

# **City of Coral Gables**

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

**Tuesday, October 8, 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*

*Amos Rojas, Jr., City Manager  
Cristina M. Suárez, City Attorney  
Billy Y. Urquia, City Clerk*

The City of Coral Gables will be holding its Regular Meeting on October 8, 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.

## INVOCATION

*Rev. Roger Tobin - St. Philip's Episcopal Church*

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### A. PRESENTATIONS AND PROTOCOL DOCUMENTS

- A.-1. [24-8036](#) Congratulations to Passport Director Grethel Salas and passport office team for receiving a perfect score on the Acceptance Facility Audit Report from the U.S. Department of State.
- A.-2. [24-8118](#) Presentation of a Proclamation declaring October 14, 2024 as "E-Waste Day" in Coral Gables.

#### **Agenda Items A-3 and H-1 are related**

- A.-3. [24-8063](#) Presentation of a Proclamation declaring October 2024 as "Disability Acceptance Month" in Coral Gables.
- A.-4. [24-8119](#) Presentation of a Proclamation declaring October 2024 as "Domestic Violence Awareness Month" in Coral Gables.  
(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)
- A.-5. [24-7871](#) Presentation of a Proclamation declaring October 2024 as "National Arts and Humanities Month" in Coral Gables.
- A.-6. [24-8143](#) Congratulations to Officer Peter Hernandez, recipient of the City of Coral Gables "Officer of the Month," for July 2024.

### B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- B.-1. [24-8115](#) Regular City Commission Meeting of September 10, 2024.
- B.-2. [24-8117](#) Special Assessment Hearing of September 12, 2024.
- B.-3. [24-8116](#) First Budget Hearing of September 12, 2024.
- B.-4. [24-8138](#) Second Budget Hearing of September 24, 2024.

**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. [24-8134](#) A Resolution of the City Commission accepting a recommendation of the City Manager to waive the competitive process of the Procurement Code for the for purchase of Control Panels for North Gables & City 4 Stormwater Pump Stations from Custom Controls Technology, Inc. as a "Sole Source Procurement", pursuant to Section 2-689 of the City's Procurement Code.

Lobbyist: N/A

- D.-2. [24-8142](#) A Resolution of the City Commission approving a Fifth Amendment to Lease between the City of Coral Gables and 338 Minorca Law Center, LLC for the property located at 338 Minorca Avenue, First Floor, Coral Gables, FL 33134 for an additional one-year term (01/01/25-12/31/25) for the continued temporary relocation of the City's Finance Department Collections staff offices.

Lobbyist: N/A

- D.-3. [24-8144](#) A Resolution of the City Commission authorizing emergency structural repairs to the Venetian Pool's East Tower located at 2701 De Soto Boulevard, pursuant to Section 2-690 Emergency Procurement, in the estimated amount of \$96,477.

- D.-4. [24-8147](#) A Resolution of the City Commission granting permission to the Coral Gables Firefighter's Benevolent Association to sell Christmas trees, install a temporary chain link fence, and display an inflatable Santa Claus on the Coral Gables Baptist Church property, located at 5501 Granada Boulevard, starting on or about November 16, 2024 through December 24, 2024.
- D.-5. [24-8157](#) A Resolution of the City Commission confirming the appointment of Rebeca Rodriguez (Nominated by Commissioner Fernandez) to serve as a member of the Insurance and Risk Management Advisory Board, for a two (2) year term which began on June 1, 2023 and continues through May 31, 2025.
- D.-6. [24-8159](#) A Resolution of the City Commission authorizing a First Amendment to Lease with Bogey Grill, LLC, a Florida limited liability company, for the City-owned property 2001 Granada Boulevard, Coral Gables, FL 33134 to amend the dates of possession, rent commencement, and to be open for business to the public established in the Lease. (Sponsored by Commissioner Menendez)
- D.-7. [24-8168](#) A Resolution of the City Commission appointing Ilsa Danielson (Nominated by City Manager Rojas, Jr.) to serve as a member of the International Affairs Coordinating Council, for remainder of a two (2) year term which began on June 1, 2023 and continues through May 31, 2025.
- 1. Presentation of Boards and/or Committees minutes requesting no action from the City Commission:**
- 1.-1. [24-7856](#) Arts Advisory Panel Meeting of August 7, 2024.
- 1.-2. [24-8103](#) Budget Audit Advisory Board Meeting of September 4, 2024.
- 1.-3. [24-8145](#) Coral Gables Golf and Country Club Advisory Board Meeting of September 25, 2024.
- 1.-4. [24-7855](#) Cultural Development Board Meeting of August 20, 2024.
- 1.-5. [24-7858](#) Planning and Zoning Board Meeting of August 14, 2024.

## 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

- E.-1. [24-7949](#) An Ordinance of the City Commission amending the Code of the City of Coral Gables, Florida, Chapter 2, Entitled "Administration," Article III "Boards, Commissions, Committees," Division 1 "Generally" by amending Section 2-52 "Qualification and Appointment of Members" in order to offer members of city boards reduced fitness membership fees at the Coral Gables War Memorial Youth Center; providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, codification, and providing for an effective date.  
(Sponsored by Commissioner Menendez)
- E.-2. [24-7981](#) An Ordinance of the City Commission designating Patriot Day as an official City Day of Remembrance and amending Chapter 1, "General Provisions", Section 1-2, "Definitions and Rules of Construction" of the City Code to designate Patriot Day as an official City Holiday; providing for a severability clause, repealer provision, codification, and providing for an effective date.  
(Sponsored by Commissioner Menendez)  
(Co-sponsored by Commissioner Castro)
- E.-3. [24-7951](#) An Ordinance of the City Commission amending the Code of the City of Coral Gables, Florida, Chapter 74, entitled "Traffic and Vehicles," Article I "In General" by amending Section 74-1 "Definition"; and Article III "Stopping, Standing and Parking," Division 2 "Parking Meters and Parking Areas" by amending Section 74-84 "Signage and Other Requirements" in order to comply with recent changes to Florida law governing vehicles parking on private property, F.S. § 715.075; providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, codification, and providing for an effective date.

### **Time Certain 10:30am (Agenda Items E-4, E-5 and E-8 are related)**

- E.-4. [24-6967](#) An Ordinance of the City Commission amending the Future Land Use Map of the City of Coral Gables Comprehensive Plan pursuant to Zoning Code Article 14, "Process," Section 14-213, "Comprehensive Plan Text and Map Amendments," and Small Scale amendment procedures (ss. 163.3187, Florida Statutes), from "Commercial Mid-Rise Intensity" to "Commercial High-Rise Intensity" for Lots 1 through 9 (130 Almeria Avenue, 152 Almeria Avenue, 160 Almeria Avenue) and from "Single Family High Density" to "Commercial Low-Rise Intensity" for Lots 17 through 21, Block 14, Coral Gables Crafts Section (103 Sevilla Avenue), Coral Gables, Florida; including required conditions; providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, and providing for an effective date.  
(03 13 24 PZB recommended approval, Vote 4-2)

Lobbyist: Jorge Navarro

- E.-5. [24-6968](#) An Ordinance of the City Commission making Zoning District boundary changes pursuant to Zoning Code Article 14, "Process," Section 14-212, "Zoning Code Text and Map Amendments," from "Mixed Use 2 District" to "Mixed Use 3 District" for Lots 1 through 9 (130 Almeria Avenue, 152 Almeria Avenue, 160 Almeria Avenue) and from "Single-Family Residential District" to "Mixed Use 1 District" for Lots 17 through 21, Block 14, Coral Gables Crafts Section (103 Sevilla Avenue), Coral Gables, Florida; including required conditions; providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, and providing for an effective date. (03 13 24 PZB recommended approval, Vote 4-2)

Lobbyist: Jorge Navarro

### **ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING**

- E.-6. [24-8120](#) An Ordinance of the City Commission amending the City of Coral Gables Code, Chapter 10 "Animals", Section 10-4 "Removal of animal feces", to provide a code enforcement mechanism for illegal dumping of animal waste bags in trash pits.  
(Sponsored by Vice Mayor Anderson)  
(Co-sponsored by Mayor Lago)

- E.-7. [24-8146](#) An Ordinance of the City Commission amending Chapter 46 of the "Code of the City of Coral Gables," Entitled "Pensions," implementing provisions of the 2024-2027 Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City and Teamsters Local Union 769, amending Section 46-26, "Compulsory Participation"; Section 46-27, "Purchase of Credited Service"; Section 46-29, "City Contributions"; Section 46-34, "Employee Contributions"; Section 46-253, "Normal Retirement Income"; and Section 46-269 "Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP)"; and providing for a severability clause, repealer provision, codification, and providing for an effective date

### **RESOLUTIONS**

#### **Time Certain 10:30am (Agenda Items E-4, E-5 and E-8 are related)**

- E.-8. [24-6969](#) A Resolution of the City Commission approving a Mixed-Use Site Plan and Encroachments pursuant to Zoning Code Article 14, "Process" Section 14-203, "Conditional Uses," for a proposed mixed-use project including live/work units referred to as "130 Almeria" on the property legally described as Lots 1 through 9, 17 through 21, and 39 through 42, Block 14, Coral Gables Crafts Section (130 Almeria Avenue, 152 Almeria Avenue, 160 Almeria Avenue, 2701 Ponce de Leon Boulevard, and 103 Sevilla Avenue), Coral Gables, Florida; including required conditions; providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, and providing for an effective date. (03 13 24 PZB recommended approval, Vote 4-2)

Lobbyist: Jorge Navarro

**Time Certain 12:00pm (Agenda Item E-9)**

- E.-9. [24-7859](#) A Resolution of the City Commission approving Mixed-Use Site Plan and Conditional Use review pursuant to Zoning Code Article 14, "Process" Section 14-203, "Conditional Uses," for a proposed Mixed-Use project referred to as "33 Alhambra" on the property legally described as all of Block 15, "Coral Gables Section L" (20 and 42 Navarre Avenue, 33, 43 and 47 Alhambra Circle and 2001 Galiano Street), Coral Gables, Florida; including required conditions; providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, and providing for an effective date. (09 11 24 PZB approved with conditions, Vote: 6-0).

Lobbyist: Mario Garcia-Serra

**F. CITY COMMISSION ITEMS****Time Certain 11:30am (Agenda Item F-1)**

- F.-1. [24-8149](#) A Resolution of the City Commission urging the Florida Legislature to designate the City of Opa Locka, Florida as the site for the new Florida Museum of Black History. (Sponsored by Vice Mayor Anderson)

**Time Certain 12:30pm (Agenda Item F-2)**

- F.-2. [24-8123](#) A Resolution of the City Commission approving "La Feria de Sevilla" event as one of five events of the International Cultural Events Program. (Sponsored by Mayor Lago)
- F.-3. [24-8148](#) Discussion regarding a chicken and rooster nuisance in Coral Gables. (Sponsored by Commissioner Castro)
- F.-4. [24-8154](#) Discussion regarding a Town Hall to inform and educate residents about the Live Local Act. (Sponsored by Commissioner Castro)
- F.-5. [24-8155](#) Discussion regarding the procedure and conditions for the issuance of cease and desist letters by the City of Coral Gables. (Sponsored by Commissioner Menendez)
- F.-6. [24-8156](#) Discussion regarding the success of National Night Out 2024. (Sponsored by Commissioner Castro)
- F.-7. [24-8169](#) Discussion regarding how to better inform the public of detours and street disclosures in Coral Gables. (Sponsored by Commissioner Menendez)



- F.-8. [24-8170](#) Update on the recent Florida League of Cities Policy Committee meetings.  
(Sponsored by Commissioner Castro)

**G. BOARDS/COMMITTEES ITEMS**

None

**H. CITY MANAGER ITEMS**

Agenda Items A-3 and H-1 are related

- H.-1. [24-8064](#) A Resolution of the City Commission declaring principles of inclusion for all individuals with disabilities, and urging action by national, state, and local governments, businesses, and residential communities consistent with these principles.
- H.-2. [24-8141](#) A Resolution of the City Commission with attachments, ratifying the Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the City of Coral Gables and the Teamsters, Local 769, affiliated with the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, for the period of October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2027.

Time Certain 11:00am (Agenda Item H-3)

- H.-3. [24-8128](#) Presentation of the Coral Gables Community of Excellence 2026 program.

**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**