

City of Coral Gables

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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 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 Roger M. Tobin from St. Philip's Episcopal Church gave the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Mayor Kerdyk 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) Resolution(s) adopted (Resolution No. 2015-28 through Resolution No. 2015-36); (b) Video; (c) Audio Recording; (d) Minutes Folder with Agenda and background information, including items which were submitted at the meeting.

A. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

- A.-1. [15-3790](#)** Presentation of a Proclamation declaring March 10, 2015 as "Venetian Aquatic Club Day" in Coral Gables.

[Note for the Record: Following the reading of the title to Agenda Item A-1, Mayor Cason announced that Kyle Allen, President of the Venetian Aquatic Club, is present to receive the proclamation. Vice Mayor Kerdyk thanked the Aquatic Club for everything they do for the community, adding that we hear about so many tragedies that happen in the water and the Aquatic Club prevents that from happening in Coral Gables.]

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City Clerk Item No. 1

- A.-2. [15-3792](#)** Dan Lambe, President of the Arbor Day Foundation, to present the City of Coral Gables with an award acknowledging the City's 30 consecutive years as a "Tree City USA," and commending the City for its leadership, commitment and hard work toward maintaining a successful tree care program.

[Note for the Record: Following the reading of the title to Agenda Item A-2, Mayor Cason welcomed Dan Lambe, President of the Arbor Day Foundation. Commissioner Lago announced that the day before he had the pleasure of attending an event at the Coral Gables Museum, recognizing the City of Coral Gables for being a "Tree City USA" for thirty consecutive years. Commissioner Lago noted that when businesses and individuals choose the City of Coral Gables, one of the main focal points to make that decision is the quality of life and, in his opinion, quality of life is what Mr. Lambe represents: trees, a beautiful environment, a place to spend some time with your children, to go biking, walking, or just enjoy a moment of solitude. Commissioner Lago further noted that the City of Coral Gables provides that better than any other municipality in Dade County and Robert Ruano gave him the pleasure of introducing Commissioner Lago to Dan Lambe. Commissioner Lago said that with the leadership of the City Commission, the City Manager, the City Attorney and the City Clerk, the City has transformed its environment during this last year and the City is in the process of finalizing the Sustainability Plan, which will provide a plan to attack some of the more important environmental issues that the City is facing. Among other important initiatives, such as sea level rise, Commissioner Lago spoke about the Tree Succession Plan, which will add approximately 3,000 missing trees in the City. Commissioner Lago ended his remarks by saying that being a "Tree City USA" is one of the most important features that the City can highlight. Mr. Lambe said he is humbled by being here and wants to acknowledge that at the Arbor Day Foundation they recognize excellence in community forestry management across the nation. Mr.

Lambe added that it is rare for a city to receive this recognition for thirty consecutive years; it takes true leadership, vision and support.]

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City Clerk Item No. 2

A.-3. [15-3780](#)

Presentation of Gold Standard Advanced Meritorious Accreditation with Excellence to the Coral Gables Police Department by the Commission on Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies Inc. (CALEA), the international gold standard for public safety agencies.

Attachments: [Item Title Cover Memo-CALEA](#)
[CALEA Acknowledgement Letter](#)

[Note for the Record: Following the reading of the title to Agenda Item A-3 by Mayor Cason, City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark announced that this is an extraordinary award and Commissioner Hunter is here on behalf of the Commission on Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA). City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark noted that it is very unusual for CALEA to come forward and present an award. Interim Police Chief Hudak remarked that it is with a great sense of pride they are here today and recognized the Police Department staff who worked on this for over a year. Commissioner Hunter gave thanks for the opportunity to be here and remarked that it is unusual for CALEA to make a presentation, except for significant agencies, further noting that the awards the City has received today from CALEA are awards of distinction and received by very few, only about five percent, of the nation's municipalities. Commissioner Hunter ended his remarks by giving a brief explanation of how CALEA operates.]

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City Clerk Item No. 3

A.-4. [15-3776](#)

Presentation of 25 year service pin to Dania M. Rodriguez, Finance Department.

Attachments: [Dania Rodriguez 25 years](#)

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City Clerk Item No. 4

- A.-5. [15-3772](#) Congratulations to Officer Gordon Dickinson, recipient of the City of Coral Gables "Officer of the Month Award," for the month of January 2015.

Attachments: [COMMISSION COVER MEMO - OFFICER OF THE MONTH JANUARY 2015.pdf](#)
[NOMINATION OFFICER OF THE MONTH - JAN 2015.pdf](#)

[Note for the Record: Following the reading of the title to Agenda Item A-5 by Mayor Cason, he asked Human Resources Director Elsa Jaramillo-Velez and Interim Police Chief Hudak to present the item. Interim Chief Hudak stated that Officer Dickinson is no stranger to excellent service and police work and described some of the outstanding police work done by Officer Gordon Dickinson. Officer Dickinson said that it is a great honor to be recognized as the January 2015 Officer of the Month, adding that all of the police officers do the best they can.]

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City Clerk Item No. 5

- A.-6. [15-3787](#) Congratulations to Captain Jesus Acevedo, recipient of the City of Coral Gables "Firefighter of the Month Award," for the month of March 2015.

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

[Note for the Record: Following the reading of the title to Agenda Item A-6 by Mayor Cason, City Manager Cathy Swanson-Rivenbark asked Deputy Fire Chief De La Rosa to present the award. Deputy Fire Chief De La Rosa stated that, on behalf of Fire Chief Stolzenberg, he is honored to present this award, adding that Captain Acevedo is no stranger to excellence and dedication to the Fire Department. Deputy Fire Chief De La Rosa said that, in this case, Captain Acevedo was recommended for this position by staff because it was noted there was a gap in the service provided to the men and women of the Fire Department as far as logistics and support. Deputy Fire Chief De La Rosa said this concept was introduced to Captain Acevedo, who took ownership of the concept with very little direction and within a few weeks Captain Acevedo had established perfect relationships with the men and women of the Fire Department and also with the vendors. Captain Acevedo makes sure the Fire Department personnel has everything they need to do their job - from coffee cups to fire trucks. Captain Acevedo said he is very proud to say that he couldn't work for a better Fire Department.]

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City Clerk Item No. 6

- A.-7. [15-3789](#) Congratulations to Kimberley A. Springmyer, Development Services Department, recipient of the "Employee of the Month Award," for the month of March 2015.

Attachments: [March 2015 EOM Notification Letter](#)
[Cover Memorandum - EOM March 2015](#)

[Note for the Record: Following the reading of the title to Agenda Item A-7 by Mayor Cason, City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark asked Development Services Director Jane Tompkins, Human Resources Director Elsa Jaramillo-Velez and Code Enforcement Director Will Ortiz to present the item. City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark said that it shows you that the employees are always on call, alert and making good things happen for the city. Elsa Jaramillo-Velez announced that Kimberly Springmyer is the "Employee of the Month" for March 2015, she is a dedicated public service employee and she is committed to the city. Human Resources Director said that Kimberly has been employed by the city for over thirty-one years. Following the showing of the "Employee of the Month" video, the Human Resources Director described one of the many incidents for which Kimberley is being recognized. Ms. Springmyer said she is very appreciative of the recognition and that it is a good way to end her career with the city.]

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City Clerk Item No. 7

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- B.-1.** [15-3806](#) Regular City Commission Meeting of December 16, 2014.

Attachments: [Verbatim Transcript - Agenda Item F-4-F.pdf](#)
[Verbatim Transcript - Agenda Item F-3-F.pdf](#)
[Verbatim Transcript - Agenda Item F-2-F.pdf](#)
[Verbatim Transcript - Agenda Item F-1-F.pdf](#)
[Verbatim Transcript - Agenda Item E-2-F.pdf](#)
[Verbatim Transcript - Agenda Item E-1-F.pdf](#)
[Verbatim Transcript - Agenda Item D-1-F.pdf](#)
[Verbatim Transcript - Agenda Item C-12-F.pdf](#)
[Verbatim Transcript - Agenda Item C-6-F.pdf](#)
[Verbatim Transcript - Agenda Item C-4-F.pdf](#)
[Verbatim Transcript - Agenda Item C-2-F.pdf](#)
[Verbatim Transcript - Agenda Item H-3.pdf](#)
[Meeting Minutes.pdf](#)
[Verbatim Transcript - Agenda Item H-2-F.pdf](#)
[Verbatim Transcript - Agenda Item F-7-F.pdf](#)
[Verbatim Transcript - Agenda Item F-6-F.pdf](#)
[Verbatim Transcript - Agenda Item F-5-F.pdf](#)
[Verbatim Transcript - Agenda Item I-2-F.pdf](#)
[Verbatim Transcript - Agenda Item I-1-F.pdf](#)
[Verbatim Transcript - Agenda Item H-6-F.pdf](#)
[Verbatim Transcript - Agenda Item H-5-F.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Quesada, seconded by Commissioner Keon, 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. 8

- B.-2.** [15-3807](#) Regular City Commission Meeting of January 28, 2015.

Attachments: [Verbatim Transcript - Agenda Item H-2 - Update on police initiatives.pdf](#)
[Verbatim Transcript - Non Agenda Item - Meg Daley presented Underline Initiative](#)
[Meeting Minutes.pdf](#)
[Verbatim Transcript - Agenda Item E-1 - Ordinance amending Chapter 50 Pensior](#)
[Verbatim Transcript - Agenda Item F-1 - Discussion regarding Biltmore golf memb](#)
[Verbatim Transcript - Agenda Item F-2 - Update on crosswalk from Riviera Drive t](#)
[Verbatim Transcript - Agenda Item F-3 - Discussion regarding traffic flow in downt](#)
[Verbatim Transcript - Agenda Item H-1 - Reso to purchase and install P-25 Phase](#)

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

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

City Clerk Item No. 9

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-28**C.-1. [15-3782](#)**

A Resolution authorizing the execution of an interlocal and grant agreement with Miami-Dade County in order for the City to receive funding from the Building Better Communities General Obligation Bond Program (BBC GOB), to rehabilitate homes within the MacFarlane Homestead Subdivision Historic District, as affordable housing for low and moderate income households.

Attachments: [Affordable Housing Restrictive Covenant \(MacFarlane\) for Commission 2.20 GOB GRANT AGREEMENT - MacFarlane 2.20.15 for Commission MacFarlane Application Draft 2.23.15 MacFarlaneGOBInterlocalAgreementDraftReso](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN INTERLOCAL AND GRANT AGREEMENT WITH MIAMI-DADE COUNTY IN ORDER FOR THE CITY TO RECEIVE FUNDING FROM THE BUILDING BETTER COMMUNITIES GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND PROGRAM (BBC GOB) TO REHABILITATE HOMES WITHIN THE MACFARLANE HOMESTEAD SUBDIVISION HISTORIC DISTRICT AS AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSEHOLDS.

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2015-28 on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 10

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-29**C.-2. [15-3784](#)**

A Resolution approving the Annual Review required by the City of Coral Gables and University of Miami Agreement and Section 163.3235 of the Florida Statutes, for the period from September 28, 2013 to September 27, 2014. (Documenting the University's compliance with the Development Agreement).

Attachments: [03 10 15 Exhibit A Resolution](#)
[03 10 15 Exhibit B City of CG and UM Agreement Annual Review](#)
[C-2 Signed Cover Memo](#)
[03 10 15 Exhibit C Annual Report 2013-2014](#)
[03 10 15 Exhibit A Resolution](#)

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ANNUAL REVIEW REQUIRED BY THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES AND UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI AGREEMENT AND SECTION 163.3235 OF THE FLORIDA STATUTES, FOR THE PERIOD FROM SEPTEMBER 28, 2013 TO SEPTEMBER 27, 2014.

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2015-29 on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 11

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-30**C.-3. [15-3785](#)**

A Resolution authorizing free parking for participants (in Parking Garage 4) and a waiver for the \$590 cost of renting fifty-nine (59) parking spaces along Biltmore Way for the 2015 "Coral Gables Walk MS," scheduled for April 18, 2015.

Attachments: [LETTER 2015 CG WALK MS](#)
[RESOLUTION 2015 CG Walk MS](#)
[C-3 Signed Cover Memo](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FREE PARKING FOR PARTICIPANTS (IN PARKING GARAGE FOUR), AND A WAIVER FOR THE \$590 COST OF RENTING FIFTY-NINE (59) PARKING SPACES ALONG BILTMORE WAY, FOR THE 2015 "CORAL GABLES WALK MS" SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 18, 2015.

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2015-30 on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 12

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-31**C.-4. [15-3794](#)**

A Resolution authorizing the execution of an agreement for sewer connection for property located outside the City's sewer district at 1155 Blue Road, Coral Gables, Florida to the City of Coral Gables wastewater collection/ transmission system, subject to the requirements of the Public Works Department, as provided under Chapter 62 and 78 of the City Code, Ordinance No. 2007-29 and 2009-39 and Resolution No. 2008-07; and provided that the executed agreement be made part of this resolution.

Attachments: [Letter of agreement](#)
[city code 78-106](#)
[Ordinance No. 2007-29](#)
[Ordinance No. 2009-39](#)
[Resolution No. 2008-07](#)
[Riviera Country Club outside sewer connection - RESOL](#)
[C-4 Signed Cover Memo](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT FOR SEWER CONNECTION FOR PROPERTY LOCATED OUTSIDE THE CITY'S SEWER DISTRICT AT 1155 BLUE ROAD, CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA TO THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES WASTEWATER COLLECTION / TRANSMISSION SYSTEM, SUBJECT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, AS PROVIDED UNDER CHAPTERS 62 AND 78 OF THE CITY CODE, ORDINANCE NO. 2007-29 AND 2009-39 AND RESOLUTION NO. 2008-07; AND PROVIDING THAT THE EXECUTED AGREEMENT BE MADE PART OF THIS RESOLUTION.

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2015-31 on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 13

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

1.-1. [15-3768](#) Arts Advisory Panel Meeting of February 3, 2015

Attachments: [AAP Commission cover 3-10-15](#)
[AAP Minutes February 3 2015](#)

This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 14

1.-2. [15-3778](#) Communications Committee Meeting of November 20, 2014

Attachments: [CC. 3.10.15 Commission cover](#)
[CC Minutes 11-20-14](#)

This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 15

- 1.-3. [15-3788](#) Budget/Audit Advisory Board Meeting of October 29, 2014

Attachments: [Budget Audit Advisory Board Meeting Minutes of October 29 2014](#)
[Agenda - Budget Audit Board meeting of October 29, 2014](#)

This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 16

- 1.-4. [15-3796](#) Disability Affairs Board Meeting of February 4, 2015

Attachments: [2-4-15 MINUTES](#)
[2-4-15 Disability Affairs minutes COVER](#)

This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 17

D. PERSONAL APPEARANCES

None

City Clerk Item No. 18

E. PUBLIC HEARINGS**ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING****ORDINANCE NO. 2015-06**

- E.-1. [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 B - 01.14.15 Planning Division Staff report and recommendation \](#)
[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 FOR AGENDA ITEM E-1 (SUBJECT MATTER: 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; SAID ITEM TOBE CONTINUED TO THE CITY COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULED TO BEGIN AT 9 A.M., ON APRIL 28, 2015, WHEN THE ITEM IS REACHED ON THE AGENDA.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lago, seconded by Commissioner Keon, that this matter be continued by Resolution Number 2015-06. 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. 19

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-04

E.-2. [15-3753](#)

An Ordinance of the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida providing for text amendments to the City of Coral Gables Official Zoning Code, by amending Appendix A, "Site Specific Zoning Regulations," Section A-95, "Sunrise Harbour," by adding provisions for dock facilities for the Gables Harbour Condominium; providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, codification and providing for an effective date. (PZB Vote: 6-0, Recommended Approval) (Passed on First Reading March 10, 2015)

Attachments: [03 10 15 Exhibit A - Draft Ordinance](#)
[03 10 15 Exhibit B - 02.11.15 Staff report and recommendation with attachments](#)
[03 10 15 Exhibit C - Excerpts of 02.11.15 Planning and Zoning Board meeting mir](#)
[03 10 25 Exhibit D - PowerPoint Presentation](#)
[E-2 Signed Cover Memo 3-10-15](#)
[03 25 15 CC Cover Memo re: Sunrise Harbour ZC Text Amendment 2nd reading](#)
[03 25 15 Exhibit A - Sunrise Harbour Site Specific Amendment - Exhibit A - Draft C](#)
[E-1 Signed Cover Memo 3-25-15](#)
[Signed Ordinance 2015-04.pdf](#)

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Item E-2 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 Quesada, that this matter be approved as an Ordinance on First Reading. 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. 20

F. CITY COMMISSION ITEMS

None

City Clerk Item No. 21

G. BOARDS/COMMITTEES ITEMS**RESOLUTION NO. 2015-33****G.-1. [15-3783](#)**

A Resolution confirming John P. Fullerton (Board-As-A-Whole-Appointment) to serve as a member of the Historic Preservation Board for the remainder of a two (2) year term, which began on June 1, 2013 and continues through May 31, 2015.

Attachments: [R-DraftFullertonHPB2015](#)
[HPB.02.19.15ExcerptsMinutesforCC03.10.15](#)
[JohnPFullerton-Resume](#)
[G-1 Signed Cover Memo](#)

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING JOHN P. FULLERTON (BOARD-AS-A-WHOLE-APPOINTMENT) TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD FOR THE REMAINDER OF A TWO (2) YEAR TERM, WHICH BEGAN ON JUNE 1, 2013 AND CONTINUES 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 Vice Mayor Kerdyk, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Quesada, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2015-33. The motion passed by the following vote.

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

City Clerk Item No. 22

H. CITY MANAGER ITEMS**RESOLUTION NO. 2015-34****H.-1. [15-3786](#)**

A Resolution accepting the recommendation of the Chief Procurement Officer to award the Citywide Tree Succession Project contract to SFM Services, Inc., pursuant to Request for Proposals (RFP) 2015.01.02, and Section 2-828 of the Procurement Code entitled, "Contract Award".

Attachments: [Draft Agenda Reso](#)
[Evaluation and Ranking](#)
[Response](#)
[Tabulation](#)
[CR-Ltr of Recommendation of Award-Feb2015](#)
[H-1 Signed Cover Memo](#)

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER TO AWARD THE CONTRACT FOR THE CITYWIDE TREE SUCCESSION PROJECT TO SFM SERVICES, INC., PURSUANT TO REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) 2015.01.02, AND SECTION 2-828 OF THE PROCUREMENT CODE ENTITLED "CONTRACT AWARD".

A motion was made by Commissioner Quesada, seconded by Vice Mayor Kerdyk, Jr., that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2015-34. 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. 23

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-57**H.-2. [15-3795](#)**

A Resolution accepting the recommendation of the Public Works Director to authorize contract negotiations with State Contracting and Engineering Corporation (SCEC) and further authorizing the City Manager to execute phase one of the contract to provide design phase services during design, and if necessary, with the other short-listed firm, as the Construction Manager at Risk for the Miracle Mile and Giralda Avenue Streetscape project pursuant to Section 2-1089 of the City of Coral Gables Code of Ordinances and Request for Qualifications (RFQ) 2015.12.05. (Continued from the March 24, 2015 City Commission Meeting)

Attachments: [Attachment 2 - RFQ Response SCEC](#)
[Attachment 4 -a](#)
[Attachment 4 -b](#)
[Attachment 3 - Evaluation & Recommendation](#)
[Attachment 5 - SCEC Response to Protest](#)
[CMAR RESOL](#)
[H-6 Signed Cover Memo](#)
[4-24-15 CMAR RESOL](#)
[A-1 Cover Memo](#)

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Item H-2 is available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk and in Legistar].

A motion was made by Commissioner Quesada, seconded by Commissioner Lago, that this motion be Deferred . The motion passed by an unanimous vote.

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

City Clerk Item No. 24

I. CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS

None

City Clerk Item No. 25

J. CITY CLERK ITEMS

None

City Clerk Item No. 26

K. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Mayor Cason: Let's move onto Discussion Items, I'll start with Commissioner Keon.

City Attorney Leen: I think there needs to be - was there a vote (referring to Item H-2).

Mayor Cason: We said unanimous.

City Attorney Leen: Oh, it's unanimous consent.

Mayor Cason: Unanimous consent.

Commissioner Keon: I do. I have a couple of things here I would like us to talk about. The biggest item I'd like us to talk about is the North Gables development, that development that area that is north of Alhambra from the north side of Alhambra, north to Eighth Street. Actually, there is a piece across Eighth Street between some places it's LeJeune, some places it's Ponce to Douglas. We have some projects that have gone through the DRC (Development Review Committee) in the North Gables, that are asking for Zoning Comp Plan, land use changes, a lot of different things, and it's these projects in particular that I have some concern about. They are not as-of-right projects. I mean the as-of-right projects are fine, but I think there are two or three, there may be four that have gone through the DRC, but haven't progressed beyond the DRC, and they are asking for some significant changes to the Code, Comp Plan land use and a variety of things. And I know that staff has already been asked to study the North Gables and the development within the North Gables and provide a plan to the Commission on the development as a whole of that area north of Alhambra Circle. So I'd like to see the development of this area, the whole that whole, North Gables guided by a neighborhood plan or district, and not by individual zoning requests. I don't want to see it done piecemeal and I'd like, or I would prefer that the Planning and Zoning Board not take any action on those projects that have only gone through DRC, they haven't gone any further, until we have an opportunity for staff to come back with a plan on the development of the North Gables and how do we want to see it developed as a traditional residential neighborhoods or...

Commissioner Quesada: That's a great point.

Commissioner Keon: I'd like us to wait, it's not mandatory, or it's not whatever, it's just the City, it's a planned City, it is what has guided us, it's what has preserved our values, our property values, our way of life, and I think that we need to develop a framework for the development of that area to the North. It is ripe for development. I know the people are accumulating building sites, so there are going to be some size that's very small, some bigger building sites and I would like it done in accordance with some plan.

Commissioner Quesada: I think you are absolutely right, related to that topic. Obviously, Ramon Trias spoke to us, was it two months ago was it?- when we discussed it, additional land, all the other input that's been put in. But you are absolutely right. If it goes through the DRC right now and those projects that's coming before the P&Z Board, it would be piecemeal and that wouldn't be the right way to do it. If anything were to change there, if we all decide that some change needs to happen there, so I agree with you. I'm glad you brought it up.

Commissioner Keon: I hate to see developers and people put additional dollars into and spend a tremendous amount of money, and how to say that doesn't fit the plan for that part of the community. I know the Manager will.

Mayor Cason: I think you are right on - Bill do you want to say something?

Vice Mayor Kerdyk: I support the Commissioner 100 percent. I think we sort of had a discussion like this with the Form Base Zoning Code on the other side, but I like doing this now in the northeast quadrant, as we call it the apartment district, and again the City of Coral Gables as you point out is a planned community, and it's nice if the City leaders can be the ones planning what the City is supposed to look like, instead of the developer, which is they are just trying to do what developers do, which is develop property and proceed along. So yes, I love the concept of doing a visioning session and actually a plan for that before any other projects come along that may exceed the height limitations or density models and change the dynamics substantially. So yes, I'm 100 percent.

Commissioner Keon: Alright. Thank you. I would like for us to maybe give direction to the Manager that we do it in-house, or if you need to go out to an urban planning group or whatever that you can - so it's done now.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: We understand. We'll look at in-house and we'll also have some conversations with outside counsel.

Mayor Cason: Perfect.

City Attorney Leen: And Mr. Mayor, I would just like to add, I was asked an opinion regarding this. This is absolutely not a moratorium; I want to make that very clear for purposes of the record. This does not involve as-of-right projects. This involves projects where there is a request to the change of the Comprehensive Plan, which is a

legislative act, and so since you are considering making changes, potentially making changes to the Comprehensive Plan or Zoning Code related to that area, it's perfectly within your discretion to say, let's wait a little bit, let's do this study and make sure everything is consistent. It's perfectly legal.

Mayor Cason: Great.

Commissioner Keon: OK. So I would like that they are not going to go - they won't go to P&Z until everything goes together. The other - Mayor and Commissioner Lago and I were all at the museum for the discussion on the sea level rise and shortly after that, I got a couple of e-mails from people that live along the coastal communities about some of the infrastructure that's placed there, like with FPL, transformers and different things. I'd like us to maybe give some thought to creating a coastal community task force. These people will be more immediately affected by the rising sea level and any storm surge or anything else, to give us, to look at how those things affect these coastal communities and some of it is with FPL, and some with other utilities, either if they - it becomes an issue because we want that utility infrastructure to be not so visible and so they are putting it at ground level, but at any time there is any rise in the tides or there is a storm surge, they are not necessarily waterproof either. So we need to look at - how do we protect those communities to be able to get them back up and running when there is a problem with those types of things, so that they are either waterproof, how they are captured are waterproof, or that they are placed in such a way that they can be elevated, but I think that there are a number of those issues that our coastal communities are really affected by. I don't know that, that's the answer, maybe it's part of our sustainability study, and I don't know if they are looking at that in particular, the coastal communities as a separate entity with that, but I also understand that the Green Task Force doesn't meet regularly because of a quorum, do you know if that's true Cathy?

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: We are researching that, but there is certainly interest with the Green Task Force, so we'll find out.

Commissioner Keon: I don't know how we'll go about it, but I do think that they are - we have the whole coastline from Sunrise Harbour all around to Deering Bay, we have marinas in there, at Snapper Creek, at Kings Bay we have, it's just a lot of water that are really affected by...

Mayor Cason: We actually have more waterfront than I think Miami Beach, I was told

- 44 miles of canals. I've been participating with a group of Mayors from South Miami, Pinecrest, Key Biscayne, Miami Beach, for some time now with the CLEO Institute where we've been discussing, first of all, to educate the public about what's going to happen in the next 40-50-60 years in terms of sea level rise, regardless of why you think it might be happening. It has been happening over cycles, it will happen again and there has been some very interesting, I think the presentation that we saw about if the sea level goes up 4 feet, 5 feet, what's left? I think that's the first part to let people know that planning is going to have to start taking place in terms of zoning and building codes, what are we going to do to mitigate?- what can we mitigate?- what's the affect going to be on ground water, which is going to be one of the first sea water incursions. So there are a lot of problems that will be coming up and there is going to be a period where we are first going to see it when the mortgage company says, we are not going to give you a 30-year mortgage. So what you mention is, yes it's very important, it's part of a bigger discussion of how do we adapt zoning codes and building regulations to what's going to happen, and I think maybe that the first thing would be that that presentation from how long - he was a professor of geology, I think at FIU (Florida International University).

Commissioner Keon: At UM.

Commissioner Quesada: UM.

Mayor Cason: It was a very interesting discussion, but I think maybe at some point we could ask them to come and give us a presentation, maybe to some of the neighborhood associations there and have them start thinking about it.

Commissioner Keon: Right - But I have some concern, particularly for the infrastructure, that is in that area that is so vulnerable to rising tides and storm water.

Mayor Cason: What we can do is have FPL and maybe the others that have put that in and have to maintain it to come tell us what are their plans.

Commissioner Keon: Maybe we could do that then? We'll ask that, that be - to invite them.

Commissioner Quesada: I had had a conversation with the City Manager and a resident approached me about creating a Waterway Commission, like a Board, a City Board that oversees what's happening with the waterways, maybe this is a good tie-in

maybe another aspect to that Board, because it's sort of tied in, as far as maintenance and other issues that are going on for those that live on the water.

Commissioner Keon: They are important and they are high value properties, we want to see them maintained, we want to see, I mean those waterways increase the value of the properties that are along them, so we want good waterways and have them maintained. So maybe we can think about that, and at a later date we could have that conversation to see what we are going to do. The other thing I asked about is, you know I really have this issue with cardboard, the junk on our streets, right. It is terrible. When you ride on the street on the days that there is trash pick-up, the lawn waste itself is not offensive, I mean we live in a place where stuff grows, you know 24 hours a day it seems like, every day in a year, so you are going to have a lot of that and it's not that offensive, but boxes are, furniture is, and I know the Code is that you cannot put things out before 6 o'clock on the day of pick-up, and that doesn't happen - the night before the pick-up, and that doesn't happen. I think people clean their garages on the weekend and the stuff goes out there, and it really looks terrible on our streets. So I think a house may be rented and it's a proprietor just getting rid of their stuff, or a tenant dumping things. I was going to ask the Manager also to maybe come back with some recommendations as to how we more - we better enforce that part of the Code and also the cardboard recycling. I know that there was a discussion about that and four people to break them down they need additional bins for recycling, because they take up a lot of room, and I'd like us to know where we are with that. Is there a plan to distribute additional bins?- are we going to recycle cardboard?- and how do we tell people that that's what's happening?

Commissioner Lago: Can I dovetail from what you are saying right now. I think the last Commission meeting, or the previous Commission meeting, we had discussed and I don't know if Jessica addressed the issue, or it was Glenn that had addressed the issue, in reference to notifying the residents the fact that they could attain additional bins, number one; number two, that we are recycling cardboard, we just need to...

Commissioner Quesada: We can follow-up in the newsletter.

Commissioner Lago: I didn't see it. Follow up our protocol. Again, it's much easier to take the waste, for example, the cardboard and just toss it in the pile, than doing what I do, which is I take it apart, I cut it up, I put it into the red recycling bin and it takes time.

Mayor Cason: Put it in a plastic bag, garbage bag.

Commissioner Lago: The problem is it's got to be in the red bin, or they won't pick it up.

Commissioner Keon: It's got to be in the red bin.

Commissioner Lago: In the red bin - so -

Commissioner Keon: It's like pizza boxes and...

Commissioner Lago: But it's getting more egregious though than that.

Commissioner Keon: Yes.

Commissioner Lago: Did you see the e-mail that was sent to everyone? I don't know - I responded - we are talking about there was an entire house sitting on someone's swale - couches, lazy boys, refrigerators, beds, multitude of household goods and items that were sitting outside in broad daylight. Again, you are supposed to put those items if you do, you are supposed to put them at the end of the day...

Commissioner Keon: The night before.

Commissioner Lago:...the night before - the night before, the keyword being night.

Mayor Cason: And you can charge sometimes, I think \$160 for over a certain cubic footage of that stuff you put out.

Commissioner Keon: If it's large enough.

Commissioner Lago: And by the way, \$160 for what was put in that e-mail was a gift.

Commissioner Keon: Right.

Commissioner Lago: What was in that e-mail was, like I mentioned to you before, egregious. We were talking about, it was at least one to one-and-a-half 20 yard containers, it was pretty significant the amount of garbage that was being thrown out there. Again, the City is going to pick it up, the City is going to pay for it on the back

of the taxpayers.

Commissioner Keon: We can develop a plan that if stuff is out in the street prior to the appropriate time to send someone out, pick it up, get it out of there, and bill them for it.

Mayor Cason: Yes.

Commissioner Keon: I'd like maybe for the Manager to come back with trash and garbage - to come back with a recommendation for us, what we believe would really work.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: And we'll come back next meeting giving you an update of what we've done so far and the direction we are going to be going.

Commissioner Keon: OK. Thank you very much.

Mayor Cason: Bill.

Vice Mayor Kerdyk: Just one item. I got a call at 3:30 in the morning, it's never good to have a call at 3:30 in the morning, but it was our Fire Department and one of the properties I'm responsible for on Miracle Mile was burning down. So I get there about 3:45 (a.m.), and I just wanted to say, I should actually have said this earlier when both our Police and Fire Department were here, they did such a super job. Of course the police secured the site and the Fire Department was in there fighting the fire, and I've got to tell you the professionalism, just the way they dealt with it, the way they handled the fire. They saved the building from their quick actions and a bad situation could have turned a lot worse, they made it as good as possible. It's just a pleasure having both our Police and Fire Department as public servants in this City. It is unbelievable. Until you experience it, you really don't know what you go through, and these people are just fantastic. So I thought I'd bring that up to let you know.

Mayor Cason: Thank you. Vince.

Commissioner Lago: I just have a few simple items with more questions than anything. Madam City Manager, when are we going to be having the presentation in regards to the sustainability plan?-do we have an idea?

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: We can come back with an update. It's a year process, and I think we are probably three or four months into it, but we'll come up with an update.

Commissioner Lago: OK. And also, I was by the museum the other day and as a matter of fact we were there yesterday, and I was noticing that some of the upgrades that we had requested like lighting, like the gates, have all the items in that scope of work been completed?

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: We'll follow up with you Commissioner.

Commissioner Lago: The items in regards to the scope for the museum - we had lighting, we had the gates - but it's going on right now?

Mr. Kephart: Yes.

Commissioner Lago: OK. Do you have an idea of the timeframe for completion?

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: Excuse me Glenn; do you want to come up to the microphone?

Commissioner Lago: I'm not going to hold your feet to the fire, give me rough idea.

Mr. Kephart: I would expect around 90 days given the time.

Commissioner Lago: More importantly than anything, it's not the lighting or the pavement, the issue the more important than anything is the liability in reference to the gates, because right now it's wide open and kids are hanging out on the second floor.

Mr. Kephart: Yes, the contract has been executed and we'll do what we can to expedite it. Some fabrication items for the gate obviously.

Commissioner Lago: And the last and final item that I have is the issue of something that I brought up, I think this is the third time I bring it up and I know that staff is working on it, I don't know if it happens to only me, but it's got to happen to somebody else. Again, this Thursday night waiting in traffic, I'm in front of Swine, I see a parking space open up, I say, Oh my God, I found a parking space. I'm going to park in front of Swine on the way to dinner. I just got a great parking space. I turn my

indicator on, I'm about to get in there, a valet driver backs his car up into the meter and takes the parking space. The two previous times this has happened to me, I never made a comment about it, this time I actually pulled my car over, I got off and I told the guy, did you pay for that meter? He looked at me like I was speaking Martian. I said I also speak Spanish, so I spoke to him in Spanish and said, did you pay for that meter? He referred me over to the manager and the manager had no clue, he understood what I was talking about. He eventually told me he had made a mistake and they weren't going to do it again. We need to figure this out, because this is not only me, this is infuriating so many residents and business owners. They are paying for meters and when you valet and there is a space that opens up, they throw the cars into the space, and I'm sorry to interrupt you Mayor, they don't get tickets because they are right next to the car. So if a parking attendant comes to give them a ticket, they say, no, no, hold here, they put a quarter in, or whatever, they have to do and that way they are facilitating the fact that they don't have to simplify the process and having to go to the lot and I don't even know if they are potentially up-charging people to leave their cars in those spaces, which those spaces belong to the public. If you want that space you've got to buy that space and rent it for the duration of the time that you are requesting it, and it's going on everywhere. It's happened to me in front of Houston's, it happened to me in front of Swine, it happened to me in front of Ortanique, three times in one month; and if you look at the tape, this is the third time I'm bringing it up. We need to address this issue. I don't know if we need to have a symposium in reference to all the valet companies that are here, bring them into the room and explain, guys this is getting embarrassing. I'm getting phone calls and e-mails and I've felt this myself on three separate occasions.

Mayor Cason: I think part of this is because they don't have enough valets. They are across the street - you park like you are going to the Actor's Playhouse, you may sit there sometimes for five minutes, cars are all backed up, there is no valet - and then they come and they park them in - we discussed this many times - central valet, I think that's the solution.

Commissioner Quesada: Well we had the central valet, but the point is the way we addressed it I think is very simple, it's unfortunate, is the parking enforcement. If they see a valet individual putting a quarter in, or they are trying to take up that space, they need to give them a violation on the spot. They'll learn very quickly not to take those spaces if they are not paying for it.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: And not to interrupt the discussion, but we are

also developing a plan, so that we'll recommend to you that the City take over all of the valet parking and so all applications have to come through us, rather than Business Improvement District or any of the others.

Commissioner Lago: You know it's funny you mention that because I didn't even know that everything had to go through the Business Improvement District.

Mayor Cason: We have a contract.

Commissioner Lago: Again, I'm being up-front. I'm being up-front.

Commissioner Keon: But a central valet on the Mile goes through the BID, but the other ones go through Parking.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: They can have their own contract with a valet and they have to get the storage spaces through the City. We believe once we bring forward that recommendation you are going to see more coordination and also more accountability.

Commissioner Lago: Can you do me a favor Madam City Manager? I need to be notified and again, Danette's not here, maybe I can go through Chelsea, but I need to be notified of the next BID meeting. I want to go to the next BID meeting, I want to make sure that I educate them in regards to what the residents and the business communities requesting from them, because they represent the BID. I've gone to multiple meetings, as a matter of fact, when I got elected two years ago, the first meeting I went to was a BID meeting, and I want to make sure that they understand that they don't own those parking spaces. The people who own those parking spaces are the taxpayers of this community, and we need to make sure that there is enough of a....in regards to parking spaces and there will be in the future when the Mile is under construction and the parking garage is under construction, and they need to understand now that, that type of behavior will not be tolerated.

Commissioner Quesada: I think they are going to agree with you though. I don't think there is going to be an issue there. I think that - they probably have the same experience ---

Commissioner Lago: But three times in one month?- that's pretty significant.

Commissioner Quesada: Mr. City Attorney can you notice that for a Sunshine meeting, since I attend those meetings as well if he's going to be there.

City Attorney Leen: Yes. I will work with the Clerk to notice that for a Sunshine meeting. If you would like me to attend to explain to them the legal requirements and talk to Bob Gallagher, their counsel, I'd be happy to as well.

Commissioner Lago: I would appreciate it.

Commissioner Quesada: I have two items. First one is the beginning of a conversation that I want to have on the agenda for next Commission meeting, and this is relating to the schools, public schools in Coral Gables. I've had a number of conversations with the City Attorney, and I've had a number of conversations with the City Manager, and the idea stems from the City Managers conversation that we were having. There was a lot of discussion of making sure that our public schools are the best that they can possibly be, and the City's involvement with public schools and the School Board. Obviously, our relationship with the School Board, you know we are working through putting an end to the controlled choice and reaching a resolution that works well for our residents and for the children that attend these public schools. And an idea that came up relates to workforce housing. There is a Florida Statute, Miami-Dade County has a Code that discusses workforce housing; and the idea is this, and again, I've asked the City Attorney to do some research for this meeting. I just wanted to start the conversation, so you guys have an idea of what we've been discussing, so that we can discuss it more formally at the next Commission meeting, because I don't think it's proper to vote on it now in a rushed fashion. Let's have a better conversation, think about it, meet with the City Attorney, meet with the City Manager, and we'll go from there, but the idea is workforce housing. For example, if you are a teacher who has a Master's in Education, then you would be eligible for - and you teach at a Coral Gables public school, then you are eligible for the workforce housing in Coral Gables. Now the idea behind that is, let's say a starting teacher, I don't know what the starting salaries are, let's just say it's \$45,000, I'm just throwing a number out there. If it's \$45,000, and you are between working at a school maybe far out west, or far down south, or up north, maybe not near an area as desirable as downtown Coral Gables, or living in Coral Gables at a reduced rent, I think it's going to make it much easier for us to attract top quality educators to teach at our public schools. Now, I don't know if we can limit it in that fashion, that's a question that I had, I had asked the City Attorney to review. We haven't had a chance to follow-up to that request that I made of him, but I mean, this can apply to Firefighters or Police officers or nurses, to make it

that much more desirable to really build up the public schools as well as our staff here that we can attract. It's another incentive to attract top quality professionals to be a part of this community. I originally thought to put it on the agenda for this meeting and vote and move forward on it, but there are so many variables that can be discussed, because you really ought to think about it. We don't want to - we really have to think about the impact that it's going to have on real estate, the impact it's going to have on developers wanting to build in this City. What the impact is, whether positive or negative, that's something that really needs to be flushed out. One of the e-mails that Craig had with our outside counsel, land use said, you know it could be done as an incentive, or it can be done as a requirement, and I think that's something that we really need to vet. However, I do want to have the conversation now because the next conversation we have before the School Board, I think it's important to let the School Board know, the decision-makers know that we are being as proactive as we can, being more proactive than any other municipality, and we are really trying to do the best for our public schools, and we have a meeting on March 18th. The School Board has a meeting on March 18th, that we are going to be speaking at. So I want to make sure that they at least know that we are having these conversations and we are unified and we are really doing as much as we can for our public schools in our district.

Mayor Cason: Great idea.

City Attorney Leen: If I may Commissioner and Mr. Mayor. Commissioner Quesada did ask me to look into the issue. I know that the City Manager is working with me on this as well. I have a packet for each of you to read in advance of the next meeting which has the statute, which is as broad a grain of authority to a municipality as I've ever seen. So you have tremendous discretion in setting a workplace housing law, or bonus program resolution, however you want to approach that. In addition, I have the County program; the County has a bonus program, you can take a look at, and we are getting for you a copy of the Palm Beach program, which is a mandatory program. In addition, the one thing I would ask is, since we are going to be going to this meeting with the School Board, I understand the Commissioner does not want to vote today, but a direction to us to pursue this and to look into it without committing you to any final decision would be useful, because I can say that the Commission has directed us to take a look at this and we can tell that to the School Board.

Commissioner Quesada: I agree with that. If it's a vote that we are in agreement that we want to move forward to looking into these types of endeavors to work with the School Board and work with our public schools to improve them, I think that's...

Mayor Cason: Does anybody....if not we unanimously...

Commissioner Quesada: Commissioner Keon you have any thoughts on the idea?

Commissioner Keon: No. I think it's a good idea. I think - so often it's not - a teacher may be single makes a difference, but if it's a single member household then that salary is - I mean it would be based on the household income.

Commissioner Quesada: Yes. Well I'm saying that's why there are so many variables, we can't vote on it today. It's really got to be flushed out, but that aspect of it as far as looking at it from a different angle, no other municipality does something like what we are proposing, what we are discussing.

Commissioner Keon: And we have to decide on what the measurement is ---

Commissioner Quesada: Of course. And again, there are so many variables that we really need to have staff flush out before we can make an educated...

Commissioner Keon: I remember when I sat on the Planning and Zoning Board and Eric Riel was the - they were looking at this issue of workforce housing and requiring that ten percent of the project be workforce housing, or looking into it or whatever else. The problem was they were basing the median income on the median income in the City of Coral Gables, and not Miami-Dade County, or some national means testing, and he came up with a number. I think that the median household it had to be below \$77,000, so I would just ask as we go forward that we really make a decision that we use a countywide median income, or whatever the median income we use, whatever it really reflects someone in need of that assistance.

Commissioner Quesada: And again, the main focus of my proposal is really to focus on bringing in top talent to teach at our public schools. Not to say we don't have it already, but just to even really give another incentive to that top talent to come in. Do we need to vote on for the resolution that - so we could say something on the 18th that we are looking at different ideas?

Mayor Cason: Let's make a resolution then.

Commissioner Keon: For direction.

Mayor Cason: Make a motion.

Commissioner Quesada: My motion is that this Commission is focusing on it, and I'm working with the School Board and our public schools that affect our district in looking into different initiatives, including workforce housing provision for teachers that would be teaching in our public schools.

Mayor Cason: We have a second?

Mayor Cason: Vice Mayor seconds.

City Clerk

Commissioner Keon: Yes

Vice Mayor Kerdyk: Yes

Commissioner Lago: Yes

Commissioner Quesada: Yes

Mayor Cason: Yes

(Vote: 5-0)

Commissioner Quesada: And if we can just direct staff when they speak on the 18th to let them know that.

City Attorney Leen: Mayor Cason and Commissioner Quesada, the last three pages of the packet is the Palm Beach - it doesn't say it on the top, but this is a worksheet for the Palm Beach mandatory program, just so when you are looking at it you know.

Commissioner Quesada: One last item is, believe it or not, the next meeting is the last meeting that there will be a Kerdyk on the Commission in the last seven decades. It's been seven decades that there's been a Kerdyk on this dais, starting with Bill's uncle, who was '57 when he started Bill? - he started in '57, and then obviously we all know very well your father, who served for 28 years and then you couldn't live up to the 28 years. You are only serving 20 years (laughter), which to put it into perspective puts him at tied for third for longest serving elected official in Coral Gables, with his father at 28, Phillips was at 22, which he served the majority of the time as a Commissioner, but he also served as Mayor, and then obviously you tied with Chip Withers at 20. So this is something I've been thinking about for a while, and really the one who deserves more credit than anyone else is probably your mother (laughter) for dealing with an

elected official father and son, 48 years, right there with those two, but the idea is what I'm going to be asking is that we name Riviera Park the William H. Kerdyk Jr. Family Park, and I'll tell you why, it gets to that point. You know I'm a strong believer that, well we all are, Merrick had the vision for the City. He looks upon us every meeting, everywhere you turn it's Merrick Way, it's the Merrick House, everywhere you go you really see his influence on this City, and we are so thankful for that. We really honor him on every occasion that we can, but if you think about it for last seven decades, really the family that's had the most influence on this City where we are today is really the Kerdyk family. When you go back seven decades that's a hell of an achievement, and I always tell Bill when I see him is which child of yours is going to be the next Commissioner? (Laughter) So really it's something that I think it's important, the reason I say family park it's really to include his father, his uncle, Bill's service to the City; and there is always a concern that you name a park or you name something after an individual before they've passed, my response to that would be two of the individuals that this is focused on has passed, and the third one I think should enjoy this family while they are still living. I just think there is so much influence with the Kerdyk family in this City that I really think it's important to have this happen. That's my opinion on it. I know he's got one more meeting left in him, which I plan on embarrassing him at that last meeting, so I won't give away.

Mayor Cason: We won't embarrass him at the last meeting, but I agree with you. I think naming this for the family, 70 years of service; public service is tough on people, it takes a lot of time away from your private activities, but the Kerdyk family has really been the family for Coral Gables.

Commissioner Quesada: And it is generational, you know it's not limited to just one person or one time. You look back at some of those votes that have happened. You know your father had so many influential impactful votes, your uncle did, you did, so it's really important and it's really just saying thank you, and I think there is no better way to really say thank you for someone who started a partnership, who has focused so much on parks, and on neighborhoods and really protecting the neighborhoods. No other Commissioner, no other family has really protected the neighborhoods of Coral Gables like the Kerdyk family. It's funny, Bill's father before he passed when I was an intern for Bill, I would go to lunch with him like three days a week with his father, and he would always say it, Coral Gables is the residential community, it is our residential neighborhoods. You know the commercial district is gravy; the commercial district helps keep the taxes down, helps keep the services where they need to be, but really the strength of this community are the residential neighborhoods, and that family really

has protected the residential neighborhoods. So I really think there is no better way than naming a family park like that Riviera Park in front of that Publix where you see people walking their dog, you see families, you see kids playing soccer, you have that gazebo, you see parties every now and again, and it really focuses on families. So that's the point of me bringing this up.

Mayor Cason: I think it's a great idea. I support it.

Commissioner Lago: Well let me tell you, I've only been fortunate enough to be here two years and there is something that I tell a lot of individuals when I interact with them in regard to City government, either be residents or business leaders in this community. I tell them it's not a right to be an elected official, it's truly a privilege and an honor to serve this City. I have read all about your father and I have read the many transformational decisions that he made that have really shaped the future of this City, I don't mean the present or the past, I mean the future of the City in regards to where we are going and what we want this City to be. But to me I think that the park is a spectacular idea because you are honoring individuals who have dedicated themselves to this City and have left a lasting impression in regards to our vision of the City. So I'm in full support. I think it's a great idea, but I have a feeling that Bill, I think when you voted for term limit's, right?- smart move, right?

Commissioner Quesada: So no none else can reach that 20-year.

[Laughter]

Commissioner Lago: Smart move - right?

Commissioner Quesada: How did you vote on that Bill?

Commissioner Lago: He voted for term limit's, so again, he's third now - third in reference to tenure, but I have a strong suspicion that Mr. Kerdyk with his many achievements and his strong leadership will be back on this dais soon enough.

Mayor Cason: Pat?

Commissioner Keon: I've known his father and liked his father immensely. He was a very good ally on a number of issues with...community and American Man and he's blessed to have really, you were blessed to have great parents. Your mother is lovely,

she is a lovely, lovely woman and your father was a very good man. I didn't know your uncle, but the rest are very nice, very good people.

Mayor Cason: So I suggest a motion.

Commissioner Quesada: So I make a motion to name Riviera Park the William H. Kerdyk Jr. Family Park, and I guess we can discuss at the next meeting details of it, or have Bill's mother meet with the City Manager to discuss logistics, so we can discuss the logistics of it moving forward in case it's got to go before a Board or anything else, and also need to get feedback on - we want to go through the normal process, but that's my motion.

Commissioner Lago: I'll second the motion.

Mayor Cason: Commissioner Lago seconds the motion.

City Attorney Leen: Mr. Mayor before there is a vote. There will be a resolution drafted because this vote requires a resolution because there is a prior resolution regarding parks and this is a direct process by the City Commission, and based on the stipulations you made today. You can do it by resolution, I've given that opinion. Also, I've given an opinion that the Vice Mayor may vote on this item. I don't know if you plan to or not, but I have, the reason why is because you are allowed to vote on legislative matters and in addition it's similar to voting on a plaque, or a wide array of things you can vote for even if it affects you, but I wanted to make it clear that that's perfectly appropriate.

Commissioner Quesada: And I guess I should ask before - are you OK with this Bill?

[Laughter]

Vice Mayor Kerdyk: I would just like to say just very briefly. There are so many emotions are coursing through my body here at this point you know, and my family has always founded in honor to serve the City of Coral Gables and thank you very much.

Commissioner Keon: He has a really nice wife too so I'm glad it says family park. He has a lovely wife; he has some very good women in his life.

Mayor Cason: City Clerk

Vice Mayor Kerdyk: Yes

Commissioner Lago: Yes

Commissioner Quesada: Yes

Commissioner Keon: Yes

Mayor Cason: Yes

(Vote: 5-0)

Vice Mayor Kerdyk: Thank you very much. Thank you.

Mayor Cason: I only have two things...bring up the next meeting; I'd like to get an update of where we are on the options for the garbage pit's. We were talking about putting some sort of asphalt in there as an option for neighbors. I think we were testing a hundred of them somewhere - where that stands?- could be an e-mail or notice to us. And then one of the original Neighborhood Renaissance Programs was the DeSoto Circle. I remember Glenn said at the last meeting they haven't had a chance to look at it, but if you give us an idea where that will be in the queue of 97 things that we are working on. I think it's one of the very chaotic circles that you sort of cross yourself as you go in because cars are coming from all angles. I know it's funded and it's just a question of when we get to it, but I'd like to know what the plans are. OK. And with that...

City Attorney Leen: Mr. Mayor I would like to request, forgive me, but I'd like to request an Executive Session in *Murhee et al v. City of Coral Gables*, Case No. 13-20731 CA, Eleventh Judicial Circuit, that's the case regarding the COLA matter. We are going to mediation next week, and I wanted to be able to come back to you to get your guidance.

Mayor Cason: OK. Thank you. With that the meeting is adjourned.

City Clerk Item No. 27

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-35

Non [15-3857](#)
Agenda

A Resolution of the City of Coral Gables City Commission to look into different initiatives for Coral Gables School Teachers.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY TO LOOK INTO DIFFERENT INITIATIVES FOR CORAL GABLES SCHOOL TEACHERS.

A motion was made by Commissioner Quesada, seconded by Vice Mayor Kerdyk, Jr., that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2015-35. 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. 28

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-36

Non [15-3858](#)
Agenda

A Resolution of the City of Coral Gables City Commission renaming Riviera Park to William H. Kerdyk, Jr., and Family Park.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION RENAMING RIVIERA PARK, WILLIAM H. KERDYK, JR., AND FAMILY PARK.

A motion was made by Commissioner Quesada, seconded by Commissioner Lago, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2015-36. The motion passed by the following vote.

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

City Clerk Item No. 29

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 11:27 am on March 10, 2015. The next regular meeting of the City Commission has been scheduled for March 25, 2015, beginning 9 am.]

JIM CASON
MAYOR

ATTEST:

WALTER J. FOEMAN
CITY CLERK