

City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
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City Commission Chambers
405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, FL

City Commission

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Public Speaker(s)

Linda Pollack, Coral Gables Resident
Miles Beruntun, Coral Gables Resident

Agenda Items H-3 through H-7 are related [Start: 9:49:37 a.m.]

H-3: A Resolution approving the Agreement of Sale and Purchase with Fernandra Properties, LLC, and the City for the residential lot located at 807 Catalonia Avenue, Coral Gables, Florida as part of the Neighborhood Renaissance Program (NRP), for purpose of a neighborhood park and waiving the requirements of the Procurement Code, pursuant to Section 2-5483(d).

H-4: A Resolution approving the Agreement of Sale and Purchase with Adelena Quevedo Perez, Alicia Menendez King, George A. Menendez (Sellers) and the City for the residential lot located at 937-939 Majorca Avenue, Coral Gables, Florida (tax identification number 03-4108-001-5682) as part of the Neighborhood Renaissance Program (NRP), for purpose of a neighborhood park and waiving the requirements of the Procurement Code, pursuant to Section 2-5483(d).

H-5: A Resolution approving the Agreement of Sale and Purchase with Venancio and Wayra Torre and the City for the residential lot located at 241 Sarto Avenue, Coral Gable, Florida (tax identification number 03-4117-007-0715) as part of the Neighborhood Renaissance Program (NRP), for purpose of a neighborhood park and waiving the Procurement Code, pursuant to Section 2-5483(d).

H-6: A Resolution approving the Agreement of Sale and Purchase with John Micali and the City for the residential lot located at 6540 Marlin Drive, Coral Gables, Florida as part of the Neighborhood Renaissance Program (NRP), for purpose of a neighborhood park and waiving the requirements of the Procurement Code, pursuant to Section 2-5483(d).

H-7: A Resolution approving the Agreement of Sale and Purchase with Yvette Barrera Musa and the City for the residential property located at 1047 Venetia Avenue, Coral Gables, Florida as part of the Neighborhood Renaissance Program (NRP), for purchase of a neighborhood park and waiving the requirement of the Procurement Code, pursuant to Section 2-5483(d).

Mayor Cason: We are going to go out of order now and pick up the items H-3 through H-7, which are the resolutions on the land purchase.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: And Mr. Mayor as part of the Neighborhood Renaissance Plan, you all have shared with us one of the top priorities is to secure open space in the neighborhood, so that your residents don't have to cross busy streets to get a little piece of paradise in their immediate community; and so, the team heard what you said, led by Leonard Roberts, Assistant Director for Economic Development, joined by Brook Dannemiller Landscape Services Director, Fred Couceyro from the Parks Department and very ably the Finance Department because they played a critical role. We are very excited to present to you the recommendations of staff.

Mr. Roberts: Good morning. Leonard Roberts the City's Economic Development Assistant Director. I'm here to recommend the purchase of five potential residential sites to be used as public open space. As part of the Neighborhood Renaissance Program implemented in 2011, the City has invested in the right-of-way improvements, passive park improvements, restoration of historic features and other beautification projects with the purpose of improving the quality of life in the City's neighborhoods. In January, the City amended the NRP to allow some of the proceeds to be used for a broader spectrum of neighborhood enhancements, which include not only improving passive parks, but acquiring properties to be used as neighborhood parks. A neighborhood park used for passive purposes is generally defined as a public space that requires minimal development, is compatible, and encourages passive uses and offers constructive and restorative and pleasurable public benefit by fostering appreciation and understanding of natural

space. Therefore the departments of Public Service, Parks and Rec, Economic Development, search for properties that require minimal development are compatible with and encourage other passive recreation uses and offer constructive restorative and pleasurable human benefits and based on this understanding, the City's departments established three criteria for identifying ideal spaces to become passive parks. Number one, safe and accessible; one must not need to cross a major thoroughfare to reach the park; number two, spacious – the park is of sufficient size to accommodate the surrounding area of a passive park; and number three, need – demand for open space in the area. After researching dozens of sites, the City entered into contracts with six sites contingent on appraisal, neighborhood approvals, and City Commission approval. The contracts provide a 45-day due diligence during which time the City presented to the Budget Advisory Board, Economic Development Board, Property Advisory Board, Parks and Rec, an excerpt provided in your packages. The Parks and Rec Board chose to defer their decision until last Friday, April 22nd. On April 16th, 18th and 19th, the City held neighborhood meetings in which notices went out to properties within 1,500 feet of the subject sites, resulting in over 3,100 mail notices. Based on the criteria, staff's review, and neighborhood meetings the following properties are recommended for purchase. The first site is 807 Catalonia, on the northwest corner of Anderson Road and Catalonia Avenue. The purchase price is \$950,000; the site is roughly 13,500 square feet. The City's appraisal came in at 915; the actual owner had an appraisal at 940. This purchase price is roughly about 3.68 percent above the actual appraised value and we feel like that was a good value for the actual property and it's not too far from the appraisal. Let me just backup a little. We have here also a FEMA map kind of showing where the flood zones are. All the different sites, as you can see, with the exception of one, are outside of flood zones. This is a Catalonia site and it shows you the proximity to existing open spaces. This is from a bird's eye view and a frontal view. The next site is 937 Majorca. It's on the northeast corner of Granada Boulevard and Majorca Avenue. And the arrows show you the proximity to existing open spaces; and the yellow arrow that you see is in comparison to another potential site the City is considering to purchase. It's a bird's eye view, a frontal view. The next site is on Sarto and Salzedo, 241 Sarto Avenue on the northeast corner of Sarto and Salzedo. You have Ponce Circle Park, Youth Center, and Sebastian, which Sebastian is across on the opposite side of Ponce. The next one we have is 6540 Marlin Drive, approximately 19,000 square feet. It's on the southeast of 144th Street and 67th Avenue in Kings Bay community. There are no neighborhood parks, that's why you don't see any arrows.

Commissioner Lago: Just talking about that, if I could just interrupt you for one second. I received numerous phone calls and e-mails from residents in that neighborhood that are beyond ecstatic about the fact that there is going to be an open area for people to congregate and just passive moment. I was actually really impressed. I didn't think we had reached that many people, but people are very excited about this park here.

Mr. Roberts: We got a lot of positive feedback at the meeting.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: Just so that you know the picture that we have here doesn't show that the property has since been demolished, the home was in disrepair. We did not demolish it; it had already been demolished before we began negotiations, so this shows a house.

Mr. Roberts: This is what it looks like after.

Commissioner Lago: That's an added value in the sense that we didn't have to take responsibility for that.

Mr. Roberts: So the properties all fell within a certain range of appraised value. There is one specific one at 241, when I say less than five percent around the appraised value. We have 241 Sarto Avenue and it was roughly 11 percent above appraised value. Most of these properties started out at substantially a higher rate in the negotiation process. Based upon the appraisals, in most cases we were able to negotiate the price down to the appraised value within range of the appraised value. And based upon the neighborhood meetings, we feel as though these five sites should be recommended for acquisition.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: You know Commissioner Lago; your comment is spot on. We were so impressed with the neighborhood meetings, the sense of community, the ability for all of the communities to treat each other with respect, to hear the comments and concerns. The staff did an excellent job meeting individually with, notices sent 1,500 feet, so the meetings were well attended. We listened to the feedback, we addressed their concerns, but they were all very much a respectful sense of neighborhood, and I was very impressed with their input and their courtesies.

Mayor Cason: I would assume that, as we've done with Lisbon and some of the other parks that eventually if we purchase these then we will, first of all that they'll be in perpetuity green space, they are going to be parks.

Mr. Roberts: Right. They will be considered – in their existing parks the zoning has remained residential and the future land use has been changed to vacant space, and so the City Attorney has issued an opinion that he feels that this would be designated as open space.

Mayor Cason: And then we will have meetings with the neighbors about what if anything that would be put in there in terms of benches, trees, or any other amenities.

Mr. Roberts: So once we get the approval from the Commission to go forward, the next step would be for another neighborhood meeting notice to be sent out for neighbors, so they can come together and determine what they would like to see at the actual site.

Mayor Cason: And then the funds for that would not necessarily come out of Neighborhood Renaissance, but maybe future Capital Budget, is that...

Mr. Roberts: My understanding is the General Fund.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: We have impact fees, park impact fees that could fund this. We also have some other park related fees that could fund this. The neighborhood absolutely have been told we will involve them in how these parks evolve, and so they look forward to those community meetings and they are relying on the space to remain open space in the future, and that they will have, their neighborhood will direct within budget what they want to see on those properties.

Mayor Cason: Commissioner Lago.

Commissioner Lago: Just two brief comments Mayor, if I may? In reference to the Sarto piece, I also received several e-mails and phone calls from residents in the neighborhood. They view it as a very small slice of heaven, open green space, they don't want much, they don't want a playground, they just want something where they can sit down and have a quiet moment to themselves. I had the pleasure of going to the Lisbon, Durango and Alhambra meetings.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: Separa.

Commissioner Lago: Separa, excuse me that happened a few months ago when our staff did a great job basically listening to the residents. For example, at the Lisbon meeting, there was probably 60-70 people that showed up, and everybody had an opinion, but the overwhelming opinion was, let's keep these parks passive. And alot of the residents say, don't worry about parking, minimize parking; parking shouldn't be an issue. We want people in the neighborhood to be able to walk to the park; we want it to be a neighborhood park. They harped about that. I bring that up because I don't think people are really concerned so much about jungle gym, they don't want that, basketball courts, they just want something real simple, a little slice of heaven just so they can enjoy it and read a book, take their kids out maybe have a picnic.

Commissioner Slesnick: Leonard can you go back to the slide with all the statistics on it, the appraisals and so forth.

Mr. Roberts: Sure. There is still one more left.

Commissioner Slesnick: Go ahead, go ahead, go ahead then.

Commissioner Keon: You have more.

Mr. Roberts: The next one we have is 1047 Venetia. This one actually has a property residential house on it. Part of the NRP funds, which is approximately \$10,000, would go toward the demolition of the property, if the Commission recommends the acquisition. That's a bird's eye view and that's a frontal view.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: Now Leonard you had explained to me or Brook explained to me that the sweet spot here is that the backyard fronts the street and the front yard fronts the street, so you are really serving two neighborhoods with the creation of this small pocket.

Mr. Roberts: Right. So the cool thing about this site too, all the sites, we had Parks and Rec review this, all the sites, we started with a couple dozen sites and they independently reviewed all these sites and were able to narrow it down to approximately six sites. One of the cool things about this one is that the Cordova runs directly in front of the site, which allows easy access for both sides of the neighborhood from the north and the south end to go through the site. The adjacent site, interestingly enough, the owner has expressed an interest in selling their site, so his site is roughly the same square footage and maybe there is an opportunity sometime in the future to do something to expand that site.

Commissioner Slesnick: I went by that site on Saturday and the neighbor two doors down, three doors down to the west had not received a notice, but everybody in the neighborhood had talked about it and I really like this site a lot because it does go street to street in the north section up there even though we have the new park coming in, it would really allow access. One thing too, they sit on that vacant lot, which is not under discussion which you tried to purchase. Cars keep using it to drive through from street to street, so we need to have public safety address that issue of having more security over there or some trees planted on the parkway, so that cars cannot access that and use it as a thoroughfare. Everyone that I talked to in the neighborhood that day last Saturday was thrilled with the park coming in.

Mr. Roberts: Right.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: You are correct Commissioner. They did raise some issues with the vacant lot, and so we are going to be working with Code Enforcement and Public Safety to address their concerns.

Mr. Roberts: Let me go back to that slide in reference to the purchase price.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: You are seeing work after 25 to 30 parcels were really examined, and so they narrowed and narrowed and narrowed, and so community acceptance was an important indicator. Did it work from a park standpoint?- did it work from a public service standpoint as we look at improvements and we maintain those improvements, but also it was something that would benefit the direct neighbors in the area, and so that's why you'll see some of them fell out of the list and these are our final recommendations as it relates to NRP. You all have asked us to set aside \$300,000 a year for the additional purchase of open spaces, this is not using that money and you'll have about \$1.2 million, next year you'll have \$1.5 (million) for additional acquisition. So I don't want you to think this is your only chance to buy property. This is the chance to buy it with NRP monies because we have that June 15 deadline.

Commissioner Slesnick: If I may comment. I understand from being in real estate that these are all building sites, so that the smaller lots usually sell for more per square foot than the larger lots, because it's a building site. But why are we paying 950 for Catalonia when the owner's own appraisal was 940?

Mr. Roberts: So we actually worked with them. We started out in negotiations about \$1.1 million and based upon just going back and forth with discussions and the demand for the site, the owner was willing to come down and meet us at 950. It is \$10,000 roughly over, even at the 915; it's roughly 3.6 percent over the value. I think...

Commissioner Slesnick: Had they had offers on the property and so forth or was there a question of it being swooped up?

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: Can you go back to the picture, the bird's eye picture.

Commissioner Slesnick: I'm very familiar with the property because I used to live a block to the north of it.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: I just thought the public might want to be able to see.

Commissioner Slesnick: Yes. It's a wonderful piece of property and next year we are going to try to get the turtle back.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: Yes.

Commissioner Slesnick: If we get that property with the turtle.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: We have a resident that has already approached the keeper of the turtle. This was Audrey and Charlie Finklestein's property, they owned the house adjacent to it as well, but wanting to keep it as open space and they had, Audrey had a large like ceramic turtle, and so when the property was sold the turtle moved still within the neighborhood and the residents were so enthusiastic about the idea of this being open space that they knocked on the turtle keeper's door and asked if this was going to become a park could they have it back. It was very impressive.

Commissioner Keon: That turtle is such a landmark in the community. Any child probably between what, 30 and 40 that lived in that area would remember that turtle.

Commissioner Slesnick: And also when this was all being discussed, we had several people that were concerned that we were going to buy the land and then use it for something else. So I think the Mayor made it clear that this is going to stay parkland.

Mr. Roberts: Vacant space, it would be a non-buildable lot.

Commissioner Slesnick: And when you say passive that means that a swing set or some kind of children's play equipment could not go in there.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: Be very careful with this one, because we attended all of the neighbor meetings and what we promised them is their park will reflect the desires of the neighborhood and that there may be some that would want to have a playground. There may be some that absolutely do not want to have a playground and they would like to have benches or a serpentine walkway, and so it's really the design process that's going to determine it, but it is not a regional park, it's not golf fields, it is not something with program space.

Commissioner Slesnick: I just wanted to put that on the record because several people that have been asking about that so the neighborhood can decide for itself if they want swing sets or a merry-go-round or something there for children.

Mr. Roberts: Absolutely. Based upon the notices, roughly 3,100 notices went out so the same process would go into play when it comes down to making decision what they would like to activate the space as...

Mayor Cason: Just make sure that if we approve these and we go to the next phase with the neighbors what they want there, what they don't want, that we pick the right day of the week,

there is always going to be somebody who can't make it one day or another, but I think with a couple of these there were some people that, at least one of the parks couldn't make it, but try to find a time when the most people can show up so that they have their voice heard.

Mr. Roberts: Absolutely. And we did have some people who had noted that they could not make it, but they actually sent e-mails or letters letting us know their interest or disinterest in the site.

Mayor Cason: OK.

Mr. Roberts: And that was included also in your package.

Commissioner Lago: In reference to the Catalonia piece, if you could put that slide back up, the one you just had up, if you don't mind. There seems to be a portion of, I think to the north...

Mr. Roberts: Let me go to that bird's eye view.

Commissioner Lago: Yes, the overhead. You see those trees, see right to the north of the property, is that also owned by the same property owner, or is that another lot?

Mayor Cason: Inside the green line, is that all that we are talking about?

Commissioner Keon: At the top of the slide.

Commissioner Lago: At the top of the slide, underneath 13,464 square feet.

Mr. Roberts: Yes, that's a good question. Based upon this view, I'm not sure.

Commissioner Slesnick: That's Palermo that's a house.

Commissioner Keon: There is a house there.

Commissioner Lago: There is a house there, OK.

Commissioner Keon: Maybe it's being renovated or something, but there's a home there on that corner.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: It's not easy to find a 13,000 square foot lot in that neighborhood, so I know Commissioner Slesnick's comment on, was there demand?- there is absolutely demand to build a site, build a house, and that's one of the things that the residents

came forward is concern that it might be overbuilt, that we should preserve it as open space was the majority, the vast majority of the view was the better use.

Mayor Cason: Are these five properties when we vote we need to have a four-fifths?

City Attorney Leen: Yes. Mr. Mayor for each of these you should do a separate vote; it requires a four-fifths waiver vote. The basis for the waiver is the time sensitivity because of the NRP. One change to each one; the actual section for the waiver is 2-2011 and 2-2011, which authorizes waiver, but that would be interdelinated into each one.

Commissioner Slesnick: Would we vote twice?

City Attorney Leen: No, you do not have to vote twice, you could vote once. The waiver is included within the vote, that's why you should vote on each one separately.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: As the City Attorney is suggesting, this also waives the Procurement Code and where we are waiving it is the Procurement Code requires two appraisals and we are working off of one appraisal and then the owner in many instances had another appraisal. We just want to be very clear in terms of the process that we are pursuing. We did go to the Budget Board, the Economic Development Board, the Parks and Rec Board, the Property Advisory Board, all included in the Procurement provisions, so the majority of the Procurement Code has been followed, but because there are certain components that we, in the interest of time are waiving that's why we are requiring the four-fifths vote, and correct me Mr. City Attorney if I'm incorrect.

City Attorney Leen: That's correct. There are two waiver provisions; there is 2-583, which is in the general Procurement Code, but I mentioned the other one, 2-2011 because it is a specific waiver related to purchase of property, and I'm sorry that that's not in here, but it's now in here.

Mayor Cason: When we get to H-5 and H-6, we have a resident would like to speak on each of those. So on H-3 if we don't have any more discussion.

Commissioner Keon: I have one item. One thing I'd like to talk about before we vote and that's the naming of these parks. I really would like us to give very careful thought to whom and how we name these parks. I'm not a really big proponent of overtime naming parks after people that -- you know there are so many people in this community that have served this community so well, and there is not enough parks to go around for everybody that may have served this community well. I'd like you to consider allowing the neighborhood to name their park when

they are doing the design for their park or whatever, but I'd like the parks named and I'd like the names to follow them in perpetuity.

Mayor Cason: There is another consideration too is...

Vice Mayor Quesada: Turtle Park.

Commissioner Keon: Turtle Park. I love that turtle.

Mayor Cason: A lot of our founders like Paste and Button and Fink have nothing named after them and another alternative would be to, some of these parks recognize the people that made the City what it is, that had the vision to name a park after them.

Commissioner Lago: Just too also mention. We discussed and I think that we all agreed that I brought up a potential ordinance which we are working on right now, which is increasing the "Art in Public Places" fee from one percent to one point five (1.5), which I think we discussed at the last Commission meeting. If that occurs that will be an additional revenue stream and if we tailor the ordinance in a fashion that I stated which was directly for the purchase of land, we are going to have an additional revenue stream besides that \$300,000 that we are putting in the budget to purchase property. So hopefully this is not an anomaly what we are doing today, hopefully this is something we can do every year. Maybe not six pieces of open space, but I think that hopefully in the future I'd like to see this continue, one, two pieces of property on a yearly basis.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: And sir, it also coincides with the revision will be proposing to our impact fee ordinance, where today you only charge for multi-family \$6,600 per unit as a park impact fee, and we will be proposing and we know its legitimate and our request to also have commercial contribute to parks. Parks for the downtown is a fabulous amenity for our workforce.

Commissioner Lago: If I could just add one thing also. I had the pleasure last week of attending the park symposium that was put together by Miami-Dade County Mayor Carlos Gimenez, which was an incredible event. They had two great speakers. One of the main issues that they talked about and I was really excited and I was kind of smiling the whole time that I was there that evening was because I was surrounded by our colleagues, all the elected officials, Mayors, Commissioners from different cities within Dade County, and one of the main issues that they talked about was quality of life, and they talked about the direct correlation between open space and parks and congestion. If you have open space and you have parks you allow people to run; there is direct correlation with a reduction in crime, you give children an opportunity to be

outside the home, you reduce congestion, and there wasn't an opportunity for an open forum to really have a discussion, but I was proud of the City of Coral Gables because we are taking the lead within this community that we call Miami-Dade County, and we are taking serious measures. I know I said that before in regards to the environment and our sustainability causes, but I don't think there are many municipalities that can say they are potentially buying six pieces of open space and in perpetuity, making the open space for people to enjoy, go outside and run, get people out, get kids outside of the house not on the TV, not playing video games, but getting them outside and really enjoying the fresh air. So this is a big topic, the Mayor made it a focal point last week under his Park Summit, and it was really impressive to see how the City of Coral Gables is already heading in that direction.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: And Leonard can you go back to the bird's eye view of 807?

Mr. Roberts: Sure.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: This is like a Google-Earth siting, if you look at the Miami-Dade property site your question, Commissioner Lago, the immediately north, is that included in the parcel? I'm relying on the Miami-Dade legal description and it is included in the parcel.

Commissioner Lago: It is?

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: I'm going to be bad at guessing, but probably 20 feet.

Commissioner Lago: Yes, I had a feeling, because I've driven by that house, that property on multiple occasions and I know exactly what's in that piece of property, and that's not included in the circle, excuse me, in the square, in the rectangle.

Commissioner Keon: The whole thing needs to shift, it needs to shift up.

Commissioner Lago: It needs to shift up because what you are doing is you are including all the way to the right-of-way.

Commissioner Keon: Yes. It just needs to shift up.

Commissioner Lago: I just wanted to make sure that...

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: I'm showing to our real estate expert and she's confirming.

Commissioner Lago: And she knows a lot, but I'm telling you, if not what you have there is a lot that's probably like 2,500 square feet it would be a sliver.

Commissioner Slesnick: Our kids, Commissioner Keon and my kids grew up circulating in that area and raining on that turtle.

Commissioner Lago: I know exactly where that turtle is right now because I drive by it all the time.

Mayor Cason: Let me ask the City Attorney, we only have to vote once on each one of these?

Commissioner Keon: I would like something. I really would like us to look at this issue of naming these parks. I'd like them named and whether its Historic Preservation or the names could come to us, or whatever, or the neighborhoods can provide a name, but I'd like none of these parks to go forward without a name that remains the name in perpetuity.

Commissioner Lago: I'm going to name it after Vice Mayor Quesada.

Commissioner Keon: Maybe there could be an exception.

Vice Mayor Quesada: Absolutely not.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: Commissioner Keon today we've been using like for Lisbon, we use the Lisbon Neighborhood Park as a name, so I appreciate what you are saying and we will weave that into the neighborhood discussion. Also Mayor Cason's comments about honoring the famous team that really built Coral Gables and how do we weave that.

Commissioner Keon: Yes. I agree with you.

City Attorney Leen: Mr. Mayor, so you would vote on each one; each one requires a four-fifths vote to pass and you are waiving the Procurement Code. The titles are all amended by interdelineation and the resolution to refer to 2-583(d), there is a typo, 2-584A3(d), but its 2-583(d), and 2-2011, so that will be corrected in the final resolutions.

Mayor Cason: Alright. Let's start with H-3, do we have a motion?

Commissioner Keon: I'll make a motion.

Mayor Cason: Commissioner Keon makes the motion, second?

Commissioner Slesnick: Second.

Mayor Cason: Commissioner Slesnick seconds – City Clerk.

Commissioner Lago: Yes

Vice Mayor Quesada: Yes

Commissioner Slesnick: Yes

Commissioner Keon: Yes

Mayor Cason: Yes

(Vote: 5-0)

Mayor Cason: H-4. Motion?

Commissioner Keon: Move it.

Mayor Cason: Commissioner Keon makes the motion.

Commissioner Slesnick: Second.

Mayor Cason: Commissioner Slesnick seconds – City Clerk.

Vice Mayor Quesada: Yes

Commissioner Slesnick: Yes

Commissioner Keon: Yes

Commissioner Lago: Yes

Mayor Cason: Yes

(Vote: 5-0)

Mayor Cason: Let's ask Linda Pollack who would like to speak on H-5.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: This is 241 Sarto.

Ms. Pollack: I'll be quick. Thank you so much for responding to my e-mails and for doing such a great job with the neighborhood meeting, and just for being great. Thank you for considering this.

Mayor Cason: Thank you.

Commissioner Keon: Thank you for getting in touch with us and letting us know how important it was. You don't really understand how important and how many things are mute in this community because of our resident input and you are telling us what you like and what you want and what we need to do, we are here to represent you. Thank you.

Mayor Cason: Alright. Do we have a motion on H-5?

Commissioner Lago: So moved.

Commissioner Slesnick: Second.

Mayor Cason: Commissioner Lago makes the motion, Commissioner Slesnick seconds – City Clerk.

Commissioner Slesnick: Yes

Commissioner Keon: Yes

Commissioner Lago: Yes

Vice Mayor Quesada: Yes

Mayor Cason: Yes

(Vote: 5-0)

Mayor Cason: On H-6 we have Miles Beruntun. How are you?

Mr. Beruntun: Mr. Mayor -- Good. Thank you. Madam and Mr. Commissioners, great to be here. I think it's all been said, which is grateful, just come in gratitude for the vision of the City, the vision of the Mayor and the vision of you all carrying this out. Not only 65 Marlin, but all these properties, this is going to be a tremendous quality of life asset. In particular for 6,540, it's something the neighbors are really thrilled about to have an opportunity to have a 15-foot elevation with the greatest canopy in all the community. A canopy that existed with Bill Cooper and James L. Knight developed the Kings Bay community in the early 50's. These are existing oaks, so we have a wonderful, wonderful canopy in which to work with and we are just thrilled about everything, the process that staff's been involved with, we couldn't be happier, so just gratitude. Thank you.

Mayor Cason: Thank you Miles.

All: Thank you.

Mayor Cason: A motion on H-6.

Vice Mayor Quesada: So moved.

Commissioner Lago: Second.

Mayor Cason: Vice Mayor makes the motion, Commissioner Lago seconds – City Clerk.

Commissioner Keon: Yes

Commissioner Lago: Yes

Vice Mayor Quesada: Yes

Commissioner Slesnick: Yes

Mayor Cason: Yes

(Vote: 5-0)

Mayor Cason: H-7 – a motion?

Commissioner Keon: I make the motion.

Vice Mayor Quesada: Second.

Mayor Cason: Commissioner Keon makes the motion, the Vice Mayor seconds – City Clerk.

Commissioner Lago: Yes

Vice Mayor Quesada: Yes

Commissioner Slesnick: Yes

Commissioner Keon: Yes

Mayor Cason: Yes

(Vote: 5-0)

Mayor Cason: Thank you.

Mr. Roberts: Thank you.

Commissioner Keon: You did a great job.

Commissioner Slesnick: Good job, yes.

Mayor Cason: Excellent.

Commissioner Slesnick: Thank you for all your hard work.

City Attorney Leen: I would just like to say that we do a lot of agreements in my office. I was very impressed with staff here how quickly they could process this, these are complicated matters. It's very impressive.

[End: 10:21:58 a.m.]