, the City has maintained a AA Bond Rating, that his co-workers all admire him and his professionalism,, pointing out that he has done a great job as Finance Director; further reading a Certificate of Appreciation into the public record on his exemplary career of public service to the City.

Following the reading of the aforementioned protocol document into the public record, Vice Mayor Kerdyk further stated that although many people referred to accountants as "bean pickers", let it be known that Mr. Nelson has an outstanding sense of humor-making reference to a pivotal moment in our City's history wherein the proposed building of a City Hall annex was the source of great controversy; further recalling that he was personally opposed to this measure, and that Mr. Nelson responding to him that one has to do what one has to do-only to pull out a paper bag rendition of a high rise City Hall, referencing said creation and saying that this is what City Hall will look like if one continues along the present path.

Vice Mayor Kerdyk stated that Mr. Nelson had done so many things during his tenure with the City, and invited him to have a few remarks. Mr. Nelson reminisced that having appeared before the City Commission an inordinate number of times, and further noting that when one fills out an application for a job, one never does so with the realization that one day retirement is eminent-further acknowledging the many people that he has worked with over the years, including but not limited to City Managers, City Attorneys, City Clerks, etc.-further pointing out it is the employees who make the City- including the departments of Police, Fire, Parks, Public Works, the City Administration-adding that we are all working together; further acknowledging his staff, stating that they were always behind him, individually recognizing his Assistant Director Adolfo Sansores, his Administrative Assistant Yvette Companioni, stating that his entire staff has been great; further thanking the City for his 25 years of service, adding that he will never forget them; finally thanking everyone].

This Presentation/Protocol Document was Presented and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 3

- A.-4. 11-1130 Congratulations to Detective Brad Baena, recipient of the City of Coral Gables Officer of the Month Award, for the month of September 2011.

Attachments: [COMMISSION COVER MEMO - OFFICER OF THE MONTH - SEPT Nomination - Officer of the Month - September](#)

This Presentation/Protocol Document was Presented and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 4

- A.-5. 11-1128 Congratulations to Captain George Valladares, recipient of the City of Coral Gables Firefighter of the Month Award, for the month of October 2011.

Attachments: [Cover Memo - FF of the Month - Oct 2011.pdf](#)
[Firefighter of the Month Notification Letter.pdf](#)

[Note for the Record: City Manager requested of Fire Chief Reed to approach the podium in connection with bestowing congratulations to Captain George Valladares, the recipient of the Coral Gables Firefighter of the Month award for October 2011; further explaining that Captain Valladares was selected as the Firefighter of the Month for October for his acts of concern and consideration in dealing with the public; specifically as it pertains to his response to a medical emergency while off-duty when he assisted an elderly lady who was unresponsive inside her vehicle at a shopping center's parking lot in Pembroke Pines-further noting that Captain Valladares was able to sit the woman up, open her airway during the process and evaluate her before Fire Rescue arrived-adding that Captain Valladares' quick response and professionalism were instrumental in a positive outcome and survival of this patient-finally noting that it was because of his heroic actions that he was so deserving of the Firefighter of the Month recognition].

This Presentation/Protocol Document was Presented and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 5

A.-6. 11-1145

Congratulations to Meralva Asensio, Human Resources Department, recipient of the City of Coral Gables Employee of the Month Award, for the month of November 2011.

Attachments: [Cover Memo](#) [EOM_Nov2011](#)
[EOM Ltr.](#)

[Note for the Record: City Manager Salerno requested of Human Resources Director Elsa Jaramillo-Velez to approach the podium in connection with congratulations to Meralva Asensio, her Administrative Assistant and recipient of the “Employee of the Month for November 2011.

Mrs. Jaramillo-Velez prefaced her remarks by stating that when she first arrived in the City, she was informed by the City Manager that she would have a great group of employees; further acknowledging that the City Manager was right; introducing her staff as follows: Maria Milian; Karla Green; Meralva Asensio; Michael Sparber; Eduardo Rodriguez, Frank Gia Lorenzo and Karen Cotton.

During the video segment of the “Employee of the Month” recognition, Mrs. Jaramillo-Velez described Ms. Arsenio as a “dedicated member of the HR Team. She is an outstanding administrative assistant. She is a hard worker who gets the job done and does so enthusiastically. She is very positive, proactive and is definitely a team player. She is someone that I can trust and can always count on no matter what the task involves. She is very creative and is always coming up with new ideas or ways of improving how we handle matters. Meri is a great asset to the Human Resources Department and thereby to the City of Coral Gables.”

In accepting this recognition, Meri stated that she just wanted to say thank you to Elsa for nominating her, whom she described as an amazing boss, along with her co-workers; further stating that she is very fortunate to be in Coral Gables and work with such wonderful people].

This Presentation/Protocol Document was Presented and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 6

- A.-7. 11-1156** Presentation of an award from the International Economic Development Council in recognition of the Palace Senior Housing Development for Real Estate Development & Reuse.

Attachments: [Commission cover 10 25 11 \(award\).pdf](#)

[Note for the Record: Mayor Cason requested of the City Manager to elaborate on the recognition received by the City of Coral Gables recently, whereby City Manager Salerno stated that he was very pleased to announce that the City was an honorable mention (i.e. Note: the City was one of two cities receiving Honorable Mention in this category for Excellence in Economic Development for Real Estate Redevelopment and Reuse of City Property category in connection with the Palace Senior Housing Development project-further pointing out that the International Economic Development Council recognized the City of Coral Gables in the category of a community with a population of 25,000 to 200,000; further stating that in the category of a community with a population of 200,000 to 500,000, that the City of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania was the winner, and that in the category of a community with a population of over, 500,000 that Charlotte, North Carolina was the winner-adding that our City was in good company with some respected and qualified communities that were committed to reuse of their property downtown].

This Presentation/Protocol Document was Presented and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 7

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- B.-1. 11-1158** Regular City Commission Meeting of October 11, 2011.

Attachments: [Meeting Minutes](#)
[Verbatim Transcript - Agenda Item F-1 - Discussion re proposed senior-multi purp](#)
[Verbatim Transcript - Agenda Item E-1 - Ordinance establishing sponsorship prog](#)
[Verbatim Transcript - Agenda Item C-5 - Reso authorizing encroachments into put](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Vice Mayor Kerdyk, Jr., that this motion be approved. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yeas : 5 - Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Cabrera, Jr., Vice Mayor Kerdyk, Jr., Commissioner Quesada and Mayor Cason

City Clerk Item No. 8

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 Vice Mayor Kerdyk, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Anderson, to Adopt the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yeas : 5 - Commissioner Cabrera, Jr., Vice Mayor Kerdyk, Jr., Commissioner Quesada, Commissioner Anderson and Mayor Cason

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Items C-1 through C-7 is available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk and in Legistar].

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-256

C.-1. 11-1133

Resolution authorizing encumbrance in the amount of \$55,015.38, or 15% of the State Forfeited Asset Fund (F.A.F.) moneys, to provide for the support and operation of crime prevention, drug abuse prevention, safe neighborhood, or school resource officer programs, as required under the Florida Contraband Forfeiture Act.

Attachments: [Expenditure Request Memo to Asst CM](#)
[COMMISSION COVER MEMO - \\$55,015.38](#)
[RESOLUTION - \\$55,015.38](#)
[C-1 Signed Cover Memo](#)

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ENCUMBRANCE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$55,015.38.00 OR 15%, OF THE STATE FORFEITED ASSET FUND (F.A.F.) MONEYS TO PROVIDE FOR THE SUPPORT AND OPERATION OF CRIME PREVENTION, DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION, SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD, OR SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER PROGRAMS, AS REQUIRED UNDER THE FLORIDA CONTRABAND FORFEITURE ACT.

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2011-256 on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 10

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-257

- C.-2. 11-1134** Resolution authorizing expenditures in the amount of \$45,000.00 from State Forfeited Assets Fund (F.A.F.) moneys for the Coral Gables Citizen's Crime Watch, Inc. Program.

Attachments: [Expenditure Request Memo to Asst CM](#)
[COMMISSION COVER MEMO - \\$45,000.00 - Crime Watch](#)
[RESOLUTION - \\$45,000.00 - Crime Watch](#)
[C-2 Signed Cover Memo](#)

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$45,000.00 FROM STATE FORFEITED ASSET FUND (F.A.F.) MONEYS FOR THE CORAL GABLES CITIZENS CRIME WATCH, INC., PROGRAM.

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2011-257 on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 11

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-258

- C.-3. 11-1135** Resolution authorizing expenditures in the amount of \$20,000.00 from previously encumbered State Forfeited Asset Fund (F.A.F.) moneys to support the Youth Resource Officer activities and programs of the Coral Gables Police Athletic League.

Attachments: [Expenditure Request Memo to Asst CM](#)
[COMMISSION COVER MEMO - \\$20,000 - PAL](#)
[RESOLUTION - \\$20,000. PAL](#)
[C-3 Signed Cover Memo](#)

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,000.00 FROM PREVIOUSLY ENCUMBERED STATE FORFEITED ASSET FUND (F.A.F.) MONEYS TO SUPPORT THE YOUTH RESOURCE OFFICER ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS OF THE CORAL GABLES POLICE ATHLETIC LEAGUE.

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2011-258 on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 12

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-259

- C.-4. 11-1136** Resolution authorizing expenditures in the amount of \$12,000.00 from previously encumbered State Forfeited Asset Fund (F.A.F.) moneys to support the Youth Resource Officer activities and programs of the Coral Gables Police Department Police Explorer Post #594.

Attachments: [Expenditure Request Memo to Asst CM](#)
[COMMISSION COVER MEMO - \\$12,000 - EXPLORERS](#)
[RESOLUTION - \\$12,000 - EXPLORERS](#)
[C-4 Signed Cover Memo](#)

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12,000.00 FROM PREVIOUSLY ENCUMBERED STATE FORFEITED ASSET FUND (F.A.F.) MONEYS TO SUPPORT THE YOUTH RESOURCE OFFICER ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS OF THE CORAL GABLES POLICE EXPLORER POST #594.

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2011-259 on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 13

- C.-5. 11-1137** Resolution authorizing the execution of a Combined Voluntary Cooperation and Operational Assistance Mutual Aid Agreement for law enforcement services between the City of Coral Gables and the Town of Medley.

Attachments: [RESOLUTION - MEDLEY PD - MOU](#)
[COMMISSION COVER MEMO - MEDLEY MOU](#)
[MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT - MEDLEY](#)
[C-5 Signed Cover Memo](#)

This Resolution was Deferred

City Clerk Item No. 9

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-260

- C.-6. 11-1132** Resolution authorizing expenditures in the amount of \$200,000.00 in State Forfeited Asset Fund (F.A.F.) moneys to reimburse the City of Coral Gables General Fund for expenditures associated with the Public Safety Communications Center Project

Attachments: [COMMISSION COVER MEMO - \\$200,000 00 - Reimbursement to General Fund Expenditure Request Memo to Asst CM](#)
[RESOLUTION - \\$200,000 reimbursement to General Fund](#)
[C-6 Signed Cover Memo](#)

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$200,000.00 IN STATE FORFEITED ASSET FUND (F.A.F.) MONEYS TO REIMBURSE THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES GENERAL FUND FOR EXPENDITURES ASSOCIATED WITH THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS CENTER PROJECT.

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2011-260 on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 14

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-261

- C.-7. 11-1138** Resolution authorizing the execution of a Combined Voluntary Cooperation and Operational Assistance Mutual Aid Agreement for law enforcement services between the City of Coral Gables and the City of Homestead.

Attachments: [RESOLUTION - HOMESTEAD - MOU](#)
[MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT - HOMESTEAD](#)
[COMMISSION COVER MEMO - HOMESTEAD - MOU](#)
[C-7 Signed Cover Memo](#)

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A COMBINED VOLUNTARY COOPERATION AND OPERATIONAL ASSISTANCE MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES AND THE CITY OF HOMESTEAD.

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2011-261 on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 15

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-262

- C.-8. 11-1150** Resolution opposing federal legislation allowing for increased truck weights operating on federal, state, county and local roadways within the State of Florida.

Attachments: [Resolution opposing increased truck weights](#)
[Literature from the Coalition Against Bigger Trucks Organization](#)
[C-8 Signed Cover Memo](#)

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF CORAL GABLES OPPOSING INCREASES IN TRUCK WEIGHTS OR LENGTHS OPERATING ON FEDERAL, STATE, COUNTY AND LOCAL ROADS WITHIN THE STATE OF FLORIDA.

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2011-262 on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 16

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-263

- C.-9. 11-1155** Resolution of the City Commission re-appointing Rafael "Ralph" Cabrera, Jr., City Commissioner to serve as Director and appointing Frank C. Quesada, City Commissioner as an alternate, to represent the City of Coral Gables on the Miami-Dade County League of Cities Board of Directors, for a one-year term, beginning February 1, 2012 through February 28, 2013.

Attachments: [Cover Memo - Appointments - Miami-Dade County League of Cities](#)
[R-2011 Appointments - -Miami-Dade County League of Cities](#)
[C-9 Signed Cover Memo](#)

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION RE-APPOINTING RAFAEL "RALPH" CABRERA, JR., CITY COMMISSIONER TO SERVE AS DIRECTOR AND APPOINTING FRANK C. QUESADA, CITY COMMISSIONER AS AN ALTERNATE, TO REPRESENT THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES ON THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY LEAGUE OF CITIES BOARD OF DIRECTORS, FOR A ONE-YEAR TERM, BEGINNING FEBRUARY 1, 2012 THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 2013.

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2011-263 on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 17

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-264

- C.-10. 11-1113** Resolution confirming Clara Moreno to serve as a member of the Senior Citizens Advisory Board (appointed by the Board As-A-Whole) for a two (2) year term beginning June 1, 2011 through May 31, 2013.

Attachments: [Clara Moreno Bio.pdf](#)
[Cover Memo - Draft - Clara Moreno](#)
[R-2011 - Draft - Clara Moreno](#)
[C-10 Signed Cover Memo](#)

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING CLARA MORENO (APPOINTED BY THE BOARD-AS-A-WHOLE) TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE SENIOR CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD, FOR A TWO (2) YEAR TERM, BEGINNING JUNE 1, 2011 THROUGH MAY 31, 2013.

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2011-264 on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 18

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-265

- C.-11. 11-1114** Resolution authorizing the sale of alcohol and the waiving of the cost of parking meter rentals after 5:00 p.m. on the 100 block of Giralda Avenue on the first Friday of each month from November 2011 through March 2012, a total of five events, for the Giralda Under the Stars Street Festival, subject to Florida Department of Professional Regulation requirements.

Attachments: [Resolution for Giralda Under The Stars.pdf](#)
[C-11 Signed Cover Memo](#)
[Letter from the B.I.D.](#)

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF ALCOHOL AND THE WAIVING OF THE COST OF PARKING METER RENTALS AFTER 5:00 P.M., ON THE 100 BLOCK OF GIRALDA AVENUE, ON THE FIRST FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH, FROM NOVEMBER 2011 THROUGH MARCH 2012, A TOTAL OF FIVE EVENTS, FOR THE GIRALDA UNDER THE STARS STREET FESTIVAL, SUBJECT TO FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATIONS REQUIREMENTS.

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2011-265 on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 19

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

C.-12. 11-1116 Senior Citizens Advisory Board Meeting of September 19, 2011

Attachments: [Cover Sheet Minutes 09-19-11.pdf](#)
[Min 09-19-2011 draft.pdf](#)

This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 20

C.-13. 11-1117 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting of September 23, 2011

Attachments: [Cover Sheet.Minutes 09-23-11.pdf](#)
[Minutes 09-23-11 draft.pdf](#)

This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 21

C.-14. 11-1124 Economic Development Board Meeting of September 7, 2011

Attachments: [EDB Minutes 9-7-11.pdf](#)
[EDB. 10.25.11 Commission cover - no action.pdf](#)

This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 22

C.-15. 11-1125 Board of Adjustment Meeting of October 3, 2011

Attachments: [Cover Memo - City Commission Meeting 10-25-11](#)
[BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT RECAP 10-03-2011](#)
[Public Notice October BA Meeting](#)
[Summary October 3, 2011](#)

This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 23

C.-16. 11-1126 Historic Preservation Board Meeting of September 15, 2011

Attachments: [HPBMinutes Sept15. 2011](#)
[HPB.09.15.11MinutesforCC10.25.11](#)

This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 24

C.-17. 11-1139 Cultural Development Board Meeting of August 31, 2011

Attachments: [08 CDB Commission cover for 08-31-11 CDB Mtg](#)
[08 CDB a Minutes August 31 2011](#)

This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 25

C.-18. 11-1140 Parking Advisory Board Meeting of September 15, 2011

Attachments: [cover pab 09-15-11](#)
[PAB Minutes 09-15-11](#)

This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 26

C.-19. 11-1148 Green Task Force Meeting of August 31, 2011

Attachments: [Green Task Force 8-31-11 Minutes-COVER](#)
[Green Task Force 8-31-11 MINUTES](#)

This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 27

C.-20. 11-1151 International Affairs Coordinating Council Meeting of September 20, 2011

Attachments: [Microsoft Word - IACC-MinutesSept20,2011](#)
[Microsoft Word - cover letter 9-20-11](#)

This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 28

D. PERSONAL APPEARANCES

None

City Clerk Item No. 29

E. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

City Clerk Item No. 30

F. CITY COMMISSION ITEMS

- F.-1. 11-1159 Discussion regarding proposed Senior/Multi Purpose Center.
Commissioner Rafael "Ralph" Cabrera, Jr.

This Agenda Item was Deferred

City Clerk Item No. 31

G. BOARDS/COMMITTEES ITEMS**RESOLUTION NO. 2011-266**

- G.-1. 11-1127 Presentation of excerpts from the Historic Preservation Board meeting of September 15, 2011, requesting the following action:

That the City Commission adopt a Resolution authorizing Ad Valorem tax relief for the property located at 313 Sarto Avenue, Lots 29 to 31 inclusive and East 10 feet of Lot 32, Block 8 of Coral Gables Coconut Grove Section 1, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 14, at Page 25, of the Public Records of Miami-Dade County, Florida. The cost of the improvements is \$135,000.00, which would correspond to approximately \$819.72 per year and \$8,197.20 over ten years. (Historic Preservation Board Vote: Unanimous 7-0).

Attachments: [LHD2009-03.Report.COA\(SP\)2009--07StaffRep](#)
[AV2009-06.StaffReport](#)
[AV2009-06AppPt1](#)
[AV2009-06AppPt2](#)
[HPB Minutes May 7, 2009.Excerpts](#)
[HPBMinutes Sept 15, 2011.Excerpts](#)
[HPB-09-15-11.PPP.313Sarto](#)
[CompleteRenovationsandNewAdditionPhotos313SartoAve](#)
[HPB.09.15.11.AV2009-06.313SartoCC10.25.2011](#)
[G-1 Signed Cover Memo](#)
[Sarto Resolution](#)

RESOLUTION GRANTING AD-VALOREM TAX EXEMPTION FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 313 SARTO AVENUE, A LOCAL HISTORIC LANDMARK, LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS LOTS 29 TO 31 INCLUSIVE AND EAST 10 FEET OF LOT 32, BLOCK 8 OF CORAL GABLES COCONUT GROVE SECTION 1, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 14, AT PAGE 25, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA. FOLIO NUMBER 03-4117-007-0831.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cabrera, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Anderson, that this motion be adopted by Resolution Number 2011-266. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yeas : 5 - Commissioner Quesada, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Cabrera, Jr., Vice Mayor Kerdyk, Jr. and Mayor Cason

City Clerk Item No. 32

H. CITY MANAGER ITEMS

None

City Clerk Item No. 33

I. CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS**RESOLUTION NO. 2011-267**

- I.-1. 11-1129 Resolution of the City of Coral Gables authorizing the Settlement of the Lawsuit Styled City of Coral Gables v. Quantum Leap Network, Inc., Robert Burr and Robin Burr, pending in the Circuit Court for the Eleventh Judicial Circuit in and for Miami-Dade County, Florida, Case No. 09-17991-CA-27.

Attachments: [Quantum Leap Resolution](#)
[I-1 Signed Cover Memo](#)

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES AUTHORIZING THE SETTLEMENT OF THE LAWSUIT STYLED CITY OF CORAL GABLES V. QUANTUM LEAP NETWORK INC., ROBERT BURR AND ROBIN BURR, PENDING IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, CASE NO. 09-17991-CA-27.

[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 Anderson, seconded by Vice Mayor Kerdyk, Jr., that this motion be adopted by Resolution Number 2011-267. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yeas : 5 - Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Cabrera, Jr., Vice Mayor Kerdyk, Jr., Commissioner Quesada and Mayor Cason

City Clerk Item No. 34

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-268

- I.-2. 11-1153 Resolution directing The City Attorney to proceed with filing an action against Ascendant Claims Services, Miami-Dade Taxi-Super Nice Cab, Adderley Charlot, and Wilfred Saint Hilaire, for property damages stemming from a motor vehicle accident involving the defendants' vehicle and a City-issued Police vehicle; and all such other relief necessary; and further authorizing the City Attorney to take all action necessary to represent the interests of the City.

Attachments: [AgendaCoverMemoSeekingAuthoritytoFileaClaim10_25_11.doc](#)
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[I-2 Signed Cover Memo](#)

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO PROCEED WITH FILING AN ACTION AGAINST ASCENDANT CLAIMS SERVICES, MIAMI-DADE TAXI-SUPER NICE CAB, ADDERLEY CHARLOT, (OWNER OF THE VEHICLE) AND WILFRED SAINT HILAIRE, (DRIVER OF THE VEHICLE) FOR PROPERTY DAMAGES STEMMING FROM A MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT INVOLVING THE DEFENDANTS' VEHICLE AND A CITY-ISSUED POLICE VEHICLE; AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO TAKE ALL ACTION NECESSARY TO REPRESENT THE INTERESTS OF THE CITY.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Kerdyk, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Anderson, that this motion be adopted by Resolution Number 2011-268. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yeas : 5 - Commissioner Cabrera, Jr., Vice Mayor Kerdyk, Jr., Commissioner Quesada, Commissioner Anderson and Mayor Cason

City Clerk Item No. 36

- I.-3. 11-1152 Commission discussion and/or actions regarding Biltmore matters.

Attachments: [I-3 - Save Our Biltmore](#)

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

This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 37

- I.-4. 11-1154 Pending Litigation Report.

Attachments: [PENLIT10_25_11.doc](#)

This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 35

J. CITY CLERK ITEMS

None

City Clerk Item No. 38

K. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Mayor Cason: Let's move on to the last item we have today, which is Discussion Items if we have any.

Commissioner Anderson: I don't have any. I'm done.

Mayor Cason: OK.

Commissioner Cabrera: Should we allow the folks to exit. I'd like to just go ahead then mine are real brief, mine are brief so I can probably talk above the noise.

Mayor Cason: If we could please clear the room so we can continue on with the Commission meeting. Thank you very much.

Commissioner Cabrera: Thank you Mr. Mayor. I wanted to just briefly comment on the Dr. William Schiff Senior Art Show and tell you it was a wonderful event. The seniors keep impressing me on their talents and I know that they were very moved by Dr. Schiff being there. Bill was in attendance and we certainly hope that all goes well for him as he continues his battle with a very serious disease. The other thing I wanted to share with you is that this last Sunday we had "Gables Bike Day" here in Coral Gables, and if I may I'd like to just show a few photographs of the event. These photographs were taken by Miami-Dade County government's EPO officer who was there in attendance, and as you can see the day was filled with bicycles, families enjoying one another, we had vendors; you are not getting to see a whole lot of Ponce, that was probably around 2 o'clock in the afternoon. You really didn't get to see a whole lot of Ponce de Leon Boulevard, I don't know why we didn't take that photo, but it really was a wonderful day for all, we've gotten a lot of positive comments and I do want to thank you, my colleagues for agreeing to provide the barricades at no additional cost, or no cost as well as the parking meters. It was as great help, it turned out to be about \$1,790.00 from the City side, but I also wanted to take the opportunity to thank the Fraternal Order of Police, the Firefighters Union, the University of Miami, and U-Health, as well as a number of merchants that were there,

Mack Cycle in South Miami, which is right around the corner from the City of Coral Gables was there in force, and there were just lots of folks that were very interested in being a part of this event. All we got were just wonderful comments by the people that attended. Thank you for coming by to drive in on the Fiat. How was that by the way?

Mayor Cason: It's a nice little car, it was very nice. It was a beautiful event; I think people enjoyed themselves, large turnout. I think we got some of the Consulates to participate, so I thought it was very nice.

Commissioner Cabrera: Well I know the German team was there because they were decked out in their T-shirts, so that was a lot of fun to see them out there, and the best thing about it was the weather was just wonderful for Sunday, we didn't get a drop of rain. Maybe around 7:45 p.m. we got a little sprinkle shower, but that was the extent of it and it was just - again, I continue to get messages from people that really enjoyed this kind of family outing, and I wanted to make sure that I thank you all for helping us with that; and the Coral Gables Rotary Club played also a very important role in this as the Business Improvement District of Coral Gables. So thank you to one and all and to the committee that put this together. Thank you.

Mayor Cason: Bill anything?

Vice Mayor Kerdyk: I don't have anything.

Mayor Cason: Frank?

Commissioner Quesada: I just want to echo what Commissioner Cabrera said. I swung by for a short period in the morning, I wasn't able to make it to the presentation, but I was there and it was a great event, and I would echo that it was a good turnout which was nice and more pedestrian-friendly streets I think is an important thing for our City as we move forward. I think it's great.

Mayor Cason: I noticed there were a giraffe and some kind of a fish there that are prohibited by our ordinance to be in the City, so next time we have to take a look at that (laughter). It was a great event.

City Attorney Leen: Mr. Mayor, Mr. Mayor, I know I'm just the City Attorney, but I did want to say I went to the Bike Day with my family, and we had a wonderful time, and it was the first time my little boy Pierce rode on a bike, and it was actually a large

adult tricycle...my wife, it's a really cool bicycle she has with him and she had a wonderful time, my family did. So thank you.

Mayor Cason: The last item I have is - normally I understand we take a group photograph around mid December, and I think for the December 13th meeting, that will be the last one for this year, so I want to see if everyone would be amenable to a group photograph maybe at 8:45 a.m. before the next Commission meeting in December to get our picture?

Commissioner Anderson: Sure.

Mayor Cason: OK - great. Well, if there is nothing else then the meeting is adjourned.

City Clerk Item No. 39

ADJOURNMENT

[Note for the Record: There being no further business on the Regular City Commission Meeting Agenda. The Commission of the City of Coral Gables adjourned its meeting at 11:45 am on October 25, 2011. The next regular meeting of the City Commission has been scheduled for November 8, 2011, beginning 9 a.m.]

JIM CASON
MAYOR

ATTEST:

WALTER J. FOEMAN
CITY CLERK