

City of Coral Gables

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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 10, 2015

9:00 AM

City Hall, Commission Chambers

City Commission

*Mayor Jim Cason
Vice Mayor William H. Kerdyk, Jr.
Commissioner Patricia Keon
Commissioner Vince Lago
Commissioner Frank C. Quesada*

*Cathy Swanson-Rivenbark, City Manager
Craig E. Leen, City Attorney
Walter J. Foeman, City Clerk*

ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Mayor Cason, Commissioner Keon, Vice Mayor Kerdyk Jr., Commissioner Lago and Commissioner Quesada

INVOCATION

Reverend Dr. Zachary E. Royal, Pastor from St. Mary's First Missionary Baptist Church gave the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Keon led the Pledge of Allegiance.

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

The following minutes summary includes all presentations made, and actions taken which information is supplemented by the following exhibits on file in the Office of the City Clerk, and which are by reference made a part of the record herein: (a) Ordinance(s) adopted (Ordinance No. 2015-03) (b) Resolution(s) adopted (Resolution No. 2015-18 through Resolution No. 2015-22); (c) Video; (d) Audio Recording; (e) Minutes Folder with Agenda and background information, including items which were submitted at the meeting.

A. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

- A.-1. [15-3665](#) Presentation of a Certificate of Appreciation to Coral Gables Hospital for their annual sponsorship of various City events.

[Note for the Record: Following the reading of the title to Agenda Item A-1 by Mayor Cason, Vice Mayor Kerdyk said that one of the things that make Coral Gables special is how much corporations give back to our community. Vice Mayor Kerdyk thanked Mr. Jeffrey Welch for the contributions made by Coral Gables Hospital to the Coral Gables Community Foundation. Mr. Welch said Coral Gables Hospital is honored to be able to continue its support to Coral Gables, and that they are proud to have the City Beautiful's name on its building since 1926, and will continue to serve the community in a healthy way.]

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City Clerk Item No. 1

- A.-2. [15-3660](#) Congratulations to Firefighter Chris Butler, recipient of the City of Coral Gables "2014 Firefighter of the Year Award."

Attachments: [Cover Memo - FF OF THE YEAR - 2014](#)
[Cover Memo, FF of the Year, 2014](#)
[Firefighter of the Year 2014 Notification Letter](#)

[Note for the Record: Following the reading of the title to Agenda Item A-2 by Mayor Cason, City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark asked Fire Chief Stolzenberg to present this very important award. Chief Stolzenberg said that he is very lucky to lead a department comprised of very dedicated people who offer exceptional services. Chief Stolzenberg said the Fire Department is very proud of the excellent customer service they provide for both emergencies and non-emergencies. Chief Stolzenberg stated that the selection of the "Firefighter of the Year" takes into account acts of heroism in life-saving situations, and also considers those employees that display a high level of integrity and dedication. The Chief said that Firefighter Chris Butler was selected "Firefighter of the Year" for many reasons. Firefighter Butler was nominated and selected as "Firefighter of the Month" in March 2014, for his professional display of job performance during a medical emergency. Chief Stolzenberg said that Chris was also recognized as "Firefighter of the Month" in March 2011, and that he is an eighteen-year veteran of the Fire Department and functions as an assigned paramedic, and was recently elected as the Sergeant of Arms for Local 1210. Chief Stolzenberg described in detail the particular incident for which Firefighter Butler was nominated as "Firefighter of the Year." Chief Stolzenberg said it gives him great pleasure to present Firefighter Chris Butler as the 2014 Firefighter of the Year. Firefighter Butler stated he wanted to thank everyone for this award and that as Chief Stolzenberg said, the Fire Department operates as a team. Firefighter Butler said it is a true reward to be able to save someone's life.]

This Presentation/Protocol Document was Presented and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 2

- A.-3. [15-3667](#) Congratulations to Sergeant Vicky Merino, recipient of the City of Coral Gables "2014 Officer of the Year Award."

Attachments: [Nomination Memo - 2014 Officer of the Year](#)
[WORD-Commission Cover Memo - 2014 Officer of the Year](#)
[Commission Cover Memo - 2014 Officer of the Year](#)

[Note for the Record: Following the reading of the title to Agenda Item A-3 by Mayor Cason, City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark asked Interim Police Chief Hudak to present this important award. Interim Chief Hudak said that, as everyone knows, police work is a very dangerous job and probably the most rewarding part of being

Interim Police Chief is recognizing our officers for what they do every day. One incident that stands out in 2014 is no exception to what she does every day. She has accepted her role as a supervisor and continues to deliver services everyday throughout the year. That being said, Interim Chief Hudak added he would like to highlight what Sergeant Merino has done for the community. She has been nominated for a life-saving award, she has served as chief commander and in many occasions running the day shift while continuing to go out patrolling, she is a field training sergeant and continues to mentor the new officers as they come onboard. She led the burglary task force that they have talked about many times and caught people who were preying on our residents. Interim Chief Hudak described some of the incidents where Sergeant Merino played an exceptional role, and she continues to lead by example every day. Interim Chief Hudak said he looks to Sergeant Merino to be a leader in the department in the future. Sergeant Merino stated that first she wanted to thank God, because if it was not for His protection she would not be here today. Sergeant Merino said she also wanted to thank the City Commission for taking the time to give her this recognition. Sergeant Merino announced she is honored to receive this award and is also humbled to have been chosen by her peers and that she can always count on her brothers and sisters in blue whenever she calls on them. Sergeant Merino said that it takes a special person to do this job, and the City of Coral Gables is very lucky to have 176 of them. Sergeant Merino said that after almost eighteen years in law enforcement and eight years as a supervisor, she still enjoys doing her job every single day. She takes pride in her job and her community, she appreciates everything that has been done for her, and she continues to pray every day for her brothers and sisters in blue.

Commissioner Quesada said he wanted to thank and congratulate the "Firefighter of the Year" and the "Officer of the Year", because the Police and Fire Departments makes the City Commission look so good every day, and people move to Coral Gables for the services provided and brag about the response time and the services received. Commissioner Quesada said the firefighters and the police officers are part of the community, and people see them as a neighbor helping them out.

Mayor Cason remarked that he was recently at a swearing in ceremony and was impressed by the quality of the recruits coming in, they all had advanced degrees and one of them received the highest grades ever at the police academy. Mayor Cason said the City has great employees in the Police and Fire Departments.]

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City Clerk Item No. 3

- A.-4. [15-3669](#) Presentation of 25 year service pin to Dean W. James, Fire Department.

Attachments: [CM 25 Yr. Service Pin- Dean James](#)

[Note for the Record: Following the reading of the title to Agenda Item A-4 by Mayor Cason, City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark announced that she understands that Firefighter Dean W. James is a coach in an important delivery and he will not be present today, further adding that there will be a special service later on for this recognition. City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark added there are two additional service awards and would like to take individual pictures after each one has been called.]

This Presentation/Protocol Document was Deferred

City Clerk Item No. 4

- A.-5. [15-3670](#) Presentation of 25 year service pin to David J. Martin, Fire Department.

Attachments: [CM 25 Yr. Service Pin- David Martin](#)

[Note for the Record: Following the reading of the title to Agenda Item A-5 by Mayor Cason, Human Resources Director Elsa Jaramillo-Velez announced that David J. Martin has been with the City of Coral Gables for twenty years, and started as a firefighter recruit in February of 1990, became a paramedic in November of 1994, a fire lieutenant in June of 2005 and a fire captain in January of 2009; he was then promoted to division chief of operations in February of 2009, and then elected to return to the position of fire captain in December of 2012. Ms. Jaramillo-Velez said she would like to recognize and thank David J. Martin for twenty-five years of service.]

This Presentation/Protocol Document was Presented and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 5

- A.-6. [15-3671](#) Presentation of 25 year service pin to Carla S. Rossby, Fire Department.

Attachments: [CM 25 Yr. Service Pin- Carla Rossby](#)

[Note for the Record: Following the reading of the title to Agenda Item A-6 by Mayor Cason, Human Resources Director Elsa Jaramillo-Velez announced that Carla S. Rossby started as a firefighter recruit in February of 1990, became a lieutenant in June of 1996, a combat fire captain in December of 2000, a battalion fire captain in March of 2003 and a battalion chief in March of 2009. Ms. Jaramillo-Velez said she would like to recognize Ms. Rossby for twenty-five years of service.]

This Presentation/Protocol Document was Presented and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 6

- A.-7. [15-3666](#) Congratulations to Detective Robert Wentzell, recipient of the City of Coral Gables "Officer of the Month Award," for the month of December 2014.

Attachments: [WORD-Commission Cover Memo - Officer of the Month December 2014](#)
[Nomination Memo - Officer of the Month December 2014](#)

[Note for the Record: Following the reading of the title to Agenda Item A-7 by Mayor Cason, City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark asked Interim Chief Hudak to present the agenda item, further noting that Detective Wentzell's wife is also present. Interim Chief Hudak announced that the December 2014 "Officer of the Month," Detective Robert Wentzell, works in the economics crimes section of the criminal investigations unit, further adding that this is the group of officers with the highest case load within the city, because of cybercrimes and credit card identification fraud. Interim Chief Hudak said that Detective Wentzell's intuition and work ethics ended with the arrest of four individuals based on the use of one cloned, fraudulent credit card; the investigation took place with the assistance of the Miami-Dade Police Department and the Secret Service. Interim Chief Hudak described the investigation which Detective Wentzell put together with the resources previously mentioned, as well as the Dade County's State Attorney's Office. The individuals were arrested with the assistance of the SWAT team. Interim Chief Hudak said that because of Detective Wentzell's tenacity, wit and intuition, a great deal of things have been recovered for companies here in Coral Gables. Detective Wentzell thanked the City for this award and said this was a very intricate case and it seems that there was not one person in the Police Department who did not assist him with this case. Detective Wentzell said he loves what he does and looks forward to coming to work every day.]

This Presentation/Protocol Document was Presented and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 7

A.-8. [15-3658](#)

Congratulations to Lieutenant Christian Garcia, recipient of the City of Coral Gables "Firefighter of the Month Award," for the month of February 2015.

Attachments: [February FF of the Month Notification Letter](#)
[Cover Memo - FF OF THE MONTH, Feb 2015](#)

[Note for the Record: Following the reading of the title to Agenda Item A-8 by Mayor Cason, City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark asked Fire Chief Stolzenberg to present the item. Chief Stolzenberg announced that it was his pleasure to introduce Lieutenant Christian Garcia, who has been selected as February 2015 "Firefighter of the Month," for his outstanding display of individual initiative. Chief Stolzenberg said that Lieutenant Garcia was also selected as "Firefighter of the Month" in March of 2014, he was hired in September of 2008, has always shown a desire to enhance his knowledge of firefighting, his internal drive is praiseworthy, his knowledge of the entire department is quite evident and he was recently promoted to lieutenant. Chief Stolzenberg added that Chris was recently selected to represent the department vehicle extrication team, and became a member of the Urban Search and Rescue Team for the Florida Task Force. Chief Stolzenberg ended his comments by saying that the Fire Department is very fortunate to have Lieutenant Garcia, whose skill level and drive are remarkable. Lieutenant Garcia remarked that this award means a lot to him, that each and every day he tries to make himself better and could not imagine doing any other line of work. Lieutenant Garcia stated that he feels that training is one of the most critical aspects of his job, and that firefighters in general really earn their pay with what they are willing and able to do when things go bad and conditions deteriorate; further noting that there are so many disciplines that a firefighter's job entails. Lieutenant Garcia said he is very excited with the direction in which the Fire Department is going, and he is very blessed to work with the Coral Gables Fire Department, and that he wanted to congratulate everyone else who is being recognized today.]

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City Clerk Item No. 8

- A.-9. [15-3672](#) Congratulations to Linda L. Renville, Public Works Department/Public Service Division, recipient of the "Employee of the Month Award," for the month of February 2015.

Attachments: [LINDA RENVILLE](#)
[Cover Memorandum - EOM Feb 2015](#)

[Note for the Record: Following the reading of the title to Agenda Item A-9 by Mayor Cason, City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark called upon the Human Resources Director and the Public Works Leadership Team to present this item. Ms. Jaramillo-Velez said that all the departments in the City are important, that there are some that are more essential than others, and there are some departments that we don't recognize as we should. Ms. Jaramillo-Velez noted that this is the case with Linda Renville, who started with the City in June of 2005, as a Sanitation Operator 1, which she continues to serve to date and she has been an exemplary employee ever since she started. After the "Employee of the Month" video was shown, Jessica Keller, Assistant Public Works Director, said she is really pleased to present Linda as the Employee of the Month, who is truly exemplary the Sanitation Division. Ms. Renville stated that in her years of working for the City of Coral Gables, she has been able to put a couple of kids through college, and she considers it a privilege to continue working for the City. Mayor Cason said he wanted to say something about the Sanitation Department - so many people come up to him and tell him the City has a wonderful police, fire and sanitation departments, and said that on behalf of the City Commission and the residents, he wanted to thank Ms. Renville for doing a great job.]

This Presentation/Protocol Document was Presented and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 9

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

B.-1. [15-3744](#) Regular City Commission Meeting of January 13, 2015.

Attachments: [Verbatim Transcript - Agenda Item D-1 - Fausto Gomez regarding Legislative Priorities](#)
[Verbatim Transcript - Agenda Item D-2 - Presentation of the Coral Gables App by the Mayor](#)
[Verbatim Transcript - Agenda Item D-3 - Jack Thompson regarding the profession of a lawyer](#)
[Verbatim Transcript - Agenda Item E-1 Ordinance on Second Reading re Forfeiture of Franchise](#)
[Verbatim Transcript - Agenda Item G-1 - Reso authorizing ad valorem tax relief for certain properties](#)
[Verbatim Transcript - Agenda Item H-1 - Discussion on North Ponce Study and re Meeting Minutes.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Kerdyk, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Lago, that this matter be approved. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas : 5 - Commissioner Keon, Vice Mayor Kerdyk, Jr., Commissioner Lago, Commissioner Quesada and Mayor Cason

City Clerk Item No. 10

C. CONSENT AGENDA

All items listed within this section entitled "Consent Agenda" are considered to be self-explanatory and are not expected to require additional review or discussion, unless a member of the City Commission or a citizen so requests, in which case, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered along with the regular order of business. Hearing no objections to the items listed under the "Consent Agenda", a vote on the adoption of the Consent Agenda will be taken.

Passed the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Kerdyk, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Lago, to Adopt the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yeas : 5 - Vice Mayor Kerdyk, Jr., Commissioner Lago, Commissioner Quesada, Commissioner Keon and Mayor Cason

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-18**C.-1. [15-3659](#)**

A Resolution authorizing the acceptance and execution of the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Emergency Medical Services (EMS) County Grant #C3013 Letter of Understanding and Agreement from the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners and the State of Florida Department of Health; and amending the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Annual Budget, to recognize the grant award as revenue and appropriate such funds to cover the cost of the grant expenditures.

Attachments: [Letter of Understanding-Agreement](#)
[M-D County's Projects Work Plan, rev 9-05-14](#)
[Work Plan Projects Summary per New Revenue Expected from State](#)
[Work Plan Projects Detail](#)
[Copy of State Award Letter to the County](#)
[Draft Resolution - EMS Grant C3013](#)
[C-1 Signed Cover Memo](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE AND EXECUTION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015 EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS) COUNTY GRANT #C3013 LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING AND AGREEMENT FROM THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND THE STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH; AND AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015 ANNUAL BUDGET TO RECOGNIZE THE GRANT AWARD AS REVENUE AND APPROPRIATE SUCH FUNDS TO COVER THE COST OF THE GRANT EXPENDITURES.

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2015-18 on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 11

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-19

- C.-2. [15-3668](#) A Resolution at the Coral Gables Museum's request to approve the installation of temporary art works at several locations throughout the City for the 2015 ARTcycle in Public Places.

Attachments: [ARTcycle 2015 Public Art Resolution - 2 10 15 \(ARTcycle\)](#)
[EXCERPT AAP Minutes January 20 2015](#)
[EXCERPT CDB Minutes January 28 2015](#)
[C-2 Signed Cover Memo](#)

A RESOLUTION AT THE CORAL GABLES MUSEUM'S REQUEST TO APPROVE THE INSTALLATION OF TEMPORARY ART WORKS AT SEVERAL LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT THE CITY FOR THE 2015 ARTCYCLE IN PUBLIC PLACES.

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2015-19 on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 12

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-20

- C.-3 [15-3725](#) A Resolution approving Coral Gables Prep Academy 2015 Family Fun Day Carnival Donation.

Attachments: [C-3 Signed Cover Memo](#)
[Family Fun Day Resolution](#)
[Famiy Fun Day Email](#)
[Prep Academy 2015 Family Fun Day Carnival Donation Draft Resolution - Revise](#)

A RESOLUTION APPROVING CORAL GABLES PREPARATORY ACADEMY "2015 FAMILY FUN DAY CARNIVAL DONATION."

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2015-20 on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 13

Presentation of Boards and/or Committees minutes requesting no action from the City Commission:

- a. [15-3650](#) Property Advisory Board Meeting of November 19, 2014

Attachments: [PAB 2-10-15 Commission cover](#)
[11-19-14 PAB minutes](#)

This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 14

- b. [15-3652](#) Arts Advisory Panel Meeting of September 10, 2014

Attachments: [AAP Commission cover 2-10-15](#)
[AAP Minutes September 10 2014](#)

This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 15

- c. [15-3661](#) Pinewood Cemetery Advisory Board Meeting of October 20, 2014

Attachments: [10.20.14MinutesCCMtg02.10.15](#)
[Pinewood -October 20 2014 Minutes](#)

This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 16

- d. [15-3674](#) Green Task Force Meeting of August 25, 2014

Attachments: [Green Task Force 8-25-14 Minutes COVER](#)
[8-25-14 MINUTES](#)

This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 17

- e. [15-3676](#) Disability Affairs Advisory Board Meeting of January 7, 2015

Attachments: [1-7-15 Disability Affairs minutes COVER](#)
[1-7-15 Disability Affairs minutes MINUTES](#)

This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 18

- f. [15-3746](#) Landscape Beautification Advisory Board Meeting of January 8, 2015

Attachments: [21015-Cover Memo CC Minutes10815](#)
[Minutes BC 1-8-15-R](#)

This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 19

D. PERSONAL APPEARANCES

None

City Clerk Item No. 20

E. PUBLIC HEARINGS

ORDINANCE ON SECOND READING

Anyone who wishes to address the City Commission on an item to be considered for public hearing must fill out a Speaker Card and turn it in to the City Clerk. Speaker Cards can be obtained on the credenza located outside the Office of the Mayor, during the day of the City Commission Meeting.

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-03

E.-1. [15-3634](#)

An Ordinance amending Chapter 50 of the "Code of The City of Coral Gables," entitled "Pensions," amending Section 50-230, Normal Retirement Income; and providing for repealer provision, severability clause, codification, and providing for an effective date. (This Ordinance does not modify pension benefits. It only serves to clarify the existing language to make it consistent with Florida Statutes, City Attorney interpretation, and current practices.) (Passed on First Reading January 28, 2015).

Attachments: [City Attorney code interpretation of COLA 10-25-2013](#)
[Ltr from Div of Retirement re Pension COLA 3 21 13](#)
[CG Pension Ord COLA clarification 1 27 15](#)
[E-1 Signed Cover Memo 1-28-15](#)
[City Attorney code interpretation of COLA 10-25-2013](#)
[Ltr from Div of Retirement re Pension COLA 3 21 13](#)
[CG Cover Memo for Pension COLA clarification 2 4 15 \(2\)](#)
[CG Cover Memo for Pension COLA clarification 2 4 15 \(2\)](#)
[CG Pension Ord COLA clarification 2 4 15](#)
[CG Pension Ord COLA clarification 2 4 15](#)
[E-1 Signed Cover Memo 2-10-15](#)
[Signed Ordinance 2015-03.pdf](#)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 50 OF THE "CODE OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES," ENTITLED "PENSIONS," AMENDING SECTION 50-230, NORMAL RETIREMENT INCOME; AND PROVIDING FOR REPEALER, CODIFICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (PASSED ON FIRST READING ON JANUARY 28, 2015).

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Item E-1 is available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk and in Legistar].

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Kerdyk, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Lago, that this matter be adopted by Ordinance Number 2015-03. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas : 5 - Commissioner Lago, Commissioner Quesada, Commissioner Keon, Vice Mayor Kerdyk, Jr. and Mayor Cason

City Clerk Item No. 21

ORDINANCE ON FIRST READING**ORDINANCE NO. 2015-06****E.-2. 15-3656**

Conditional Use Review for a Building Site Determination. An Ordinance of the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida requesting Conditional Use Review for a Building Site Determination pursuant to Zoning Code Article 3, "Development Review", Section 3-206, "Building Site Determination" to create two (2) separate single-family building sites on property zoned Single-Family Residential (SFR) District; one (1) building site on Lot 30 and one (1) building site consisting of Lot 31 on the property legally described as Lots 30 and 31, Block A, Gables Estates No. 2 (20 Casuarina Concourse), Coral Gables, Florida; including required conditions; providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, codification, and providing for an effective date. (PZB Vote 3-2, No Recommendation). (First Reading continued from the March 10, 2015 meeting, passed on First Reading at the April 28, 2015 meeting)

Attachments: [02 10 15 Exhibit A - Draft Ordinance - Conditional Use Review for a Building Site I](#)
[02 10 15 Exhibit B - 01.14.15 Planning Division Staff report and recommendation \](#)
[02 10 15 Exhibit C - 01 14 15 Excerpts of Planning and Zoning Board Meeting Mir](#)
[02 10 15 Exhibit D - PowerPoint Presentation for 20 Casuarina Concourse](#)
[E-2 Signed Cover Memo 2-10-15](#)
[03 10 15 CC Cover Memo - 20 Casuarina Concourse 1st reading](#)
[03 10 15 Exhibit A - Draft Ordinance - Conditional Use Review for a Building Site I](#)
[03 10 15 Exhibit B - 01.14.15 Planning Division Staff report and recommendation \](#)
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[04 28 15 Exhibit A - Draft Ordinance - Conditional Use Review for a Building Site I](#)
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[04 28 15 Exhibit C - 01 14 15 Excerpts of Planning and Zoning Board Meeting Mir](#)
[04 28 15 Exhibit D - PowerPoint Presentation for 20 Casuarina Concourse](#)
[04 28 15 CC Cover Memo - 20 Casuarina Concourse 1st reading](#)
[E-2 Signed Cover Memo 4-28-15](#)
[05 12 15 CC Cover Memo re 20 Casuarina Concourse 2nd reading](#)
[05 12 15 Exhibit A - Ordinance Conditional Use Review](#)
[E-1 Signed Cover Memo 5-12-15](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION GRANTING A CONTINUANCE OF AGENDA ITEM E-2, MORE SPECIFICALLY, (AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA REQUESTING CONDITIONAL USE REVIEW FOR A BUILDING SITE DETERMINATION PURSUANT TO ZONING CODE ARTICLE 3, "DEVELOPMENT REVIEW", SECTION 3-206, "BUILDING SITE DETERMINATION" TO CREATE TWO (2) SEPARATE SINGLE-FAMILY BUILDING SITES ON PROPERTY ZONED SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (SFR) DISTRICT; ONE (1) BUILDING SITE ON LOT 30 AND ONE (1) BUILDING SITE CONSISTING OF LOT 31 ON THE PROPERTY LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS LOTS 30 AND 31, BLOCK A, GABLES ESTATES NO. 2 (20 CASUARINA CONCOURSE), CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA) TO THE CITY COMMISSION MEETING PRESENTLY SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 10, 2015.

A motion was made by Commissioner Quesada, seconded by Commissioner Keon, that this matter be Continue on First Reading. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas : 5 - Commissioner Quesada, Commissioner Keon, Vice Mayor Kerdyk, Jr.,
Commissioner Lago and Mayor Cason

City Clerk Item No. 22

F. CITY COMMISSION ITEMS

- F.-1.** [15-3724](#) Discussion regarding the excellent work of Code Enforcement Field Supervisor Michael Kattou, assisted by Code Enforcement Director William Ortiz and Alberto Diaz (a Coral Gables Contractor and resident) in aiding an elderly Coral Gables resident.

Attachments: [Wasserman Ltr.](#)

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Item F-1 is available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk and in Legistar].

This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 23

G. BOARDS/COMMITTEES ITEMS**RESOLUTION NO. 2015-22**

- G.-1.** [15-3745](#) A Resolution granting approval of a residential waiver (by a four-fifths vote of the City Commission) for Irene Tapanes in accordance with Section 2-59(b)(2) of the City Code, to serve as a member of the Cultural Development Board for the remainder of a two (2) year term, which began on June 1, 2013 through May 31, 2015.

Attachments: [G-1 Signed Cover Memo](#)
 [G-1 Resolution](#)

A RESOLUTION GRANTING APPROVAL OF A RESIDENTIAL WAIVER (BY A FOUR-FIFTHS VOTE OF THE CITY COMMISSION) FOR IRENE TAPANES IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 2-59(B)(2) OF THE CITY CODE, TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD FOR THE REMAINDER OF A TWO (2) YEAR TERM, WHICH BEGAN ON JUNE 1, 2013 THROUGH MAY 31, 2015.

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Item G-1 is available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk and in Legistar].

A motion was made by Commissioner Lago, seconded by Commissioner Quesada, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2015-22. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas : 5 - Commissioner Keon, Vice Mayor Kerdyk, Jr., Commissioner Lago,
 Commissioner Quesada and Mayor Cason

City Clerk Item No. 24

H. CITY MANAGER ITEMS

- H.-1. [15-3657](#) Presentation of Quarterly Report for the three months ended December 31, 2014.

Attachments: [Quarterly Report for the Three Months Ending 12-31-14](#)
[H-1 Signed Cover Memo](#)

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Item H-1 is available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk and in Legistar].

This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 25

I. CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS

None

City Clerk Item No. 26

J. CITY CLERK ITEMS

None

City Clerk Item No. 27

K. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Mayor Cason: I wanted to start of the discussion. Three years ago Arva Moore Parks and a German illustrator came to see me about producing this book, "An Illustrated History of Coral Gables", which has taken about three years. It's very accurate - I'll pass it around. This will be published right around the anniversary of George Merrick's birth and on the 90th anniversary of the City. It's going to be available to businesses and the public and schools. Arva's book is going to come out this year as well on Merrick - this complements it, and it's the kind of thing for younger people that may not want to read a 300 page history, but this is very beautifully done and it would be in hard copy and it will be on thick paper, and will probably be available retail for around, I think \$20.00. This will help us spread the history of Coral Gables to people who move into the City and schools and businesses, so it's a great project and it's great that it's coming out - took three years, but it's wonderful.

Commissioner Lago: Let me tell you, it's very well illustrated and I just leafed through it rather quickly, but I'm very impressed by the quality of the illustration. What do you think about - I know we maybe have to go through the School Board, but maybe we

could offer the School Board to put those books in all of Coral Gables facilities, here in town.

Mayor Cason: Yes. I think that - City Manager we talked about this, there is going to be bulk discounts for certain purchases buying more than a few, individual businesses, they are going to go out and canvass the business community, but there are opportunities for...

Commissioner Lago: I know I could probably get someone to sponsor purchasing a lot of books, we could probably entice, based on the fact that it would go to several schools in this community, that we have several elementary schools, middle schools that would, I think get a lot by reading this book and understand a little bit more about our history.

Mayor Cason: The company who does this specializes in churches around the world, they are beautifully done books, they've also done one, the history of St. Augustine. This is the first time they've done one in this format for cities, so they are going to be doing, I think New Orleans next, but it's very, very well done and according to Arva totally historically accurate. So it's a great tool to promote the City.

Commissioner Lago: Very nice.

Mayor Cason: Why don't we start any discussion items?

Commissioner Quesada: Yes. Two quick things. The Miracle Mile Steering Committee - I've been hearing a lot of concerns, traffic concerns and I know we've discussed traffic here, as far as with everything that's coming to downtown Coral Gables, and I know that at the last meeting Vice Mayor Kerdyk brought up the issue of creating a traffic master plan and what I was going to suggest today, what I am suggesting today is adding another member to the Steering Committee, a representative from the Traffic Advisory Board, from a residential perspective, or a resident perspective, they know the traffic better than anyone else because they are constantly dealing with all the new projects coming to the City. I spoke to the City Manager about it, she thinks that maybe - well they've already been several meetings, so is it too late to add someone? - or is it better approach maybe to have the steering committee? - or have the whole project run by the Traffic Advisory Board, so that their input can be given. I know we did that with the Parking Advisory Board with the parallel parking and the angle parking, so that's really a thought. Is the rest of the day in favor of adding an additional

member, a representative from the Traffic Advisory Board from that perspective?- you think it's too late and maybe what we do is we send it, we send the project over to the Traffic Advisory Board to review it prior to it coming to us?- because obviously traffic is a big concern.

Mayor Cason: Has the steering committee thought about inviting the Board to come and hear.

Commissioner Quesada: I'm not sure.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: Mayor as you recall, we had an excellent meeting last week with several Boards, including Traffic Advisory Board, Parking Board, Senior Citizens, Disability, Planning and Zoning. We brought all Boards that we thought touched the streetscape, so that the consultant was able to make a full presentation. You'll recall, you are going to have your special meeting on the 18th for this presentation, we'll bring that forward to you, but it was very well received, but we were also explaining to them this is a preview of a work in progress and that we will come back to them including Traffic Advisory Board, but we had so many positive comments from the Boards saying they don't recall the City ever having an all-board meeting so that they could mutually comment, and it was our preference that we continue to brief the Boards through those periodic workshops, rather than any one Board individually, but obviously if it's something that the Commission would like we can create a special briefing for Traffic Advisory Board, Parking Advisory Board before you took the position as to whether or not you'd move forward had already been briefed and was supportive of the project.

Commissioner Lago: First off, thank you Madam Manager. I was at that meeting and I was very impressed by the fact that the staff was able to get as many individuals at that meeting, not only were individuals who was involved in regards to City Boards, because like she mentioned, we had the Landscaping Board, we had Traffic Advisory, we had Senior Citizens Board, we had a multitude of different Boards here. But I wanted to hear just a little bit more in regards to what you were thinking about, because after listening to Vice Mayor Kerdyk the other day in reference to traffic and knowing that we are going to be requesting a traffic study of the downtown area, I'm a little bit inclined to not only bring it to the Traffic Advisory Board, but also maybe having somebody who has that expertise - what are you thinking about?- who or what entity were thinking about?

Commissioner Quesada: Well I was thinking of a representative from the Traffic Advisory Board; whether they want to select their chair or someone else, who can make the meeting, let them make the decision who it is.

Commissioner Lago: OK.

Commissioner Quesada: I just think that traffic is a focal point that everyone is focusing on, that we are thinking about, that we've discussed on several occasions. Even when Carmen was the Interim City Manager we were discussing as far as the phasing of the projects with the garages, because we didn't want to create a backlog, even before then before Commissioners Keon and Lago were elected, we were discussing this, and we were concerned about traffic in the past. So I just want to make sure we are doing everything we can to avoid the Alton Road experience that Miami Beach had when they were doing their build-out, and I know we are very cognizant of that and we are doing everything we can, but if we can add an additional person to this committee or have more involvement in the Traffic Advisory Board, just to ensure that we are looking at this from all angles, so that we are not burdening our residents or downtown community.

Commissioner Keon: We are going to - any major construction project of that sort between garages and the Mile, it is going to burden. Whatever the will of the Commission is fine with me, I just think that you have expertise in staff now within your Public Works Department and I think the planning, the firm that we have hired to do the work also has traffic engineers and a lot of people that are experts in the field of traffic available to them and as long as we convey our concern with regard to traffic to them, so that the planning and the phasing of the project they try and minimize the construction to the extent that they can that they will do that, but I think that regardless of who we put on to meet with them we have to realize and acknowledge that there is going to be traffic disruption. There is going to be increased traffic in places where maybe there isn't right now, because traffic is going to have to be rerouted to accommodate the building and everything else. I have a real concern that we don't allow the discussion of our traffic and the fear of traffic or changes in traffic patterns, whatever else may incur, that we don't allow that to drive the ultimate design, that we know we need to accommodate for, we need to deal with it, we need to look at it, but we don't allow all of these other little elements to affect how we move forward with projects and what will eventually serve our City well. I know every time we do anything there is a lot of gloom and doom and unintended consequences and everything else, and although we need to be cognizant of them and I think we need to

be vigilant, I don't want them to affect us to the extent that we don't do what - we don't think big and we don't think transformational and we don't look at how good we can really be and actually in the end how well we have the ability to manage some of these issues.

Commissioner Quesada: By doing this I'm not suggesting slowing this down in any way...

Commissioner Keon: I know. I know.

Commissioner Quesada:...or minimizing the beneficial impact that we are all hoping for with this project.

Mayor Cason: It seems to me that certainly they need to know what the project is, what they are coming up with, no doubt about that. If they have any ideas to present to the Commission they should, but if it's just well, we are against traffic....

Commissioner Quesada: No, but it's different, because the traffic engineer doesn't drive the streets every day. The members of the Traffic Advisory Board we put them there to listen to the resident concerns, they know their districts. Maybe the individual on the Traffic Advisory Board that their district encompasses downtown, maybe that's the best way - because I was on the Traffic Advisory Board and you hear a lot more about traffic, because people know you are on the Traffic Advisory Board, so they'll tell you hey you know something, my light is terrible, my intersection is terrible, and you hear more than I think we do. I've heard more about traffic concerns when I was on that Board than I have as a Commissioner, and I just think it's important to have that in mind, especially the emphasis that we've put on it, the focus of traffic. So it's our voice, it's what we are hearing and it's a residential perspective in addition to the engineers that we have, and again, I love our consultants, I think our staff does a great job, but it's a different perspective.

Mayor Cason: Why don't we have the Board or somebody from the downtown on the Board meet with the advisory group, hear what they have to say, maybe they can get back with the Board and come up with some ideas or concerns?

Commissioner Quesada: I think the easiest way is have them select someone to put on the steering...

Commissioner Keon: Well, would you have it be the person that represents downtown?

Commissioner Quesada: I just want to make sure the person has the time to meet, that's why if we let the Board decide themselves - yes, we'll say we have a preference for that person. I couldn't care less whether it's from the Board.

Commissioner Lago: Let me ask you a quick question, just going back to what the Manager was saying. Do we have a schedule timeframe for the next few months?- how many meetings have we had?

Commissioner Quesada: I believe two meetings of the Steering Committee, and there is a schedule.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: The only thing I would caution, certainly if it's a construction staging, we can present the construction staging plan to the Traffic Advisory Board and the public information campaign to alert the public to that construction program, because clearly that is going to be 18 months of havoc, but what I worry about is Historic Preservation Board, Board of Architects, Planning and Zoning Board. There are several Boards that really would like a seat at that steering table, and so what we've done is give them those briefings where all of them are together putting their "Big City" hat on, rather than the disciplines of their individual Board, and last week was the first time and there are future ones planned. Once you introduce one Board as a special seat at that table, I would be surprised if you didn't get those kinds of requests from several other Boards that would want that equal consideration. So I just caution, but we can certainly have a briefing to the Traffic Advisory Board on the plan on the construction schedule, and get their input so that we make sure that it flows as best as possible.

Vice Mayor Kerdyk: I sort of agree with that philosophy. I think that maybe our traffic consultant, we have a traffic consultant that is looking at this from a 10,000 foot...update the Traffic Board and get their opinion, I don't know if having somebody on there would be that productive, to be perfectly frank. I'm big into traffic - I think master plan, I think all these things we need to do, but I just don't want to further hinder moving forward on the Streetscape and that project there.

Commissioner Quesada: I don't think hinder...

Vice Mayor Kerdyk: Maybe hinder is not the word, maybe...

Mayor Cason: You could then have the Disability Board or you want somebody...you'd have to explain to the others why they can't be on because they....

Commissioner Quesada: Well I'll say this. I want greater involvement in the Traffic Advisory Board because of the concerns enumerated by the Vice Mayor at our last Commission meeting.

Mayor Cason: Yes. I agree with that.

Commissioner Quesada: It's important not only during the build-out, Cathy, I don't necessarily agree with the word havoc, and if that is potentially the word to be used, I want to do everything we can to be away from that word in practice and in impact. I want to make sure that it's the best possible situation that we can have, and it's not only during the build-out, it's also moving forward into the future. I know there are a lot of discussions of whether there should be bike lanes or not. I think it's important for the Traffic Advisory Board, no matter what our opinion is, whether there should be or there shouldn't be, the very serious critical look on the impact, not just from the build-out perspective, but moving forward. I think it's very, very important.

Vice Mayor Kerdyk: Just a follow up on our last meeting. We talked about the overall traffic plan for downtown Coral Gables, where are we in that?- are you going to bring something forward to us? As far as a RFP or how do we move from this point forward?

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: I have to say it's been very well received both by staff and by public, saying that they are very excited about this long range look of transportation and traffic and the short term what's on the horizon, so it is an involved process, we are building the scope right now. It is a worthwhile investment, but it's going to be as Glenn put it, a couple hundred thousand dollars, we know it will be worthwhile, we know we will be able to update as developments come forward to test it against that master plan, but it is a year-long process, if not longer, but the process has begun.

Vice Mayor Kerdyk: OK. Thank you very much.

Commissioner Quesada: So that's it. Does everyone agree that the Traffic Advisory

Board should at least be more involved in the process?

Vice Mayor Kerdyk: Yes.

Commissioner Keon: Yes - but I think they can be more briefed more regularly, rather than placing someone on that Board. So, I guess Cathy we'll leave it up to your discretion, but we definitely want their input and feedback. That's the first item - the second item is the School Board, school issues. So obviously, we have those meetings tonight, there is a proposed boundary lines that were drawn. This question is for Craig, and we spoke about it briefly this morning before the meeting started, but I want to make sure I put it out there publicly. I want to know if we can get the data from the School Board?- how many seats did we have in each one of these three schools under the lottery system?-and what we have under their proposed boundary lines that they have drawn? I want to make sure that our students are, our residents still have the same access that they had previously? I think that's very important, at all the schools, I would like to see those numbers. I know there are some numbers that we have heard enrolled in Coral Gables Prep, we would have more Coral Gables students, but I don't think we have an exact number.

City Attorney Leen: They sent the sent the geographic boundary that told us that Coral Gables Prep would have 111 percent capacity.

Commissioner Quesada: But because all the schools encompass - so what the School Board has told us for those at home that may not know all the details that we've heard, that these schools will never just be only Coral Gables schools, they will also incorporate other municipalities or more important Miami-Dade County. How many seats do Coral Gables Prep had currently under the lottery system, controlled choice system that is attended by Coral Gables residents?

City Attorney Leen: They have not provided us with that number.

Commissioner Quesada: And the same goes for Carver and Sunset Elementary and Francis Tucker, I think the number is zero currently, so we know that number, but then under the proposed drawing of the lines what's the new number going to be?

City Attorney Leen: Understand.

Mayor Cason: Are we able to get a number?-because a lot of this is going to depend -

there may be people within those areas that are going to private schools. I think they want to go to public school, but won't pay for it, that's going to be hard to find out isn't it?

City Attorney Leen: We asked about Somerset...at one point about a year ago or so, we asked about Somerset and they would not give us, the School Board would not give us the number by City, they would do it by zip code, so we could get a rough approximation. The way that it would work under the proposal is that the - and there are two proposals that are out there, I want to be clear about that; there is the School Board's proposal, which we did work with them on, but there was a disagreement over one issue. Under the School Board's proposal it follows the current boundaries of controlled choice, then it divides it into three sectors; the north sector would go to Coral Gables Prep, the middle sector to Carver Elementary, the southern sector to Sunset. The School District took the position that because Tucker Elementary and other elementary schools such as Coconut Grove Elementary were not targeted by the ABC Committee, that they could not go outside of those boundaries. It was the City's position and we have a map as well that includes what's called the "Craft Section" of Coral Gables, and it includes that in the Carver section and that is our proposal, and we are going to be pressing that proposal; and in addition, it's our understanding from the School District they believe that it can't all be done this year, but we are going to try our best and this is in conjunction with the City Manager's office, and she had the idea to put the map out like this based on the Commission's instructions. But the idea is that if we can't get it this year, because of this procedural impediment, that we would press for it next year, so in two phases then, but we are going to be pressing it tonight at the three meetings, so we do have our proposal. Now and your final question, I think part of it came from a letter that we received. I will get back to the Commission, I'm going to be responding to that letter sometime today, but I've taken a look at the southern boundary, the one for Sunset, more of Coral Gables is in that boundary than what was mentioned in the letter, and in addition, less of South Miami, it's only two blocks of South Miami, it's a strip of South Miami from 57th to 59th Avenue. Most of the rest of that is either Coral Gables or unincorporated Dade County. So we are going to be taking a look at that and there will be a response to the letter.

Commissioner Quesada: I just want to make sure that we are not losing seats at any of the schools.

City Attorney Leen: I understand.

Commissioner Keon: We wouldn't be losing seats, it's where those children will now be. Now we know that regardless of where we set the boundary for Sunset Elementary, we know that physically there is only about 132 seats at Sunset Elementary that are the home school, so regardless of where they set the boundary the next issue that we will deal with is are there adequate seats for children within those boundaries to go to public school?

Commissioner Quesada: I didn't know that number, so its 132 seats.

Commissioner Keon: I think its 132 seats, its grade per class, it's the home school.

Commissioner Lago: But we know the answer to that question already, we may not have defined, I'm sorry Commissioner Keon, we may not have the actual answers in concrete form, but we know that there are insufficient seats for the needs of the residents in this community.

Commissioner Keon: We believe that, that is the case, and so I think that is going to be another issue that we will deal with and although we've gotten a couple of e-mails from people that maybe don't see our role in this, or see that we should have a role in this. I still think we should have a role in this and we know that individual parents have been attempting to address this issue for a long time now and they have never gotten a response. You know it's only since we have gotten involved as a City on behalf of our residents that they have gotten a response, beyond that, that schools have a real economic impact on our City, so it is for the wellbeing of our City overall that we will address the issue of the educational opportunities that are available to the residents of our City, so I hope that we will remain involved in this issue, and I think there is probably a lot more work to be done, once we get through this initial issue with regard to our elementary schools, those schools, we have high schools, you know we have a lot that we need to continue to look at, if for no other reason but the economic impact that it has on our City.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: If I could just interject. There is another important piece to the proposal that we are recommending and that is all students that are currently attending those schools will be grandfathered in and any sibling that is coming along while that grandfathered student is still in, will be allowed in if that's the preference of the families, because there's a panic that we are going to have to move our kid, who is happy in "XYZ" school out of this, and that is not what we are proposing. We are proposing that they are grandfathered in and we just need to keep

that message going because as the School Board distributes those maps, that sentiment is not included.

Commissioner Keon: And we were told right at our Town Hall Meeting that historically the school system has always honored a grandfathered in student in existing schools and the siblings as they move along, so we know that whatever changes are made, you are not going to reap the full benefit of that first day. It will take two to three to four years as those children move out and move on and siblings move through to see what we hope to eventually achieve.

City Attorney Leen: Commissioner and Mr. Mayor, we actually - it's true, it was mentioned at the Town Hall Meeting, but we actually received, the Assistant City Manager and I were present when the Regional Superintendent told us that they would be grandfathered. That's part of their proposal as well, so that's really of the question now in one of the letters we received we were asked well, is there written binding commitment? I don't know if the School Board will give us a written binding commitment, we can ask.

Commissioner Lago: Let me just interject one second, I want to make sure I think I speak on behalf of the Commission. I've received several e-mails in regards to what the City Manager mentioned, and we had that discussion yesterday in our briefing in reference to if a person currently has a student enrolled, say at Sunset, and they have another child in the next two or three years, are they going to be put through serious economic issues, if their student goes to another school? A lot of parents that we heard at these Town Hall Meetings, they've made some serious sacrifices in their lives, especially a lot of women who spoke at the meeting saying, saying I don't have a career because we decided that we wanted to concentrate on our children, and you have to honor that and respect that. So the situation is that most of the individuals and parents what they are really requesting is that we get something concrete, need to get something memorialized from the School Board stating they are going to honor what they are preaching, because if not we are going to find ourselves back - we may change the common principles that we are trying to really effect here, but at the end of the day maybe in a year, two years, three years, we are going to start finding other issues in regards to the students that come down the line, the siblings that come down the line. So I want to make sure that we avoid having to bring this up altogether and in the future we have it memorialized.

City Attorney Leen: I understand. Commissioner, if I may respond to that. I don't

know how the School Board will address that in terms of whether they'll give us a binding written commitment to the City of Coral Gables, but I do know...

Commissioner Lago: How can we press them?

City Attorney Leen: I can say two things: first, this proposal will go before the ABC Committee, at that point that issue will have to be decided, both the School Board and the City, we've been told, will be pressing for that issue. If it's not granted this is not going to pass. I think that's very clear because there is so much sentiment against this proposal without grandfathering, and the City itself has stood up and said, our proposal includes grandfathering, not that it doesn't. Now the other thing I can tell you is, and I make this commitment as the City Attorney, unless the Commission tells me otherwise, this isn't a game for us, we've agreed with the School Board that they'll be grandfathering. We will continue to maintain that all the way through. If the School Board reneges on that, we will take our legal recourse that is necessary that we can and we will stand with the residents who aren't treated correctly, because I've taken this position and we believe the School Board at their word.

Commissioner Lago: Thank you Craig.

Mayor Cason: Anything else?

Commissioner Quesada: I think Carmen had those numbers.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: Yes. The question about how many Gables residents attend these schools now? I believe Carmen has that in her materials and she has done a phenomenal job working on this whole project, as well we can get, but we don't have the numbers that would attend, I believe, under the new boundaries. I think that information could be available through the School Board software program, but right now we know the census of today.

Assistant City Manager Olazabal: I guess on the first part, we know that Carver has 440 seats, currently 185 of those students are Coral Gables students. Coral Gables Prep has 717 seats, that's not capacity that's just seats, and 479 of those are Coral Gables Residents. Sunset Elementary, this number includes the magnet program as well, has 1,176 students, and 399 of those are Coral Gables residents.

Commissioner Keon: And we know though that 132, I think it was about 130 are the

seats for the home school, so.

Assistant City Manager Olazabal: Right - I believe your number on the home school is 132 is correct, it's about right, but what we don't know, not all of the students from the home school are Coral Gables residents, because the boundary does include High Pines and....

Commissioner Keon: Right. But High Pines in that was included in the area of choice, so there could well be children from High Pines and from all those areas that could have gone to those schools anyway.

Assistant City Manager Olazabal: And the proposal what it does, yes, it's the same boundary so the capacity of the schools hasn't increased, it's just kind of redistributing who gets those seats; and what they did they try to draw the lines to be able to make sure that they have enrollment on all of them, and the numbers they gave us was that the expectation is that for Coral Gables Prep they are somewhere in the 111 percent enrollment. For Carver they are at 80 percent enrollment; and for Sunset they'll be at 94 percent capacity. So the number of seats should stay the same, it's just a matter of how they get distributed.

Commissioner Keon: I think it's important that we make very clear to people that live in Coral Gables that Carver Elementary is in Coral Gables, and that the neighborhood that surrounds it is also in Coral Gables. I know we got an email from someone who raises a concern about the amount of crime or whatever. You know what, that's extending to the West Grove the crime numbers go up, but you know, we also know that there are other areas that border our City that if you were to do a two-mile radius around even Coral Gables Prep you would find pockets within that two-mile radius where there is higher incidents of crime than there is maybe within the City limits of Coral Gables or with some area that's immediately around a school. So data can be used to either help or to hurt and we need to make sure that people understand that Carver Elementary is in Coral Gables, the neighborhood that surrounds it is Coral Gables, they are our children that live in that area and just as we work very hard to ensure the safety of all of the facilities regardless of who owns them within our City, we will ensure that children going to those schools are safe.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: The other statistic that's really important is all three of those schools are A-rated schools.

Commissioner Keon: Yes they are.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: They all have excellent academic programs, the students perform well, we hear so many stories about how happy that parents are in the schools that they are located in, which is why we say they can be grandfathered in as these boundaries change, but your residents call for predictability, and so predictability wasn't there in the control choice, but all three of those programs, and we will gather that information and present it in our website about the excellent elementary school programs that are offered in Coral Gables, which includes Carver, includes Coral Gables Elementary, and includes Sunset.

Mayor Cason: Thank you.

Commissioner Quesada: That's it.

Mayor Cason: OK. Vince.

Commissioner Lago: I have no items today, except that I just want to make sure that I think Commissioner Quesada think failed to mention, tonight the three meetings are at 5 pm, Coral Gables Preparatory Academy; 6:15, George Carver Elementary School; and 7:30 (pm) at Sunset Elementary. I'll be attending the 7:30 (pm) Sunset Elementary.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: Is it 7:30 or 7:15?

Commissioner Keon: 7:30 (pm).

Commissioner Lago: 7:30 (pm) - So 7:30 at Sunset Elementary this evening.

Mayor Cason: Bill.

Vice Mayor Kerdyk: Just a comment. I want to commend both the City Attorney and the City Manager for the openness and the free-flow of information. I really do appreciate the emails all the time with information. I can't remember having so much information disseminated to the Commission, but it's very, very helpful to keep up to date on it, anything - whether it's a settlement, whether it's the Police and Fire Department Building, or whatever it is; and one of the memos that you sent out was on Granada Golf Course and we've spoken many, many times about that, and I just want to re-emphasize, you articulate three points, or Glenn was the one that substantiated

three points of how you are going to start the process and what you are going to do. I just want to re-emphasize the fact that we need to follow up, how we are going to maintain the property?- we've brought it up numerous times, so we need to maintain it once we fix it up, so this Commission or any other future Commissions don't have to deal with fixing up Granada Golf Course for many, many years to come, so that should be part of that. But thank you very much for disseminating out that information.

Mayor Cason: One of the things that I've noticed in my neighborhood, we may not all of us seen it in our neighborhood yet, but the "Sidewalk Repair Program" is underway. They just did part of Alhambra Circle, and I think you mentioned that some of your neighbors had talked about. So you are going to come up, Cathy, with the future map showing us and maybe on E-NEWS, showing the residents what's coming in their neighborhood when, so they'll be aware.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: Yes Mr. Mayor. You asked for us to develop something for our website too, so residents can know when we are going where in the Citywide Sidewalk Repair Program, so we are going to do that. If you want, we can bring it as a presentation to the Commission, but we'll also put it on the website, so our residents can click in and see where we are.

Mayor Cason: I was very impressed with how they are doing it. They come in like a forklift, lift up the old slab, dump it in a spot, and then they start pouring the concrete. It's very efficient, very fast, and they've done a huge section of Alhambra just in one day. So something that hasn't been done for 30 or 40 years, there are a lot of bad sidewalks and I'm really happy to see this moving forward expeditiously.

Commissioner Keon: Our neighborhoods look good, they do. I wanted to also talk a little about the Granada Golf Course update, because of each one of these points, as far as the study on the issues, there are timeframes, but there is no time as to when the actual work is going to begin, is that right?

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: It is anticipated that this work will begin this coming May, the work will begin, and it will be completed by August. The construction phase for the next phase, and if people see surveying going on at the golf course, it is for the cart paths, nothing else. There is worry that there might be some pedestrian walkway, it will take a lot of community meetings, but the work for construction of the second phase will begin August 2015, and be completed spring 2016. The third phase is more of the - we have a lot more information to assemble, so we haven't given a

schedule for when that master plan would be developed and when we would be bringing it to you, but the first phase and the second phase has a construction schedule associated...

Commissioner Keon: The first phase is construction, includes developing golf - I'm reading it that it's developing a program.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: We have this window of when we need to get the - I'm sorry that I should have asked Glenn to come, as to when we need to do work, physical work on the course, whether it is the greens or the other areas, and so that's the window because of the rainy season, so there is going to be for lack of a better term, greens replenishment during that time, but we'll put this into a full memo, and then we'll also put it on our website for the public.

Commissioner Keon: Thank you. Because I had said to the Manager, a few people stopped me to tell me that they were told that the golf course was being closed down in April for a total renovation of replacement of the greens and everything else, and I don't think that's not the case. I asked them where they - how they - who told them that?-why they believe that?-and they told me that that was the information that was given to them by the people at Granada. So, I think that we need to make it clear whether it's a matter that you post the information at Granada, so that the people that are playing golf there actually have accurate information, so they actually know, because I don't think that our intention was to take up all of the fairways and replant all of the fairways. I think it was my understanding that they were going to redo the greens, but I don't think that the fairways were going to be replaced; there was going to be some maintenance to it and whatever, but it wasn't that they were digging up the whole golf course and going to totally, going to renovate and redo the entire golf course, but the area with regard to a walking path is still in the development.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: It was a very spirited discussion with the public. There is no significant amount of work before we come up with any recommendations.

Commissioner Keon: I think that that it should just be laid out and made clear to people what is actually going to happen and what isn't going to happen, and what's included in the scope of work, and in doing this, are we hiring a maintenance, somebody to maintain the golf course? How do we deal with that?- because my understanding that the person that is now the maintenance person, there is the gentleman that was there before, he is like a gardener, but I don't know that he has - I

don't mean to diminish this individual at all, I don't know them, but it's not someone that is an agronomist, or they are not someone that has the background, the credentials or the experience in maintaining a golf course, is that the case?

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: If it's alright with the Commission, let us have a very detailed Granada Golf Course update at the next Commission meeting, we'll do the sidewalk update, but we'll also do Granada Golf Course from what's happening with fees?- what's happening with greens?- what is the construction schedule?- and then when we are all done we'll create a flyer that's also available at Granada, so that we don't have to rely on people giving information that may not be accurate.

Commissioner Keon: OK. Can we also talk about what are the qualifications for a person that's going to maintain this golf course? I know that we have talked before what the Biltmore Golf Course looks, like and they do have a very professional maintenance staff at Biltmore that - they do have the credentials, they do have the education, they do have the background, they do have the experience, and whatever to maintain a golf course, if it may be in our best interest, rather than just hiring someone to maintain the Granada Golf Course, that we can just as the Biltmore now does the starter and provides that facility, that maybe we can also work out something with the Biltmore in maintaining Granada, or hiring somebody of that caliber to do Granada, but it really is not just somebody that doesn't have knowledge, doesn't have experience, and doesn't understand golf courses. It's not just like the lawn in a park, where you have someone you know...certain grasses and you cut it low, you don't worry about it, you are going to have those spots, its different in a golf course, it's a whole different animal.

Vice Mayor Kerdyk: Just to follow up on that. The guy's name is Brian that does Biltmore, he used to do Riviera and Biltmore fortunately has him. He has done an exceptional job with Biltmore and of course maybe they had given more money to maintain it or whatever it is, but maybe there is a point that you do talk to him and see - he's an independent contractor, I think with Biltmore, I'm sure he is hired as staff or not, but certainly he is the person to talk to and a professional that is recognized in that industry.

Commissioner Keon: I spoke with the Manager about it again. I'm getting what you know with regard to feral cats, and we talked about that issue with feral cats, and we kind of want to start a program and I want to make sure that we follow up on it, or we somehow address that issue. It really is a burden to the people that live along San

Amaro, they are kind of everywhere, they've had a couple more letters apparently.

Mayor Cason: We have to give Code violations for the cats because they don't have bells and our ordinance calls for...

Commissioner Keon: And we have an address for those cats.

Mayor Cason: In our ordinance those cats have to have bells because we are a bird sanctuary, so. Craig you had some very good successes this last couple of weeks, why don't you tell us what's...

City Attorney Leen: Thank you Mr. Mayor. First we had the bond validation final hearing in Miracle Mile, February 6, 2015, and we received a final judgment. Also the judge had some very nice words for the proposed streetscape, and so he's looking forward to attending himself. Second, bond validation in Giralda set for February 19, 2015. We've settled the Alhambra Center matter and are just finalizing the paperwork. So there has been no other opposition to Giralda and it's going forward and any opposition is untimely at this point. So we believe that, that also will have a final judgment and at that point all the legal issues will be done relating to Miracle Mile and Giralda Street. In addition, I would like to ask for an Executive Session for Navarro v. City of Coral Gables, 13-15577 CA, in the Eleventh Judicial Circuit. I'd also like to ask for an Executive Session in CasCar LLC v. City of Coral Gables, 13-25997 CA. That case is the one involving Casuarina Concourse, the Alfred Browning Parker House. It's been reported that, that house is sold for over a million dollars and what's interesting there is - I've been informed by Dona Spain, our Historic Preservation Officer, that the people who purchased it are looking forward to maintaining it as a historic structure. So this Commission was able to preserve that historic structure. My hope is that we will be able to get this case dismissed now on this argument. We also have a number of other arguments we will be raising in the case, including sovereign immunity, but I'll be getting back to you on that. I want to have an opportunity to speak to you about it in an Executive Session. In addition, we have the Murhee et al v. City of Coral Gables. I would like to ask for an Executive Session in that case, Case No. 13-20731 CA, Eleventh Judicial Circuit, that lawsuit relates to the COLA matter. Today the Commission resolved that matter in one sense by going forward in the future by adopting the statutory provision, which is already...that's been the position in our case, but there is still a pending claim, and that pending claim will be coming to discuss with you in Executive Session. I'm going to hold that Executive Session though after the workshop, because those issues may come up at the workshop, and then I want to

get the Commission's guidance, along with the Acting City Manager on this issue who is Carmen Olazabal. We want to get your guidance as to how to proceed with that matter going forward in the outstanding claim. And finally, there is the Corporate Run, we are getting a lot of people signing up and I want to personally thank the Commission for being so supportive of this, as you are every year. I want to thank the Vice Mayor for always making that motion. I want to thank the Mayor last year for giving us the medals and awarding us and the whole Commission in fact, and for that wonderful awards ceremony and I want to thank the City Manager, who is extremely supportive of this. A lot of staff is coming out, I think we are going to have something like 50 people this year, maybe more, and we are going to have a tent, and I would like to personally invite the Commission with the City Manager, who would like to invite the Commission to come. It's wonderful when you come out, I think Commissioner Keon is going to be walking, so if any of you would like to come, please let us know and I think we are going to be very fast and also we are going to be numerous, because remember you can walk or run, both are equally welcome. So we are really excited about it. That's my report.

Mayor Cason: Alright, we're done. I think the meeting is adjourned.

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ADJOURNMENT

[Note for the Record: There being no further business on the Regular City Commission Meeting Agenda. The Commission of the City of Coral Gables adjourned its meeting at 11:11 am on February 10, 2015. The next regular meeting of the City Commission has been scheduled for February 24, 2015, beginning 12 noon.]

JIM CASON
MAYOR

ATTEST:

WALTER J. FOEMAN
CITY CLERK