

City of Coral Gables CITY COMMISSION MEETING August 23, 2016

ITEM TITLE:

A resolution authorizing the City to enter into a License Agreement with the First Church of Christ, Scientist, located at 410 Andalusia Ave, Coral Gables, FL 33134, which would allow the City to use the Church's auditorium for community events for up to ten (10) years. (This use would be on an occasional basis.)

DEPARTMENT HEAD RECOMMENDATION:

Approval

BRIEF HISTORY:

Built in phases beginning in 1934 and completed in 1955, the First Church of Christ, Scientist in Coral Gables holds significance to the City's founder, George Merrick. George Merrick joined the Church of Christ Scientist in 1937, influenced by his beloved wife and always open to new ideas. Bringing the relationship between City and Church full circle, the City would like to enter into a License Agreement with the First Church of Christ Scientist which would allow the City to use the Church's auditorium for community events for up to ten (10) years. The City and Church are also currently working out another agreement to build a sidewalk on the Church's vacant lot which would connect the parking lot on the south side of the block to the north side on Andalusia Avenue.

The proposed license terms are as follows:

<u>Premises</u>: The First Church of Christ, Scientist auditorium located at 410 Andalusia Ave, Coral Gables, FL 33134.

<u>Term:</u> The term of this Agreement shall be from the date of its execution and for a period of ten (10) years.

License Terms, summarized:

- The City may use the Church's auditorium on special isolated occasions for guest speakers, musical performances, town hall meetings, City Commission meetings when a large crowd is expected, and other non-religious meetings for the benefit of the public.
- The City's use of the auditorium shall not interfere with the Church's ordinary course of business.
- The City shall indemnify the Church during each of its events.
- The City shall not use the Church's auditorium more that twelve times a calendar

year unless it gets the written consent of the Church Board of Directors to do so.

<u>Termination Right</u>: Either party has the right to cancel the Agreement at any time by giving the other party a written notice of cancellation sixty (60) days before the cancellation date.

Renewal Terms: If not previously cancelled, the Agreement will automatically renew for two (2) additional ten (10) year terms subject to the same terms and conditions.

ADVISORY BOARD/COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION(S):

Date.	Board/Committee	Comments
N/A		

FINANCIAL INFORMATION: (If Applicable)

No.	Amount	Source of Funds
N/A		

APPROVED BY:

Department Director	City Attorn	ey Asst. City Manager	City Manager
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ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Draft Resolution with License Agreement