

City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Agenda Item E-5
January 27, 2026
City Commission Chambers
405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, FL

City Commission

Mayor Vince Lago

Vice Mayor Rhonda Anderson

Commissioner Melissa Castro (Absent)

Commissioner Ariel Fernandez

Commissioner Richard D. Lara

City Staff

City Attorney, Cristina Suárez

City Manager, Peter Iglesias

City Clerk, Billy Urquia

Public Speaker(s)

Agenda Item E-5 [Start: 1:01 p.m.]

An Ordinance of the City Commission amending Chapter 2, "Administration," Article VII, "Finance," Division 1, "Generally", to create Section 2-353 of the City Code to formally establish ongoing priority capital projects and capital matrices funding programs; providing for severability clause, repealer provision, codification, and providing for an effective date. (Sponsored by Vice Mayor Anderson)

Mayor Lago: Moving on to item E-5.

City Attorney Suarez: E-5 is an Ordinance of the City Commission amending Chapter 2, "Administration," Article 7, "Finance," Division 1 generally to create Section 2-353 of the City Code to formally establish ongoing priority capital projects and capital matrices funding programs providing for severability clause, repeal your provision, codification and providing for an effective date.

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Vice Mayor Anderson: This is an item that I brought in order to memorialize what our staff has been doing for a very long time, the past five years to make sure that we properly fund capital projects going forward in the future and not have fluctuations and available capital funds when we have periods of time that we have lower tax base available. I also think this is important to show Tallahassee that we are serious. This is the way budgeting should be done, not just here, but throughout the state where you have responsible budgeting and there's not a need then to raise taxes to take care of problems that have been neglected for years and years and years due to improper, or I should say, lack of capital funding matrices like we have here in this city. So that is the purpose of this legislation. I would like to move it.

Commissioner Fernandez: I'm happy to second.

City Attorney Suarez: So, I think, Vice Mayor, you're actually the Chair right now since the Mayor stepped up.

Vice Mayor Anderson: That's true, sorry.

City Attorney Suarez: So, we can have someone else move it or someone else will have to move it.

Commissioner Fernandez: Well, you can still move it.

City Attorney Suarez: She has to pass the gavel.

Commissioner Fernandez: Yeah, we'll just pass to the next one. So, we'll just call for a vote.

City Attorney Suarez: Okay.

Vice Mayor Anderson: Well, that or we could all take a quick bathroom break and wait for the mayor to come back.

Commissioner Fernandez: We could do that too, five-minute break.

Vice Mayor Anderson: Five-minute break, five minutes. I mean, really five minutes.

Commissioner Fernandez: Let's do it.

Mayor Lago: Mr. Clerk, you ready? All right, all right. Going back to the item that we were previously discussing.

Commissioner Fernandez: So, we had a motion and a second.

Mayor Lago: All right.

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Vice Mayor Anderson: Yes, now that you're here, I'll move it.

Mayor Lago: All right, perfect.

Commissioner Fernandez: Second again.

Mayor Lago: All right, do we have any public comment, Mr. Clerk?

City Clerk Urquia: No, Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Lago: All right, let's wait for the Commissioner to come in. He should be coming in any minute. I don't want to take this vote without him. Here we go. We have a motion and a second, Mr. Clerk.

Vice Mayor Anderson: Yes.

Commissioner Fernandez: Yes.

Commissioner Lara: Yes.

Mayor Lago: Yes. And thank you for waiting for me.