

# **City of Coral Gables**

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## **Meeting Minutes**

**Friday, September 12, 2025**

**5:01 PM**

**First Budget Hearing**

**City Hall, Commission Chambers**

### **City Commission**

*Mayor Vince Lago  
Vice Mayor Rhonda Anderson  
Commissioner Melissa Castro  
Commissioner Ariel Fernandez  
Commissioner Richard D. Lara*

*Peter J. Iglesias, P.E., City Manager  
Cristina M. Suárez, City Attorney  
Billy Y. Urquia, City Clerk*

The City of Coral Gables will be holding its First Budget Hearing on Friday, September 12, 2025, commencing at 5:01 p.m. Members of the public may participate in person, but are also able to participate via the Zoom platform. Members of the public may join the meeting via Zoom at (<https://zoom.us/j/3054466800>). In addition, a dedicated phone line will be available so that any individual who does not wish (or is unable) to use Zoom may listen to and participate in the meeting by dialing: (305) 461-6769 Meeting ID: 3054466800. To speak prior to the City Commission taking action on an Agenda Item, please "Raise your Hand" or send a message to one of the meeting hosts using the Zoom Platform. If you joined the meeting via telephone, you can "Raise your Hand" by pressing \*9. The public may comment on an item on the agenda using the City's already-established e-comment function which may be found on the City's website at: ([www.coralgables.com/commissionmeetings](http://www.coralgables.com/commissionmeetings)) once the meeting's agenda is published or by sending an email to [cityclerk@coralgables.com](mailto:cityclerk@coralgables.com) prior to the start of the meeting. The Meeting will also be broadcasted live for members of the public to view on the City's website ([www.coralgables.com/cgtv](http://www.coralgables.com/cgtv)) as well as Channel 77 on Comcast.

**CALL TO ORDER****ROLL CALL**

**Present:** 5 - Mayor Lago, Vice Mayor Anderson, Commissioner Castro, Commissioner Fernandez and Commissioner Lara

1. [25-9744](#) Presentation of Proposed Fiscal Year 2025-2026 City Budget.

**Attachments:** [FY 25-26 Budget Presentation - 1st Hearing Sept 12](#)

City Clerk Item No. 1

2. [25-9745](#) Public Hearing for obtaining comments relative to Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

City Clerk Item No. 2

3. [25-9529](#) An Ordinance of the City Commission providing for the levy of taxes for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2025, and ending September 30, 2026; fixing the rate of such levy; providing for the segregation and the application of the proceeds of such levy; providing for the separability of the provisions hereof; and providing that this ordinance shall become effective October 1, 2025.

**Attachments:** [R-2025-265 - Signed - Tentative Millage 7-2-2025](#)  
[FY26 Ordinance for Levy of Taxes - 2nd Hearing](#)  
[FY26 Cover Letter - Adoption of Tax Levy - 2nd Hearing](#)  
[O-2025-27 - Signed](#)

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

**Yea:** 4 - Vice Mayor Anderson, Commissioner Fernandez, Commissioner Lara and Mayor Lago

**Nay:** 1 - Commissioner Castro

City Clerk Item No. 3

4. [25-9530](#) An Ordinance of the City Commission adopting the Annual Budget of estimated revenues and expenditures for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2025, and ending September 30, 2026; providing for the separability of the provisions hereof; and providing that this Ordinance shall become effective October 1, 2025.

**Attachments:** [R-2025-265 - Signed - Tentative Millage 7-2-2025](#)  
[FY26 Cover Letter - Adoption of Annual Budget - 2nd Hearing](#)  
[FY26 Ordinance to approve Annual Budget - 2nd Hearing](#)  
[Supporting Schedules - 2nd Hearing 9-25-25](#)  
[O-2025-28 - Signed](#)

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

**Yea**s : 4 - Commissioner Fernandez, Commissioner Lara, Vice Mayor Anderson and Mayor Lago

**Nay**s : 1 - Commissioner Castro

City Clerk Item No. 4

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for this meeting is available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk and in Legistar.]

## ADJOURNMENT

[Note for the Record: There being no further business on the First Budget Hearing Agenda. The Commission of the City of Coral Gables adjourned its meeting at 6:57 p.m. The next Budget Hearing is scheduled for Thursday, September 25, 2025 beginning at 5:01p.m.]

**Billy Y. Urquia**  
City Clerk