

City of Coral Gables

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Meeting Minutes

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) once the meeting's agenda is published or by sending an email to 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/cgtv) as well as Channel 77 on Comcast.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was Called to Order at 9:02 a.m.

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

The following minutes summary includes all presentations made, and actions taken which is supplemented by the following exhibits on file in the Office of the City Clerk, and which are hereby made a part of the record herein: (a) Resolution(s) adopted (Resolution No. 2025-22 through Resolution No. 2025-30); (b) Video; (d) Audio Recording; (c) Minutes Folder with Agenda and background information, including items which were submitted at the meeting.

ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Vice Mayor Anderson, Commissioner Castro, Commissioner Fernandez, Commissioner Menendez and Mayor Lago

INVOCATION

Jeff Sullivan, Executive Pastor at Granada Presbyterian Church gave the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

City Attorney Cristina M. Suarez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A. PRESENTATIONS AND PROTOCOL DOCUMENTS

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-22

- A.-1. [25-8625](#) Presentation of a "Merrick Minute".
(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)

Attachments: [R-2025-22 Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION SUPPORTING THE PRESENTATION OF A "MERRICK MINUTE" AT EACH CITY COMMISSION MEETING DURING THE CITY'S CENTENNIAL YEAR.

Joanne Meagher, a member of the Coral Gables Merrick House Governing Board, gave a brief presentation on the "Merrick Minute," highlighting the history of Coral Gables in anticipation of the city's centennial. She then proceeded to read an excerpt from the journal of George Merrick.

A motion was made by Mayor Lago, seconded by Vice Mayor Anderson, that this motion be adopted by Resolution Number 2025-22. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Yeas : 5 - Vice Mayor Anderson, Commissioner Castro, Commissioner Fernandez, Commissioner Menendez and Mayor Lago

City Clerk Item No. 1

A.-2. [25-8624](#)

Presentation of a Proclamation declaring February 17, 2025 as "Garden Club Day" in Coral Gables.

Mayor Lago introduced Agenda Item A-2: Presentation of a Proclamation declaring February 17, 2025, as "Garden Club Day" in Coral Gables and Vice Mayor Anderson made the presentation. She welcomed the numerous members of the Garden Club present at the meeting and then read the proclamation. Bonnie Syke, President of the Garden Club spoke highly of the presidents who preceded her and informed the City Commission that they are about to install a sculpture in the Butterfly Garden and have had events all year to celebrate the centennial and listed upcoming events. Commissioner Fernandez stated that it is an honor for him to be a member of the Garden Club and thanked Vice Mayor Anderson for sponsoring his membership two years ago and spoke of the importance of the club and all its members playing instrumental roles throughout its history. Commissioner Menendez stated that his wife is a member of the Club and like her the members take great pride in giving back to the community, of the tireless work that goes into it and wanted to recognize not only the fruits of their labor but their labor which makes the "City Beautiful". Commissioner Castro stated that she looks forward to becoming a member, they do an exceptional job and congratulated them.

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City Clerk Item No. 2

A.-3. [25-8613](#)

Presentation of a Proclamation declaring February 2025 as "Black History Month" in Coral Gables.

Mayor Lago made the presentation regarding Agenda Item A-3: Presentation of a Proclamation declaring February 2025 as "Black History Month" in Coral Gables speaking of the profound contributions that African Americans have made to the city and the nation. It is with pride to honor the people who shaped this community, ensuring that their legacies continue to inspire future generations and informed listeners that through the Centennial Sunday series on the city's social media channels they will be highlighting four remarkable individuals whose dedication, service and leadership helped to make Coral Gables what it is today. Their stories speak of the city's history, which is rich, diverse and built on the perseverance of those of the past. Some of which include the residents of the MacFarlane Homestead and Golden Gate neighborhoods past and present whose contributions have strengthened the foundation of Coral Gables. He encouraged everyone to take part in learning, sharing, and honoring the stories told of those who helped shape their community and by building a future that honors their shared history. He then read the proclamation. Clarise Cooper, daughter of William A. Cooper thanked the Mayor and City Commission for the honor, and to accept the proclamation on behalf of her family and other families in the community - MacFarlane and Golden Gate. She is proud of the fact that this year's national theme for Black History Month is "African Americans in

Labor” and as the city celebrates its centennial this year, that George Merrick the founder of this great city, most of his labor force was from their communities MacFarlane and Golden Gate and they were migrants from the Bahamas and also the American South who played a vital role making this city gain its status as the “City Beautiful” and thanked the City Commission for that. The mayor spoke of a project that the commission was working on, a sculpture honoring their legacy and while George Merrick was the visionary, and the sculpture will be located in Merrick Park across from City Hall, because they brought Merrick’s vision to life and they are proud of the community as a whole, and of who they are in 2025. It’s about bringing people together and never forgetting their history and thanked the city staff for making sure that this project came to fruition. Carl Prime accepted the proclamation on behalf of the Golden Gates and MacFarlane neighborhoods represented by the Lola B. Walker Homeowners Association and expressed special thanks to Martha Pantin, the city’s Communications and Public Affairs Director, for her efforts and time in assisting them. They are grateful for the recognition as the city celebrates its centennial, they are grateful for the Black Americans and Bahamian pioneers who settled in Coral Gables, built its infrastructure and were instrumental in it becoming the world class city it is today and thanked them for not forgetting the rich history and contributions of the Golden Gates and MacFarlane communities. Each commissioner was then given the opportunity to speak at this time. Vice Mayor Anderson spoke on their contributions in the past as well as from their neighborhood toward the forward movement of the city in embracing and recognizing everyone. It is a special day and thanked the mayor for the proclamation. Commissioner Fernandez, in reference to the art pieces in front of City Hall, it is finally recognizing the work that the community played in the history of Coral Gables. The Baker, Cooper, Prime families have been extremely active in the city for years holding the commission’s feet to the fire ensuring that they are doing what they should for their community, and they appreciate them doing that. The William B. Walker Foundation plays an important role for their community, he has attended meetings in the past and looks forward to attending another. Their community created Coral Gables while George Merrick had the vision and George Fink designed it but at the end of the day, it was their community who brought it to what it is today and thanked them for the role that their families played and all they do for their community. Commissioner Menendez reflected on attending community meetings when he spoke about scholarships for young people, the next generation but also providing meals for those who could not afford it, Christmas trees, he was always giving back and that’s a symbol and sign of a strong community of rich tradition of giving back and wished many parts of South Florida would follow his lead and thanked him for everything he does.

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City Clerk Item No. 6

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.

Attachments: [Operator of the 3rd Qtr - M. Dinescu](#)

Police Chief Hudak introduced Agenda Item A-4 and made the presentation to Emergency Dispatch Operator Monica Dinescu, recipient of the City of Coral Gables “Operator of the Quarter,” for the third quarter of 2024. Police Chief Hudak spoke of an incident which occurred on September 24, 2024, on the afternoon shift when ED Dinescu received a call from Miami Police Department regarding a stolen medical van with medical supplies stolen from Mercy Hospital that was tracked to a location in the city. She monitored the calls from Miami Police Department and dispatched our city officers to the known location. The city’s Crime Suppression Team requested that she re-assign the call to them and that marked units stay out of the area. To escape capture the suspect struck a building, rammed responders’ vehicles and crashed into an unsuspecting motorist. During the process of being arrested, the suspect suffered a medical event not related to the arrest and was brought back to life by Emergency Rescue personnel. ED Dinescu reacted quickly and decisively sent emergency assistance to the officers and all the while maintaining a calm and professional demeanor. She is a reliable, outstanding, highly driven individual, someone who goes above and beyond, and an exemplary employee amongst her peers. It is for this reason and others that she deserves this award. In accepting her award ED Dinescu thanked the Mayor and City Commission; her Communication Team and said it is an honor working for the city for the last eight years because she has grown and learned a lot of things, and serving the citizens has been an honor.

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City Clerk Item No. 7

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.

Attachments: [Officer of the Month - A. Ferrufino Oct 2024](#)
[Officer of the Month Ferrufino- Dec. 2024](#)

Police Chief Hudak introduced Agenda Item A-5 and made the presentation to Officer Anyelinna Ferrufino, recipient of the City of Coral Gables “Officer of the Month,” for October 2024 and December 2024. Officer Ferrufino (Neighborhood Team Leader) is being recognized because of an incident involving a subject pulling a knife at a security guard. This incident occurred on October 30, 2024, and she was dispatched to the call for help by the security guard located at 800 Douglas Road. She was able to determine whether the subject could either be on the City’s Trolley on Galliano Street or had taken a Miami-Dade County public transportation bus on Douglas Road, and upon verifying with dispatch it was determined that it was the county bus. The subject was now on a public bus with civilians and armed with a knife. Officer Ferrufino waited for backup before boarding the bus and proceeded to look for the suspect who fit the description given to her from the BOLO. The subject was identified sitting at the back of the bus and with the assistance from Officer Gordillo they approached the subject who was positively identified by the security guard. This individual was arrested and charged with many offenses and during that time it was also determined that he had an open felony fugitive warrant from Santa Clara, California and a past of attempted murder with a knife. Additionally, in December, as they got into their 2024 holiday operation plan, she continued to work with their local retail partners and one of their biggest issues was shoplifting at that time of the year. It is because of her team-building approach working with local businesses she was able to build a relationship with the security personnel. On December 16, she received a call from our partners at Target and was able to stop an individual who was stealing merchandise from the store and before he could escape into his vehicle was taken into custody. It was further determined that the individual had an extensive criminal past of stealing including six convictions for shoplifting which is a felony. She was also able to apprehend this individual’s accomplice who was wanted for questioning by Coral Gables Detectives regarding multiple theft incidents. It is because Officer Ferrufino’s constant dedication to the businesses, its citizens and the operations of the Police Department that she was selected for both Officer of the Month for October and December 2024, and it is one of their proud moments to have one of their officers recognized by their peers. Officer Ferrufino greeted the Mayor and City Commission and thanked Police Chief Hudak, Asst. Chief Hanlon and the Command Staff with whom she has had the pleasure of working with during her last seven and a half years. She then thanked her family --- three children and husband and her colleagues who were there to support her. She concluded her acceptance speech by saying it is a pleasure to work for the city and do what she does. Commissioner Castro stated that she is not bias, but the city has the best and most exceptional police department in the world and congratulated the officer. Police Chief Hudak thanked her. Vice Mayor Anderson concurred that they are all biased

regarding that because they feel safe walking at night where they wouldn't feel safe walking in the City of Miami during the same time.

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City Clerk Item No. 8

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.

Attachments: [Cover Memo, FF of the Month, January 2025](#)
[FF of the month January 2025 ltr](#)

Mayor Lago introduced Fire Chief de la Rosa who made the presentation to Battalion Chief Alex Garces recipient of the City of Coral Gables "Firefighter of the Month Award," for the month of January 2025 who he said took it upon himself to redo their department's entire Policy and Procedures Manual to ensure that it was vetted to meet the industry's standard, making it a practical, well-informed document that serves as the cornerstone for their firefighters to provide an effective and safe response. It is for his dedication to their department in enhancing and professionalizing it, he is their firefighter of the month. Battalion Chief Garces in accepting his award acknowledges the Mayor and City Commission, City Manager, City Attorney and City Clerk and thanked them for the opportunity. Additionally, he thanked Fire Chief de la Rosa for the recognition and for the opportunity to work on such an amazing project and feel it is important. In his 32 years in this career he has dedicated his life to training, education and sharing what he learned with his colleagues and the younger... the people behind him. With that said he looks at his career in phases. In Phase I you are eager, coming in very educated and highly trained, but you don't know a lot and you are eager to learn. Phase II you educate yourself, you train hard and you gain a little bit of wisdom and Phase III you educate yourself, training hard and you earn a little bit of wisdom and with that said, he is toward the last two years of his career and he looks for every opportunity to share what he has learned in those 32 years with his colleagues and especially with the young people who recently got hired and this project was a great opportunity to do that and thanked Fire Chief de la Rosa and Deputy Fire Chief Hernandez who were working alongside him to brainstorm and help make this policy a really tight and great product for the guys and it is going to be long lasting what they provided for them, and closed by thanking his wife Linda for her constant support and patience for the many hours away from home studying all the projects, and she is the most important person, so thank you sweetheart.

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City Clerk Item No. 9

City Clerk Item No. 33

- A.-7. [25-8576](#) Congratulations to Driver Engineer John Jensen recipient of the City of Coral Gables "Firefighter of the Year Award," for 2024.

Attachments: [Cover Memo, 2024 FF of Year](#)
[2024 FF of the Year ltr](#)

Mayor Lago introduced Agenda Item A-7 and Fire Chief de la Rosa introduced Driver Engineer John Jensen recipient of the City of Coral Gables "Firefighter of the Year Award," for 2024. He stated that the Fire Department has a lot of symbolism, from the color of their helmet, the bugles on their badges they are all symbols of positions you hold in the Fire Department, but it doesn't necessarily recognize leadership and if they were to define leadership and dedication to an organization Driver Engineer John Jensen is emblematic of that because his dedication to their department, to the development of their less tenured firefighters, to the design and making sure that every item is perfect on every truck. He does a good job at all times whether he is being watched or not. He sets an example and a very high standard for himself and those who are part of his crew. It is for his leadership and dedication to the department going back for many years, he is their Firefighter of the Year for 2024 and congratulated him as did the mayor. Driver Engineer Jensen, in accepting his award laughingly said ditto to what Fire Chief de la Rosa said [Laughter]. He thanked the Mayor and City Commission, Fire Chief de la Rosa and got emotional and teared-up as he thanked his dad who was a firefighter for 30 years with the City of Miami for his work ethic. He tries to do his best, and while he is here for 24 hours, he gives it his all for the 24 hours and he gets calls at home also and thanked everyone again.

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City Clerk Item No. 10

City Clerk Item No. 34

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

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

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Item A-8 is available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk and in Legistar].

This Presentation/Protocol Document was Presented and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 30

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

Attachments: [CCMTG Jan 14 2025 - Agenda Item 2-3 - Joint Resolution of the CCG Historic Pre](#)
[CCMTG Jan 14 2025 - Agenda Item C - Public Comment1](#)
[CCMTg Jan 14 2025 - Agenda Item E-1 - Appeal from HEP Board decision to desi](#)
[CCMTg Jan 14 2025 - Agenda Item E-2 - Ordinance granting Conditional Use for a](#)
[CCMTg Jan 14 2025 - Agenda Item E-3 - Ordinance approving the vacation of a p](#)
[CCMTG Jan 14 2025 - Agenda Item F-1 - Resolution directing the CM to negotiate](#)
[CCMTG Jan 14 2025 - Agenda Item F-4 - Resolution amending the procedure for](#)
[CCMTG Jan 14 2025 - Agenda Item F-5 - Resolution of the City Commission incre](#)
[CCMTG Jan 14 2025 - Agenda Item H-1 - Resolution accepting the recommendat](#)
[CCMTG Jan 14 2025 - Agenda Item H-2 - Succession planfor the City Managers c](#)
[CCMTg Jan 14 2025 - Agenda Items 2-1 and 2-2 are related - Resolutions of the V](#)
[Meeting Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Fernandez, that this motion be approved . The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Yeas : 5 - Vice Mayor Anderson, Commissioner Castro, Commissioner Fernandez, Commissioner Menendez and Mayor Lago

City Clerk Item No. 11

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

Attachments: [CCMTG Jan 28 2025 - Agenda Item C - Public Comment](#)
[CCMTG Jan 28 2025 - Agenda Item E-1 - An ordinance providing for text amendn](#)
[CCMTG Jan 28 2025 - Agenda Item E-2 - Ordinance approving the vacation of a r](#)
[CCMTG Jan 28 2025 - Agenda Item E-3 - Ordinance requesting amendments to tl](#)
[CCMTG Jan 28 2025 - Agenda Item F-1 - Resolution of the City Commission appr](#)
[CCMTG Jan 28 2025 - Agenda Item F-3 - Discussion regarding metal roof and sol](#)
[CCMTG Jan 28 2025 - Agenda Item F-4 - Discussion regarding temporary speed i](#)
[CCMTG Jan 28 2025 - Agenda Item G-1 - Resolution approving funding support to](#)
[CCMTG Jan 28 2025 - Agenda Item G-2 - Resolution approving the long-term loa](#)
[CCMTG Jan 28 2025 - Agenda Item H-2 - Update on City Hall](#)
[CCMTG Jan 28 2025 - Agenda Item K - Discussion Items](#)
[CCMTG Jan 28 2025 - Agenda Items E-4 and E-5 are related - Ordinance providir](#)
[Meeting Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Fernandez, that this motion be approved . The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Yeas : 5 - Vice Mayor Anderson, Commissioner Castro, Commissioner Fernandez, Commissioner Menendez and Mayor Lago

City Clerk Item No. 12

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

City Clerk Item No. 13

D. CONSENT AGENDA**Passed the Consent Agenda**

A motion was made by Commissioner Fernandez, seconded by Vice Mayor Anderson to Approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Yeas : 5 - Vice Mayor Anderson, Commissioner Castro, Commissioner Fernandez, Commissioner Menendez and Mayor Lago

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-23**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

Attachments: [DraftCover Memo Quantela_updated](#)
[DraftResolution 2025](#)
[R-2025-23 Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE CHIEF INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY OFFICER AUTHORIZING AN ENTERPRISE LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH QUANTELA, INC., FOR THE RENEWAL OF THE QUANTELA URBAN ANALYTICS PLATFORM PURSUANT TO SECTION 2-689, SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT OF THE PROCUREMENT CODE.

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2025-23 BY VOICE VOTE

City Clerk Item No. 14

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-24**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.

Attachments: [Cover Memo - Disability Affairs - Ex-Officio](#)
[Draft Resolution - Transportation Advisory Board - Commission Appointment R-2025-24 Signed](#)

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.

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2025-24 BY VOICE VOTE

City Clerk Item No. 15

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-25**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

Attachments: [Agenda Cover Memo.doc](#)
[SS 2025-038 Request for Sole Source Procurement-Sole Source letter.pdf](#)
[Draft Resolution.docx](#)
[R-2025-25 Signed](#)

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.

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2025-25 BY VOICE VOTE

City Clerk Item No. 16

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.

Attachments: [1-13-25 minutes](#)
[ATTENDANCE-January 13, 2025](#)

This Matter was approved BY VOICE VOTE

City Clerk Item No. 17

- 1.-2. [25-8638](#) Coral Gables Golf and Country Club Advisory Board Meeting of December 18, 2024.

Attachments: [Country Club Meeting Minutes 12.18.24](#)

This Matter was approved BY VOICE VOTE

City Clerk Item No. 18

- 1.-3. [25-8639](#) Coral Gables Golf and Country Club Advisory Board Meeting of January 22, 2025.

Attachments: [Country Club 1.22.25](#)

This Matter was approved BY VOICE VOTE

City Clerk Item No. 19

- 1.-4. [24-8524](#) Cultural Development Board Meeting of December 17, 2024.

Attachments: [CDB Minutes December 17, 2024 Draft CC](#)

This Matter was approved BY VOICE VOTE

City Clerk Item No. 20

- 1.-5. [25-8573](#) Landscape Beautification Advisory Board Meeting of January 9, 2025.

Attachments: [010925-LBAB Minutes - 25-8573](#)

This Matter was approved BY VOICE VOTE

City Clerk Item No. 21

- 1.-6. [25-8635](#) Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting of December 12, 2024.

Attachments: [Parks Meeting Minutes 12.12.24](#)

This Matter was approved BY VOICE VOTE

City Clerk Item No. 22

- 1.-7. [25-8636](#) Parks and Recreation Youth Advisory Board Meeting of January 8, 2025.

Attachments: [Youth Minutes 1.8.25](#)

This Matter was approved BY VOICE VOTE

City Clerk Item No. 23

- 1.-8. [25-8637](#) Parks and Recreation Youth Advisory Board Meeting of February 5, 2025.

Attachments: [Youth Minutes 2.5.25](#)

This Matter was approved BY VOICE VOTE

City Clerk Item No. 24

- 1.-9. [24-8477](#) Planning and Zoning Board Meeting of December 17, 2024.

Attachments: [12 17 24 PZB MINUTES](#)

This Matter was approved BY VOICE VOTE

City Clerk Item No. 25

- 1.-10. [25-8640](#) Senior Citizens Advisory Board Meeting of December 5, 2025.

Attachments: [Senior Minutes 12.5.24](#)

This Matter was approved BY VOICE VOTE

City Clerk Item No. 26

- 1.-11. [25-8644](#) Senior Citizens Advisory Board Meeting of January 9, 2025.

Attachments: [Senior Minutes 1.9.25](#)

This Matter was approved BY VOICE VOTE

City Clerk Item No. 27

- 1.-12. [25-8585](#) Transportation Advisory Board Meeting of November 19, 2024.

Attachments: [Minutes 11.19](#)

This Matter was approved BY VOICE VOTE

City Clerk Item No. 28

- 1.-13. [25-8533](#) Waterway Advisory Board Meeting of January 8, 2025.

Attachments: [Minutes 1-8-25](#)
[WAB Cover Memo Template - 1-08-2025](#)

This Matter was approved BY VOICE VOTE

City Clerk Item No. 29

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.

Attachments: [Minutes 2-5-25](#)
[WAB US-1 bridge Cover 2-5-25](#)
[WAB US-1 bridge RESOL- 2-5-25](#)

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Item 2-1 is available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk and in Legistar].

A motion was made by Mayor Lago, seconded by Vice Mayor Anderson, that this matter be Deferred. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas : 5 - Vice Mayor Anderson, Commissioner Castro, Commissioner Fernandez, Commissioner Menendez and Mayor Lago

City Clerk Item No. 36

E. PUBLIC HEARINGS

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 for an effective date.

Lobbyist: Suzanne A. Dockerty

Attachments: [01 15 25 Attachment A Applicant Submittal Package](#)
[01 15 25 PZB Staff Report w Attachments](#)
[02 11 25 CC - St Theresa Ordinance Amendment](#)
[02 11 25 Exhibit A - Applicant Submittal Package](#)
[02 11 25 Exhibit B - Draft Ordinance](#)
[02 11 25 Exhibit C - Ordinance No. 2900 and 2997](#)
[02 11 25 Exhibit D - 01 15 25 PZB Staff Report w Attachments](#)
[02 11 25 Exhibit E - Excerpts from 01.15.25 PZB Meeting Minutes](#)
[02 11 25 Exhibit G - PowerPoint Presentation](#)
[02 11 25 Exhibit F - Public Comment](#)
[02 25 25 Exhibit A - Draft Ordinance](#)
[02 25 25 CC Cover Memo - St Theresa Ordinance Amendment - 2nd Reading](#)

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Item E-1 is available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk and in Legistar].

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Menendez, that this matter be approved as an Ordinance on First Reading. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas : 5 - Commissioner Fernandez, Commissioner Menendez, Vice Mayor Anderson, Commissioner Castro and Mayor Lago

City Clerk Item No. 32

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

Attachments: [12 17 24 - 299 Minorca - PZB Staff Report w attachments B - F](#)
[12 17 24 Attachment A Applicant's submittal package](#)
[01 15 25 - 299 Minorca Staff Memo w Attachments](#)
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[02 11 25 Exhibit D - 12 17 24 PZB Staff Report w attachments B - F](#)
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[02 11 25 Exhibit F - Excerpts from 12 17 24 PZB Meeting Minutes](#)
[02 11 25 Exhibit G - Excerpts from 01 15 25 PZB Meeting Minutes](#)
[02 11 25 Exhibit H - PowerPoint Presentation](#)
[02 11 25 CC Cover Memo - 299 Minorca Conditional Use Remote Parking and TC](#)

This Resolution was Deferred

City Clerk Item No. 3

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)

Lobbyist: Jorge Navarro

Attachments: [12 17 24 - 299 Minorca - PZB Staff Report w attachments B - F](#)
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This Resolution was Deferred

City Clerk Item No. 4

F. CITY COMMISSION ITEMS**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-28****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)

Attachments: [Cover Memo Resident Parking Rate Pilot Program](#)
[Resident Parking Rate Pilot Program - DRAFT Resolution \(2-5-25\) \(002\)](#)
[R-2025-28 Signed](#)

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.

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Item F-1 is available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk and in Legistar].

A motion was made by Commissioner Castro, seconded by Commissioner Menendez, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2025-28. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas : 5 - Commissioner Castro, Commissioner Fernandez, Commissioner Menendez, Vice Mayor Anderson and Mayor Lago

City Clerk Item No. 37

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-29**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)

Attachments: [2-11-2025 Expedited Permit Review Program](#)
[Expedited permit review trial program](#)
[R-2025-29 Signed](#)

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.

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Item F-2 is available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk and in Legistar].

A motion was made by Commissioner Castro, seconded by Commissioner Menendez, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2025-29. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas : 3 - Commissioner Fernandez, Commissioner Menendez and Commissioner Castro

Nays : 2 - Vice Mayor Anderson and Mayor Lago

City Clerk Item No. 38

Time Certain 12:00pm (Agenda Item F-3)**F.-3. [25-8623](#)**

Discussion regarding construction on Camilo Avenue.
(Sponsored by Commissioner Castro)

Attachments: [Construction on Camilo Ave II](#)
[Construction on Camilo Ave III](#)
[Construction on Camilo Ave](#)

This Agenda Item was Deferred

City Clerk Item No. 5

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

This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 39

G. BOARDS/COMMITTEES ITEMS

Time Certain 10:30am (Agenda Item G-1)

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-26

- G.-1. [24-8504](#) A Resolution of the City Commission approving the concept and donation of a work of public art by Jaime 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).

Attachments: [R-Draft-AiPP 4241 Aurora St Plensa](#)
[Commission Cover 02.11.2025 AiPP 4241 Aurora Plensa](#)
[Exhibit A 4241 Aurora AiPP](#)
[R-2025-26 Signed](#)

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 ST. 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).

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Item G-1 is available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk and in Legistar].

A motion was made by Commissioner Castro, seconded by Vice Mayor Anderson, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2025-26. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas : 5 - Commissioner Castro, Commissioner Fernandez, Commissioner Menendez, Vice Mayor Anderson and Mayor Lago

City Clerk Item No. 31

H. CITY MANAGER ITEMS

Time Certain 11:00am (Agenda Item H-1)

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-27

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)

Attachments: [Coral Gables Competitive Assessment Addendum Update 10.03.2024 FINAL](#)
[Coral Gables Economic Development Strategic Plan FINAL 10.21.24](#)
[2.11.25 CVR Economic Development Strategic Plan](#)
[2.11.25 RESO Economic Development Strategic Plan](#)
[Coral Gables ED Board Meeting 12.04.2024](#)
[R-2025-27 Signed](#)

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).

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Item H-1 is available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk and in Legistar].

A motion was made by Commissioner Castro, seconded by Vice Mayor Anderson, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2025-27. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas : 5 - Commissioner Menendez, Vice Mayor Anderson, Commissioner Castro, Commissioner Fernandez and Mayor Lago

City Clerk Item No. 35

I. CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS

None

J. CITY CLERK ITEMS**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-30****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.

Attachments: [2025 Canvassing Board Resolution](#)
[Cover Memo Canvassing Board 2025](#)
[R-2025-30 Signed](#)

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.

A motion was made by Commissioner Fernandez, seconded by Vice Mayor Anderson, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2025-30. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas : 5 - Commissioner Menendez, Vice Mayor Anderson, Commissioner Castro, Commissioner Fernandez and Mayor Lago

City Clerk Item No. 40

K. DISCUSSION ITEMS

City Clerk Item No. 41

ADJOURNMENT

[Note for the Record: There being no further business on the Regular City Commission Meeting Agenda. The Commission of the City of Coral Gables adjourned its meeting at 6:11 p.m. The next Regular Meeting of the City Commission has been scheduled for Tuesday, February 25, 2025, beginning 9 a.m.]

Billy Y. Urquia
City Clerk