

# **City of Coral Gables**

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## **Agenda - Final Revised**

**Tuesday, February 11, 2025**

**9:00 AM**

**2151 Salzedo Street, Coral Gables, FL 33134**

**Police and Fire Headquarters, Community Meeting Room**

### **City Commission**

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

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

The City of Coral Gables will be holding its Regular Meeting on February 11, 2025 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**

*Pastor Ryan Reed - Christ Journey Church*

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE****A. PRESENTATIONS AND PROTOCOL DOCUMENTS**

- A.-1. [25-8625](#) Presentation of a "Merrick Minute".  
(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)
- A.-2. [25-8624](#) Presentation of a Proclamation declaring February 17, 2025 as "Garden Club Day" in Coral Gables.
- A.-3. [25-8613](#) Presentation of a Proclamation declaring February 2025 as "Black History Month" in Coral Gables.
- A.-4. [25-8548](#) Congratulations to Emergency Dispatch Operator Monica Dinescu, recipient of the City of Coral Gables "Operator of the Quarter," for the third quarter of 2024.
- A.-5. [25-8619](#) Congratulations to Officer Anyelinna Ferrufino, recipient of the City of Coral Gables "Officer of the Month," for October 2024 and December 2024.
- A.-6. [25-8586](#) Congratulations to Battalion Chief Alex Garces recipient of the City of Coral Gables "Firefighter of the Month Award," for the month of January 2025.
- A.-7. [25-8576](#) Congratulations to Driver Engineer John Jensen recipient of the City of Coral Gables "Firefighter of the Year Award," for 2024.

**Time Certain 10:00am (Agenda Item A-8)**

- A.-8. [24-8395](#) Presentation by the Coral Gables Museum.

**B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- B.-1. [25-8580](#) Regular City Commission Meeting of January 14, 2025.
- B.-2. [25-8595](#) Regular City Commission Meeting of January 28, 2025.

**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. [25-8570](#)**

A Resolution of the City Commission approving the City Manager to allow the IT Department to purchase the Quantela Platform renewal from Quantela, the existing vendor of Quantela Platform, applications, services, and support for Coral Gables, pursuant to section 2-689, Sole Source Procurement of the Procurement Code.

Lobbyist: N/A

**D.-2. [25-8589](#)**

A Resolution of the City Commission confirming the appointment of Eddy Martinez (Nominated by Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce) to serve as an Ex-Officio member of the Coral Gables Advisory Board on Disability Affairs, for the remainder of an unexpired two (2) year term, which began on June 1, 2023 and continues through May 31, 2025.

**D.-3. [25-8603](#)**

A Resolution of the City Commission accepting the recommendation of the Police Department to authorize the purchase of ammunition from Florida Bullet Inc. as a "Sole Source Procurement," in an estimated amount of \$61,256.00 pursuant to Section 2-689 of the City's Procurement Code.

Lobbyist: N/A

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

- 1.-1. [25-8596](#) Construction Regulation Board Meeting of January 13, 2025.
- 1.-2. [25-8638](#) Coral Gables Golf and Country Club Advisory Board Meeting of December 18, 2024.
- 1.-3. [25-8639](#) Coral Gables Golf and Country Club Advisory Board Meeting of January 22, 2025.
- 1.-4. [24-8524](#) Cultural Development Board Meeting of December 17, 2024.
- 1.-5. [25-8573](#) Landscape Beautification Advisory Board Meeting of January 9, 2025.
- 1.-6. [25-8635](#) Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting of December 12, 2024.
- 1.-7. [25-8636](#) Parks and Recreation Youth Advisory Board Meeting of January 8, 2025.
- 1.-8. [25-8637](#) Parks and Recreation Youth Advisory Board Meeting of February 5, 2025.
- 1.-9. [24-8477](#) Planning and Zoning Board Meeting of December 17, 2024.
- 1.-10. [25-8640](#) Senior Citizens Advisory Board Meeting of December 5, 2025.
- 1.-11. [25-8644](#) Senior Citizens Advisory Board Meeting of January 9, 2025.
- 1.-12. [25-8585](#) Transportation Advisory Board Meeting of November 19, 2024.
- 1.-13. [25-8533](#) Waterway Advisory Board Meeting of January 8, 2025.

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 11:30am (Agenda Item 2-1)**

- 2.-1. [25-8642](#) A Resolution of the Waterway Advisory Board recommending the City Commission object to Miami-Dade County's (MDC) design for a viewing area at the US-1 bridge as part of the Underline Project; and requesting a 30-day extension to the U. S. Coast Guard to allow sufficient time to review MDC's presentation and other related information.

**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 FIRST READING**

- E.-1. [24-8460](#) An Ordinance of the City Commission amending Ordinance No. 2997 to add a new multipurpose building, and increase the Maximum Student Enrollment from 881 to 945 students for St Theresa Catholic School located at 2701 Indian Mound Trail, Coral Gables, Florida; all other provisions and conditions of approval contained in Ordinance No. 2997 shall remain in effect; and providing an effective date.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**Agenda Items E-2 and E-3 are related and have been deferred. Notice will be provided at a later date.**

- E.-2. [24-8206](#) A Resolution of the City Commission approving receipt of Transfer of Development Rights (TDRs) pursuant to Zoning Code Article 14, "Process," Section 14-204.6, "Review and approval of use of TDRs on receiver sites," for the receipt and use of TDRs for a Mixed-Use project referred to as "299 Minorca" on the property legally described as Lots 45 through 48, less than North 12 feet thereof, Block 17, Section "K", Coral Gables, Florida; including required conditions; providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, and providing for an effective date. (12 17 24 PZB recommended deferral, Vote: 7-0)

Lobbyist: Jorge Navarro

- E.-3. [24-8207](#) A Resolution of the City Commission granting Remote Parking (Section 10-109) Conditional Use approval pursuant to Article 14, "Process", Section 14-203, "Conditional Uses," for proposed Remote Parking associated with the commercial project referred to as "299 Minorca" on the property legally described as Lots 45 through 48, less than North 12 feet thereof, Block 17, Section "K", Coral Gables, Florida; including required conditions; providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, and an effective date. (12 17 24 PZB recommended deferral, Vote: 7-0)

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**F. CITY COMMISSION ITEMS**

- F.-1. [25-8641](#) A Resolution of the City Commission directing City Staff to implement a resident parking rate pilot program and to collect relevant data during the pilot program in order to determine the long-term feasibility of a resident parking rate.  
(Sponsored by Commissioner Castro)

- F.-2. [25-8646](#) A Resolution of the City Commission directing the City Manager to develop an "Expedited Permit Review Services Program" for a maximum twelve-month trial period to allow for expedited review of certain permit applications for interior commercial and interior residential work and authorizing the City Manager to seek proposals from the City's approved pool of consultants for plans review and building inspection services and to negotiate an agreement for such expedited services as appropriate.  
(Sponsored by Commissioner Castro)

**Time Certain 12:00pm (Agenda Item F-3)**

- F.-3. [25-8623](#) Discussion regarding construction on Camilo Avenue.  
(Sponsored by Commissioner Castro)
- F.-4. [25-8647](#) Discussion on the issuance of challenge coins to State Representatives.  
(Sponsored by Commissioner Castro)

**G. BOARDS/COMMITTEES ITEMS****Time Certain 10:30am (Agenda Item G-1)**

- G.-1. [24-8504](#) A Resolution of the City Commission approving the concept and donation of a work of public art by Jaume Plensa in conjunction with the 4241 Aurora Ave. development project, in fulfillment of the Art in Public Places requirement for public art in private development and applying funds set aside in escrow in conjunction with the 4225 Ponce de Leon Blvd. development project (unanimously recommended by the Arts Advisory Panel approval/denial vote: 7 to 0; unanimously recommended by the Cultural Development Board approval/denial vote: 6 to 0).

**H. CITY MANAGER ITEMS****Time Certain 11:00am (Agenda Item H-1)**

- H.-1. [25-8558](#) A Resolution of the City Commission to approve the City of Coral Gables Economic Development Strategic Plan. (12.4.24 EDB recommended approval, Vote 5-0)

**I. CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS**

None

**J. CITY CLERK ITEMS**

- J.-1. [25-8535](#) A Resolution of the City Commission appointing members of the Canvassing Board for the upcoming General Biennial Election of Tuesday, April 08, 2025 and any subsequent Run-Off Election, the Honorable Carlos Gamez, Circuit Court Judge, 11th Judicial Circuit; the Honorable Carlos Guzman, Circuit Court Judge, 11th Judicial Circuit; the Honorable Cristina Rivera Correa (Alternate), County Court Judge, 11th Judicial Circuit; and City Clerk Billy Y. Urquia, for the purpose of canvassing absentee and provisional ballots and precinct returns, further authorizing said board to certify the results of said election.



**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**