



**City of Coral Gables
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
October 14, 2008**

ITEM TITLE:

Resolution granting a temporary variance for the placement of Holiday Decoration planters in encroachment areas along Giralda Avenue and Andalusia Avenue in accordance with Holiday Decoration plan coordinated by the Business Improvement District and the City of Coral Gables.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE CITY MANAGER:

The City Manager recommends approval of this item.

BRIEF HISTORY:

In September of 2008, the City Commission approved a budgetary increase to provide holiday decorations and lighting for the downtown area in coordination with the Business Improvement District. In this coordinated effort, the Business Improvement District and the City have evenly funded the lighting and decorations for this project. The decorations project includes lighting of the trees along Miracle Mile and also includes the placement of decorative holiday planters on the sidewalks of Giralda Avenue and Andalusia Avenue. The Decorative Planters were selected and approved by the Business Improvement District in terms of design and composition.

For the placement of these planters in the sidewalk areas, a temporary variance is needed to allow the placement on the sidewalks in the encroachment areas.

Risk Management has reviewed and approved the insurance documents submitted.

APPROVED BY:

| Department Director | City Attorney (If Applicable) | City Manager |
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ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Draft Resolution
2. Pictures of Planters
3. Map of Planter Placement