

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE CITY COMMISSION  
THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2002

The Commission of the City of Coral Gables convened in regular session in the City Hall Commission Chambers at 405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, Florida at 9:00 A.M. on Wednesday, January 9, 2002. Mayor Donald D. Slesnick II in the Chair; Commissioners Maria Anderson, Ralph Cabrera, William H. Kerdyk, Jr. and Chip Withers were present. Commissioner Cabrera was absent during Item No. 14. Mayor Slesnick was absent during Item No. 24 and Vice Mayor Anderson chaired the meeting in his absence. Commissioner Kerdyk was absent during Item No. 31. Also present were Interim City Manager David Brown, City Attorney Elizabeth Hernandez, and City Clerk Virginia L. Paul.

The Invocation was given by Reverend Monsignor Franklyn Casale, President of St. Thomas University and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Assistant City Manager Maria Alberro-Jimenez.

Tyrone Borden, of the Public Service Department, sang his rendition of *God Bless America*.

The Minutes of the Regular Commission Meeting of December 11, 2001 were approved, with a correction to Item No. 39 to add that an Ad Hoc Committee will be formed to oversee the implementation of Charrette activities. Item No. 43 was also amended to read "Communications Center Audit" instead of "Audit."

The following minute summary includes all presentations made, actions taken and discussion items, which information is supplemented by the following exhibits on file in the Office of the City Clerk, which are by reference made a part of the record herein: (a) Resolutions adopted (30233-30238); (b) Ordinance adopted: (3553); (c) Verbatim Transcript; (d) Video; (e) Audio; (f) Minute Folder with Agenda and background information, including items submitted at the meeting.

**Item 1. Sympathy:**

ACTING FIRE CHIEF NEIL DE JESUS INFORMED COMMISSION OF DEATH OF LIEUTENANT WOODY BRICE, FIRST ACTIVE DUTY FIRE-FIGHTER LOST BY CITY; RESCUE UNIT 1 DESIGNATED IN HIS HONOR.

**Item 2. Contribution/Search and Rescue K-9:**

CONTRIBUTION OF CHECK IN SUM OF \$8,000.00 BY MARK BLANK OF "BLANK FAMILY FOUNDATION" FOR PURCHASE OF FIRE DEPARTMENT SEARCH AND RESCUE K-9. (Agenda Item No. 3)

**Item 3. Contribution/Parknership Program:**

CONTRIBUTION BY BAPTIST HOSPITAL SYSTEMS TO PARKNERSHIP PROGRAM IN SUM OF \$50,000.00. (Agenda Item No. 1)

**Item 4. Presentation/George Washington Carver:**

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATE OF COMMENDATION TO GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL RECOGNIZING OUTSTANDING EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES PROVIDED TO STUDENTS IN CORAL GABLES. (Agenda Item No. 2)

**Item 13. Historic Landmark/2507 Country Club Prado:**  
**FIRST READING ORDINANCE:** DESIGNATING 2507 COUNTRY CLUB PRADO HISTORIC LANDMARK. (Agenda Item No. 8) (Motion: Kerdyk/Second: Anderson) (Yeas: Anderson, Cabrera, Kerdyk, Withers, Slesnick)

MAYOR DISCUSSED "CUT-OFF" TIME FOR HISTORIC DESIGNATION.

**Item 14. Historic Variance/1218 Coral Way:**  
**RESOLUTION NO. 30234:** GRANTING SIDE SETBACK VARIANCES IN CONNECTION WITH POOL AND TRELIS AT 1218 CORAL WAY. (Agenda Item No. 9) (Motion: Anderson/Second: Kerdyk) (Yeas: Kerdyk, Withers, Anderson, Slesnick) (Cabrera: Absent)

**Item 15a. United Way Campaign:**  
ALICE SMITH, EMPLOYEE RELATIONS DEPARTMENT, REPORTED RESULTS OF UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN WITH 61% INCREASE OVER PREVIOUS YEAR'S RESULT.

**Item 15b. United Way Campaign:**  
UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN TEAM TO BE RECOGNIZED AT NEXT CITY COMMISSION MEETING.

**Item 16. Text Amendment/Chimneys:**  
**POSTPONED:** AMENDMENT TO ZONING CODE ARTICLE 3, "USE DISTRICTS AND REGULATIONS," SEC. 3-1, "R-USE DISTRICTS," EXCLUDING CHIMNEYS FROM HEIGHT OF SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCES. (Agenda Item No. 10a)

**Item 17. Text Amendment/CB-Use Districts:**  
**FIRST READING ORDINANCE:** AMENDING ZONING CODE ARTICLE 3, SEC. 3-6, "C-USE DISTRICTS," BY ADDING MEDICAL HYPNOTHERAPY, AND PARTIAL HOSPITALIZATION PROGRAMS TO "CB" USE DISTRICT. (Agenda Item No. 10b) (Motion: Kerdyk/Second: Anderson) (Yeas: Withers, Anderson, Cabrera, Kerdyk, Slesnick)



**Item 18. Text Amendment/Davits:**  
**FIRST READING ORDINANCE:** AMENDING ZONING CODE ARTICLE 5, "AUXILIARY OR ACCESSORY USES," SEC. 5-16, "DAVITS, BOAT LIFTS AND FLOATING BOAT LIFTS" PROVIDING FOR TWO DAVITS ON PROPERTY WITH 100 FEET OR MORE OF WATERFRONT. (Agenda Item No. 10c) (Motion: Kerdyk/Second: Anderson) (Yeas: Anderson, Cabrera, Kerdyk, Withers, Slesnick)

**Item 19. Text Amendment/Carports:**  
**FIRST READING ORDINANCE:** AMENDING ZONING CODE ARTICLE 13, "OFF-STREET PARKING AND LOADING," SEC. 13-2, "PLAN, SIZE AND CHARACTER," RELATING TO SIZE OF CARPORTS AND GARAGES. (Agenda Item No. 10d) (Motion: Kerdyk/Second: Anderson) (Yeas: Cabrera, Kerdyk, Withers, Anderson, Slesnick)