

**CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA**

**ORDINANCE NO.- 2022-\_\_\_\_\_**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF CORAL GABLES AMENDING THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES CODE BY CREATING CHAPTER 2 “ADMINISTRATION,” ARTICLE III “BOARDS AND COMMITTEES,” DIVISION 9, “CORAL GABLES GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB ADVISORY BOARD,” PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER PROVISION, SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, CODIFICATION, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

**WHEREAS**, in Resolution No. 2022-121, the City Commission directed City staff to draft an ordinance creating a Coral Gables Golf and Country Club (“Country Club”) Advisory Board for the City Commission’s consideration; and

**WHEREAS**, the Country Club is a unique historic landmark and City-owned property that was recently reacquired by the City from a private lessee; and

**WHEREAS**, the Granada Golf Course is the first public nine-hole golf course in Coral Gables and a historic landmark that opened to the public in 1923, a year after the Country Club; and

**WHEREAS**, presently the City has boards and committees in place that assist City staff in the oversight and maintenance of City infrastructure and specific City-owned properties; and

**WHEREAS**, the Country Club is important to both the history and future of the City and the creation of a dedicated board will assist staff with the transition of the facility from a privately-operated club to a publicly-operated club; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission intends for board members to offer a unique perspective to the City Commission and to support decisions in alignment with the needs of Country Club members and the community; and

**WHEREAS**, due to the gradual reopening of the Country Club’s amenities, the City Commission desires that the first meeting of the Coral Gables Golf and Country Club Advisory Board take place after January 1, 2023;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA:**

**SECTION 1.** The foregoing “Whereas” clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a specific part of this Ordinance upon adoption hereof.

**SECTION 2.** That Chapter 2, Article III- Boards and Committees of the City Code of Coral Gables, Florida, Division 9 be created to read as follows:

**Sec. \_\_\_\_.** **Creation and Purpose.** The purpose of the Coral Gables Golf and Country Club Advisory Board will be to furnish and relay citizen input regarding the Coral Gables Golf and Country Club to the city, to formulate recommendations regarding the Coral Gables Golf and Country Club for the benefit of City staff and the City Commission, to create a forum for dialogue between Coral Gables Golf and Country Club members and the city; and to help preserve the harmony between the surrounding neighborhood and the Coral Gables Golf and Country Club.

**Sec. \_\_\_\_.** **Membership, Quorum, and Qualifications.** The Coral Gables Golf and Country Club Advisory Board shall be comprised of seven (7) members to be confirmed by the City Commission: one (1) member shall be appointed by each member of the City Commission; one (1) member shall be appointed by the City Manager; and one (1) member shall be appointed by the Board-As-A-Whole. Each board member shall be a city resident living in the city and shall be a current member at the Coral Gables Golf and Country Club. The board shall have its first meeting after January 1, 2023.

**Sec. \_\_\_\_.** **Terms of Office, Appointment, and Renewal.** Terms of office shall begin on June 1 for a two-year period, ending May 31st, in odd numbered years. An appointment for the replacement of any member shall be for the unexpired term.

**Sec. \_\_\_\_.** **Chairperson.** The Coral Gables Golf and Country Club Advisory Board shall elect from among its membership, a Chairperson and Vice Chairperson (if applicable) who shall serve for a period of one (1) year and may be named to successive terms if the board chooses, at the beginning of each new term.

**Sec. \_\_\_\_.** **Administrative Support Staff; Written Reports.** The City Manager shall assign a staff liaison for the purpose of providing administrative support to the board. The staff liaison shall serve as a liaison with, and secretary for the Coral Gables Golf and Country Club Advisory Board. Said support shall include, but will not be limited to, preparation of summary minutes and preparation of meeting agendas. Additionally, the chairperson shall submit to the City Commission an annual report, approved by the board, in accordance with section 2-59 of the City Code.

**SECTION 3.** All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 4.** If any section, part of section, paragraph, clause, phrase or word of this Ordinance is declared invalid, the remaining provisions of this Ordinance shall not be affected.

**SECTION 5.** It is the intention of the City Commission of the City of Coral Gables, Florida, that the provisions of this Ordinance shall become and be made part of the City of Coral

Gables Code of Ordinances; and that the sections of this “Ordinance” may be changed to “section,” “article,” or such other appropriate word or phrase in order to accomplish such intentions.

**SECTION 6.** If the Official Code of the City of Coral Gables Table of Contents or other reference portions are affected by these provisions, then changes are approved as part of this Ordinance.

**SECTION 7.** This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon the date of its passage and adoption herein.

APPROVED:

VINCE LAGO  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

BILLY URQUIA  
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND  
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

MIRIAM SOLER RAMOS  
CITY ATTORNEY