

# **City of Coral Gables**

*405 Biltmore Way  
Coral Gables, FL 33134  
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## **Agenda - Final Revised**

**Tuesday, February 27, 2024**

**9:00 AM**

**City Hall, Commission Chambers**

### **City Commission**

*Mayor Vince Lago  
Vice Mayor Rhonda Anderson  
Commissioner Melissa Castro  
Commissioner Ariel Fernandez  
Commissioner Kirk R. Menendez*

*Alberto N. Parjus, Interim City Manager  
Cristina M. Suárez, City Attorney  
Billy Y. Urquia, City Clerk*

**The City of Coral Gables will be holding its Regular Meeting on Tuesday, February 27, 2024 commencing at 9:00 a.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/cgvtv](http://www.coralgables.com/cgvtv)) as well as Channel 77 on Comcast.**

## CALL TO ORDER

## INVOCATION

*Fr. Andrew Tomonto - St. Theresa Catholic Church*

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### A. PRESENTATIONS AND PROTOCOL DOCUMENTS

- A.-1. [24-6951](#) Congratulations to Keep Coral Gables Beautiful on receiving the 2023 Award for Innovative Impact from the Florida Recycling Partnership Foundation
- A.-2. [24-7089](#) Congratulations to Sergeant Bo Williams, recipient of the City of Coral Gables "Officer of the Month Award," for December 2023.
- A.-3. [24-7090](#) Congratulations to Sergeant Raiza Mardis, recipient of the City of Coral Gables "Officer of the Year Award," for 2023.

### B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None

### C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

*During this portion of the meeting, an individual may address the City Commission on an item that is on the agenda or on a matter which is not on the agenda, but within the scope of the City Commission's jurisdiction. If the individual wishes to address the City Commission on an item that is on the agenda, the individual shall not be given an opportunity to speak again once the item is called. An individual who wishes to speak during a public hearing where the City Commission is sitting in a quasi-judicial capacity, must speak during the public hearing for that item.*

*Individuals who speak during the open public comment portion of the meeting shall be given three (3) minutes during which to address the City Commission. At the conclusion of one (1) hour, if the open public comment section of the meeting has not ended, it shall end automatically, in order to proceed with the rest of the agenda.*

**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.*

- D.-1. [24-7054](#) A Resolution of the City Commission confirming the appointment of Lance Cambell (Nominated by Kings Bay Homeowners' Association) to serve as members of the South Waterways Homeowners' Associations Advisory Board, for a two (2) year term which began on June 1, 2023 and continues through May 31, 2025.
- D.-2. [24-7080](#) A Resolution of the City Commission authorizing an emergency purchase for the replacement of Trane Chiller No. 1's Adaptive Frequency Drive (AFD) power module component at the Public Safety Building (PSB), 2151 Salzedo Street, Coral Gables, FL 33134, pursuant to Section 2-690 Emergency Procurement, in the amount of \$141,094.
- D.-3. [24-7085](#) A Resolution of the City Commission authorizing the execution of an agreement for sewer connection for property located outside the City's sewer district at 1231 Dickinson Drive, Coral Gables, Florida into the City of Coral Gables wastewater collection / transmission system, subject to the requirements of the Public Works Department, as provided under Chapters 62 and 78 of the City Code, Ordinance Nos. 2007-29 and 2009-39 and Resolution No. 2008-07; and provided that the executed agreement be made part of this resolution.
- D.-4. [24-7087](#) A Resolution of the City Commission approving "El Carnaval de Barranquilla USA" event as one of the five events of the International Cultural Events Initiative.
- D.-5. [24-7091](#) A Resolution of the City Commission ("City") authorizing execution of an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement by and among the Miami-Dade County Office of the Property Appraiser ("Property Appraiser"), Miami-Dade County on behalf of the Tax Collector ("Tax Collector"), and the City regarding non-ad valorem assessments for the continued operation of the Gables By The Sea-Coral Gables Special Taxing District; and providing for an effective date.

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

- 1.-1. [24-7055](#) Advisory Board on Disability Affairs Meeting of February 7, 2024.
- 1.-2. [24-7052](#) Budget Audit Advisory Board Meeting of January 24, 2024.
- 1.-3. [24-7043](#) Coral Gables Golf and Country Club Advisory Board Meeting of December 20th, 2023.
- 1.-4. [24-7042](#) Coral Gables Golf and Country Club Advisory Board Meeting of January 24th, 2024.
- 1.-5. [24-6930](#) International Affairs Coordinating Council Meeting of November 27, 2023.
- 1.-6. [24-7038](#) Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting of December 14th, 2023.
- 1.-7. [24-7039](#) Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting of January 11th, 2024.
- 1.-8. [24-7033](#) Parks and Recreation Youth Advisory Board Meeting of December 6, 2023.
- 1.-9. [24-7034](#) Parks and Recreation Youth Advisory Board Meeting of January 10, 2024.
- 1.-10. [24-7024](#) Retirement Board Meeting of January 11, 2024.
- 1.-11. [24-6988](#) School Community Relations Committee Meeting of January 12, 2024.
- 1.-12. [24-7036](#) Senior Citizens Advisory Board Meeting of January 11th, 2024.

**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]:**

**Time Certain 12:00pm (Agenda Item 2-1)**

- 2.-1. [24-7053](#) A Resolution of the Coral Gables Advisory Board on Disability Affairs requesting that the City of Coral Gables Commission reconsider the appointment of Justine Chichester to the Coral Gables Advisory Board on Disability Affairs.

**Agenda Item 2-2 and G-1 are related**

- 2.-2. [24-7077](#) A Resolution of the Coral Gables Retirement Board requesting that the Coral Gables City Commission waive the residency requirement of Qualified Members nominated for the Retirement Board so long as they work in the City of Coral Gables.

**E. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

*All Individuals testifying in a quasi-judicial proceeding shall be sworn in.*

*Presentations made to the City Commission are subject to the City's False Claims Ordinance, Ch. 39 of the City of Coral Gables Code.*

**ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING****Time Certain 11:00am (Agenda Item E-1)**

- E.-1. [23-6360](#) An Ordinance of the City Commission providing for text amendments to the City of Coral Gables Official Zoning Code, Article 2, "Zoning Districts," Section 2-403, "Giralda Plaza District Overlay," by allowing a television screen on the inside of a window on the pedestrian street of Giralda Plaza; providing for severability clause, repealer provision, codification, and providing for an effective date. (10 11 23 PZB recommended approval, Vote 7-0)  
(Sponsored by Commissioner Castro)
- E.-2. [23-6567](#) An Ordinance of the City Commission amending St. Philip's School site plan approved under Ordinance No. 3576 to replace an existing building with a new pre-K building located at 1109 Andalusia Avenue, Coral Gables, Florida; all other conditions of approval contained in Ordinance No. 3576 shall remain in effect; providing for severability clause, repealer provision, codification, and providing for an effective date(11 03 23 PZB recommended approval with conditions, Vote 7-0)

Lobbyist: Laura Russo

**ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING****Time Certain 10:30am (Agenda Item E-3)**

- E.-3. [23-6795](#) An Ordinance of the City Commission providing for a text amendment to Appendix A "Site Specific Zoning Regulations," Section A-94 "Snapper Creek Lakes" of the City of Coral Gables Official Zoning Code to include all types of accessory uses in the rear yard ground coverage calculation, to remove outdated Section A-94-2, and to provide consistency with the Snapper Creek Lakes' protective covenants by increasing various setbacks; providing for severability clause, repealer provision, codification, and providing for an effective date. (01 10 24 PZB - Motion to approve as presented by the applicant, Vote 6-0)

Lobbyist: Laura Russo

**F. CITY COMMISSION ITEMS**

- F.-1. [24-6935](#) Update on the Blue Road bridge.  
(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)
- F.-2. [24-6974](#) Discussion regarding curb maintenance.  
(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)
- F.-3. [24-6975](#) Discussion regarding cleanliness on Ponce de Leon Boulevard, Alhambra Circle, and potential street sweeping on Alhambra Circle. .  
(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)

**Time Certain 10:15am (Agenda Item F-4)**

- F.-4. [24-7006](#) Update on the City's peafowl mitigation policy.  
(Sponsored by Vice Mayor Anderson)
- F.-5. [24-7007](#) Discussion regarding homelessness.  
(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)
- F.-6. [24-7018](#) Update regarding Code Enforcement matters at 2915 Coconut Grove Drive.  
(Sponsored by Commissioner Castro)
- F.-7. [24-7081](#) Discussion regarding e-bike safety.  
(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)

- F.-8. [24-7086](#) Discussion promoting area schools through the city's website and offering afterschool programming such as music programs in conjunction with Miami-Dade County Public Schools.  
(Sponsored by Commissioner Menendez)  
(Co-Sponsored by Vice Mayor Anderson)  
(Co-Sponsored by Commissioner Castro)  
(Co-Sponsored by Commissioner Fernandez)
- F.-9. [24-6956](#) A Resolution of the City Commission adopting a maintenance schedule for the City's White Way lights.  
(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)
- F.-10. [24-7074](#) A Resolution of the City Commission directing City staff to engage an executive search firm for search relating to City Manager position.  
(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)  
(Co-sponsored by Vice Mayor Anderson)
- F.-11. [24-7088](#) A Resolution of the City Commission directing the City Manager to work with City Staff to design and implement green and white bicycle lane markings for bicycle lanes throughout the City.  
(Sponsored by Vice Mayor Anderson)
- F.-12. [24-7092](#) A Resolution of the City Commission in support of the one-way conversion of Venetia Terrace between Columbus and Granada Boulevards to facilitate construction of a pedestrian facilities for improved pedestrian safety.  
(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)  
(Co-sponsored by Vice Mayor Anderson)

## G. BOARDS/COMMITTEES ITEMS

### Agenda Item 2-2 and G-1 are related

- G.-1. [24-7076](#) A Resolution of the City Commission granting approval of a residential waiver (by a four-fifths vote of the City Commission) for James Gueits (Nominated by Interim City Manager Parjus), in accordance with Section 2-52(b)(2) of the City Code, to serve as a member of the Coral Gables Retirement Board - General Employees, for a two (2) year term, which begins on June 1, 2023 and through May 31, 2025.



**H. CITY MANAGER ITEMS**

- H.-1. [24-7064](#) A Resolution of the City Commission calling a Special Election on the proposed non-binding straw ballot question to be held on August 20, 2024; providing for submission of a non-binding straw ballot question to the electors related to the possible annexation of Little Gables; providing for requisite ballot language; providing for procedure for balloting; providing for notice; providing for related matters; and providing for an effective date.

**I. CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS**

None

**J. CITY CLERK ITEMS**

None

**K. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

*This time is for informal discussion among the City Commissioners, the City Manager and the City Attorney*

## ADJOURNMENT

### NOTE

*Any person who acts as a lobbyist pursuant to the City of Coral Gables Ordinance No. 2006-11, must register with the City Clerk, prior to engaging in lobbying activities before city staff, boards, committees and/or the City Commission. A copy of the Ordinance is available in the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall.*

*Any person, or persons, wishing to appeal any decision made by the City Commission with respect to any matter considered at this meeting or hearing, will require a verbatim record of the proceeding upon which the appeal is based. Interested persons should, therefore, take the necessary steps to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made which contains the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is based.*

*Any person making impertinent or slanderous remarks or who become boisterous while addressing the Commission, shall be barred from further audience before the Commission by the Chair, unless permission to continue or again address the Commission is granted by the majority vote of the Commission Members present. Clapping, applauding, heckling or verbal outbursts or any remarks in support or opposition to a speaker shall be prohibited. Signs or placards shall not be permitted in Commission Chambers.*

*Any person who needs assistance in another language in order to speak during the public hearing or public comment portion of the meeting should contact the City 's ADA Coordinator Raquel Elejabarrieta, Esq., Director of Labor Relations and Risk Management (E-mail: [relejabarrieta@coralgables.com](mailto:relejabarrieta@coralgables.com), Telephone: 305-722-8686, TTY/TDD: 305-442-1600), at least three (3) business days before the meeting.*

**Billy Y. Urquia**  
**City Clerk**