

**CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-175**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT TO PROCEED WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A PERMIT PROCESS TO ALLOW DECORATIVE CRUSHED STONE AND LOW, NON-WOODY LANDSCAPE PLANTS IN THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY.

**WHEREAS**, in response to residential concerns throughout the City, the City Commission has discussed allowing the installation of alternative materials in the swale areas of the public right-of-way where grass will not grow due to heavy shade or excessive parking demands; and

**WHEREAS**, proper turfgrass management and management of excessive parking are not practical solutions to sustain the growth of grass in the swale area; and

**WHEREAS**, the City tested alternative decorative crushed stone materials by installing a pilot study in the swale area on University Drive adjacent to the Coral Gables Library; and

**WHEREAS**, the Landscape Beautification Advisory Board expressed support to allow decorative crushed stone and low, non-woody landscape plants in the public right of way where grass will not grow on June 2, 2016;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES:**

**SECTION 1.** The foregoing "Whereas" clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution upon adoption hereof.

**SECTION 2.** That the City Commission does hereby approve the Public Works Department to proceed with the implementation of a permit process to allow decorative crushed stone and low, non-woody landscape plants in the public right of way.

**SECTION 3.** That this resolution shall become effective upon the date of its passage and adoption herein.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS TWENTY-SIXTH DAY OF JULY,  
A.D., 2016.

(Moved: Keon / Seconded: Lago)  
(Yeas: Keon, Lago, Slesnick, Cason)  
(Majority: (4-0) Vote)  
(Absent: Quesada)  
(Agenda Item: H-3)

APPROVED:



JIM CASON  
MAYOR

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:



CRAIG E. LEEN  
CITY ATTORNEY

ATTEST:



WALTER J. FOEMAN  
CITY CLERK