

**City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Agenda Item H-1
March 11, 2008
City Commission Chambers
405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, FL**

City Commission

**Mayor Slesnick Donald D. Slesnick, II
Vice Mayor William H. Kerdyk, Jr.
Commissioner Maria Anderson
Commissioner Rafael “Ralph” Cabrera, Jr.
Commissioner Wayne “Chip” Withers**

City Staff

**City Manager, David Brown
City Attorney, Elizabeth Hernandez
City Clerk, Walter J. Foeman
City Clerk Staff, Billy Urquia**

H-1: RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 27935, TO WAIVE GARAGE SALE FEES FOR SENIOR CITIZENS SEVENTY YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER.

[Time: 1:21:38]

City Manager Brown: H-1 is a resolution amending Resolution No. 27935, to waive Garage Sale Fees for senior citizens seventy years of age or older. At the last Commission meeting Commissioner Cabrera brought up the item that we should consider because of the elderly people in advance ages trying to clear out their homes or downsize, that we should allow them to annualize garage sales to be free of charge so we produced a resolution that is basically in line with the resolution that allows no charges to seniors for false alarms.

Mayor Slesnick: Is that to move, Mr. Cabrera?

Commissioner Cabrera: I would, but you know, before I do, I wanted to ask you... you had, or tell you. You had an interesting comment the last time about the ages.

Mayor Slesnick: Right.

Commissioner Cabrera: And the Manager’s Office came up with seventy.

Mayor Slesnick: Well, he did to match the alarm code.

Commissioner Cabrera: Okay, which was a good idea, but you know what I thought about afterwards? I thought to myself, ghee...you know, here was have the Senior Advisory Board, could this be a project that they could look at and give us their recommendation and then we do it? I mean how would you feel about that?

City Manager Brown: Good idea.

Mayor Slesnick: That's great, I am just following you lead.

Commissioner Cabrera: You know... I know, and I appreciate it. I mean, but I didn't incorporate them, and shame on me for not doing that. I should have sent it to them with Mr. Slesnick's comments and then we could have gotten one of our boards, you know, to really you know, chime in on something really important with something like that. Would you all be terribly heart broken if we deferred this item and had them look at it and come back with their recommendation?

City Manager Brown: Not at all.

Commissioner Cabrera: I mean no insult to you, Mr. Manager.

City Manager Brown: Oh, no, no. I think it's a good idea. Shame on me for not picking it up, and saying why not we send it to the Board.

Commissioner Cabrera: Mr. Slesnick brought up a good point when he brought it up, and I should have thought about it. It was interesting how the newspaper spun it though.

Mayor Slesnick: How did they spin it?

Commissioner Cabrera: That you were about to turn... or you were close to turning sixty-five or something like that. It was part of the recording...

Mayor Slesnick: And I don't want to keep paying for another five years.

Commissioner Cabrera: Yeah, I know.

Mayor Slesnick: In fact, I still say, is as we send it back, I just wanted to register that seventy-five, I think is more of an age. It doesn't designate starting to move into an older status. I just looked around the room today and two of our past mayors were who are active, who are politically active or active on boards, are both in their seventies...

Commissioner Cabrera: Those were different times, you aren't going to last as long as them though.

Mayor Slesnick: No, that's true, but I am just saying people, you know in their early seventies are very very vital and active and most are still working these days, so... Anyways, I agree with you to send it back and... Okay.

Commissioner Cabrera: Thank you.

Mayor Slesnick: And I am not looking for a garage... I am not downsizing yet, maybe at seventy I will. H-5. Okay, note please that H-1-- it has been requested that the Manager send it to the Senior Advisory Board for review.

