

City of Coral Gables

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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 8, 2019

9:00 AM

**Pre-meeting presentations will be held in the City Hall Courtyard
at 8:30 am.**

City Hall, Commission Chambers

City Commission

*Mayor Raul J. Valdes-Fauli
Vice Mayor Vince Lago
Commissioner Patricia Keon
Commissioner Michael Mena
Commissioner Frank C. Quesada*

*Peter J. Iglesias, P.E., City Manager
Miriam Soler Ramos, City Attorney
Billy Y. Urquia, City Clerk*

**Pre-meeting presentations will be held in the City Hall Courtyard at 8:30 am.
(Agenda Items A-1 to A-2)**

ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Commissioner Keon, Vice Mayor Lago, Commissioner Mena, Commissioner Quesada and Mayor Valdes-Fauli

INVOCATION

Father Phillip Tran, Chaplain for the University of Miami Catholic Ministry gave the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Keon led the Pledge of Allegiance.

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

The following minutes summary includes all presentations made, and actions taken which is supplemented by the following exhibits on file in the Office of the City Clerk, and which are hereby made a part of the record herein: (a) Ordinance(s) adopted (Ordinance No. 2019-01 through Ordinance No. 2019-04) (b) Resolution(s) adopted (Resolution No. 2019-01 through Resolution No. 2019-18); (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 DOCUMENTS

- A.-1.** [18-8250](#) Presentation of 20 years service pin to Margarita Berg, Police Department.

Attachments: [CM 20 Year Service Pin Recipients - Margarita Berg](#)

[Note for the Record: Following Mayor Valdes-Fauli's reading of the title to Agenda Item 1 (i.e. Presentation of 20 year service pin to Margarita Berg, Police Department), Mayor Valdes-Fauli asked Chief Edward Hudak to come to the podium to make the presentation.

Chief Hudak stated that it is a pleasure and honor to be here to recognize someone in the Office of the Chief of Police for the last 20 years, he further stated that it is bittersweet for him, because Margo has a month and half left and even more so for her husband Cesar who is with her today, adding humorously she becomes solely his responsibility after that. Chief Hudak stated that Margo is also joined by her daughter Michelle. It's fun to watch families grow up, Margo's grandchildren like his children are in college, so you really do become part of our Gables family. Chief

Hudak also recognized retired Coral Gables Police Chief Jim Skinner who is in the audience, who Margo refers to as the Alpha Chief and him as the Omega Chief, because 20 years ago she started with Chief Skinner. Chief Hudak stated any Chief will tell you that any leader of an organization is as good as the people that are in his immediate circle, and that person for the last 20 years has been Margo, and anything that goes on in the department and in the City goes through Margo to keep us on track. Also she has been wonderful through the good and bad, regardless of whatever goes on in that Office and he can't say enough about how appreciative he is of her loyalty and that she will never be replaced. He further stated that while we may have someone come into that position, she has set the bar that others have to live up to; and on behalf of all of us in the Police Department and the City, it is his honor and privilege as your Omega Chief, to present you with your 20 year pin.

Ms. Berg thanked the Chief for all his kind words and stated she will be retiring in 3 months and it's also bittersweet for her, because she has loved coming to work the past 20 years as the Administrative Assistant, and it has been an honor to be part of the City Beautiful and the Coral Gables family, and thanked everyone.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli stated he talked to Margo several times in the past trying to get to the Chief, adding humorously he reached the conclusion that sometimes it is more efficient to talk to Margo than the Chief.]

This Presentation/Protocol Document was Presented and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 1

A.-2. [18-8251](#)

Presentation of 30 years service pin for: Firefighter Nelson Rodriguez, Firefighter Keith A. Taylor, Fire Lieutenant Thomas A. Zelenak II and Firefighter John D. Zipse.

Attachments: [CM_30 Year Service Pin Recipients 070715_FIRE](#)

[Note for the Record: Following Mayor Valdes-Fauli's reading of the title to Agenda Item 2 (i.e. Presentation of 30 year service pin for: Firefighter Nelson Rodriguez, Firefighter Keith A. Taylor, Fire Lieutenant Thomas A. Zelenak II and Firefighter John D. Zipse), Mayor Valdes-Fauli asked Chief de la Rosa to come to the podium to make the presentations.

Chief de la Rosa stated today is a good day as we are celebrating a lot of milestones for the Fire Department, we're celebrating a 30 year milestone, and there are three decades of service standing before you. Chief de la Rosa further stated that all of them have contributed to the department as First Responders to the betterment of the City, the Department and our community. Chief de la Rosa further stated he has gentlemen here who have served in labor management, served in extrication and

represented our department in SRT, and even serves in an elected office and continues to do so today. He then congratulated and thanked them for their contribution to City and the community as a whole. Chief de la Rosa then presented 30 year service pins to Lieutenant Zelenak II, Driver/Engineer Rodriguez and Driver/Engineer Taylor.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli stated 30 years is a great great amount of time to put into Coral Gables, and thanked them very much for their service.]

This Presentation/Protocol Document was Presented and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 2

A.-3. [18-8218](#)

Congratulations to Giusyelena Lonero who holds the title of Benefits Coordinator, recipient of the "Employee of the Month Award," for the month of January, 2019.

Attachments: [January 2019 EOM](#)
[January 2019 EOM Nomination](#)
[Cover Memo Jan. 2019 EOM](#)

[Note for the Record: Following Mayor Valdes-Fauli's reading of the title to Agenda Item A-3 (i.e. Congratulations to Giusyelena Lonero who holds the title of Benefits Coordinator, recipient of the "Employee of the Month Award", for the month of January, 2019), HR Director Green came to the dais to make the presentation.

HR Director Green stated that she was excited to start the New Year recognizing our January 2019 "Employee of the Month", which happens to be in her department, Human Resources. HR Director Green further stated that Giusyelena Lonero is a Personnel Specialist, who has been with the City for over two years; and who started as an intern in the summer of 2016, and after that a Personnel Specialist I. HR Director Green said that Giusyelena has done a tremendous job in working with the departments helping them with their requests as far as recruitment in retaining and hiring. Additionally, she is very courteous, professional and her excellent customer service is proven throughout the City because the IT Director and other IT management were the individuals who nominated her for this award. HR Director Green shared what the nominators said about Giusyelena, stating she is very helpful in managing the processes throughout the City, with regard to opening a position, the processing of applications, scheduling interviews, putting together the questions, managing the interviews and selection process; and accomplishing this with high efficiency. HR Director Green further stated that the nominators added that because of her diligence and professionalism it has helped the department to timely fill vacancies thereby minimizing operational issues. She exhibits courteousness and professionalism during interview, by helping applicants understand the job description

of the open position, while also making them feel more comfortable, less stressed and at ease during the interviews; and it is because of this recommendation the committee selected her to be the January 2019 “Employee of the Month” and couldn’t be happier to be here with her, with all her colleagues to have her accept this award. A video tape was then played showing Giusyelena’s work regimen.

Personnel Specialist Lonero thanked everyone stating it’s a beautiful thing to be recognized for the work that you do, but this wouldn’t be possible without the other members of the team; and that in the Human Resources Department we all work hard to make things happen. Personnel Specialist Lonero then thanked the Human Resources Department, her colleagues who nominated her and voted for her, adding she is very happy and grateful.]

This Presentation/Protocol Document was Presented and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 5

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

B.-1. [18-8219](#) Regular City Commission Meeting of December 11, 2018.

Attachments: [CCMtg Dec 11 2018 - Agenda Item D-1 - Resolution authorizing an expenditure of](#)
[CCMtg Dec 11 2018 - Agenda Item D-1 - Resolution authorizing an expenditure of](#)
[CCMtg Dec 11 2018 - Agenda Item F-1 - Ordinance approving a Second Amende](#)
[CCMtg Dec 11 2018 - Agenda Item H-1 - An update from staff regarding 2341 S. I](#)
[CCMtg Dec 11 2018 - Agenda Item H-5 - Discussion regarding amplified music on](#)
[CCMtg Dec 11 2018 - Agenda Item H-6 - Update on LED streetlight conversions](#)
[CCMtg Dec 11 2018 - Agenda Item J-3 - Resolution authorizing funds to complete](#)
[CCMtg Dec 11 2018 - Agenda Item J-4 - Update regarding Administrative Orders ;](#)
[CCMtg Dec 11 2018 - Agenda Item J-5 - Update on staff analysis of EV parking re](#)
[CCMtg Dec 11 2018 - Agenda Item J-6 - Update on staff recommendations regarc](#)
[CCMtg Dec 11 2018 - Agenda Item M - Discussion Items](#)
[Regular City Commission Meeting of December 11, 2018](#)

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Lago, seconded by Commissioner Keon, that this motion be approved . The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Yeas : 5 - Commissioner Keon, Vice Mayor Lago, Commissioner Mena, Commissioner Quesada and Mayor Valdes-Fauli

City Clerk Item No. 4

C. MAYOR'S COMMENTS**Time Certain 9:00am (Agenda Item C-1)**

- C.-1. [18-8160](#) Personal appearance by Mayor of Doral, Juan Carlos Bermudez.

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

D. 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 Mena, seconded by Vice Mayor Lago, to Adopt the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yeas : 5 - Commissioner Keon, Vice Mayor Lago, Commissioner Mena, Commissioner Quesada and Mayor Valdes-Fauli

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-02

- D.-1. [18-8235](#) A Resolution appointing Frank Martinez (Nominated By Commissioner Mena) to serve as a member of the Cultural Development Board, for the remainder of a two (2) year term, which began on June 1, 2017 and continues through May 31, 2019.

Attachments: [Draft- R-2019-Frank Martinez - CDB](#)
[R-2019-Cover Memo-Frank Martinez - CDB](#)
[Frank Martinez Bio](#)

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING FRANK MARTINEZ (NOMINATED BY COMMISSIONER MENA) TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD, FOR THE REMAINDER OF A TWO (2) YEAR TERM, WHICH BEGAN ON JUNE 1, 2017 AND CONTINUES THROUGH MAY 31, 2019.

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2019-02 on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 7

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-03

- D.-2. [18-8236](#) A Resolution appointing Sadia Raja (Nominated By Commissioner Quesada) to serve as a member of the Anti-Crime Committee, for the remainder of a two (2) year term, which began on June 1, 2017 and continues through May 31, 2019.

Attachments: [Sadia Raja Bio](#)
[Draft- R-2019-Sadia Raja -Anti-Crime Committee](#)
[R-2019-Cover Memo- Sadia Raja - Anti-Crime Committee](#)

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING SADIA RAJA (NOMINATED BY COMMISSIONER QUESADA) TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE ANTI-CRIME COMMITTEE, FOR THE REMAINDER OF A TWO (2) YEAR TERM, WHICH BEGAN ON JUNE 1, 2017 AND CONTINUES THROUGH MAY 31, 2019.

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2019-03 on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 8

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-04

- D.-3. [18-8234](#) A Resolution appointing Orlando Vazquez (Nominated by Commissioner Mena) to serve as a member of the Emergency Management Division, for the remainder of a two (2) year term, which began on June 1, 2017 and continues through May 31, 2019.

Attachments: [Draft- R-2019- Orlando Vazquez - EMD](#)
[R-2019-Cover Memo - Orlando Vazquez - EMD](#)

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING ORLANDO VAZQUEZ (NOMINATED BY COMMISSIONER MENA) TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIVISION, FOR THE REMAINDER OF A TWO (2) YEAR TERM, WHICH BEGAN ON JUNE 1, 2017 AND CONTINUES THROUGH MAY 31, 2019.

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2019-04 on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 9

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-05

D.-4. [18-8245](#)

A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Coral Gables, Florida, authorizing the acceptance of the donation of real property located at the northeast corner of El Rado and San Benito Avenue, Coral Gables, Florida.

Attachments: [Cover Memo-Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of El Rado Property Resolution Authorizing the acceptance of donation of property on El Rado](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF EL RADO AND SAN BENITO AVENUE.

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2019-05 on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 10

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-06

D.-5. [18-8258](#)

A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Coral Gables, Florida, authorizing the acceptance of the donation of real property located on the north side of Minorca Avenue between Salzedo Street and Le Jeune Road, Coral Gables, Florida.

Attachments: [Cover Memo-Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of Minorca lot Resolution Authorizing the acceptance of donation of the Codina lot](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE NORTH SIDE OF MINORCA AVENUE BETWEEN SALZEDO STREET AND LE JEUNE ROAD.

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2019-06 on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 11

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-07

- D.-7. [18-8228](#) A Resolution authorizing the St. Patrick's Day Committee Inc. to sell alcoholic beverages from noon until 6:00 p.m. at Fred B. Harnett Ponce Circle Park, on Saturday March 9th, 2019 during the St. Patrick's Day Festival; subject to Florida Department of Professional Regulation requirements.

Attachments: [Cover Memo St. Patricks Festival 2019](#)
[St. Patrick's Festival 2019 resolution](#)
[St. Patrick's Festival 2018 application](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION AUTHORIZING THE ST. PATRICK'S DAY COMMITTEE INC., TO SELL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FROM 12:00 NOON UNTIL 6:00 P.M., AT FRED B. HARNETT PONCE CIRCLE PARK ON SATURDAY MARCH 9, 2019, DURING THE "ST. PATRICK'S DAY FESTIVAL"; SUBJECT TO FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION REQUIREMENTS.

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2019-07 on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 12

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-08

- D.-8. [18-8237](#) A Resolution approving a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Coral Gables and Special Olympics Florida; to allow the use of park and facility space for the purposes of providing services and programming to the community that will enhance the City's Accessible Recreation Program.

Attachments: [Special Olympics MOU resolution](#)
[Special Olympics MOU Cover memo](#)
[Special Olympics MOU City of Coral Gables revised - signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES AND SPECIAL OLYMPICS FLORIDA; TO ALLOW USE OF PARK AND FACILITY SPACE FOR THE PURPOSES OF PROVIDING SERVICES AND PROGRAMMING TO THE COMMUNITY THAT WILL ENHANCE THE CITY'S ACCESSIBLE RECREATION PROGRAM.

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2019-08 on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 13

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-09

- D.-9. [18-8259](#) A Resolution approving the annual review required by the City of Coral Gables and University of Miami Development Agreement and Section 163.3235 of the Florida Statutes, for the period beginning September 28, 2017 until September 27, 2018.

Attachments: [01 08 19 CC Cover Memo - UM Devt. Agreement Annual Review Reso](#)
[01 08 19 Exhibit A - Draft Resolution](#)
[01 08 19 Exhibit B \(Part 2\) - UM Development Agreement Annual Report 2017-18](#)
[01 08 19 Exhibit B \(Part 1\) - UM Devt. Agreement 2017-18 - All Appendices](#)
[01 08 19 Exhibit C Analysis of Annual Report 2017-2018](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION 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, 2017, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 27, 2018.

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2019-09 on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 14

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

- 1.-1. [18-8215](#) Communications Committee Meeting of December 12, 2018.

Attachments: [AgendaitemJanuary2019](#)
[Minutes December 2018](#)

This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 15

- 1.-2. [18-8249](#) Coral Gables Arts Advisory Panel Meeting of October 24, 2018.

Attachments: [10.24.18 MinutesforCC01.08.19](#)
[AAP Meeting October 24 2018 DRAFT](#)

This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 16

- 1.-3. [18-8262](#) Coral Gables Merrick House Governing Board Meeting of October 8, 2018.

Attachments: [Merrick House Minutes Oct.8 2018-SIGNED](#)
[10.08.18MinutesforCC01.08.19](#)

This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 17

- 1.-4. [18-8248](#) Cultural Development Board Meeting of November 6, 2018.

Attachments: [11.06.18 MinutesforCC01.08.19](#)
[CDB Minutes November 06 2018 DRAFT](#)

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Items 1-4 and 1-5 is available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk and in Legistar].

This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 18

- 1.-5. [18-8263](#) Cultural Development Board Meeting of December 14, 2018.

Attachments: [12.14.18 MinutesforCC01.08.19](#)
[CDB Minutes December 14 2018 DRAFT](#)

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Items 1-4 and 1-5 is available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk and in Legistar].

This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 19

- 1.-6. [18-8264](#) Cultural Development Board Meeting of December 19, 2018.

Attachments: [12.19.18 MinutesforCC01.08.19](#)
[CDB Minutes December 19 2018 DRAFT](#)

This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 20

- 1.-7. [18-8261](#) Historic Preservation Board Meeting of October 18, 2018.

Attachments: [HPB.10.18.18MinutesforCC01.08.19](#)
[HPB Minutes for Oct-18-2018](#)

This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 21

- 1.-8. [18-8260](#) Historic Preservation Board Meeting of November 15, 2018.

Attachments: [HPB-VERBATIM-NOV-15-2018](#)
[HPB.11.15.18MinutesforCC01.08.19](#)

This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 22

- 1.-9. [18-8006](#) Library Advisory Board Meeting of October 10, 2018.

Attachments: [LAB Minutes 10-10-18](#)

This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 23

- 1.-10. [18-8256](#) Retirement Board Meeting of October 11, 2018.

Attachments: [CC.01-08-2019 October 11, 2018 Minutes 10-11-2018](#)

This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 24

Pulled from Consent Agenda

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-10 (As Amended)

- D.-6. [18-8229](#) A Resolution authorizing Make a Wish Southern Florida to sell alcoholic beverages at the parking lot located on 1159 Sunset Drive and San Ignacio Avenue from Red Road to Yumuri Street on Saturday, March 9, 2019, from 12:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. during the Wings for Wishes event to benefit the Make a Wish South Florida subject to Florida Department of Professional Regulation Requirements.

Attachments: [Wings for wishes 2019 cover memo](#)
[wINgs for wishes 2019 Resolution](#)
[Wings for wishes 2019 Application](#)
[Powerpoint Presentation entered into the record at meeting](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION AUTHORIZING MAKE-A-WISH SOUTHERN FLORIDA, TO SELL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AT THE PARKING LOT LOCATED ON 1159 SUNSET DRIVE AND SAN IGNACIO AVENUE FROM RED ROAD TO YUMURI STREET ON SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 2019, BEGINNING AT 12:00 NOON UNTIL 4:00 P.M., DURING THE "WINGS FOR WISHES" EVENT TO BENEFIT THE MAKE A WISH SOUTH FLORIDA; SUBJECT TO FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION REQUIREMENTS.

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Item D-6 is available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk and in Legistar].

A motion was made by Commissioner Quesada, seconded by Vice Mayor Lago, that this motion be adopted as amended by Resolution Number 2019-10. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Yeas : 5 - Commissioner Keon, Vice Mayor Lago, Commissioner Mena, Commissioner Quesada and Mayor Valdes-Fauli

City Clerk Item No. 25

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-01**D.-10. [18-8238](#)**

A Resolution of the City Commission of Coral Gables authorizing the donation of a gently used play structure, previously located at the War Memorial Youth Center, to Santa Tecla, La Libertad, El Salvador, Sister City of Coral Gables.

Attachments: [playground donation cover memo](#)
[playground donation resolution](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF CORAL GABLES AUTHORIZING THE DONATION OF A GENTLY USED PLAY STRUCTURE, PREVIOUSLY LOCATED AT THE WAR MEMORIAL YOUTH CENTER, TO SANTA TECLA, LA LIBERTAD, EL SALVADOR, SISTER CITY OF CORAL GABLES.

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Item D-10 is available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk and in Legistar].

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Lago, seconded by Commissioner Mena, that this motion be adopted by Resolution Number 2019-01. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Yeas : 4 - Commissioner Keon, Vice Mayor Lago, Commissioner Mena and Mayor Valdes-Fauli

Absent : 1 - Commissioner Quesada

City Clerk Item No. 6

2. **Presentation of Boards and/or Committees draft/final minutes requesting action from the City Commission [Note: A vote to accept the minutes does not mean approval of the substance within the minutes]:**

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-11

- 2.-1. [18-8253](#) A Resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Cultural Grants. (Unanimously recommended by the Cultural Development Board approval/denial vote: 6 to 0).

Attachments: [CC.Cultural Grant Funding 2018-2019](#)
[Res. Cultural Grant Funding 2018-2019 DRAFT](#)
[Exhibit A](#)
[CDB Minutes December 14 2018 DRAFT EXCERPT re. Cultural Grant Allocations](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION APPROVING THE FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019 CULTURAL GRANTS (UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDED BY THE CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD APPROVAL/DENIAL VOTE: 6 TO 0).

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Item 2-1 is available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk and in Legistar].

A motion was made by Commissioner Keon, seconded by Commissioner Quesada, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2019-11. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas : 5 - Commissioner Keon, Vice Mayor Lago, Commissioner Mena, Commissioner Quesada and Mayor Valdes-Fauli

City Clerk Item No. 27

E. PERSONAL APPEARANCES

[Note for the Record: Mayor Valdes-Fauli called John Allen, Executive Director of the Coral Gables Museum to the dais to tell the Commission about his book “Forgotten Sculptress”. Mr. Allen thanked the Commission for their support of the Museum and stated he wanted the Commissioners to have the first copies of the book. Vice Mayor Lago wanted to put on the record what an exceptional job Mr. Allen and his team are doing at the Museum.]

City Clerk Item No. 26

F. PUBLIC HEARINGS**ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING****ORDINANCE NO. 2019-01****F.-1. 18-8138**

An Ordinance of the City of Coral Gables, Florida, amending the City of Coral Gables Code by:

- Creating Section 2-731 "Prohibition on Use of Single-Use Plastic Beverage Straws and Single-Use Plastic Stirrers by City Contractors in Chapter 2- Administration, Article VIII- Procurement Code.
 - Creating Section 62-264 "Prohibition on Use of Single-Use Plastic Beverage Straws and Single Use Plastic Stirrers" in Chapter 62- Streets, Sidewalks and Other Public Places, Article VII- Special Events and Parades;
- providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, codification, enforceability, and providing for an effective date.

(Sponsored by Mayor Valdes-Fauli)

(Sponsored by Vice Mayor Lago)

Attachments: [Plastic Straws Ordinance First Reading 12-11-18 Cover Memo](#)
[Plastic Straws Ordinance First Reading 12-11-18](#)
[Plastic Straws Ordinance Second Reading 01-08-19 Cover Memo](#)
[Straw Ordinance Second Reading Corrected](#)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES CODE BY:

- CREATING SECTION 2-731 "PROHIBITION ON USE OF SINGLE-USE PLASTIC BEVERAGE STRAWS AND SINGLE-USE PLASTIC STIRRERS BY CITY CONTRACTORS IN CHAPTER 2- ADMINISTRATION, ARTICLE VIII- PROCUREMENT CODE
 - CREATING SECTION 62-264 "PROHIBITION ON USE OF SINGLE-USE PLASTIC BEVERAGE STRAWS AND SINGLE USE PLASTIC STIRRERS" IN CHAPTER 62- STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES, ARTICLE VII- SPECIAL EVENTS AND PARADES
- PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER PROVISION, SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, CODIFICATION, ENFORCEABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

A motion was made by Commissioner Quesada, seconded by Commissioner Mena, that this matter be adopted by Ordinance Number 2019-01. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas : 5 - Commissioner Keon, Vice Mayor Lago, Commissioner Mena, Commissioner Quesada and Mayor Valdes-Fauli

City Clerk Item No. 31

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-02**F.-2. 18-8139**

An Ordinance of the City of Coral Gables, Florida, amending the City of Coral Gables Code by amending Chapter 2, Article III, Section 2-147 "Membership" in Division 4- Sustainability Advisory Board; providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, codification, enforceability, and providing for an effective date.

Attachments: [First Reading Sustainability Advisory Board Ordinance Cover Memo](#)
[Sustainability Advisory Board Ordinance](#)
[Sustainability Advisory Board Ordinance Second Reading](#)
[Second Reading Sustainability Advisory Board Ordinance Cover Memo](#)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES CODE BY AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE III, SECTION 2-147 "MEMBERSHIP" IN DIVISION 4- SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY BOARD; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER PROVISION, SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, CODIFICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

[Note for the Record: Following City Attorney Ramos' reading of the title to Agenda Item F-2, Assistant City Attorney Throckmorton stated that given feedback received from the City Commission during First Reading, a representative from Florida International University (FIU) was added to the Sustainability Advisory Board along with a waiver of the residency requirement for appointees of FIU, University of Miami and the Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce.]

A motion was made by Commissioner Keon, seconded by Vice Mayor Lago, that this matter be adopted by Ordinance Number 2019-02. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas : 5 - Vice Mayor Lago, Commissioner Mena, Commissioner Quesada, Commissioner Keon and Mayor Valdes-Fauli

City Clerk Item No. 32

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-03**F.-3. [18-8045](#)**

An Ordinance of the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida providing for a text amendment to the City of Coral Gables Official Zoning Code by amending Article 5, "Development Standards," Division 18, "Screening," Section 5-1804, "Air-conditioning units and equipment, and other types of mechanical equipment or apparatus installed on or attached to premises," requiring screening of exterior equipment, modification of equipment location, loading, and service entries under certain circumstances, and providing information in architectural drawings; providing for repealer provision, severability clause, codification, and providing for an effective date. (11 14 18 PZB recommended approval, Vote 6-0) (Update the Zoning Code to require backflow preventers and other equipment to be screened and included in architectural drawings)

Attachments: [11 14 18 PZB Staff Report - Screening w attachments](#)
[12 11 18 Exhibit A - Draft Ordinance - Equipment Screening](#)
[12 11 18 Exhibit B - 11 14 18 PZB Staff Report w attachments](#)
[12 11 18 Exhibit C - Excerpts of 11 14 18 PZB Meeting Minutes](#)
[12 11 18 CC Cover Memo - ZC Text Amend. re Equipment Screening](#)
[01 08 19 CC Cover Memo - Equipment Screening - 2nd Reading](#)
[01 08 19 Exhibit A - Draft Ordinance](#)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA PROVIDING FOR A TEXT AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES OFFICIAL ZONING CODE BY AMENDING ARTICLE 5, "DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS," DIVISION 18, "SCREENING," SECTION 5-1804, "AIR-CONDITIONING UNITS AND EQUIPMENT, AND OTHER TYPES OF MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT OR APPARATUS INSTALLED ON OR ATTACHED TO PREMISES," REQUIRING SCREENING OF EXTERIOR EQUIPMENT, MODIFICATION OF EQUIPMENT LOCATION, LOADING, AND SERVICE ENTRIES UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, AND PROVIDING INFORMATION IN ARCHITECTURAL DRAWINGS; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER PROVISION, SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, CODIFICATION, ENFORCEABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Lago, seconded by Commissioner Mena, that this matter be adopted by Ordinance Number 2019-03. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas : 5 - Commissioner Mena, Commissioner Quesada, Commissioner Keon, Vice Mayor Lago and Mayor Valdes-Fauli

City Clerk Item No. 33

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-04**F.-4. 18-8140**

An Ordinance of the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida providing for text amendments to the City of Coral Gables official Zoning Code, Article 5, "Development Standards," Division 13, "Miscellaneous Construction Requirements," Section 5-1302, "Sustainability Standards", to clarify the timeline within which green certification must be achieved for new construction and to amend the Green Building Bond submittal requirements; providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, and providing for an effective date.

Attachments: [1st reading Ordinance - Amending Article 5 - Development Standards \(Green Building\)](#)
[Cover memo 2nd Reading - Amending City Zoning Code Section 5-1302 Sustainability](#)
[2nd reading - Ordinance - Amending Article 5 - Development Standards \(Green Building\)](#)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA PROVIDING FOR TEXT AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES OFFICIAL ZONING CODE, ARTICLE 5, "DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS," DIVISION 13, "MISCELLANEOUS CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS," SECTION 5-1302, "SUSTAINABILITY STANDARDS", TO CLARIFY THE TIMELINE WITHIN WHICH GREEN CERTIFICATION MUST BE ACHIEVED FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION AND TO AMEND THE GREEN BUILDING BOND SUBMITAL REQUIREMENTS; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER PROVISION, SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, CODIFICATION, ENFORCEABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mena, seconded by Vice Mayor Lago, that this matter be adopted by Ordinance Number 2019-04. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas : 5 - Commissioner Quesada, Commissioner Keon, Vice Mayor Lago, Commissioner Mena and Mayor Valdes-Fauli

City Clerk Item No. 34

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING**Time Certain 10:00am (Agenda Items F-5, F-6, and F-7)****Agenda Items F-5, F-6, and F-7 are related.**

- F.-5. [18-8054](#) An Ordinance of the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida requesting an amendment to the Future Land Use Map of the City of Coral Gables Comprehensive Plan pursuant to Zoning Code Article 3, "Development Review", Division 15, "Comprehensive Plan Text and Map Amendments", and Small Scale amendment procedures (ss. 163.3187, Florida Statutes), from "Religious / Institutional" to "University Campus" for the property legally described as Lots 1 thru 8 and 34 thru 40, Block 196, Coral Gables Riviera Section 6 (6500 Red Road), Coral Gables, Florida; providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, and providing for an effective date. (LPA Review) (Change future land use in the Comprehensive Plan)

Attachments: [11 14 18 PZB Staff Report - 6500 Red Road_w attachments](#)
[11 14 18 Attachment A - Applicant's Submittal](#)
[01 08 19 Exhibit A - Draft Ordinance - Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment](#)
[01 08 19 Exhibit B - Draft Ordinance - Zoning Map Amendment](#)
[01 08 19 Exhibit C - Draft Ordinance - Development Agreement Amendment](#)
[01 08 19 Exhibit D - 11 14 18 Staff Report with attachments](#)
[01 08 19 Exhibit E - Excerpt of 11 14 18 PZB Meeting Minutes](#)
[01 08 19 Exhibit F - PowerPoint Presentation](#)
[01 08 19 CC Cover Memo - UM 6500 Red Road](#)
[01 22 19 Exhibit A - Draft Ordinance - Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment](#)
[01 22 19 Exhibit B - Draft Ordinance - Zoning Map Amendment](#)
[01 22 19 Exhibit C - Draft Ordinance - Development Agreement Amendment](#)
[01 22 19 CC Cover Memo - UM 6500 Red Road - 2nd Reading](#)

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Items F-5, F-6, and F-7 is available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk and in Legistar].

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Lago, seconded by Commissioner Keon, that this matter be approved as an Ordinance on First Reading. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas : 5 - Vice Mayor Lago, Commissioner Mena, Commissioner Quesada, Commissioner Keon and Mayor Valdes-Fauli

City Clerk Item No. 28

F.-6. [18-8057](#)

An Ordinance of the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida amending the City of Coral Gables and University of Miami Development Agreement, adopted by Ordinance No. 2010-31 on 09.28.10, pursuant to Zoning Code Article 3, Division 19, entitled "Development Agreements," for the University of Miami, City of Coral Gables Campus, amending the first Recital to include the property legally described as Lots 1 thru 8 and 34 thru 40, Block 196, Coral Gables Riviera Section 6 (6500 Red Road), Coral Gables, Florida; providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, and providing for an effective date.(legal description on file). (Update Development Agreement with new legal description)

Attachments: [11 14 18 PZB Staff Report - 6500 Red Road w attachments](#)
[11 14 18 Attachment A - Applicant's Submittal](#)
[01 08 19 Exhibit A - Draft Ordinance - Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment](#)
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[01 22 19 CC Cover Memo - UM 6500 Red Road - 2nd Reading](#)

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A motion was made by Vice Mayor Lago, seconded by Commissioner Mena, that this matter be approved as an Ordinance on First Reading. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas : 5 - Commissioner Mena, Commissioner Quesada, Commissioner Keon, Vice Mayor Lago and Mayor Valdes-Fauli

City Clerk Item No. 29

F.-7. [18-8055](#)

An Ordinance of the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida requesting a change of zoning pursuant to Zoning Code Article 3, "Development Review", Division 14, "Zoning Code Text and Map Amendments", from Special Use District (S) to University Campus District (UCD) for the property legally described as Lots 1 thru 8 and 34 thru 40, Block 196, Coral Gables Riviera Section 6 (6500 Red Road), Coral Gables, Florida; providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, and providing for an effective date. (Change Zoning on Zoning Map)

Attachments: [11 14 18 PZB Staff Report - 6500 Red Road w attachments](#)
[11 14 18 Attachment A - Applicant's Submittal](#)
[01 08 19 CC Cover Memo - UM 6500 Red Road](#)
[01 08 19 Exhibit A - Draft Ordinance - Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment](#)
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[01 22 19 Exhibit C - Draft Ordinance - Development Agreement Amendment](#)
[01 22 19 CC Cover Memo - UM 6500 Red Road - 2nd Reading](#)

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A motion was made by Mayor Valdes-Fauli, seconded by Commissioner Keon, that this matter be approved as an Ordinance on First Reading. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas : 5 - Commissioner Quesada, Commissioner Keon, Vice Mayor Lago, Commissioner Mena and Mayor Valdes-Fauli

City Clerk Item No. 30

G. COMMISSIONER INITIATIVES

- G.-1. [18-8222](#) Commission Action Items Spreadsheet.

Attachments: [Weekly Day Violation - 12-9-18 - 12-15-18](#)
[Weekly Day Violations - 12-2-18 - 12-8-18](#)
[Pending abandoned real property matters - 12-19-18](#)
[Action Item Spreadsheet 1.8.19 Commission Meeting](#)

This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 35

- G.-2. [18-8223](#) Status Update on Signage by Staff.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mena, seconded by Vice Mayor Lago, that this motion be Deferred . The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Yeas : 5 - Commissioner Keon, Vice Mayor Lago, Commissioner Mena,
Commissioner Quesada and Mayor Valdes-Fauli

City Clerk Item No. 36

H. CITY COMMISSION ITEMS**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-12**

- H.-1. [18-8213](#) A discussion regarding Columbus Center artificial turf.
(Sponsored by Commissioner Keon)

Attachments: [Columbus Center Photos for Item H-1 on 1-8-2018 Commission](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF CORAL GABLES DIRECTING STAFF TO WORK WITH THE GABLES COLUMBUS CENTER TO DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF ARTIFICIAL GRASS ON COLUMBUS PLAZA WITH AN APPROPRIATE ALTERNATIVE.

[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].

A motion was made by Commissioner Keon, seconded by Vice Mayor Lago, that this motion be approved . The motion passed by an unanimous vote.

Yeas : 5 - Commissioner Keon, Vice Mayor Lago, Commissioner Mena,
Commissioner Quesada and Mayor Valdes-Fauli

City Clerk Item No. 37

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-14H.-2. [18-8246](#)

A discussion regarding tree houses.
(Sponsored by Vice Mayor Lago)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF CORAL GABLES ENACTING A MORATORIUM ON CODE ENFORCEMENT AGAINST TREE HOUSES AND RECREATIONAL EQUIPMENT NOT VISIBLE FROM THE RIGHT OF WAY AND FURTHER DIRECTING STAFF TO ENGAGE THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD TO DEVELOP A ZONING CODE AMENDMENT THAT DEFINES AND ALLOWS TREE HOUSES IN THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES WITH CERTAIN CONDITIONS AND A ZONING CODE AMENDMENT THAT ALLOWS CERTAIN RECREATIONAL EQUIPMENT IN THE REAR AND SIDE SETBACKS.

[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 Vice Mayor Lago, seconded by Commissioner Keon, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2019-14. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas : 5 - Commissioner Mena, Commissioner Quesada, Commissioner Keon, Vice Mayor Lago and Mayor Valdes-Fauli

City Clerk Item No. 39

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-13H.-3. [18-8266](#)

A discussion regarding the Doctors Hospital parking lot.
(Sponsored by Commissioner Quesada)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA REMOVING THE REQUIREMENT THAT DOCTOR'S HOSPITAL, INC., ("THE HOSPITAL"), SUBMIT A DETAILED TRAFFIC MITIGATION PLAN RELATED TO THE NEGOTIATION OF A PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT OF MUNICIPAL PARKING LOT 24, AS DIRECTED BY THE CITY COMMISSION IN RESOLUTION NO. 2018-223.

[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].

A motion was made by Commissioner Quesada, seconded by Commissioner Keon, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2019-13. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas : 5 - Vice Mayor Lago, Commissioner Mena, Commissioner Quesada, Commissioner Keon and Mayor Valdes-Fauli

City Clerk Item No. 38

I. BOARDS/COMMITTEES ITEMS

None

City Clerk Item No. 40

J. CITY MANAGER ITEMS

Time Certain 11:30am (Agenda Item J-1)

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-18

J.-1. 18-8208 A Resolution of the City Commission of Coral Gables approving the City's 2019 Legislative Priorities.

Attachments: [ASA Salary Presentation 2018 Edited 12062018](#)
[Legislative Priorities Cover Memo 2019](#)
[Legislative Priorities Reso 2019](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF CORAL GABLES APPROVING THE CITY'S 2019 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES.

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

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Lago, seconded by Commissioner Quesada, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2019-18. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas : 5 - Commissioner Mena, Commissioner Quesada, Commissioner Keon, Vice Mayor Lago and Mayor Valdes-Fauli

City Clerk Item No. 44

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-15

- J.-2. [18-7467](#) A Resolution authorizing City Staff to negotiate and execute a contract with Freebee to provide on-demand public transportation services for one (1) year with two (2) one year options, at an amount not to exceed \$483,625 annually pursuant to Section 2-607(17) of the Procurement Code entitled "Exemptions (Purchase of Public Transportation Services)".

Attachments: [PSA 2018-022 Freebee Transportation Services-3 yr contract](#)
[Cover Memo Freebee Transportation Services](#)
[Resolution Freebee Transportation Services](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION AUTHORIZING CITY STAFF TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH FREEBEE TO PROVIDE ON-DEMAND PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SERVICES FOR ONE (1) YEAR WITH TWO (2) ONE YEAR OPTIONS, AT AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$483,625 ANNUALLY PURSUANT TO SECTION 2-607(17) OF THE PROCUREMENT CODE ENTITLED "EXEMPTIONS (PURCHASE OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SERVICES)".

A motion was made by Commissioner Keon, seconded by Commissioner Mena, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2019-15. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas : 3 - Commissioner Quesada, Commissioner Keon and Commissioner Mena

Absent : 2 - Vice Mayor Lago and Mayor Valdes-Fauli

City Clerk Item No. 41

K. CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS

- K.-1. [18-8051](#) Update regarding parking code.

Attachments: [CAO 2018-031](#)
[County opinion re _parking code](#)
[Parking Citation Revenue after County Increase](#)

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Item K-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

- K.-2. [18-8269](#) Request for Executive Session (if any).

This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 46

L. CITY CLERK ITEMS**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-16**

- L.-1. [18-8220](#) A Resolution of the City Commission confirming the re-election of Troy Easley, who ran unopposed, to the City of Coral Gables Retirement Board, Firefighter Employee Representative Seat, for a term beginning January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2020; and Cesar Canas, to the Coral Gables Retirement Board Participating Regular Full-Time (General/Teamster) Employee Representative Seat, for a term beginning January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2020.

Attachments: [Election Results](#)
[Nominating Petitions](#)
[Draft Resolution - Retirement Board Elections](#)
[Cover Memo - Retirement Board Elections](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION CONFIRMING THE RE-ELECTION OF TROY EASLEY, WHO RAN UNOPPOSED, TO THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES RETIREMENT BOARD, FIREFIGHTER EMPLOYEE REPRESENTATIVE SEAT, FOR A TERM BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2019 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2020; AND THE ELECTION OF CESAR CANAS, TO THE CORAL GABLES RETIREMENT BOARD PARTICIPATING REGULAR FULL-TIME (GENERAL/TEAMSTER) EMPLOYEE REPRESENTATIVE SEAT FOR A TERM BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2019 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2020.

A motion was made by Commissioner Keon, seconded by Commissioner Mena, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2019-16. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas : 3 - Commissioner Keon, Commissioner Mena and Commissioner Quesada

Absent : 2 - Vice Mayor Lago and Mayor Valdes-Fauli

City Clerk Item No. 42

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-17

- L.-2. [18-8221](#) A Resolution granting permission to the City Clerk to proceed with preparation of the Municipal Election Order Form in conjunction with Miami-Dade County Elections Department for services, materials and support to be rendered, in connection with the Coral Gables General Biennial Election of April 9, 2019, to procure the necessary ballots and other forms, to arrange for the use of voting machines, provide appropriate absentee ballot request policy (In those instances wherein Miami-Dade County manages the distribution of absentee ballots) and canvass of returns from our designated precincts within the City of Coral Gables.

Attachments: [Cover Memo - Municipal Election Order Form](#)
[Draft Resolution - Municipal Election Order Form](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION GRANTING PERMISSION TO THE CITY CLERK TO PROCEED WITH PREPARATION OF THE

MUNICIPAL ELECTION ORDER FORM IN CONJUNCTION WITH MIAMI-DADE COUNTY ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT FOR SERVICES, MATERIALS AND SUPPORT TO BE RENDERED IN CONNECTION WITH THE CORAL GABLES GENERAL BIENNIAL ELECTION OF APRIL 9, 2019, TO PROCURE THE NECESSARY BALLOTS AND OTHER FORMS, TO ARRANGE FOR THE USE OF VOTING MACHINES, PROVIDE APPROPRIATE ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST POLICY(IN THOSE INSTANCES WHEREIN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY MANAGES THE DISTRIBUTION OF ABSENTEE BALLOTS) AND CANVASS OF RETURNS FROM OUR DESIGNATED PRECINCTS WITHIN THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES.

A motion was made by Commissioner Keon, seconded by Commissioner Mena, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2019-17. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas : 4 - Vice Mayor Lago, Commissioner Mena, Commissioner Quesada and Commissioner Keon

Absent : 1 - Mayor Valdes-Fauli

City Clerk Item No. 43

M. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Vice Mayor Lago: Discussion Items - Commissioner Keon.

Commissioner Keon: I don't have anything, thank you.

Vice Mayor Lago: Commissioner Quesada.

Commissioner Quesada: One item, M-House, M-House, can we resolve this already. So, M-House they just got cited today.

Vice Mayor Lago: Again for the planters?

Commissioner Quesada: For the planters - so M-House is the restaurant, they had put planters outside. When you are sitting in that restaurant you feel like you are sitting in traffic because of it, so they decided to put up some planters. I don't think they spoke to anyone ahead of time putting up those planters, so yes, that was absolutely a mistake. At that time, I think there was one resident that was complaining, they didn't like the planters. I disagreed with that. I know that I had spoken to the previous City Manager, she told me that you had spoken with her as well. My position on it was and I believe it was communicated to M-House that it was OK to leave them, but they keep on getting cited. So, obviously that either wasn't communicated or wasn't

agreed to. I think Ramon didn't like the way the planters looked. I strongly disagree that those planters should be removed. I've eaten lunch there a lot of times.

Commissioner Keon: Why?

Commissioner Quesada: If you sit there, they have a nice little patio outside...

Commissioner Keon: Right.

Commissioner Mena: That's because there is no setback.

Commissioner Quesada: And the light comes at you. So it feels like there are cars driving at you.

Commissioner Mena: That's a problem. That's a problem with no setbacks.

Commissioner Keon: They built it like that. They built it on LeJeune Road exactly like that; and you know LeJeune Road because there is no setback, it sits right against the sidewalk. It is a very difficult pedestrian experience to get by there. At least with the planters gone there is an opportunity and the reason that they have the colonnade there is because it can be used and shared as a sidewalk.

Commissioner Quesada: So, the sidewalk is still there.

Commissioner Keon: You can't use it because of the planters.

Commissioner Quesada: I disagree with you. I'm glad I brought it up. Let's put this to a vote. If you haven't seen it...

Commissioner Mena: I haven't seen it.

Commissioner Quesada:...go see it before the next Commission meeting, so we can make a decision on it.

Commissioner Mena: What are they getting cited for exactly?

Commissioner Quesada: For having the planters.

City Manager Iglesias: We worked something out with the Board of Architects, so...that they were going to leave the ones on the north and take out the ones on the south side.

Vice Mayor Lago: The concern that was brought up and I walked the site on two occasions, one of them with Peter, is the issue of ADA, and did it meet ADA requirements, especially people who are wheelchair bound. So, we walked the site and it's not an issue in regards to ADA from what staff has told me. This is an issue now of aesthetics and I agree with Vice Mayor Quesada, I don't have an issue with them. Yes, it was a mistake, it was a mistake design the building the way it was designed, especially how much the frontage on LeJeune and how close it is to LeJeune. We all realized that that was a huge mistake, we can't go back on that now, especially the zoning that was changed, all of our time; and the zoning that was changed so they could build what they are building there. So, I think what we need to do now is find a resolution in regards to those planters, have them work with staff, but I'd like to see that that come before the next Commission meeting.

City Manager Iglesias: Vice Mayor, I think the solution the Board of Architects said to my understanding is, they were leaving at...the restaurant and taking the ones on the south side that were not within the restaurant.

Vice Mayor Lago: That's exactly what we discussed.

City Manager Iglesias: Exactly.

Vice Mayor Lago: So we were there - Vice Mayor...?

City Attorney Ramos: It's important to know what they were cited for. We don't site for aesthetics, so what were they cited for? Were they cited because they failed without a permit?- or was it because it was in the right-of-way?

City Manager Iglesias: Because they are not planters, because it cannot be moved, they weigh thousands and thousands of pounds. So a physical planter...So, the Vice Mayor and I were there and we agreed to leave the ones and the Board of Architects agreed to leave the ones where the restaurant is and remove the ones on the south side that are not affected, but...that's my understanding.

Vice Mayor Lago: What I would recommend that my colleagues do, I want to also

have staff bring this up at the next Commission meeting with some sort of recommendation, is that they visit the site and they understand. You can drive by in two seconds.

Commissioner Mena: I'm happy to do that.

Vice Mayor Lago: The planters are huge.

Commissioner Mena: But, based on what I just heard it just seems like semantics. It's not actually blocking accessibility, then I don't really care, to be honest with you.

Vice Mayor Lago: The magnitude of the...

Commissioner Mena: Unless you give me some compelling reasons why this is a problem.

City Manager Iglesias: Because the issue is it's not Board of Architects approved; they put it to Board of Architects, it didn't qualify as a planter because it weighs thousands of pounds, so it is essentially a structure.

City Attorney Ramos: OK. So, the citation is for placing them without BOA approval.

Vice Mayor Lago: Why don't we find out. Let's find out...

City Attorney Ramos: I think that's really important.

Vice Mayor Lago: Let's just find out and I'd like to see it at the next Commission meeting put on the agenda for discussion, so we can resolve this issue finally. I thought it was resolved already.

City Manager Iglesias: I thought we had resolved it.

Vice Mayor Lago: Vice Mayor anything else? Commissioner Mena?

City Manager Iglesias: The issue on the plans...ADA on LeJeune Road, that's not our road, it's a state road, we have no issue with that, that's a state road.

Vice Mayor Lago: Even though it is horrifically tight. I'll be honest with you...

Commissioner Keon: It doesn't make any difference if somebody can't walk there, because it's not our road, so there you go.

[Laughter]

Vice Mayor Lago: They have access.

City Manager Iglesias: But it's not an ADA issue for the building. It is not an ADA issue for building.

Commissioner Mena: It's not an ADA issue because it complies with ADA or because it's a county issue and not a City...

City Manager Iglesias: It complies with ADA. The issue becomes LeJeune Road, which is not our issue because...

Commissioner Mena: But whether it's our issue or not, it complies with ADA.

City Manager Iglesias: The building complies with ADA.

Commissioner Keon: The building complies with ADA.

City Manager Iglesias: Yes,

Vice Mayor Lago: Well let's move forward. Commissioner Mena...

Commissioner Keon: The building not the sidewalk.

Vice Mayor Lago: Any discussion items?

Commissioner Mena: No.

Vice Mayor Lago: OK. I just have one. I'd like to...

City Attorney Ramos: Vice Mayor Lago, I'm so sorry...

Vice Mayor Lago: It's OK, no worries.

City Attorney Ramos: I just don't want the record to be inaccurate on this issue.

Vice Mayor Lago: Not a problem. Not a problem.

City Attorney Ramos: Mr. Trias is there any additional information that would be helpful.

Planning and Zoning Director Trias: The issue is the sidewalk, the sidewalk that is part of the right-of-way, because of the different things that have been built there, the sidewalk doesn't comply with ADA. So the idea was to have...

Commissioner Mena: I don't understand.

Planning and Zoning Director Trias: What do you mean you don't understand?

Commissioner Mena: Somebody just told me it is and...that's what I don't understand.

Planning and Zoning Director Trias: I'm being very clear about this.

Commissioner Mena: I know, but I was just told that it is ADA compliant and now you are saying it's not, so there is something unclear here.

City Manager Iglesias: Commissioner, Commissioner, a private project does not have to make LeJeune Road ADA compliant, it does not. Some people will like that, it does not. The project stands on its own.

Commissioner Mena: OK.

City Manager Iglesias: Is the project ADA compliant?- yes.

Commissioner Keon: The project.

City Manager Iglesias: Does LeJeune Road have issues?- yes.

Commissioner Mena: Sidewalks on LeJeune Road have issues?

City Manager Iglesias: Has issues. However, the only way to fix them was to take a ring off of Le Jeune, which is not going to happen.

Planning and Zoning Director Trias: So what happens is....Commissioner you asked if there was some additional information, I'm going to give it to you and it's helpful. That project was designed to make the pedestrian access on the right-of-way better by having that arcade be able to be the same part as a sidewalk. Now, there is room to have some planters and you said that I didn't like them. It wasn't a personal thing. There was a citizen who complained about those planters. Now, what I propose was to keep most of the planters and to remove, I think it was one, maybe two, on the east side, on the LeJeune side, so that was it. Now that was done long ago and for whatever reason...

Commissioner Mena: That was already done?

Planning and Zoning Director Trias: No, no, that was never implemented for whatever reason. So, it's not a big deal in the sense that it could remain. It would be better for safety and for access if those two were removed. It would be an improvement.

Commissioner Quesada: Because I think they were not removed, because several of us was having the conversation with the previous City Manager and the conversation I had with her was to leave all four of them in, but that was again the issue. But, obviously there were competing communications with Commissioners, so let's just resolve it once and for all at the next meeting.

Vice Mayor Lago: Put it on the next agenda. Thank you everyone.

Commissioner Mena: Can we please have visuals? I will go by, but can we have visuals at the next meeting?

Planning and Zoning Director Trias: I want to give you the facts so you know them.

Commissioner Keon: Can we show where...?

Vice Mayor Lago: Show where the ramps are and a few different things.

City Manager Iglesias: Just to clarify Commissioner, a private project does not

require to be ADA...

Commissioner Keon: That's not an issue Peter. The issue is - we know that - the issue is, is that when it was designed, it was designed that the arcade floor was at the same level as the sidewalk, because there is a traffic light that sits right in the middle of the sidewalk so it blocks the sidewalk. So, it was to give additional space to walk around. So it was approved, it went with those conditions under that process. Looking back...no, but if you read the record that's what it's saying, before we were here, but that's what it was. And, they got Med bonuses for it and a lot of other things...

Planning and Zoning Director Trias: Which allowed for the rest of the setback to be...

Commissioner Keon: So, the intention was - so you had that and then once they built it, they put in...

Commissioner Mena: They blocked it off (laughter).

Commissioner Keon: They blocked it off. I think that is an issue. It's a building, yes the building is...was it done to enhance pedestrian safety along an already, a sidewalk that is dangerous, someone with a truck cannot get through there, somebody pushing a baby stroller cannot get through there. Was it accommodated for that?- it should have been, it should have been and it wasn't. There has to be some accommodation that allowed them to be able to use their space and also provide a public good.

Vice Mayor Lago: So do me a favor.

Commissioner Keon: It has to be and you need to find that one.

Vice Mayor Lago: Commissioner, in reference to the Commissioners comments, let's move forward from this. What I'd like to see is the transition on the ramps in reference to making sure there is compliance and that if there is a wheelchair they can use it, which is my understanding is that it is currently. There are no pavers, excuse me, not pavers, planters that are blocking the ingress and egress from that building, but I want to make sure that we address that issue and that we show, like Commissioner Mena stated. Give me some standard photos, whatever you can see that shows that we are being compliant or not being compliant, and then maybe we are going to have to remove some of those planters or we may be able to keep them

all.

Commissioner Keon: Or push them back a little bit.

Vice Mayor Lago: The problem with pushing it back is that you have an issue with the breeze way. No, I'm just telling you...

Commissioner Keon: OK. I understood...

Vice Mayor Lago: I thought the same thing you did, but when I looked at it and I thought about pushing them back away from, it becomes a problem. You push them onto the sidewalk on LeJeune, you push them too close into the actual building, then the people cannot use it if they are in a wheelchair, they have an issue. So it's a little bit of a tricky situation, but I think we can address it at the next meeting, but your point is correct, just so you know, it's a correct point.

Planning and Zoning Director Trias: The development benefits that one gets, because of the Med bonus that requires that arcade is significant and that has to be kept in mind. There is a reason why the arcade is approved, there's a reason why there was less setbacks because of the arcade. Those things were done. If they are to be changed, you need to be able to know the facts were very precise.

Vice Mayor Lago: And it's important, because it goes to your point. I really want to show on the arcade; take photos of the arcade where you have the transition and where you don't have transition, because where some of the planters are, a person in a wheelchair would not be able to go from the arcade to a sidewalk, because there is no transition. There are multiple planters. So, you really have to look at it in the photo so you can really understand it, but it's just not as easy as you can pop in and out of that arcade, let's say if you are in a wheelchair. There is a point of entry for a person in a wheelchair, but there is a transition just for them.

City Attorney Ramos: From a procedural standpoint, there has been a citation issued there for putting the planters there without a permit. My recommendation, I don't believe the citation has been appealed, because I think it was issued today. My recommendation is that staff prepare what the...

Vice Mayor Lago: Was it a warning? A citation was issued today?

Commissioner Quesada: Here's the problem - here's the problem, again, it's just that - I reached out, I told Peter and I told Will Ortiz that I thought it's somewhat being worked out, and obviously it wasn't, but citations continue to be issued rather than working out and figuring out whatever it is. So what I would say is, whatever citation they were given today, let's hold off on it until we have the picture and the full discussion next meeting and then we'll decide what to do then.

Vice Mayor Lago: So moved.

City Attorney Ramos: Staff should recommend whether they would recommend the issuance of a permit based on what.

Commissioner Quesada: It actually really bothers me that staff issued that citation without coming back to us and fully explaining what was going on, after I mentioned it to Peter and after I mentioned it to Will that, that conversation had and that sort of an agreement had been reached with the previous City Attorney, City Manager, so that actually really upsets me that they continue to do that.

Planning and Zoning Director Trias: Six months ago, a long time ago was the last time...

Commissioner Quesada: Last time this happened was like two months ago.

Vice Mayor Lago: So moving forward. I have one item, two items for discussion. I want to remind staff and I'm still waiting to hear back when we are going to schedule our FPL workshop in regards to potentially undergrounding, putting it before the residents to see if that's even a feasibility. I haven't gotten back from staff in reference to when we are going to have that workshop and that discussion. Everybody familiar with what I'm talking about?- OK, because no one's saying yes, number one. Number two, I want to commend our City Clerk and his staff. I received a very poignant, well-addressed e-mail from a family of four who went to renew their passports this weekend at the passport agency; and they ran into a litany of issues, everything from their license being expired to not having cash to pay for the passport. And in the e-mail that is addressed to myself, excuse me, it talks about a gentleman named Max Bernal, who offered a great service, was incredibly understanding and went out of his way, along with the entire staff to deliver excellent service; and they felt the need to write a one-page e-mail, going point by point, by point, by point talking about how well run the department was. Everything from the security guard to

the parking, to the amenities. It was very well written and it hits on all points and it talks about why we as a City are providing excellent service. So, I just wanted to commend the City Clerk for that. Thank you.

City Clerk Urquia: Thank you, Vice Mayor for that. I just wanted to point out that Max is actually an employee of the Development Services Department. He helps our office out on Saturdays with passports, but everything on that e-mail describes Max. There is no task beneath him and anything that he can do to help a person, he will go out of his way to make sure that they are helped.

Vice Mayor Lago: This family has two young children and they were being a little rambunctious, so again, on a Saturday this is not what you want to do and they ran into a few hurdles and Max was again, exceptional - exceptional service. So right now we are going to adjourn the meeting, if there are any other comments. We are going to reconvene after, we have a special meeting now in regards to Cocoplum Phase I special taxing district. Anything else?

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ADJOURNMENT

[Note for the Record: There being no further business on the Regular City Commission Meeting Agenda. The Commission of the City of Coral Gables adjourned its meeting at 12:44 p.m. The next regular meeting of the City Commission has been scheduled for Tuesday, January 22, 2019, beginning 9 a.m.]

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