



City of Coral Gables
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
APRIL 8, 2014

ITEM TITLE:

Resolution ratifying a one-day permit to the United Way of Miami-Dade to sell alcoholic beverages on Thursday, April 10, 2014 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Village of Merrick Park on San Lorenzo Avenue during the Miami Wine and Food Festival, subject to Florida Department of Professional Regulation Requirements.

DEPARTMENT HEAD RECOMMENDATION:

Approval.




BRIEF HISTORY:

The United Way of Miami-Dade is planning to have a fund raising event in the Village of Merrick Park on April 10, 2014 from 6:00 pm to 9:30 pm. The event consists of 70 wineries and 40 restaurants which have booths to serve wine and food to guests. The event, which has been in existence in this location for eight years, will have live music. All the proceeds of this event will go to the United Way of Miami-Dade.

Permits to sell alcoholic beverages on special events have been taken to the Commission for approval in the past. In this case, however, the Commission meeting was too close to the event date to allow enough time for the organizer to secure the alcohol license. The organizer/applicant requested that the City approve the sale and consumption of alcohol pursuant Section 6-15 of the Code – which allows such a request to be approved by the City Manager or his designee.

In accordance to Section 6-15, and after consulting with the City Attorney's Office, the request to sell alcohol at the United Way of Miami-Dade event was approved because there was not enough time for the organizer to secure the alcohol license and because this event has been approved by the Commission for the past eight years. This item is now presented to you for ratification. With this approval, we are not intending to change the process for obtaining permits to sell alcoholic beverages for special events in the future, we are just approving this event on this one occasion because of the particular circumstances.

APPROVED BY:

Department Director	City Attorney	City Manager
		

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Resolution
2. Special Events Application & Permit