

City of Coral Gables

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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 28, 2015

9:00 AM

City Hall, Commission Chambers

City Commission

*Mayor Jim Cason
Vice Mayor Frank C. Quesada
Commissioner Patricia Keon
Commissioner Vince Lago
Commissioner Jeannett Slesnick*

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

ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Mayor Cason, Commissioner Keon, Commissioner Lago, Vice Mayor Quesada and Commissioner Slesnick

INVOCATION

Rev. Dr. Laurinda Hafner, Senior Pastor from Coral Gables United Church of Christ gave the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Slesnick 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. 2015-05); (b) Resolution(s) adopted (Resolution No. 2015-58 through Resolution No. 2015-74); (c) Video; (d) Audio Recording; (e) Minutes Folder with Agenda and background information, including items which were submitted at the meeting.

A. PRESENTATIONS AND PROTOCOL ITEMS

- A.-1.** [15-3904](#) Presentation of a Proclamation proclaiming April 28, 2015 as "Rev. Arnold Perry Day in Coral Gables."

[Note for the Record: Following the reading of the title to Agenda Item A-1 by Mayor Cason, Vice Mayor Quesada expressed to Reverend Perry the City's appreciation for his many years of serving on City Boards and to the community. Reverend Perry replied that this is a bittersweet moment, that it has been an honor to be a part of this community, and that it is not over yet.]

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City Clerk Item No. 2

- A.-2.** [15-3905](#) Presentation of a Proclamation declaring April 29, 2015 as the "90th Anniversary of the City of Coral Gables."

[Note for the Record: Following the reading of the title to Agenda Item A-2 by Mayor Cason, Mayor Cason announced there will be a cake-cutting ceremony, 11:00 a.m., to officially commemorate the City's 90th Anniversary, and that he hopes there will be 90 different initiatives to celebrate the 90th anniversary of this wonderful city. City Manager Swanson Rivenbark stated that when you look at places like the University of Miami, the Coral Gables Congregational Church, the Coral Gables Public Library, Mr. Merrick did a wonderful job in laying out his vision and that we, as residents, as employees and as a community, have an obligation to fulfill that vision. Mrs. Swanson Rivenbark further stated that there will be at least 90 events to commemorate this anniversary. Mrs. Swanson Rivenbark announced that the Economic Development Department has developed a beautiful indicia of what the City's 90th Anniversary is and the City Commission has 3,000 pins, and the first distribution was to the City employees because a part of that vision, and why it is reality is due to the 801 full-time employees and the 112 part-time employees that are really working hard to continue Merrick's dream.]

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City Clerk Item No. 3

- A.-3. [15-3906](#) Presentation of a Proclamation declaring April 30, 2015 as "Sandra Thomas Day in Coral Gables."

[Note for the Record: Following the reading of the title to Agenda Items A-3 and A-4 by Mayor Cason, City Manager Swanson Rivenbark announced she had the pleasure of attending a wonderful ceremony where the beautiful family of Sandra Thomas also was present. Interim Police Chief Hudak stated that, truly, the unsung heroes of public safety are the communications operators and Sandra Thomas has been an exemplary employee in 2014; she is reliable, knowledgeable and supportive of her co-workers. Chief Hudak said it is his pleasure to present Sandra Thomas as the "Communications Operator of the Year." Ms. Thomas said that this is for all of the communications operators, a very select group of people, capable of performing under very stressful circumstances and thanked the City Commission and her family for their support.]

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City Clerk Item No. 4

- A.-4. [15-3867](#) Congratulations to Communications Operator Sandra Thomas, recipient of the City of Coral Gables "Communications Operator of the Year Award for 2014."

Attachments: [COMMISSION COVER MEMO - OPERATOR OF THE YEAR 2014.doc](#)
[NOMINATION - OPERATOR OF THE YEAR 2014.pdf](#)

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City Clerk Item No. 5

- A.-5. [15-3859](#) Congratulations to Sergeant Phillip Thomas, recipient of the City of Coral Gables "Officer of the Month Award," for the month of February 2015.

Attachments: [COMMISSION COVER MEMO - OFFICER OF THE MONTH FEBRUARY 2015.pdf](#)
[NOMINATION - PHIL THOMAS - FEBRUARY 15.pdf](#)

[Note for the Record: Following the reading of the title to Agenda Item A-5 by Mayor Cason, Interim Police Chief Hudak stated that on February 13, Sergeant Phillip Thomas and other officers from the squad responded to a domestic violence call which is one of the most dangerous calls that police officers throughout the country have to respond to. Interim Police Chief Hudak proceeded to describe the incident and added that it was because of the guidance of Sergeant Thomas, that the police officers were able to safely recover a two-year old child and effectively make an arrest. Interim Chief Hudak ended his remarks by stating that it is his pleasure to present Sergeant Thomas as the recipient of the "Officer of the Month Award" for February 2015.]

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City Clerk Item No. 6

A.-6. [15-3881](#)

Congratulations to Officer Steve St. Amand, recipient of the City of Coral Gables "Officer of the Month Award," for the month of March 2015.

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

[Note for the Record: Following the reading of the title to Agenda Item A-6 by Mayor Cason, Interim Police Chief Hudak stated that on March 3, 2015, Officer St. Amand was assigned to the burglary task force, which this City Commission, through the City Manager's Office, established to help the Police Department combat burglaries throughout the City. After thoroughly describing one of the incidents in which Officer St. Amand was involved, Interim Chief Hudak said that because of Officer St. Amand's keen observation skills that led to the capture of three offenders and his consistent display of professionalism, positive attitude and investigative tenacity, made him a strong candidate that resulted in his being awarded the "Officer of the Month" for March 2015. Officer St. Amand said that it is an honor to serve the City of Coral Gables and its citizens, and that he loves catching the bad guys.]

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City Clerk Item No. 7

A.-7. [15-3878](#)

Congratulations to Firefighter Rick Legra, recipient of the City of Coral Gables "Firefighter of the Month Award," for the month of April 2015.

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

[Note for the Record: Following the reading of the title to Agenda Item A-7 by Mayor Cason, City Manager Swanson Rivenbark called upon Fire Chief Stolzenberg to present the item. Chief Stolzenberg stated that it was his pleasure to introduce Division Chief Gil Hernandez, who is Firefighter Rick Legra's recruit instructor. Chief Stolzenberg said Division Chief Hernandez always told him that Firefighter Legra was very special from the beginning of his recruit class, noting that he finished at the top of the class. Chief Stolzenberg added that Firefighter Legra has been selected as the April "Firefighter of the Month," for his outstanding display and individual initiatives, specially his "can do" attitude. Upon mentioning Firefighter Legra's many outstanding qualities as a firefighter, Chief Stolzenberg said that he congratulates him for being selected the "April 2015 Firefighter of the Month." Firefighter Legra said he would like to thank the City for this award, and that it is an honor to serve the City of Coral Gables.]

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City Clerk Item No. 8

- A.-8. [15-3872](#) Congratulations to Lara Caro, Parking Department, recipient of the "Employee of the Month Award," for the month of April 2015.

Attachments: [Employee of the month](#)
[Cover Memorandum - EOM April 2015](#)

[Note for the Record: Following the reading of the title to Agenda Item A-8 by Mayor Cason, City Manager Swanson Rivenbark called upon the Human Resources Director and the Parking Director to present the award. Human Resources Director Jaramillo Velez announced that today they recognize Lara Caro, who started as a part-time employee in 2012 and in 2013, became a full-time parking enforcement specialist. Parking Director Kinney said it is very rare that he gets an email or a phone call thanking him for an officer issuing a ticket, but twice he has gotten emails saying Lara was so nice when issuing a parking ticket that they couldn't get mad, and that is the kind of parking enforcement the City likes to have. Ms. Caro said she does it with pleasure.]

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City Clerk Item No. 9

- A.-9. [15-3916](#) Presentation of a Certificate of Appreciation to Carol Brock in recognition of her years of service on the Senior Citizens Advisory Board.

[Note for the Record: Following the reading of the title to Agenda Item A-9 by Mayor Cason, Ms. Brock articulated that for the many years she has served on City Boards, she was a Board appointee and for the past two years she was Vice Mayor Kerdyk's appointee. Ms. Brock stated that she has really appreciated the cooperation of the Parks and Recreation Department, especially Fred Couceyro and Letty Ellis. Ms. Brock said one of her proudest accomplishments was the appropriation of funds for the Adult Activity Center, and ended her remarks by saying it has been truly a pleasure to represent the senior citizens of Coral Gables].

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City Clerk Item No. 10

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- B.-1. [15-3917](#) Regular City Commission Meeting of March 10, 2015.

Attachments: [Verbatim Transcript - Agenda Item H-1 - Reso accepting recommendation of CPO](#)
[Verbatim Transcript - Agenda Item H-2 - Reso accepting recommendation of PW I](#)
[Meeting Minutes.pdf](#)
[Verbatim Transcript - Agenda Item E-1 - Conditional Use Review - 20 Casuarina C](#)
[Verbatim Transcript - Agenda Item E-2 - Ordinance for Site Specific Zoning Requi](#)
[Verbatim Transcript - Agenda Item G-1 - Reso confirming John P. Fullerton to His](#)

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

Yeas : 5 - Commissioner Keon, Commissioner Lago, Vice Mayor Quesada, Commissioner Slesnick and Mayor Cason

City Clerk Item No. 11

C. CONSENT AGENDA**Passed the Consent Agenda**

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

Yeas : 5 - Commissioner Lago, Vice Mayor Quesada, Commissioner Slesnick, Commissioner Keon and Mayor Cason

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-58

- C.-3. [15-3868](#) A Resolution accepting the Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) Grant Program Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Miami and the City of Coral Gables; and authorizing an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Annual Budget to recognize the grant as revenue and to appropriate such funds to cover the grant expenditures.

Attachments: [RESOLUTION - 2014 UASI](#)
[UASI 2014 - CGables MOA](#)
[UASI 2014 - City of Miami Resolution](#)
[UASI 2014 - Sub Grant Agreement, Attach 1 \(executed\)](#)
[UASI 2014 - Budget - Attach 2](#)
[C-3 Signed Cover Memo](#)

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE URBAN AREA SECURITY INITIATIVE (UASI) GRANT PROGRAM MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF MIAMI AND THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES; AND AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015 ANNUAL BUDGET TO RECOGNIZE THE GRANT AS REVENUE AND TO APPROPRIATE SUCH FUNDS TO COVER THE GRANT EXPENDITURES.

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2015-58 on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 12

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-59**C.-4. [15-3879](#)**

A Resolution authorizing the acceptance and execution of a grant from the 2015 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program, to purchase and implement a video enhancement system for improved subject apprehension and courtroom testimony by the Police Department; and authorizing an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Annual Budget to recognize the grant funds as revenue and to appropriate such funds to cover the grant expenditures.

Attachments: [Resolution-\\$10,000-2015 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant C-4 Signed Cover Memo](#)

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE AND EXECUTION OF A GRANT FROM THE 2015 EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM, TO PURCHASE AND IMPLEMENT A VIDEO ENHANCEMENT SYSTEM FOR IMPROVED SUBJECT APPREHENSION AND COURTROOM TESTIMONY BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT; AND AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015 ANNUAL BUDGET, TO RECOGNIZE THE GRANT FUNDS AS REVENUE AND TO APPROPRIATE SUCH FUNDS TO COVER THE GRANT EXPENDITURES.

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2015-59 on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 13

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-60**C.-5. [15-3880](#)**

A Resolution authorizing expenditures in the amount of \$10,300 from Federal Forfeited Asset Fund (F.A.F.) monies for the acquisition of a law enforcement training video; a second training video through the "Autism Wallet Card Program" for utilization by the Coral Gables Police Department.

Attachments: [Resolution-\\$10,300-AutismWalletCard2ndTrainingVideo-04.15.2015 C-5 Signed Cover Memo](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,300 FROM FEDERAL FORFEITED ASSET FUND (F.A.F.) MONIES FOR THE ACQUISITION OF A LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING VIDEO; A SECOND TRAINING VIDEO THROUGH THE AUTISM WALLET CARD PROGRAM FOR UTILIZATION BY THE CORAL GABLES POLICE DEPARTMENT.

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2015-60 on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 14

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-61**C.-6. [15-3882](#)**

A Resolution authorizing expenditures in the amount of \$26,516 from Federal Forfeited Asset Fund (F.A.F.) monies for the acquisition of law enforcement equipment; the purchase of critical equipment for vehicles acquired in FY 2014/15 for utilization by the Coral Gables Police Department.

Attachments: [Resolution-\\$26,516-PoliceVehicleEquipmentFY15-04.15.2015](#)
[C-6 Signed Cover Memo](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$26,516 FROM FEDERAL FORFEITED ASSET FUND (F.A.F.) MONIES FOR THE ACQUISITION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT EQUIPMENT; THE PURCHASE OF CRITICAL EQUIPMENT FOR VEHICLES ACQUIRED IN FY 2014/15 FOR UTILIZATION BY THE CORAL GABLES POLICE DEPARTMENT.

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2015-61 on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 15

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-62**C.-7. [15-3883](#)**

A Resolution authorizing expenditures in the amount of \$51,697 from Federal Forfeited Asset Fund (F.A.F.) monies for the acquisition of law enforcement equipment; the purchase of the "StressVest System" and associated equipment for utilization by the Coral Gables Police Department.

Attachments: [Resolution-\\$51,697-StressVestSystem-04.15.2015](#)
[C-7 Signed Cover Memo](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$51,697 FROM FEDERAL FORFEITED ASSET FUND (F.A.F.) MONIES FOR THE ACQUISITION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT EQUIPMENT; THE PURCHASE OF THE STRESSVEST SYSTEM AND ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT FOR UTILIZATION BY THE CORAL GABLES POLICE DEPARTMENT.

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2015-62 on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 16

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-63**C.-8. [15-3886](#)**

A Resolution authorizing the donation of Coral Gables War Memorial Youth Center Summer Camp Scholarships to the Coral Gables War Memorial Youth Center Association for its annual scholarship program.

Attachments: [Resolution Coral Gables War Memorial Youth Center Summer Camp Scholarship C-8 Signed Cover Memo](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DONATION OF CORAL GABLES WAR MEMORIAL YOUTH CENTER SUMMER CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS TO THE CORAL GABLES WAR MEMORIAL YOUTH CENTER ASSOCIATION, FOR ITS ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2015-63 on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 17

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-64**C.-9. [15-3887](#)**

A Resolution authorizing the donation of swim lessons to the Venetian Aquatic Club for its annual scholarship program.

Attachments: [Venetian Aquatic Club Scholarship Resolution C-9 Signed Cover Memo](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DONATION OF SWIM LESSONS TO THE VENETIAN AQUATIC CLUB FOR ITS ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2015-64 on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 18

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-65**C.-10. [15-3902](#)**

A Resolution naming the triangular park at 4600 San Amaro Drive, Coral Gables, Florida in memory of Enrique "Henry" Cepero.

Attachments: [Cepero Resolution Application in Support of Cepero Park Naming C-10 Signed Cover Memo](#)

A RESOLUTION NAMING THE TRIANGULAR PARK AT 4600 SAN AMARO DRIVE CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA IN MEMORY OF ENRIQUE "HENRY" CEPERO.

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2015-65 on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 19

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-66**C.-11. [15-3903](#)**

A Resolution naming the passive park at the corner of Alhambra Circle and Mendavia Avenue in honor of Betsy Adams and the Coral Gables Garden Club.

Attachments: [Betsy Adams park resolution](#)
[Betsy Adams Application in Support of Park Naming](#)
[C-11 Signed Cover Memo](#)

A RESOLUTION NAMING THE PASSIVE PARK AT THE CORNER OF ALHAMBRA CIRCLE AND MENDAVIA AVENUE IN HONOR OF BETSY ADAMS AND THE CORAL GABLES GARDEN CLUB.

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2015-66 on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 20

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-67**C.-12. [15-3890](#)**

A Resolution accepting the recommendation of the Chief Procurement Officer to award the Granada Golf Course Renovation Project contract to Jed L. Taylor Contractors, Inc. pursuant to Invitation For Bids (IFB) 2015.02.27, and Section 2-828 of the Procurement Code entitled "Contract Award".

Attachments: [Draft Agenda Reso Granada](#)
[Jed Taylor- Bid Response](#)
[Consultant Recommendation](#)
[Tabulation Sheet](#)
[C-12 Signed Cover Memo](#)

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER TO AWARD THE CONTRACT FOR THE GRANADA GOLF COURSE RENOVATION TO JED L. TAYLOR CONTRACTORS, INC. PURSUANT TO INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB) 2015.02.27, AND SECTION 2-828 OF THE PROCUREMENT CODE ENTITLED "CONTRACT AWARD".

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2015-67 on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 21

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-68**C.-13. [15-3889](#)**

A Resolution accepting the recommendation of the Chief Procurement Officer to award the Pump Station D Force Main Replacement contract to RP Utility & Excavation Corp., pursuant to Invitation For Bids (IFB) 2015.03.05, and Section 2-828 of the Procurement Code entitled "Contract Award"; and authorizing an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Annual Budget to recognize as revenue a transfer from Sanitary Sewer fund balance and appropriating such funds to cover the cost of the project.

Attachments: [Tabulation Sheet](#)
[RP Utilities - Bid Response](#)
[Consultant Recommendation - Pump Station D](#)
[Draft Agenda Reso Pump Station](#)
[C-13 Signed Cover Memo](#)

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER TO AWARD THE CONTRACT FOR THE PUMP STATION D FORCE MAIN REPLACEMENT TO RP UTILITY & EXCAVATION CORP., PURSUANT TO INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB) 2015.03.05, AND SECTION 2-828 OF THE PROCUREMENT CODE ENTITLED "CONTRACT AWARD"; AND AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015 ANNUAL BUDGET TO RECOGNIZE AS REVENUE A TRANSFER FROM SANITARY SEWER FUND BALANCE AND APPROPRIATING SUCH FUNDS TO COVER THE COST OF THE PROJECT.

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2015-68 on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 22

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-69**C.-14. [15-3888](#)**

A Resolution approving the placement of temporary banners on light poles along Biltmore Way, west of LeJeune Road, through April 2016 in recognition of the City's 90th Anniversary.

Attachments: [Resolution - 4.28.15 \(Light Pole Banners for 90th Anniversary\)](#)
[Proposed Banners 4.28.15](#)
[C-14 Signed Cover Memo](#)

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PLACEMENT OF TEMPORARY BANNERS ON LIGHT POLES ALONG BILTMORE WAY, WEST OF LEJEUNE ROAD, THROUGH APRIL 2016 IN RECOGNITION OF THE CITY'S 90TH ANNIVERSARY.

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2015-69 on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 23

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-70

- C.-15. [15-3866](#) A Resolution authorizing the execution of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Center for Independent Living of South Florida and the City of Coral Gables for shared office space use at the Youth Center.

Attachments: [CILSF MOU 2015](#)
[MOU -RESOL 2015 CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING](#)
[C-15 Signed Cover Memo](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING OF SOUTH FLORIDA AND THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES FOR SHARED OFFICE SPACE USE AT THE YOUTH CENTER.

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2015-70 on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 24

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

- 1.-1. [15-3808](#) Property Advisory Board Meeting of January 21, 2015

Attachments: [PAB 3-25-15 Commission cover](#)
[1-21-15 PAB minutes](#)

This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 25

- 1.-2. [15-3832](#) International Affairs Coordinating Council Meeting of February 17, 2015

Attachments: [Microsoft Word - IACC-Minutes February 17 2015 \(2\)](#)
[Microsoft Word - cover letter 02-17-2015](#)

This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 26

- 1.-3. [15-3848](#) Arts Advisory Panel Meeting of February 17, 2015

Attachments: [AAP Commission cover 4-28-15](#)
[AAP Minutes February 17 2015](#)

This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 27

- 1.-4. [15-3860](#) Budget/Audit Advisory Board Meeting of February 25, 2015

Attachments: [Agenda - Budget Audit Board meeting of February 25, 2015](#)
[Agenda - Budget Audit Board meeting of February 25, 2015](#)
[Budget Audit Minutes - February 25 2015](#)
[Meeting Minutes of February 25, 2015](#)

This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 28

- 1.-5. [15-3861](#) Coral Gables Merrick House Governing Board Meeting of March 9, 2015

Attachments: [03.09.15MinutesforCC04.28.15](#)
[Merrick House Minutes March 9 2015](#)

This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 29

- 1.-6. [15-3864](#) Landscape Beautification Advisory Board Meeting of March 5, 2015

Attachments: [42815-Cover Memo CC Minutes30515](#)
[Minutes BC 3-5-15 SIGNED](#)

This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 30

- 1.-7. [15-3870](#) Retirement Board Meeting of March 12, 2015

Attachments: [CC.04-28-2015.March 12, 2015](#)
[Minutes.03-12-2015](#)

This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 31

- 1.-8. [15-3871](#) International Affairs Coordinating Council Meeting of March 4, 2015

Attachments: [IACC-Minutes of Special March 4 2015](#)
[Microsoft Word - cover letter 03-04-15](#)

This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 32

- 1.-9. [15-3875](#) Property Advisory Board Meeting of March 3, 2015

Attachments: [PAB 4-28-15 Commission cover](#)
[3-3-15 PAB minutes](#)

This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 33

- 1.-10. [15-3898](#) Traffic Advisory Board Meeting of February 17, 2015

Attachments: [TAB 2-17-15 meeting minutes COVER](#)
[TAB 2-17-15 meeting MINUTES](#)

This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 34

- 1.-11. [15-3876](#) Communications Committee Meeting February 19, 2015

Attachments: [CC. 4.28.15 Commission cover](#)
[CC Minutes 2-19-15](#)

This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 35

- 1.-12. [15-3869](#) City of Coral Gables/University of Miami Community Relations Committee Meeting of March 2, 2015

Attachments: [Community Relations Comm minutes - March 2 2015 - Final](#)
[COVER MEMO](#)

This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 36

- 1.-13. [15-3873](#) Insurance Advisory Committee Meeting of March 27, 2015

Attachments: [August 27, 2015 Final Mins.](#)
[CoverMemo_IACMtg_03272015](#)
[IAC Mtg. DRAFT Minutes 03272015](#)

This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 37

Pulled from Consent Agenda**RESOLUTION NO. 2015-71 (As Amended)****C.-1. [15-3815](#)**

A Resolution authorizing Gables Hispanic Cultural Foundation, Inc. to sell alcoholic beverages on Saturday, October 24, 2015, from noon until 10:00 p.m. and on Sunday, October 25, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. on Biltmore Way between LeJeune Road and Hernando Street, during the "Gables Hispanic Cultural Festival," subject to Florida Department of Professional Regulation requirements.

Attachments: [Gables Hispanic Cultural Festival - Special Event Application Resolution](#)
[C-1 Signed Cover Memo](#)

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Quesada, seconded by Commissioner Keon, that this matter be adopted as amended by Resolution Number 2015-71. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas : 5 - Vice Mayor Quesada, Commissioner Slesnick, Commissioner Keon, Commissioner Lago and Mayor Cason

City Clerk Item No. 38

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-72 (As Amended)**C.-2. [15-3855](#)**

A Resolution authorizing Unlimited Sales Group, Inc. to sell alcoholic beverages on Giralda Avenue East of LeJeune Road and West of Ponce de Leon Boulevard from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 23, 2016 and from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 24, 2016 as part of the "Coral Gables Festival of the Arts," subject to Florida Department of Professional Regulation requirements.

Attachments: [C-2 Signed Cover Memo](#)
[Unlimited Sales Group Resolution](#)
[Special Event Application](#)

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Quesada, seconded by Commissioner Keon, that this matter be adopted as amended by Resolution Number 2015-72. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas : 5 - Vice Mayor Quesada, Commissioner Slesnick, Commissioner Keon, Commissioner Lago and Mayor Cason

City Clerk Item No. 39

D. PERSONAL APPEARANCES

None

City Clerk Item No. 40

E. PUBLIC HEARINGS**ORDINANCE ON SECOND READING****ORDINANCE NO. 2015-05**

- E.-1. [15-3856](#)** An Ordinance amending Chapter 50 of the "Code of the City of Coral Gables," entitled "Pensions," amending Section 50-26, Compulsory Participation; and providing for repealer, codification, and an effective date. (This election pertains only to the Deputy City Attorney and Assistant City Manager positions.) (Passed on First Reading March 25, 2015)

Attachments: [E-9 Signed Cover Memo 3-25-15](#)
[Amendment to Pension Ordinance](#)
[E-1 Signed Cover Memo 4-28-15](#)
[Signed Ordinance 2015-05.pdf](#)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 50 OF THE "CODE OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES," ENTITLED "PENSIONS," AMENDING SECTION 50-26, COMPULSORY PARTICIPATION; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, REPEALER, CODIFICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lago, seconded by Commissioner Keon, that this matter be adopted by Ordinance Number 2015-05. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas : 5 - Commissioner Slesnick, Commissioner Keon, Commissioner Lago, Vice Mayor Quesada and Mayor Cason

City Clerk Item No. 41

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](#) [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](#) [03 10 15 Exhibit B - 01.14.15 Planning Division Staff report and recommendation](#) [03 10 15 Exhibit C - 01 14 15 Excerpts of Planning and Zoning Board Meeting Mir](#) [03 10 15 Exhibit D - PowerPoint Presentation for 20 Casuarina Concourse](#) [04 28 15 Exhibit A - Draft Ordinance - Conditional Use Review for a Building Site](#) [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](#)

[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 Quesada, seconded by Commissioner Lago, that this matter be approved as an Ordinance on First Reading. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas : 5 - Commissioner Keon, Commissioner Lago, Vice Mayor Quesada, Commissioner Slesnick and Mayor Cason

City Clerk Item No. 42

RESOLUTION**RESOLUTION NO. 2015-73****E.-3. 15-3862**

A Resolution confirming the assessment roll for Local Improvement District designated as CGH-01; imposing the assessments; providing that the assessments shall constitute a lien equal in rank and dignity with the lien of state, county, and municipal taxes; providing for the collection of the assessments and notice thereof; and providing an effective date. (This Resolution finalizes the assessment roll for the Cocoplum Guardhouse improvements).

Attachments: [Notice to Property Owners for Cocoplum Guardhouse Assessment - FINAL](#)
[Notice to Property Owners for Cocoplum Guardhouse Assessment - FINAL](#)
[NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR COCOPLUM FINAL](#)
[NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR COCOPLUM FINAL](#)
[2008-22](#)
[2008-66](#)
[2008-149](#)
[2009-212](#)
[2009-289](#)
[2009-325](#)
[2012-114](#)
[Cocoplum Final Assessment Roll Resolution #2 4-28-15](#)
[Cocoplum Final Assessment Roll Resolution #2 4-28-15](#)
[E-3 Signed Cover Memo](#)

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR LOCAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT DESIGNATED AS CGH-01; IMPOSING THE ASSESSMENTS; PROVIDING THAT THE ASSESSMENTS SHALL CONSTITUTE A LIEN EQUAL IN RANK AND DIGNITY WITH THE LIEN OF STATE, COUNTY, AND MUNICIPAL TAXES; PROVIDING FOR THE COLLECTION OF THE ASSESSMENTS AND NOTICE THEREOF; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

[Note for the Record (Agenda Item E-3): The verbatim transcript for Agenda Item E-3 is available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk and in Legistar].

A motion was made by Commissioner Lago, seconded by Vice Mayor Quesada, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2015-73. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas : 5 - Commissioner Lago, Vice Mayor Quesada, Commissioner Slesnick, Commissioner Keon and Mayor Cason

City Clerk Item No. 44

F. CITY COMMISSION ITEMS

- F.-1.** [15-3894](#) Consideration of Convening a Charter Review Committee.
 Commissioner Lago

[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. 45

- F.-2.** [15-3907](#) Update on Controlled Choice process with Miami Dade Public Schools.
 Commissioner Keon

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Item F-2 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. 46

- F.-3.** [15-3914](#) Update on North Gables Planning Study.
 Commissioner Keon

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Item F-3 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. 47

- F.-4.** [15-3915](#) Update on U. S. 1 and Sunset Corridor.
 Commissioner Keon

This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 48

- F.-5.** [15-3918](#) A Resolution of the City Commission appointing Frank C. Quesada as Vice-Mayor of the City of Coral Gables, Florida.

Attachments: [R-2015- Appointment of Frank C. Quesada as Vice-Mayor.docx](#)
 [F-5 signed cover memo](#)

This Resolution was Withdrawn

City Clerk Item No. 1

G. BOARDS/COMMITTEES ITEMS

None

City Clerk Item No. 49

H. CITY MANAGER ITEMS

- H.-1. [15-3885](#) Presentation of Quarterly Financial Report for the six months ended March 31, 2015.

Attachments: [Quarterly Financial Report 3-31-2015](#)
[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 Presentation/Protocol Document was Presented and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 51

- H.-2. [15-3892](#) Update of the Sustainability Planning Process.

Attachments: [Project Schedule](#)
[Sustainability Plan Memo](#)
[Presentation](#)
[H-2 Signed 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].

This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 43

- H.-3. [15-3893](#) Update of the Comprehensive Multimodal Transportation Plan scope.

Attachments: [Comprehensive Transportation Plan Update - COVER](#)
[Scope Draft](#)
[H-3 Signed Cover Memo](#)

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Item H-3 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. 52

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-74**H.-4. [15-3874](#)**

Resolution authorizing the renewal of the property and casualty insurance program which includes, but is not limited to, property, general liability, automobile liability, public officials errors & omissions, workers compensation, other ancillary lines of insurance coverage and insurance broker fees through Arthur J. Gallagher Risk Management Services, Inc., in the amount of \$ 2,174,013.35 for the policy period of May 1, 2015 to May 1, 2016.

Attachments: [2015-2016 Property Insurance RESOLUTION](#)
[AJG Executive Summary pg 8 revised](#)
[Siver Revised Recommendation](#)
[H-4 Signed Cover Memo](#)

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL OF THE PROPERTY AND CASUALTY INSURANCE PROGRAM WHICH INCLUDES, BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO, PROPERTY, GENERAL LIABILITY, AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY, PUBLIC OFFICIALS ERRORS & OMISSIONS, WORKERS COMPENSATION, OTHER ANCILLARY LINES OF INSURANCE COVERAGE AND INSURANCE BROKER FEES THROUGH ARTHUR J. GALLAGHER RISK MANAGEMENT SERVICES, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 2,174,013.35 FOR THE POLICY PERIOD OF MAY 1, 2015 TO MAY 1, 2016.

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Item H-4 is available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk and in Legistar].

A motion was made by Commissioner Lago, seconded by Vice Mayor Quesada, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2015-74. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas : 5 - Vice Mayor Quesada, Commissioner Slesnick, Commissioner Keon, Commissioner Lago and Mayor Cason

City Clerk Item No. 50

I. CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS**I.-1. [15-3884](#)**

Status report regarding legal research and potential legislation relating to workforce housing for teachers.

Attachments: [I-1 Memo](#)

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Item I-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. 53

J. CITY CLERK ITEMS

None

City Clerk Item No. 54

K. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Mayor Cason: Alright, do we have any discussion items?- Commissioner Lago had to leave and we have an Executive Session.

Commissioner Keon: I have one item I'd like to bring up. A resident called me and I've heard this is the third or fourth person who has sort of made this complaint, but this particular resident called me...

Vice Mayor Quesada: I'm sorry, stop you for one second. Don't we have a City Attorney Item?

City Attorney Leen: Item I-1.

Mayor Cason: We have I-1 here.

Commissioner Keon: It's just with regard to valet, that the valets are continuing - they use the adjacent parking spaces that they are not paying for as valet, for valet and I know this particular resident called me and told me that just a couple of weeks ago, he was parking in the meters where Brick Tops has their valet, and he pulled into the spot, paid his meter, or went to pay his meter and the valet came over and told him that he couldn't park there, they needed that spot for storage, and he told them it's not bagged, it's a City meter, and certainly I can park there. And he got into an argument with the valet over whether or not he could park there, and he could park there and he said to them, you know you have the other car that was parked in back of him, the valet was also used, and he said you know you are going to have to move that car, because you are whatever. They got into a discussion. He ended up calling the police, and so I know there is a police report on the incident, but the valets are an issue in parking downtown and not restricting themselves to just the meters that they pay for, and they park cars in metered spaces in the vicinity when they are open.

Mayor Cason: And they get away with it.

Commissioner Keon: And they get away with it.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: So Commissioner, I know Commissioner Lago also raised this issue. We went to the Business Improvement District, we spoke to them about it, and it is from the studies that we can see it is not the centralized valet parking...

Commissioner Keon: No, no, no. It's the other valets.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: It's the individual restaurants that have valet contracts and so one of those strategies that we've advised both through the Parking Department and also through the valet companies is, we will move to recommend to the City Commission a downtown centralized valet parking program that we can control if you all don't begin following this process, and we will yank your right to park on this street for the drop-offs, pick-ups, so that message is going to the valet companies. In addition to the centralized valet parking, just so that everybody continues to follow the rule. Kevin is issuing those directions to the private restaurants that have their own individual contracts.

Commissioner Keon: How long has that been going on?

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: We just started that really about three weeks ago.

Commissioner Keon: Well this happened about two weeks ago, so somebody is not hearing. There is a police report on the issue.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: We have the right to pull their right from having valet parking at all, and so we've stepped up the volume in our discussions.

Commissioner Keon: OK. I know this wasn't with Brick Tops valet.

Mayor Cason: Discussion Items?

Vice Mayor Quesada: Yes - Streetscape. We went out there immediately after the last meeting, I don't know if the rest of the Commission had a chance to take a look at the sidewalk. I'll be honest with you. I thought it was going to be wider. I thought there was going to be more space for pedestrians. And this is not a secret to anyone up here that I always wanted to have bike lanes in the project as well. A question to Glenn

Kephart through the City Manager, if that's OK with you Madam Manager?

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: It depends on what the question is.

[Laughter]

Vice Mayor Quesada: A question that you will disapprove of. Has the steering committee addressed or looked at or our consultants looked at making Miracle Mile one lane in each direction? Now again, I'm very sensitive to the traffic issue, but at the same I just think that - I'm sorry?

Commissioner Keon: It would function like Sunset Drive, through their Business District where it's one lane in each direction.

Vice Mayor Quesada: I don't know if that's an "apples to apples" comparison. I understand its pretty close.

Commissioner Keon: You're right, but similar.

Vice Mayor Quesada: Because we have more office than they do.

Commissioner Keon: A lot of it is people going through the City.

Vice Mayor Quesada: So I guess the question is, have we looked at that?- I guess what I would like to see is at least an analysis of what the traffic impact would be?- what the benefits would be if we were to take away one lane from each direction of Miracle Mile, add a bike lane and widen the sidewalk even more? Is that completely out there from the facial expressions that I'm reading from everyone in the crowd, it seems like it's completely out there, but if there is a time to look at everything and discuss everything its right now.

Mayor Cason: With one lane though, if you are going to parallel park, somebody is trying to back in, backing up traffic everywhere trying to get into the parking.

Vice Mayor Quesada: The idea we are investing \$14 million on Miracle Mile, \$3 million on Giralda, the idea is to create the ideal pedestrian experience, so that every landlord is happy, every tenant is happy, every resident is happy when they visit Miracle Mile, we are making a significant investment. If we don't feel the sidewalks are

wide enough and they are going to provide that experience that we are all going for, I just really think that something that we should at least look at.

Commissioner Slesnick: We don't own Coral Way though, it's a county road.

Vice Mayor Quesada: County road.

Commissioner Keon: It's a County road, but it was turned over...

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: But we maintain it when they did the median, when the palms went in the medians and they created those turn lanes, then we had to take over maintenance responsibility for Coral Way, but it is a high volume, significant number of cars, where do those cars go if you narrow and reduce it to one lane?- but Glenn, if you want to come forward. This is a conversation where we are today with the streetscape has had a lot of community input, after they study it, we bring it back, you look at the findings and you decide it's worth it, then my suggestion to you is we go back to the public and we provide the conversation, because we have not had that with the merchants, the other players to date.

Commissioner Keon: The other alternative maybe you can address is to take all the parking off Miracle Mile entirely. You can widen out the sidewalks, you can put in bicycle lanes and you have no interference and no parking on Miracle Mile. The best way that you are going to achieve that rather than - they can both look at it. If you want to achieve that, I think you should look at and weigh both of those.

Vice Mayor Quesada: I don't think we are moving all the parking on Miracle Mile, something that our residents are willing to stomach at this point. I understand your concern.

Commissioner Keon: But you just said you wanted to think out of the box. I'm telling you this is out of the box.

[Laughter]

Commissioner Keon: That's out of the box. I think it's something that you really need to look at. The problem with the bicycle lanes is the high volume of traffic and car doors opening and closing among them, all those things. You eliminate that issue when you take parking off of the Mile.

Vice Mayor Quesada: Well the point is we are not experts. We don't have that experience.

Commissioner Keon: I would ask that if you are going to look at that, that you also look at that...

Commissioner Slesnick: Can we have the bike lanes on the sidewalk where they are extending it?

Mayor Cason: That is so damn dangerous. The original Mile plan had the bike lane between the cars and where you are sitting. You get up at 11 o'clock at night, after you've had your two Martini's and go to your car and some guy is whipping down on a bike - doors open.

Vice Mayor Quesada: Well hold on a second, let me stop you there. There are cities that do it. If you've been to Stockholm, if you've been to Paris, if you've been to New York, if you've been to Chicago, there are places that do it successfully, so I mean again, we have never designed bike lanes. One thought and I was looking at some e-mails, some input from residents - is it possible to get our bike master plan consultant that we use, so we don't have to go through our P-process. They did our plan, they know it better than we do, they know our City better than we do when it comes to biking implementation. Get them involved in the conversation as well. I'm sorry Glenn; there are many questions that are coming your way.

Mr. Kephart: There are many questions. I welcome the opportunity to do my best to address it. Your first question was, did the steering committee discuss possibly one lane? We discussed everything. In the visioning from completely closing the street to having no parking to reducing it to one lane, back and forth, and we spent some time on that, and what the overall width of the sidewalk needed to be, could be, should be, and we settled on the 23 feet, and there is a couple reasons and it could be different things, but one was, that's a project that this community has moved forward after decades and I can tell you it has broad base support that I haven't seen at this level for a project of this magnitude before. It's pretty significant. So I think could it be one lane?- possibly. The thing is it hasn't been studied and it needs to be studied and we need to understand how much traffic would that reduce on the Mile?- where does it go to?- could it be one lane?- the capacity predominantly comes from your intersections. So if you keep your intersections the width that they are it's not impossible, but I think

the important thing is...the number of cars you get through the intersection is what really determines the capacity of a street, not how long it takes you to get from intersection to intersection. So if you maintain all of your lanes in an intersection, you can reduce capacity between those intersections and not significantly affect the capacity of the street. That gets into some complex traffic engineering and that is an example of something that needs to be studied and then how much is the capacity reduced and where does that traffic go as we were talking about our comprehensive transportation plan. We have not gone forward with that study and we need to understand that, I think the community would have a right to know that, so. If we were to undertake that, that would take some time and we would probably say a pause, until we had that answer because we don't want to continue with final design with something that's going to change, but I will also say that, if we went with one lane and we've been proceeding, one of the things is that whatever we do now could expand or contract into the future. We have a curb line at 23 feet and then we have about 10 feet of parking and then two 11-foot lanes and a bike lane, and how could you get a bike lane in there? So if you were to reduce a lane of traffic, an 11-foot lane would probably become a 16-foot lane, so that as the Mayor said, if somebody is backing into a parking space, other people still need to be able to get around. So you have a single lane that's about 16 feet and you add your bike lane, your curb line doesn't change very much, your sidewalk is going to remain pretty close to the 23 feet. You might be able to pick up a couple feet to 25 feet or so. We would need to pause and we would need to study those issues and then I believe, see if there is community support for them. And I'll tell you, you have community support for what you are doing now; the bike lane keeps coming up - couple issues on it. I don't think we necessarily need to bring in specialty consultants to consider how we design the bike lane. We know that. I spent a great deal of my career adding bike lanes to a City and understanding the options. The option for a protected bike lane takes away about 7 feet, and even if we had that 7 feet, I wouldn't recommend it because of your conflicts. You don't have - it's not really protected. What you do is you move the bikes on the inside of the cars and now the cars provide a visual barrier so that every time you come to a quarter block or every eighth of a mile you are coming to a conflict point, there is a visibility issue there. The bikes may not stop even though the signal says pedestrians have the right-of-way, there are too many conflicts and you can keep the bikes...my professional opinion, if you are adding bikes you keep them out on the roadway, on the roadway side of the car. There are people, who argue with me on that, but I have talked to the county about it and their bicycle coordinator agrees with my opinion on that. So how do you get, as you had mentioned, how do you get space for the bicycles?- you either take it away from the pedestrian area or you take it away

from the lane of traffic. If you take it away from the lane of traffic, as the City Manager had said, not saying that's the right thing or wrong thing, but we would need to pause and determine whether that's the new direction for this project because it's something a little bit different than we've designed to this point.

Mayor Cason: So now the bikes could go on the next street over, Andalusia, for example, Aragon.

Mr. Kephart: The bikes could go and I think it's one of the things that we need to continue to study and also the bikes would, under the current proposal, the lane next to the parking would be a sharrow, almost the identical cross-section to what FDOT (Florida Department of Transportation) striped on Coral Way east of Douglas, if you look at that. That was recently striped within the last month or so.

Vice Mayor Quesada: I guess our staff member; the most experience in this has got to be Jessica Keller, right?

Mr. Kephart: Jessica and I both have a lot of experience in this area, the internship is in charge of transportation and it's her ownership at this point.

Vice Mayor Quesada: No, I know, but considering her recent experience with the City of Baltimore and the implementation of bike lanes there, that was a significant project...It's one thing that I've discussed with her many, many times, and again, I think we are all up here caught in a catch-22, because I think if we all had the space we would all want the bike lanes and we all have different opinions on it going through. We all want that space, we all realize that we need that width, that comfort that we want and after what we saw on Friday from Cooper Robertson and the trees and almost making it a downtown park is spectacular. I think we all loved it, but at the same time we want bike lanes, so it's a very difficult area to navigate for lack of a better way to put it. So I'm just trying to find a better way to make everything work.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: Its interesting though because Glenn and I drove down Coral Way and we watched two lanes; the second lane being a sharrow was a little bit wider in order to accommodate it from, not southwest third, but a significant part of Coral Way and so if we talk about connectability, I'm not sure why the bike enthusiasts and I know they are putting an incredible amount of pressure on all of you, I'm not sure why they immediately discarded the concept of the sharrow.

Vice Mayor Quesada: Sharrows don't work. It's been proven all over the world that sharrows don't work. Sharrows create situations where the cyclists hate a driver and the driver hates the cyclist and that's where injuries happen in sharrows.

Mr. Kephart: The only thing though for Miracle Mile because when its congested -- when it's not congested bikes can fit on there; when it is congested bikes can travel at the same rate the speed is as the automobile and to creating whether you stripe a bike lane, whether you add a couple feet and stripe a bike lane or not, it's a street given the number of people, the number of cars, the activity, the distractions that you want to be an experienced bike rider on, so.

Vice Mayor Quesada: What would it take to analyze these two ideas that Commissioner Keon and myself have brought up? Will it slow the process down to do an analysis to take a look at it at this point?- what can we do? That's the end game here.

Mr. Kephart: I think that we would want to take a little bit of a pause before we are getting close to being ready to move into see these final design documents based on the concepts that you've seen. I wouldn't recommend that we do that and if we are going to do this study and potentially add a lane, I mean take away a lane. Taking away a lane doesn't have to be a huge design issue, but we've got to pause and know whether we are doing that because we would do some things differently.

Vice Mayor Quesada: How much time would you need or would we need if we were to take a pause?

Mr. Kephart: We can do the study probably fairly quickly, but then I think we have to have probably an additional community meeting to explain to the public that we've modified the concept that we showed before giving my recommendation. I'm hesitant to give you an off the cuff...

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: Glenn don't give a timetable we can't meet.

Mr. Kephart: Yes and I would like some time to discuss it with staff and the Manager.

Mayor Cason: And discuss it with the BID and the Chamber and a lot of people.

Commissioner Keon: I mean I don't feel that there is a lot of pressure to put bike lanes

on Miracle Mile. I don't feel like I would succumb to that pressure. I really think that it's - this is creating and redoing this because we are creating this to support the retail community within our City and to put retail on Miracle Mile as we work to develop Ponce for retail too. So we have that intersection between those two streets. So the primary purpose of doing this is safety and drainage and infrastructure, but it is to support the retail community and to create that downtown. People can still get to the Mile by bike without having to ride on the Mile.

Mayor Cason: You might want to check with the BID right off to get their impression.

Commissioner Keon: So I'm not saying that it's not that I am suggesting that you take the parking off Miracle Mile. All I'm saying to you is it becomes a decision of this Commission, or whatever that bikeways have to be placed on Miracle Mile. I think the only way you are going to do it is if you reduce the number of lanes of traffic, or you take off the parking. Somehow you've got to create space.

Vice Mayor Quesada: That's one of the considerations why I brought it up. It wasn't just the bike lanes, but also is the sidewalk wide enough?- and again, that really jumped out at me when I went out and actually looked at it. I think it's great. I think it's a great start, but when I think about the money we are investing I try to think of how wide it needs to be...

Commissioner Keon: It could be wider.

Vice Mayor Quesada:...and again, when you go to Lincoln Road and you have that experience, again we don't want to be Lincoln Road, but the width is the comfort that creates the nice family atmosphere that we all love. You can walk down with your family and not feel like you are going to get run over by a car or run into a car, that width is what's very comfortable and creates a great outdoor dining and park space really.

Mr. Kephart: If the Commission would so desire, we have another steering committee next week, May 7th?- I'm not sure exactly...

Commissioner Keon: May 8th I think because I think I have an invitation to go to it.

Mr. Kephart: May 8th - anyway we have another steering committee and what we could do is we could talk about this discussion. In between now and then we could

work with our design team to talk about what would the pause be?- what are the things we need to do to fully vet this?- lay out a timeline. We could talk to the steering committee about it, get their opinion on it and then through the City Manager come back to you and say, here's what the steering committee said this issue.

Vice Mayor Quesada: The first question, the threshold question really that needs to be looked at even before then is, what is the impact on traffic?- that it for both of the proposals we've just discussed, because if the impact on traffic of moving to one lane is horrible then the conversation ends right there.

Mr. Kephart: It will take longer to get that information then, I guess my question will be to the steering committee, if it could be managed from a traffic impact standpoint do they think it's a good thing to the project, understanding that it would cause a project delay, and so if we were to do that then we will move my recommendation is have that discussion first, come back to you on the 12th to report what the steering committee and the community what the BID has to say about that and then make a decision if we are going to enter into a traffic study to evaluate this, since it's going to take some time, because they have to collect data, they have to put counters out there, they have to analyze the data.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: Carmen is also a member of the steering committee.

Ms. Olazabal: I'm not sure what you are proposing. You are proposing taking it back to the steering committee so that they can weigh in on the preferences and whether we download it or not; and the issue is if we take it to the step two, the set two requires the traffic study and it will affect the time. There is something that we should discuss process-wise because the design process, while we are kind of going through the design process we are evaluating a lot of options, and we are coming back to the Commission with those decisions, or with those options and presenting to you, but once we make those decisions it's hard to reopen them and reopen them without affecting the timeline of that project permanently. So it's something we really have to start discussing if we want to reopen this, we can, but it will affect the timeline and at some point we have to make decisions so that we can move the design forward.

Commissioner Keon: I think the real threshold question is whether or not bike lanes belong on Miracle Mile?- I think that's a decision that we need to make. We need to say to all of the biking community, we will accommodate your opportunity to be able

to access the Mile, but you can't put bike lanes on the Mile or you say, design with bike lanes on the Mile. We have to know that.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: I'm going to be the bad guy. I believe the steering committee considered whether or not bike lanes were critical in the equation. I believe the concept of going to the Mile but not through the Mile was discussed and how can we do a better job at creating bike depots or sharrows and those kinds of bike-friendly improvements that are necessary. I recall an earlier vote with respect prior to Commissioner Slesnick joining where there was a motion made on the issue of bike lanes on Miracle Mile, considering what the steering committee had said, and the Commission at the time failed to have a second. And so, we can study, but if at the end the sentiment of the Commission is going to determine which direction we go, to think that one-laning will not have a significant impact on traffic. I'm not a traffic engineer, but I can already tell you, it's going to have a significant impact on traffic. So it would be helpful to us and I'm sorry that Commissioner Lago is not here right now, it would be helpful for us to get direction from the Commission because we see the e-mails coming through, but we know the steering committee had considered those. We know the steering committee has said, it's better to go to not through, because it's not an endless amount of right-of-way that we have to work with. We are not suggesting remove the palms, which is another way that you can widen it all, and so it would be helpful to us to have at this point in time what the Commission's direction is regarding bike lanes in terms of priority as we design the Mile. We are almost there. You all have identified how to pay for it. You have hired a national designer who has such great public skills that the community has come, weighed in, and has been excited. Business Improvement District is a part of that steering committee and they've also briefed their public. We are almost done. So the question is, is this the time that you all want to say, pause, we want to revisit the bike lanes or is this the time to say, we love cyclists, we want to encourage cycling in our community, but we are going to do it on the side areas or the two areas, the Underline and all those other components rather than Miracle Mile itself, as the signature dining and shopping. I know that's not a popular discussion, but I think it's time that you all have it.

Mayor Cason: I don't think the biking community has made the case for Miracle Mile. I know they want it there, but they haven't made the case why not on the side streets, and I've looked at Miracle Mile for the business owners there to increase their business, walkability, outdoor cafes, but I don't see why the bikes can't go on the side streets. We have all the other things that they want in terms of storage and there is a lot more room there, but I don't want to slow the process down to reopen this discussion

again that's been discussed before.

Commissioner Keon: Did we make a motion? What happened the last time Cathy?- was it a motion made on the issue?

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: A motion was made and there wasn't a second.

Commissioner Keon: Oh - OK.

City Attorney Leen: Normally when there is a motion made and it doesn't lead to anything, in order to bring it back up one of the parties that was against the motion would bring it up.

Mayor Cason: The prevailing party.

City Attorney Leen: The prevailing party. So like it failed, the motion failed...

Commissioner Keon: Did it fail?

City Attorney Leen: Well it was not seconded.

Vice Mayor Quesada: The only Commissioner that can bring up the issue of bike lanes again is yourself and the Mayor, because the third one was Vice Mayor Kerdyk who is no longer here. So to reconsider adding bike lanes or not, there are only two people that can bring it up. I can't bring it up nor can Commissioner Slesnick because she wasn't on the dais, and Commissioner Lago was not there that day, if you guys recall.

City Attorney Leen: It's a very strict, very strict application of procedural rules. The only reason why you may want to do that there, do that here, Mr. Mayor, is because already a lot of reliance has been done on that vote, pardon me, non-vote, so I think that you should, you have the authority to determine whether it's an order or not.

Mayor Cason: I'm not willing to bring it up.

Commissioner Keon: OK. Thank you. No, I don't either.

Mayor Cason: There is your guidance.

City Attorney Leen: Thank you.

Mayor Cason: Any other discussion items?

Vice Mayor Quesada: Well, I would still like to have the steering committee discuss the parking issue as well as the one lane, at least have a discussion.

Commissioner Slesnick: I wanted to ask a question too. I'm pro-bicycle and I think with more restaurants and so forth on Miracle Mile people riding bicycles up there to the Mile. Is it possible to make a bike lane on like Salzedo, since there is no parking on Salzedo, is it Salzedo?

All: Galiano.

Commissioner Slesnick: Galiano. What's the one right up here?- Salzedo. Is it possible to have a bike lane on Salzedo so that people can access get closer to Miracle Mile and then have bicycle racks there?

Mr. Kephart: Actually Salzedo is identified as a bicycle route in the master plan as part of the Mediterranean Village project, we are making them honor that through their portion of it, so that is part of the vision.

Commissioner Slesnick: So they can get from like the Metro Rail over to downtown Miracle Mile without having to go through...

Commissioner Keon: Well that's what we said, was that there had to be a dedicated...for people to go from the Mile to the Metro Rail to the Underline, because there are bike paths there and that's really the transportation route, because there isn't a safe transportation route down Coral Way anyway.

Commissioner Slesnick: Do you think if we one-laned Coral Way, Miracle Mile though traffic coming back in the late afternoons would divert at Douglas and either go on Alhambra, which is already a very busy street?- or over to not Andalusia, Valencia?- which would greatly impact the neighbors in those neighborhoods.

Mr. Kephart: That's what needs to be studied and understood, so that we don't surprise anybody. I don't want to belabor it, I need a clarification though, because I understood the direction and thank you and Commissioner Quesada you had said then

that you will still like to have the steering committee evaluate the no-parking and the single lane.

Commissioner Keon: But if for no other reason than to just increase the size of the sidewalk.

Mr. Kephart: Right - but if we do that both of those issues are going to require significant study and community involvement to move forward. It's a pretty significant project change, so I...

Commissioner Keon: I think it's more of a matter of just having a discussion with the steering committee.

Mr. Kephart: They may say they like it and if they say they like it, then we've got to come back and change the scope of our project, and we've changed the budget of our project too, because if you significantly widen the sidewalk, we've already widened it a couple feet, working through the budget constraints, but it has a cost, not that that should be a deciding factor necessarily, but...

Ms. Olazabal: And the timeline and public process.

Mr. Kephart: The timeline is a big one because the steering committee, if we say you know the Commission asked us to look at maybe not putting parking on the Mile, let's talk about that, there may be consensus on the steering committee to rethink the project. Just need to make it clear that we are changing the project when we ask those questions potentially, so and I'm not sure as I stand here whether this direction to ask that question or to move forward.

Mayor Cason: Well we went through discussing on the side streets what's going to be done for bikes there, and how we are going to connect with the other bike lanes because you can do a lot more on the side streets and that discussion hasn't been widely disseminated.

Vice Mayor Quesada: How about we do this preliminary study?- I'm sorry to interrupt you Mayor. Yes, absolutely what the Mayor said, right now, we previously discussed it with Cooper Robertson, and we told them there is going to be phenomenal parking amenities for cyclists within the parking garages or whatever. There's got to be a relative ease to get into Miracle Mile if you are on a bike, if you are parking right off,

whatever it is, and I know Cooper Robertson has that direction. As far as what we are discussing now, so that slow down the process maybe preliminarily we go back to the steering committee is, how can we squeeze a few more feet out of it, if it is even possible to discuss with Cooper Robertson?- or have we maximized everything already?- maybe you know that answer.

Mr. Kephart: I do know that answer...

Vice Mayor Quesada: And the answer is yes.

Mr. Kephart: We have maximized. We started with 21 feet, 20 and-a-half (20 ½) on the concept and we squeezed it to 23, we are there. If we are going to get any additional width in the sidewalk that is going to affect parking or travel lanes. We are there.

Mayor Cason: And does the County have a say in this in terms of...?

Mr. Kephart: The County absolutely would have a say in it. They've had a say so far and we've been talking to them, we've met with them twice already because when we go through permits we want to have their buy-in, and we are headed in a direction that I think they can support at this point.

Commissioner Keon: Our piece for the garages - where are we with those?

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: We are bringing them to you next month on how we've revised them and then here accept the revisions, then we'll go ahead and publish the addendum.

Commissioner Keon: OK. Because that's an opportunity to require to have, the on

Commissioner Keon: OK. Because that's an opportunity to require to have, the one that the City is going to maintain to be able to have....

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: Showers and bike lockers. You have 250 bike lockers already planned in Agave, depending on what direction you take. We can look at different bike pods that allow the sharrow piece to it in a way that only those that are cyclists have access to the sharrows. We can figure it out, but how we make

Miracle Mile wider, we can't. We have physical limitations.

Mr. Kephart: Fifty-five (55) feet between the median and the right-of-way line and that 55 feet is divided up into 23 feet for sidewalk, 32 feet for transportation purposes at this point.

Commissioner Keon: That's why I think to make it wider or to create a bicycle lane, you give up parking, and so that's kind of a decision that needs to be made, I'm thinking will probably get a strong push-back on giving up parking.

Mayor Cason: I think a very strong push-back because that's one of the reasons this never moved forward for decades was this whole discussion of parallel and losing 91 or whatever the number was.

Commissioner Keon: Yes - pushback on that, but we still can talk about it.

Vice Mayor Quesada: Alright, if we can't squeeze anymore out it, then there is no direction at this time.

Mayor Cason: Go to the side streets.

Vice Mayor Quesada: At least from me, I don't know if anyone else has any additional thoughts.

Commissioner Keon: No. I think you are right.

Mr. Kephart: Thank you.

Vice Mayor Quesada: Make some killer bicycle amenities all-surrounding.

Mr. Kephart: That's our goal.

Mayor Cason: And extra...Jeannett any discussion items?

Commissioner Slesnick: You all received a memo last night about the comparison of the Planning and Zoning Board with other Boards in the City, particularly the Historic Preservation Board, did you receive it?

Mayor Cason: Yes.

Commissioner Slesnick: I'm concerned, the Planning and Zoning Board is the most powerful Board we have in the City, and really is going to be who serves on the Planning and Zoning Board for the next four years, that the impact that it's going to have on our future development in the City. In the Historic Preservation Board there are different positions that are delegated, one to a historian, one to an attorney, one to - you are passing this out, thank you - so that there is a sampling of people on the Historic Preservation Board that reflect a little bit of the community. Right now the Planning and Zoning Board is perceived as having seven members of which six are geared for the development end of the situation, with Maria Jimenez being one of the residents that really is not into development. Either they are architects and we do need to have qualified people serving on the Planning and Zoning Board, but architects or planners or developers or engineers or contractors, so it seems to be again perception in a community that is heavily geared toward developers. In the past 15-20-25 years, the Planning and Zoning Board has had more attorneys on it than anybody else. I know Pat served on it and other people in the community, insurance people, a doctor, again heavily toward - Tom Herald was the Chairman, our Supreme Court, Raul Cantero chaired the Board, so anyway it had a diversity of people, and right now I don't feel that the Planning and Zoning Board is as diverse as it could be, nor does it reflect some of the people from the community who have no building or contracting experience. I would really like to have either some guidelines presented on which people can be appointed to the Planning and Zoning Board, so that it is not weighed totally toward developers and contractors or that we might be able to get together some time before we appoint. This is kind of important since we appoint at the end of May for June positions, that we might have an opportunity to get together and discuss our appointees beforehand if that's permissible.

Mayor Cason: Is that possible?

Vice Mayor Quesada: We can discuss our appointments in a Commission meeting and not outside.

City Attorney Leen: Yes.

Commissioner Slesnick: Before we actually give the names.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: I think what Vice Mayor Quesada is saying is at

one of your May meetings, first meeting in May, if you wanted to discuss it then second meeting - Walter when do you make the appointments?- is it June?- or is it May?

City Clerk Foeman: June.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: So you have the whole month of May to be discussing this before you actually are obligated to appoint.

City Attorney Leen: The tradition in the City is that each Commissioner, essentially although you are nominating and it is approved by the Commission, the discretion is always been given to the Commissioner to choose who they wish and the Commission basically approves it. The Commission also has the authority to remove anyone from any Board, according to our Code. I haven't seen that used since I was here. Now technically, it's the Commission that appoints and also removes. So you could talk about it if you wish, but the tradition has been that the nominating Commissioner brings the name up and it's approved by the Commission.

Mayor Cason: You have a breakdown of the occupations of the current?

Vice Mayor Quesada: I was actually just writing it down right now. So currently we have Jess Lanigan, who is an attorney, we have...

Commissioner Keon:...he has another year and-a-half.

Vice Mayor Quesada: We have our former City Manager, Assistant City Manager Maria, who is there; we have an architect, Marshall Bellin, what is Eibi Aizenstat do?

Commissioner Keon: Eibi is going off, is termed out anyway.

Vice Mayor Quesada: Well what was he?- what is his profession?- does anyone know?

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: Oh, he's a banker.

Vice Mayor Quesada: Banker - Mr. Mayor who is your appointment?

Mayor Cason: Julio Grabiell who is an architect.

Vice Mayor Quesada: Julio - architect.

Mayor Cason: That's five.

Vice Mayor Quesada: My representative is Albert Perez who is property manager and does some development as well. Who else is left?- who am I missing? Oh yes, Tony Bello and what does he do?

Commissioner Keon: Tony works for - he is a businessman.

Vice Mayor Quesada: In real estate or outside of real estate.

Commissioner Keon: He works for a major company. At one time he worked for Comcast.

Vice Mayor Quesada: So right now...

Commissioner Keon: He is a longtime resident and is in private business.

Commissioner Slesnick: Right now it just seems that there are people on the Planning and Zoning Board that have other projects coming up this year that they are voting on, they are asking their fellow members to vote on.

Mayor Cason: Well that's a recusal issue.

Vice Mayor Quesada: At least....

Commissioner Slesnick: I know. I know. I know.

Mayor Cason: So you have a businessman, you have a banker; you have an ex-City Manager and a lawyer, so I don't see a majority of developers.

Commissioner Keon: I think that maybe what is a concern is when there is any architect or any developer that sits on that Board, or even an attorney that actually represents clients before the City Commission, even though they may recuse themselves from the vote it becomes a collegiality among Board members that they may be moved to support because of that collegiality. I had heard that said before. I

don't really know. I know when I sat on the Board, Robert Behar was on the Board and so was Javier Salman who both work in things in the City and yet I didn't - as a Board member I never felt that pressure and there is - granted it doesn't have to be the architect that does so many projects within the City that could be on that Board, but having architects - each one of those people they really do bring a different perspective.

Vice Mayor Quesada: Anytime you have an architect, it's going to happen. The last thing we want is an architect who doesn't do work in the City who doesn't understand what we have in the City. But hold on a second, by saying we shouldn't have those people because of collegiality, it's basically saying none of the individuals can be impartial, none of the individuals can make a decision based on the facts that have been presented to them.

Commissioner Keon: That's the perception, but it was my experience that, that wasn't the case.

Mayor Cason: They can recuse themselves when you were there.

Commissioner Slesnick: And you can recuse yourself and we do need knowledgeable people because this is a very detailed oriented Board, but I do think we maybe need a couple of lay people on the Planning and Zoning Board, like a banker or an attorney, or a realtor just like we have them for the Historic Preservation Board.

Vice Mayor Quesada: I don't disagree with that...

Commissioner Slesnick: We are coming up with all new appointments.

Vice Mayor Quesada: But currently right now we have three that are not in the industry. Is Jess Lanigan, does he do real estate law?

Commissioner Keon: He does land use.

Vice Mayor Quesada: He does land use.

Commissioner Keon: Mostly in the County.

Vice Mayor Quesada: But he doesn't do anything in the City. I've never seen him

come before us.

Mayor Cason: We have four already that are not. If you read what the membership is supposed to be it says, they should be from a diverse economic, social and professional, include members qualified and experienced in the field of architecture, planning, landscape architecture, engineering, construction, planning, and land use law and real estate. So those are....

Vice Mayor Quesada: Here's the thing though. I don't disagree with what Commissioner Slesnick is saying, I have no problem creating it, so that we at least hit some minimum requirements of the types of individuals we have on there, like we have, did you say it was the Landscape Advisory Board?

Commissioner Slesnick: No, Historic Preservation Board.

Vice Mayor Quesada: Historic Preservation - I don't have a problem setting it up that way in the future.

Commissioner Keon: A lot of times what I had seen often with the Boards that they elect, you know where they elect a member of the Board, they recommend and elect a member of the Board - oftentimes that person is a community person; Tony Bello is there for that reason, it tends to balance it out with that.

Vice Mayor Quesada: What we can do is, and Madam City Manager tell me if this is a bad idea, maybe we can do a Commission As-A-Whole selection, so we all select a member of the general population that as a community member it has no sense of involvement in anything real estate related or anything in this field, just a resident that's involved and create one more position, and then we have the Board itself select another member, if we want to make the Board that much bigger. I will tell you the current individuals we have on here, when we have, for example, today's issue on the lot split, I read through the minutes of their meeting, and I think they are great, they are great, because they really put effort into it. You can tell that they are prepared, they get it, they understand. And you know something, I've never really looked at the makeup, and the makeup actually makes sense because they are all in different fields, which I had never realized that.

Commissioner Keon: I mean only know from having served eight years on that Board. It was really a great Board to serve on, a really great Board.

Mayor Cason: Cathy, the person on the Board now that's chosen by the Board, is it termed out or is that person going to continue on?

Commissioner Keon: I think he's only been on for three years.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: I have to research it, I'm not sure.

Commissioner Keon: Tony Bello, I think he's just - I think it's only two years.

Mayor Cason: So there are two opportunities. Commissioner Slesnick you had a chance to put somebody like that on and then the Board when it meets could put another person who is not...

Commissioner Keon: But they may reappoint him.

Mayor Cason: Two plus the ones that are left it gives basically people who are not in the field the majority.

Commissioner Slesnick: I just feel we need somebody that is not in the field and it could be my appointment that tends to have a broader perspective.

Commissioner Keon: I know I was appointed as...

Commissioner Slesnick: I think you had a broader perspective.

Commissioner Keon: What?

Commissioner Slesnick: I think you were the one that had the broader perspective.

Commissioner Keon: Yes. I think I was appointed because I was just - I was appointed as the Board's appointment As-A-Whole.

Commissioner Slesnick: I just wanted to bring that up because we are coming up with appointments in June.

Commissioner Keon: And I think that's what I saw with Tony Bello, I mean that's why the Board themselves seems to have done the right thing.

Vice Mayor Quesada: Like you said, it's actually broken up pretty nicely right now as far as a good mix of people. You know what I'd like to hear?- I'd like to hear what the Board itself has to say about this; obviously they are the ones dealing with each other. My only concern if there is an individual that is not in the industry is, there are some very complex issues that are discussed that Commissioner Keon when you first started on the Board, I don't know if you had any experience in any of these kinds of issues. Was there a long time for you to really catch up?

Commissioner Keon: No, but you know....

Vice Mayor Quesada: You thought you caught up pretty quickly.

Commissioner Keon: Yes, but I have a Master's in Public Administration too, but I don't know if they need that, but having lived here for a long time it didn't take long to catch up and Sal was really good. So, I mean I think anyone that you appoint that has lived in the community...

Vice Mayor Quesada: Will be able to figure it out pretty quickly.

Commissioner Keon: Yes, you'll pick up the nuances pretty quickly.

Vice Mayor Quesada: I think what we should do maybe here is have the City Manager think about it a little bit more, see what she comes up with and maybe we can discuss it again in a future meeting.

Mayor Cason: And keep that in mind when we make our appointments and reappointments.

Commissioner Keon: Yes.

Mayor Cason: OK. I think that's it for the discussion. We take a recess to go into Executive Session.

City Attorney Leen: We are going to have an Executive Session. I did want to just elaborate briefly on the procedural ruling earlier regarding the motion for reconsideration. I've already received an e-mail regarding it. I want to be clear for the record. I always believe the Commission has authority to act in almost any way. The

issue here was, there was a motion related to this matter which was part of a Commission decision as to how to proceed and I said it was a very strict application of the rule. The Mayor determined it was out of order and to reconsider it at this time, that's consistent with our law. I want to make that clear. Mr. Mayor or the Commission, if they wanted to overrule the Mayor could retake up the issue, but there was an actual hearing, there was a motion, and whether there was a following motion or there was just unanimous consent to proceed, in my view that the Commission's...decision regarding that issue. So a lot of stuff rely, pardon me, that's not the right word, a lot of subsequent actions rely on that Commission decision, including agreements that we reach, design scopes that are done, steering committees that act, and so to reconsider that decision is a more substantial thing that could just be done on something coming up at a hearing and the Mayor ultimately ruled it out of order. I believe that, that was legally sufficient, that's my opinion. I just want to be clear.

Mayor Cason: Alright, let's go into recess. Do you want to take a 5 to 10 minute break? I'm sure some others do.

[Note for the Record: After recess the Commission went into an Executive Session]

[4:12:35 p.m.]

City Attorney Leen: We are back from the Executive Session, the matter is now closed. Mr. Mayor you can adjourn if you wish.

Mayor Cason: Alright. Inasmuch as there is no other City business, this meeting is adjourned.

City Clerk Item No. 55

L. EXECUTIVE SESSION

L.-1. [15-3913](#)

Attorney-Client executive session, closed to the public pursuant to section 286.011(8) of the Florida Statutes, for purposes of discussing settlement negotiations and strategy relating to litigation expenditures in the matter pending in the Eleventh Judicial Circuit entitled Murhee et al. v. City of Coral Gables, Case No. 13-20731 CA (Fla. 11th Jud. Cir.) This session may be attended by the following individuals: Mayor Jim Cason, Commissioner Patricia Keon, Vice Mayor Frank C. Quesada, Commissioner Vince Lago, Jeannett Slesnick, Acting City Manager Carmen Olazabal, City Attorney Craig Leen, Deputy City Attorney Miriam Ramos, Assistant City Attorney Yaneris Figueroa, Special Counsel Raoul Cantero, Special Counsel Neal McAliley, and Special Counsel Jim Linn. A certified Court Reporter will be present to ensure that the session is fully transcribed, and the transcripts will be made available to the public upon the conclusion of the above-stated litigation. At the conclusion of the Attorney-Client session, the City

Commission meeting will be reopened and the person chairing the Commission meeting will announce the termination of the Attorney-Client session.

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 4:12 p.m. The next regular meeting of the City Commission has been scheduled for May 12, 2015, beginning 9 a.m.]

JIM CASON
MAYOR

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