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1 THE SECRETARY: Rhonda Anderson?
 2 MS. ANDERSON: Yes.
 3 THE SECRETARY: Rene Murai?
 4 MR. MURAI: Yes.
 5 THE SECRETARY: Venny Torre?
 6 MR. TORRE: Yes.
 7 THE SECRETARY: Maria Velez?
 8 MS. VELEZ: Yes.
 9 THE SECRETARY: Robert Behar?
 10 MR. BEHAR: Yes.
 11 MR. MURAI: I'm going to then move the
 12 actual amendment. Mine was an amendment -- I
 13 guess not. Okay. Forget it.
 14 MR. TORRE: It's redundant.
 15 MR. BEHAR: Okay. We deferred Item E-4.
 16 Let's jump into E-5. Mr. Attorney, can you
 17 read that one, please?
 18 MR. COLLER: Yes.
 19 Item E-5, an Ordinance of the City
 20 Commission of Coral Gables, Florida providing
 21 for text amendments to the City of Coral Gables
 22 Official Zoning Code Article 2, "Decision
 23 Making and Administrative Bodies," Division 3,
 24 "Board of Architects," Section 2-302,
 25 "Membership; Terms; Vacancies; Removal"

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1 MR. TRIAS: Right. That will have to be
 2 cleaned up.
 3 MR. MURAI: It's unnecessary.
 4 MS. ANDERSON: Yeah, that's a little
 5 redundant.
 6 MR. TRIAS: We'll clean this up. Thank you
 7 very much.
 8 MR. TORRE: What is the impetus to do this?
 9 MR. TRIAS: It provides flexibility to the
 10 City Manager to appoint persons that he
 11 believes are doing a good job. It's simply at
 12 the discretion of the City Manager.
 13 MR. BEHAR: And not only that, I tell you,
 14 having served on the Board of Architects in the
 15 past, sometimes it's difficult to get new Board
 16 Members that, One, want to do it. It's once a
 17 week, and sometimes it could take, you know,
 18 four or five hours a day. So, unfortunately,
 19 there is not a lot of people willing to do it.
 20 So I think this gives a little more flexibility
 21 to the Manager to keep, you know, seven Board
 22 Members at all times.
 23 MR. MURAI: Are you thinking there should
 24 be no limit at all?
 25 MR. TRIAS: Yeah. This Board is unique, in

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1 removing the term limitations for members of
 2 the Board of Architects; providing for
 3 severability, repealer, codification, and an
 4 effective date. Item E-5, public hearing.
 5 MR. TRIAS: Mr. Chairman, it's a very minor
 6 amendment. That currently, as you know, the
 7 City Manager appoints the members for a
 8 two-year term and there's a maximum of eight
 9 years that they can serve. So the removal is
 10 simply the maximum of the eight years.
 11 Therefore, the City Manager may appoint
 12 somebody for two years and reappoint them or
 13 not later on regardless of the time served.
 14 MR. BEHAR: What you're eliminating is the
 15 maximum of eight years?
 16 MR. TRIAS: Just that. That's the only
 17 thing that is eliminated. The term remains two
 18 years, and then the option to reappoint is
 19 always there.
 20 MR. MURAI: So you can serve for life?
 21 MR. TRIAS: In theory, I supposed, yes.
 22 MS. ANDERSON: Under Paragraph C, the
 23 second sentence, it says, "Appointments to
 24 unexpired terms shall not count as part of the
 25 term limit."

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1 the sense that it's appointed by the City
 2 Manager, and as the Chair explained, it's a
 3 very, very demanding Board. It's not a
 4 political Board. It's really a technical
 5 Board. And that was the thinking, if we have
 6 somebody who wants to serve and has the time,
 7 they should.
 8 MS. VELEZ: I would be more comfortable if
 9 we had a limit of some sort, even if we were to
 10 extend this limit. I don't like to take away a
 11 term limit, if one is in existence. I
 12 understand the rationale, but I think eight
 13 years is a long time, and it's consecutive. So
 14 someone could be off for two years and then
 15 come back.
 16 MR. TRIAS: What I would say is that the
 17 practical challenge that we have is that we
 18 haven't been able to find new people.
 19 MR. BEHAR: There's a lot of requirements.
 20 You have to be a registered landscape architect
 21 or a register architect.
 22 MR. TRIAS: Ten years of experience in
 23 Coral Gables.
 24 MS. VELEZ: And you must reside in the
 25 Gables?

1 MR. BEHAR: It doesn't require residency in
 2 Coral Gables. You have to practice --
 3 MR. TRIAS: But you have to have the
 4 experience, yes.
 5 MR. BEHAR: Yes.
 6 MR. TRIAS: And it's been like that since
 7 the 1930's Zoning Code, so it's always been
 8 extremely high requirements.
 9 MR. BEHAR: You know, I did serve for eight
 10 years, and if I was asked to do it again, I
 11 would probably say, "No, thank you," you know,
 12 but anyways --
 13 MR. TRIAS: Again, like I said, this is
 14 appointed by the City Manager. It's a unique
 15 Board. It's unique nationally. I don't know
 16 of any other city that has this kind of Board
 17 at this level.
 18 MR. MURAI: This has to go before the City
 19 Commission, obviously?
 20 MR. TRIAS: Yes, of course.
 21 MR. BEHAR: We'll open it up to any
 22 questions, any additional questions, and if
 23 not, we'll open it up to the public.
 24 Seeing no public input, we'll close the
 25 public hearing and bring it back to the Board.

1 think E-7 and E-8 are the actionable items.
 2 MR. TRIAS: That's correct.
 3 MR. BEHAR: Then we'll move to Item E-7.
 4 MR. COLLER: Item E-7, an Ordinance of the
 5 City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida
 6 providing for a text amendment to the City of
 7 Coral Gables Official Zoning Code and the City
 8 of Coral Gables Code (City Code) transferring
 9 the following divisions and sections from the
 10 Zoning Code to the City Code; Article 3,
 11 "Development Review," Article 4, "Zoning
 12 Districts," Section 4-414, "Wild animals and
 13 reptiles, keeping," Article 5, "Development
 14 Standards," Division 15, "Platting Standards"
 15 Section 5-1510, "Standards for Subdivision
 16 Improvements," and Division 22, "Underground
 17 Utilities"; providing for severability,
 18 repealer, codification, and an effective date.
 19 Item E-7, public hearing.
 20 MR. BEHAR: Mr. Trias.
 21 MR. TRIAS: May I have the PowerPoint? I
 22 have a PowerPoint with two slides, so it's
 23 going to be very straight forward, and it deals
 24 with both, Item 7 and 8.
 25 MR. COLLER: Should I read Item E-8, since

1 MR. MURAI: I'll move it.
 2 MR. TORRE: Second.
 3 MR. BEHAR: Can you please call the roll?
 4 THE SECRETARY: Rhonda Anderson?
 5 MS. ANDERSON: Yes.
 6 THE SECRETARY: Rene Murai?
 7 MR. MURAI: Yes.
 8 THE SECRETARY: Venny Torre?
 9 MR. TORRE: Yes.
 10 THE SECRETARY: Maria Velez?
 11 MS. VELEZ: No.
 12 THE SECRETARY: Chip Withers?
 13 MR. WITHERS: Yes.
 14 THE SECRETARY: Robert Behar?
 15 MR. BEHAR: Yes.
 16 Next item, E-6, Mr. Attorney can you read
 17 that for the record?
 18 MR. COLLER: Item E-6 --
 19 MR. TRIAS: Mr. Attorney, E-6, E-7 and E-8
 20 are related.
 21 MR. COLLER: Well, E-6 is just Progress on
 22 the Zoning Code update, right?
 23 MR. TRIAS: Yes. It's just a memo that is
 24 attached for information.
 25 MR. COLLER: It's not really an item. I

1 we're going to be taking testimony on both
 2 items? I think it would be better to read both
 3 in and we can vote on them separately.
 4 MR. TRIAS: That would be my recommendation.
 5 MR. BEHAR: Go ahead and do that.
 6 MR. COLLER: Okay. Everybody relax,
 7 because this is going to take some time to read
 8 this in.
 9 Item E-8, an Ordinance of the City
 10 Commission of Coral Gables, Florida providing
 11 for a text amendment to the City of Coral
 12 Gables Official Zoning Code by amending Article
 13 3, "Development Review," Division 3, "Uniform
 14 Notice and Procedures for Public Hearing,"
 15 Section 3-302 "Notice," Division 5, "Planned
 16 Area Development," Section 3-506 "Application
 17 and review procedures for approval of plans;"
 18 Division 14, "Zoning Code Text and Map
 19 Amendments," Section 3-1404 "Standards for
 20 review of applicant-initiated district boundary
 21 changes," Section 3-1405 "Standards for review
 22 of text amendments to these regulations and for
 23 City-initiated district boundary changes,"
 24 Section 3-1408 "City Commission review and
 25 decision," Division 16, "General Procedures for