

# **City of Coral Gables**

*405 Biltmore Way  
Coral Gables, FL 33134  
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## **Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, January 14, 2025**

**9:00 AM**

**This Meeting will be held at the Police and Fire Headquarters -  
Community Meeting Room  
2151 Salzedo Street, Coral Gables, FL 33134**

## **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 January 14, 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/cgtv](http://www.coralgables.com/cgtv)) as well as Channel 77 on Comcast.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 9:07 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. 2025-01 through Resolution No. 2025-14); (b) Video; (c) Audio Recording; (d) 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**

Rabbi Jonathan Fisch from Temple Judea gave the Invocation

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Vice Mayor Anderson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**A. PRESENTATIONS AND PROTOCOL DOCUMENTS**

- A.-1. [24-8436](#) Presentation of a Resolution of Condolence to the bereaved family of Leona Cooper Baker.

Mayor Lago introduced Agenda Item A-1: presentation of a resolution of condolence to the bereaved family of Leona Cooper Baker. He began by welcoming Leona Cooper Baker's family and friends at the meeting and spoke of his friendship with Leona, her extraordinary life, accomplishments, legacy, and love for the City. She was an incredible individual with a voice for her family, neighborhood and her community and someone he considered a friend. She always voiced her opinions respectfully as to what she felt was in the best interest of the city. A video was then shown of the incredible life of Leona. The spokesperson for Leona's family was Leslie Cooper accompanied by her sisters Clarise and Wilhemena, her daughter Lee, cousin Diane and her husband Hiram and cousin Terrence who accepted the proclamation on behalf of their beloved aunt Leona. She stated that her aunt loved her family, church, community and the history that makes this city beautiful and the neighboring community of Coconut Grove. They are appreciative of the city's recognition of her aunt's tireless work in keeping alive the history of their earlier settlers and families that migrated from the Bahamas and wished the blessings of God upon them and the residents on behalf of the Cooper family, thanked them. Mayor Lago stated that he attended the funeral services for Leona and it was incredible to see so many people in attendance which was a testament of her commitment to the city. He then read the Resolution of Condolence. At the end of the reading, each commissioner was given the opportunity to reflect on working with and their relationship with Leona, including Commissioner who was on Zoom.

**This Presentation/Protocol Document was Presented and Filed**

City Clerk Item No. 2

- A.-2. [24-8364](#) Congratulations to Lieutenant Norman Angel recipient of the City of Coral Gables "Firefighter of the Month Award," for the month of December 2024.

**Attachments:** [Cover Memo, FF of the Month, December 2024](#)  
[FF of the month ltr December 2024](#)

Mayor Lago introduced Agenda Item A-2: Congratulations to Lieutenant Norman Angel recipient of the City of Coral Gables "firefighter of the month award," for the month of December 2024 and fire chief de la Rosa made the presentation. Fire Chief de la Rosa said Lieutenant. Angel was the first unit to respond to a reported structure fire which occurred on November 22,2022 which upon arrival he noticed that the fire was caused because of a down powerline that had not de-energized which caused both vehicles at the front of the house to be fully engulfed and the fire threatened the homes there. Upon assessing the situation, he immediately asked FP&L to de-energized the neighborhood allowing his crew to manage the incident, protected the neighboring residents because the powerline was touching a fence and protected the structure where the fire had already impinged on and damaged the outside of the home. It is because of his critical thinking, command presence, safety of his crew, neighbors and residents he is the recipient of the award and congratulated him. Lieutenant Angel thanked the Mayor and City Commission and noted that it was a collaborative effort from his peers, mentors, crew and his command staff. Commissioner Castro also congratulated him.

**This Presentation/Protocol Document was Presented and Filed**

City Clerk Item No. 3

**Time Certain 10:00am (Agenda Item A-3)**

- A.-3. [24-8395](#) Presentation by the Coral Gables Museum.

**This Agenda Item was Deferred**

City Clerk Item No. 7

**B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- B.-1.**     [24-8327](#)     Regular City Commission Meeting of November 12, 2024.

**Attachments:**    [CCMTG Nov 12 2024 - Agenda Item E-2 - ordinance amending the City of Coral Gables](#)  
[CCMTG Nov 12 2024 - Agenda Item F-2 - Update and possible action regarding a](#)  
[CCMTG Nov 12 2024 - Agenda Item F-4 - Discussion regarding credit card proces](#)  
[CCMTG Nov 12 2024 - Agenda Item F-5 - Discussion regarding City Hall construc](#)  
[CCMTG Nov 12 2024 - Agenda Item H-1 - Resolution accepting the recommenda](#)  
[CCMTG Nov 12 2024 - Agenda Item H-2 - Resolution authorizing the approval of ;](#)  
[CCMTg Nov 12 2024 - Agenda Item I-1 - Hearing pursuant to ADRM regarding the](#)  
[CCMTG Nov 12 2024 - Agenda Item K - Discussion Items](#)  
[MeetingMinutes 11 12 2024](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Menendez, seconded by Vice Mayor Anderson, 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. 4

- B.-2.**     [24-8403](#)     Regular City Commission Meeting of December 10, 2024.

**Attachments:**    [MeetingMinutes 12 10 2024](#)  
[CCMTG Dec 10 2024 - Agenda Item C - Public Comment](#)  
[CCMTG Dec 10 2024 - Agenda Item E-2 - Ordinance providing for text amendmer](#)  
[CCMTg Dec 10 2024 - Agenda Item E-4 - Ordinance to enhance the quality of Co](#)  
[CCMTG Dec 10 2024 - Agenda Item F-2 - Resolution directing the city staff and th](#)  
[CCMTg Dec 10 2024 - Agenda Item F-4 - Update and possible action regarding alt](#)  
[CCMTG Dec 10 2024 - Agenda Item F-6 - Update regarding state legislative priori](#)  
[CCMTg Dec 10 2024 - Agenda Item H-6 - Update on City Hall](#)  
[CCMTG Dec 10 2024 - Agenda Items 2-2 and F-1 - Resolution of Recreation Advi](#)  
[CCMTG Dec 10 2024 - Agenda Item 2-1 - Resolution of the Transportation Advise](#)

**A motion was made by Vice Mayor Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Menendez, 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. 5

**C. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

City Clerk Item No. 6

**Non-Agenda Item****RESOLUTION NO. 2025-01**

**Non-Agenda** [24-8529](#)  
**enda**

Resolution allowing Commissioner Fernandez to attend Commission Meeting through zoom on January 14, 2024.

**Attachments:** [R-2025-01 Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION FINDING THAT COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ HAD AN EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCE THAT DID NOT ALLOW HIM TO ATTEND THE CITY COMMISSION MEETING IN PERSON AND ALLOWING HIM TO FULLY PARTICIPATE IN THE CITY COMMISSION MEETING OF JANUARY 14, 2025, VIA ZOOM, WHILE THERE WAS A PHYSICAL QUORUM IN THE ROOM.

**A motion was made by Vice Mayor Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Menendez, that this motion be adopted by Resolution Number 2025-01. 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

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

**A motion was made by Commissioner Menendez, seconded by Vice Mayor Anderson to Approve the Consent Agenda as amended.**

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-04****D.-1. [24-8405](#)**

A Resolution of the City Commission confirming the election of Sureya Serret, who ran unopposed for the City of Coral Gables Retirement Board Participating Regular Full-time (General/Teamster) Employee Representative seat to fill the remainder of an unexpired term which began January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2026.

**Attachments:** [Cover Memo - Sureya Serret](#)  
[R-2025-000 - Sureya Serret - Participating Regular Full-Time General-Teamster E](#)  
[R-2025-04 Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF SUREYA SERRET, WHO RAN UNOPPOSED TO THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES RETIREMENT BOARD, PARTICIPATING REGULAR FULL-TIME (GENERAL/TEAMSTER) EMPLOYEE REPRESENTATIVE SEAT FOR A TWO (2) YEAR TERM BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2025, THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2026.

**This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2025-04 BY VOICE VOTE**

City Clerk Item No. 14



**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-05****D.-2. [24-8431](#)**

A Resolution of the City Commission accepting the recommendation of the Chief Procurement Officer to award RFQ 2024-034 for General Planning Services and negotiate a Professional Services Agreement ("Agreement") with The Corradino Group, Inc., Inspire Placemaking Collective, Inc., and Chen Moore and Associates, Inc., the three (3) highest ranked responsive-responsible proposers, pursuant to Section 2-763 of the Procurement Code entitled "Contract Award" and Florida Statute 287.055, known as the "Consultants Competitive Negotiation Act" (CCNA).

Lobbyist: N/A

**Attachments:** [Agenda Cover Memo - RFQ 2024-034](#)  
[Resolution - RFQ 2024-034](#)  
[Award Recommendation Cover Memo - RFQ 2024-034 - Executed](#)  
[City Manager Intent to Award Memo RFQ 2024-034 - Signed](#)  
[Total Composite Scores](#)  
[RFQ 2024-034 Response Attachment - The Corradino Group](#)  
[RFQ 2024-034 Response Attachment - Inspire Placemaking Collective](#)  
[RFQ 2024-034 - Response Attachment - Chen Moore and Associates](#)  
[R-2025-05 Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER TO AWARD RFQ 2024-034 FOR GENERAL PLANNING SERVICES AND NEGOTIATE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT ("AGREEMENT") WITH THE CORRADINO GROUP, INC., INSPIRE PLACE MAKING COLLECTIVE, INC., AND CHEN MOORE AND ASSOCIATES, INC., THE THREE (3) HIGHEST RANKED RESPONSIVE-RESPONSIBLE PROPOSERS, PURSUANT TO SECTION 2-763 OF THE PROCUREMENT CODE ENTITLED "CONTRACT AWARD" AND FLORIDA STATUTE 287.055, KNOWN AS THE "CONSULTANTS COMPETITIVE NEGOTIATION ACT".

**This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2025-05 BY VOICE VOTE**

City Clerk Item No. 15

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-06****D.-3. [24-8432](#)**

A Resolution of the City Commission accepting the recommendation of the Chief Procurement Officer to award the Tree Replacement Project contract to Margarita's Gardens, Inc., the most responsive and responsible bidder, pursuant to Section 2-763 of the Procurement Code entitled "Contract Award" and Invitation for Bids (IFB) 2024-048.

Lobbyist: N/A

**Attachments:** [Agenda Cover Memo IFB 2024-048](#)  
[Resolution IFB 2024-048](#)  
[Award Recommendation Cover Memo - IFB 2024-048 - Executed](#)  
[City Manager Intent to Award Memo - IFB 2024-048 Tree Replacement Project - S](#)  
[Intent to Award - All bidders - IFB 2024-048 - Signed](#)  
[Bid Tabulation - IFB 2024-048](#)  
[IFB 2024-048 Response Attachment - Margarita's Garden](#)  
[R-2025-06 Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION IF THE CITY COMMISSION ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER TO AWARD TREE REPLACEMENT PROJECT TO MARGARITA'S GARDENS, INC., THE MOST RESPONSIVE AND RESPONSIBLE BIDDER, PURSUANT TO INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB) 2024-048 AND SECTION 2-763 OF THE CITY'S PROCUREMENT CODE ENTITLED "CONTRACT AWARD".

**This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2025-06 BY VOICE VOTE**

City Clerk Item No. 16

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-07****D.-4. [24-8437](#)**

A Resolution of the City Commission appointing Nikki Whiting (Nominated by Commissioner Menendez) to serve as a member of the Communications Committee, for remainder of a two (2) year term which began on June 1, 2023 and continues through May 31, 2025.

**Attachments:** [Draft Resolution - Nikki Whiting - Communications Committee](#)  
[Cover Memo - Nikki Whiting Communications Committee](#)  
[Whiting Resume 5.1](#)  
[R-2025-07 Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION APPOINTING NIKKI WHITING (NOMINATED BY COMMISSIONER MENENDEZ) TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE, FOR REMAINDER OF A TWO (2) YEAR TERM WHICH BEGAN ON JUNE 1, 2023, AND CONTINUES THROUGH MAY 31, 2025.

**This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2025-07 BY VOICE VOTE**

City Clerk Item No. 17

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

- 1.-1. [24-8179](#) Arts Advisory Panel Meeting of October 2, 2024.

**Attachments:** [AAP Meeting October 2, 2024 DRAFT CC](#)

**This Matter was approved BY VOICE VOTE**

City Clerk Item No. 18

- 1.-2. [24-8409](#) Budget Audit Advisory Board Meeting of November 20, 2024.

**Attachments:** [Meeting Minutes-November 20, 2024-Legistar Generated](#)

**This Matter was approved BY VOICE VOTE**

City Clerk Item No. 19

- 1.-3. [24-8434](#) Construction Regulation Board Meeting of November 18, 2024.

**Attachments:** [11-18-24 Minutes](#)  
[ATTENDANCE-November 18, 2024](#)

**This Matter was approved BY VOICE VOTE**

City Clerk Item No. 20

- 1.-4. [24-8180](#) Cultural Development Board Meeting of October 15, 2024.

**Attachments:** [CDB Minutes October 15, 2024 Draft CC](#)

**This Matter was approved BY VOICE VOTE**

City Clerk Item No. 21

- 1.-5. [24-8406](#) Cultural Development Board Meeting of November 19, 2024.

**Attachments:** [CDB Minutes November 19, 2024 Draft CC](#)

**This Matter was approved BY VOICE VOTE**

City Clerk Item No. 22

- 1.-6. [24-8452](#) Historic Preservation Board Meeting of October 16, 2024.

**Attachments:** [Historic Preservation Board Meeting Minutes for October 16, 2024](#)

**This Matter was approved BY VOICE VOTE**

City Clerk Item No. 23

- 1.-7. [24-8453](#) Historic Preservation Board Meeting of November 20, 2024.

**Attachments:** [Historic Preservation Board Meeting Minutes November 20, 2024](#)

**This Matter was approved BY VOICE VOTE**

City Clerk Item No. 24

- 1.-8. [24-8428](#) Landscape Beautification Advisory Board Meeting of December 12, 2024.

**Attachments:** [121224-LBAB Minutes - 24-8428](#)

**This Matter was approved BY VOICE VOTE**

City Clerk Item No. 25

- 1.-9. [24-8459](#) Mayor's Advisory Council Meeting of November 7, 2024.

**Attachments:** [Mayor's Advisory Council Meeting Minutes - November 7 2024](#)

**This Matter was approved BY VOICE VOTE**

City Clerk Item No. 26

- 1.-10. [24-8454](#) Merrick House Governing Board Meeting of August 12, 2024.

**Attachments:** [Merrick House Meeting Minutes for August 12, 2024](#)

**This Matter was approved BY VOICE VOTE**

City Clerk Item No. 27

- 1.-11. [24-8456](#) Merrick House Governing Board Meeting of September 9, 2024.

**Attachments:** [Merrick House Meeting Minutes for September 9, 2024](#)

**This Matter was approved BY VOICE VOTE**

City Clerk Item No. 28

- 1.-12. [24-8455](#) Merrick House Governing Board Meeting of October 14, 2024.

**Attachments:** [Merrick House Meeting Minutes for October 14, 2024](#)

**This Matter was approved BY VOICE VOTE**

City Clerk Item No. 29

- 1.-13. [24-8491](#) Merrick House Governing Board Meeting of November 4, 2024.
- Attachments:** [Merrick House Governing Board Meeting Minutes for November 4, 2024](#)  
[MH 10-2024 Activity Summary](#)
- This Matter was approved BY VOICE VOTE**
- City Clerk Item No. 30
- 1.-14. [24-8408](#) Parking Advisory Board Meeting of November 20, 2024.
- Attachments:** [PAB MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 20 2024 MEETING](#)  
[299 Minorca Avenue Project - Minorca Ventures LLC](#)
- This Matter was approved BY VOICE VOTE**
- City Clerk Item No. 31
- 1.-15. [24-8457](#) Pinewood Cemetery Advisory Board Meeting of July 1, 2024.
- Attachments:** [Pinewood Cemetery Advisory Board Meeting Minutes July 1, 2024](#)
- This Matter was approved BY VOICE VOTE**
- City Clerk Item No. 32
- 1.-16. [24-8458](#) Pinewood Cemetery Advisory Board Meeting of October 7, 2024.
- Attachments:** [Pinewood Cemetery Advisory Board Meeting Minutes October 7, 2024](#)
- This Matter was approved BY VOICE VOTE**
- City Clerk Item No. 33
- 1.-17. [24-8340](#) Planning and Zoning Board Meeting of November 13, 2024.
- Attachments:** [Letter by David P. Hartnett dated 11 11 24](#)  
[11 13 24 PZB MINUTES](#)
- This Matter was approved BY VOICE VOTE**
- City Clerk Item No. 34
- 1.-18. [24-8433](#) Waterway Advisory Board Meeting of December 4, 2024.
- Attachments:** [WAB Cover Memo Template -12-04-2024](#)  
[12-4-24 Minutes](#)
- This Matter was approved BY VOICE VOTE**
- City Clerk Item No. 35

**Items pulled from Consent Agenda****RESOLUTION NO. 2025-08****D.-5. [24-8487](#)**

A Resolution of the City Commission authorizing the acceptance of a \$77,040 equipment rebate voucher from the United States Department of Energy for the installation of solar panels on the roof of the Granada Diner located at 2001 Granada Blvd; authorizing the City Manager to execute the assistance agreement and authorizing an amendment to the fiscal year 2024-2025 annual budget to recognize the funds as revenue and appropriate such funds towards the cost of the project.

**Attachments:** [Cover Memo - EECBG Voucher](#)  
[Resolution - EECBG Voucher](#)  
[Equipment Rebate Terms and Conditions](#)  
[R-2025-08 Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A \$77,040 EQUIPMENT REBATE VOUCHER FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY FOR THE INSTALLATION OF SOLAR PANELS ON THE ROOF OF THE GRANADA DINER LOCATED AT 2001 GRANADA BLVD; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT AND AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 ANNUAL BUDGET TO RECOGNIZE THE FUNDS AS REVENUE AND APPROPRIATE SUCH FUNDS TOWARDS THE COST OF THE PROJECT.

**A motion was made by Vice Mayor Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Menendez, that this motion be adopted by Resolution Number 2025-08. The motion passed by unanimous vote.**

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

City Clerk Item No. 36

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 10:30am (Agenda Items 2-1 and 2-2)**

- 2.-1. [24-8427](#) A Resolution of the Waterway Advisory Board recommending the City Commission amend the City Zoning Code to include notice to the Waterway Advisory Board of waterway properties seeking a variance related to the waterway or requesting conditional use.

**Attachments:** [WAB Projects, Variances, Conditional Change in Use Notifications RESOL 12-4-24 Minutes](#)  
[WAB Projects, Variances, Conditional Change in Use Notifications COVER](#)

[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].

**This Resolution was Deferred**

City Clerk Item No. 10

- 2.-2. [24-8519](#) A Resolution of the Waterway Advisory Board recommending the City Commission object to the water viewing area project at the US-1 bridge as part of Miami-Dade County's Underline Project; and requesting a 90-day extension to the U.S. Coast Guard to allow sufficient time to respond to public notice.

**Attachments:** [WAB US-1 bridge COVER](#)  
[WAB US-1 bridge RESOL- 1-8-25](#)  
[Minutes 1-8-25](#)

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

**This Resolution was Deferred**

City Clerk Item No. 11

**Time Certain 11:00am (Agenda Item 2-3)**

- 2.-3. [24-8505](#) A Joint Resolution of the City of Coral Gables' Historic Preservation Board and the Landmarks Advisory Board requesting that the City Work with its lobbying team and the Public Service Commission to address certain issues regarding streetlights in the City.

**Attachments:** [Joint Resolution of HPB and LAB re streetlights and PSC](#)

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Item 2-3 is available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk and in Legistar].

**This Resolution was Deferred**

City Clerk Item No. 12

## E. PUBLIC HEARINGS

### APPEALS

#### Time Certain 1:30pm (Agenda Item E-1)

##### E.-1. 24-8230

An Appeal to the Coral Gables City Commission from the decision of the Historic Preservation Board on October 16, 2024, to designate the property located at 1414 Galiano Street, legally described as Lot 12 & E15ft, Lot 13, Block 32, Coral Gables Douglas Section, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 69, at Page 25, of the Public Records of Miami-Dade County, Florida, as a Local Historic Landmark.

Lobbyist: Mario Garcia-Serra

**Attachments:** [1 LHD Report -- 1414 Galiano St](#)  
[1414 Galiano -- LHD PPT](#)  
[1414 Galiano St - Notice of Appeal HPB LHD2024-009](#)  
[CASE FILE LHD 2024-009 1414 Galiano Street -- Historic Preservation Board Re:](#)  
[Historic Preservation Board Meeting Agenda - October 16 2024](#)  
[Historic Preservation Board Meeting Minutes - October 16 2024](#)  
[Historic Preservation Board Meeting Transcript - October 16 2024](#)  
[Historic Preservation Board Public Comment Recieved - October 16 2024](#)  
[Historic Significance Determination Letter - 1414 Galiano St - L1 - July 5 2024](#)  
[HPR375-LHD2024-009 - Galiano1414](#)  
[1414 Galiano Property Owner Presentation FINAL Reduced](#)  
[HPB Property Owner Submittal - 1414 Galiano Street - Presentation Summary](#)  
[HPB Property Owner Submittal - 1414 Galiano Street - Reference Photos](#)  
[HPB Property Owner Submittal - 1414 Galiano Street - Research Packet](#)  
[Cover Memo - 1414 Galiano](#)  
[1414 Galiano Street HPB appeal - January 14 procedural order](#)  
[Amended 01-08-25 - 1414 Galiano Street HPB appeal - January 14 procedural or](#)  
[1414 Galiano Street Presentation Appeal Summary 2024-01-09](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OVERRIDING THE DECISION OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD TO DESIGNATE THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1414 GALIANO STREET, LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS LOT 12 & E15FT, LOT 13, BLOCK 32, CORAL GABLES DOUGLAS SECTION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 69, AT PAGE 25, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, AS A LOCAL HISTORIC LANDMARK.

[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 Mayor Lago, seconded by Commissioner Fernandez, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2025-12. 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. 41



**ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING****Time Certain 3:00pm (Agenda Item E-2)**

- E.-2. [24-8053](#) An Ordinance of the City Commission granting Conditional Use for a Building Site Determination approval pursuant to Zoning Code Article 14, "Process", Section 14-202.6, "Building Site Determination" and Section 14-203, "Conditional Uses" to separate two (2) single-family building sites on the property zoned Single-Family Residential (SFR) District, legally described as Lots 11, 12, 13 and 14, Block 119, Riviera Section #10 (5810 Maggiore), Coral Gables, Florida; one (1) building site consisting of Lots 11 and 12 (north parcel), and the other (1) building site consisting of Lots 13 and 14 (south parcel); including required conditions; providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, and providing for an effective date.(11 13 24 PZB recommended denial, Vote 7-0) (01 14 25 City Commission deferred new submittal to PZB, Vote: 5-0)

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Item E-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 Vice Mayor Anderson, that this matter be approved as an Ordinance on First Reading. 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. 42

**E.-3. [24-8339](#)**

An Ordinance of the City Commission approving the vacation of a public right-of-way pursuant to Zoning Code Article 14, "Process," Section 14-211, "Abandonment and Vacations" and City Code Chapter 62, Article 8 "Vacation, abandonment and closure of streets, easements and alleys by private owners and the city; application process," providing for the vacation of the remaining portion of Kenmare Street lying east of Harlano Street, Coral Gables, Florida; providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, and providing for an effective date. (Legal description on file). (12 14 24 PZB recommended approval, Vote 7-0)

Lobbyist: Tucker Gibbs

Lobbyist: Wayne Pathman

**Attachments:** [12 17 24 - Kenmare St - PZB Staff Report w Attachments B - C](#)  
[12 17 24 Attachment A Applicant's submittal package](#)  
[01 14 25 Exhibit A - Applicant's submittal package](#)  
[01 14 25 Exhibit B - Draft Ordinance - Vacation](#)  
[01 14 25 Exhibit C - 12 17 24 PZB Staff Report w Attachments](#)  
[01 14 25 Exhibit D - Excerpt of 12 17 24 PZB Meeting Minutes](#)  
[01 14 25 CC Cover Memo - Kenmare Vacation](#)  
[01 14 25 E-3 Kenmare Street Commission Meeting Meeting](#)  
[01 28 25 CC- Kenmare Vacation 2nd Reading](#)  
[01 28 25 Exhibit A - Draft Ordinance - Vacation](#)  
[01 28 25 Kenmare Street PZAB - Draft](#)  
[O-2025-02 Signed](#)

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Item E-3 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 approved as an Ordinance on First Reading. 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. 43

**E.-4. [24-8404](#)**

An Ordinance of the City Commission adjusting the date of the 2025 Run-Off Election from April 22, 2025 to April 29, 2025 in accordance with Section 1.1 of the City Charter; and adjusting all other dates related thereto, including the date the Mayor and Commissioners shall take office; providing for severability clause, repealer provision, and providing for an effective date.

**Attachments:** [Cover Memo- First Reading Ordinance Changing 2025 RunOff Date](#)  
[First Reading Ordinance- Changing 2025 RunOff date \(1-6-25\)](#)

**This Ordinance was Withdrawn**

City Clerk Item No. 44

**F. CITY COMMISSION ITEMS****RESOLUTION NO. 2025-02****F.-1. [24-8461](#)**

A Resolution of the City Commission, directing the City Manager to negotiate a potential lease agreement with the Miami-Dade County Tax Collector for space located at 224 Minorca Avenue, in the Minorca parking garage; waiving certain requirements pursuant to Section 2-1089 of Division 12 of the Procurement Code; providing for terms and conditions to be addressed during negotiations; and providing for an effective date.  
(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)

**Attachments:** [Cover memo - Resolution 2025 - Negotiate Lease for 224 Minorca Avenue with Tax Collector](#)  
[Resolution - Directing the CM to Negotiate Lease Agreement with Tax Collector for R-2025-02 Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO WORK WITH THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR TO IDENTIFY POTENTIAL LOCATIONS WITHIN THE CITY FOR A FACILITY; PROVIDING FOR FLEXIBILITY IN LOCATION SELECTION AND CONSIDERATION OF PUBLIC NEEDS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

[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 Vice Mayor Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Castro, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2025-02. 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. 8

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-13.1****F.-2.     [24-8502](#)**

A Resolution of the City Commission supporting Orchestra Miami as the presenter of a Centennial Concert Celebration at the Venetian Pool in 2025.  
(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)

**Attachments:**   [2025-XXXX - Orchestra Miami at Centennial Venetian Pool Concert - Cover Memo](#)  
[2025-XXXX - Orchestra Miami at Centennial Venetian Pool Concert - Resolution \(R-2025-13.1 Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION SUPPORTING ORCHESTRA MIAMI AS THE PRESENTER OF A CENTENNIAL CONCERT CELEBRATION AT THE VENETIAN POOL.

**A motion was made by Mayor Lago, seconded by Commissioner Fernandez, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2025-13.1. 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. 45

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-03****F.-3.     [24-8506](#)**

A Resolution of the City Commission directing City staff to begin discussions with the Merrick Festival Caroling Competition to become an official City event.  
(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)  
(Co-Sponsored by Vice Mayor Anderson)

**Attachments:**   [2025-XXXX - Merrick Festival Caroling Competition - Cover Memo \(1-7-25\)](#)  
[2025-XXXX - Merrick Festival Caroling Competition - Resolution \(1-7-25\)](#)  
[Revised 1/13 - 2025-XXXX - Merrick Festival Caroling Competition - Cover Memo](#)  
[Revised 1/13 -2025-XXXX - Merrick Festival Caroling Competition - Resolution \(1-R-2025-03 Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION AUTHORIZING THE MERRICK FESTIVAL CAROLING COMPETITION TO BECOME AN OFFICIAL CITY EVENT AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY'S FINANCIAL AND IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE FESTIVAL.

**A motion was made by Vice Mayor Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Castro, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2025-03. 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. 9

**Time Certain 12:00pm (Agenda Item F-4)****RESOLUTION NO. 2025-09****F.-4.     [24-8518](#)**

A Resolution of the City Commission amending the procedure for the selection of the Robert DeKorte Memorial Award recipient and increasing the associated award.  
(Sponsored by Commissioner Castro)

**Attachments:**   [Cover Memo- Resolution Amending Robert DeKorte Annual Award](#)  
[Resolution Amending Robert DeKorte Annual Award](#)  
[R-2025-09 Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION AMENDING THE PROCEDURE FOR THE SELECTION OF THE ROBERT DEKORTE MEMORIAL AWARD RECIPIENT AND INCREASING THE ASSOCIATED AWARD.

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Item F-4 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 2025-09. 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. 38

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-10****F.-5.     [24-8521](#)**

A Resolution of the City Commission increasing the award amounts for the City's Police and Firefighter of the Year, the increase which would be funded by donations from LEAF at the Coral Gables Community Foundation.  
(Sponsored by Commissioner Castro)

**Attachments:**   [Cover Memo Resolution re PO and FF of the Year and LEAF](#)  
[Resolution amending PO and FF of the Year Awards with LEAF](#)  
[R-2025-10 Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION INCREASING THE AWARD AMOUNTS FOR THE CITY'S POLICE OFFICER AND FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR, THE INCREASE OF WHICH WILL BE FUNDED BY DONATIONS FROM LEAF AT THE CORAL GABLES COMMUNITY FOUNDATION.

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Item F-5 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 2025-10. 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. 39

- F.-6. [24-8392](#) Discussion regarding metal roof and solar panels.  
(Sponsored by Commissioner Fernandez)

**This Agenda Item was Deferred**

City Clerk Item No. 51

- F.-7. [24-8396](#) Discussion regarding the Merrick House maintenance plan.  
(Sponsored by Commissioner Menendez)

**This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed**

City Clerk Item No. 46

- F.-8. [24-8503](#) Granada Golf Course greenskeeper update.  
(Sponsored by Commissioner Menendez)

**This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed**

City Clerk Item No. 47

- F.-9. [24-8507](#) Update regarding septic to sewer basin plan.  
(Sponsored by Vice Mayor Anderson)

**This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed**

City Clerk Item No. 48

- F.-10. [24-8508](#) Update regarding Biltmore Way.  
(Sponsored by Vice Mayor Anderson)

**This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed**

City Clerk Item No. 49

- F.-11. [24-8509](#) Discussion regarding temporary speed tables.  
(Sponsored by Vice Mayor Anderson)

**Attachments:** [R-2025-18-Signed](#)

**This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed**

City Clerk Item No. 50

**G. BOARDS/COMMITTEES ITEMS****Time Certain 11:30am (Agenda Item G-1)**

- G.-1. [24-8407](#) A Resolution of the City Commission approving funding support to Dade Heritage Trust toward the creation of a public sculpture honoring the life and legacy of Arva Parks McCabe to be installed at the entrance hall of the Main Miami-Dade County Public Library; authorizing an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Annual Budget to recognize the transfer of funds from the Art in Public Places reserve as revenue and appropriate such funds as determined by the Commission, (unanimously recommended by the Cultural Development Board approval/denial vote: 6 to 0).

**Attachments:** [Arva Parks McCabe\\_DHT Initiative](#)  
[Arva Parks McCabe](#)  
[Freda Coffing Tschumy](#)  
[Commission Cover 01.28.2025 AiPP Arva Parks McCabe sculpture support Dade](#)  
[R-Draft-AiPP Arva Parks McCabe\\_Sculpture](#)  
[R-2025-19 Signed](#)

**This Resolution was Deferred**

City Clerk Item No. 13

**H. CITY MANAGER ITEMS****RESOLUTION NO. 2025-11**

- H.-1. [24-8444](#) A Resolution of the City Commission accepting the recommendation of the Chief Procurement Officer to award RFP 2024-033 for Citywide Landscaping Services to SFM Landscaping Services, LLC, Inc., the highest ranked responsive and responsible proposer, pursuant to Section 2-763 of the Procurement Code entitled "Contract Award" and Request for Proposal (RFP) 2024-033.

**Attachments:** [RFP 2024-033 Citywide Landscaping Services REVISED FINAL.pdf](#)  
[RFP 2024-033 Total Composite of Scores.pdf 1.pdf](#)  
[SFM Landscape Services LLC Response to CCG RFP 2024-033 Citywide Landsc](#)  
[RFP 2024-033 - Intent to Award Memo signed 2.pdf](#)  
[Resolution - RFP 2024-033.docx](#)  
[Agenda Memo - RFP 2024-033](#)  
[R-2025-11 Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER TO AWARD RFP 2024-033 FOR CITYWIDE LANDSCAPING SERVICES TO SFM LANDSCAPING SERVICES, LLC, THE HIGHEST RANKED RESPONSIVE-RESPONSIBLE PROPOSER, PURSUANT TO SECTION 2-763 OF THE PROCUREMENT CODE ENTITLED "CONTRACT AWARD" AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE A FINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT ACCEPTABLE TO THE CITY FOR THIS PROJECT.

[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 2025-11. 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

**H.-2. [24-8520](#)**

Succession plan for the City Manager's Office.

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

City Clerk Item No. 40

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-13**

**Non-Ag [25-8531](#)  
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A Resolution of the City Commission appointing Albert Parjus. as City Manager of the City of Coral Gables, Florida, effective January 28, 2025.

**Attachments:** [R-2025-13 Draft - appointing Alberto N. Parjus as City Manager](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION APPOINTING ALBERTO N. PARJUS AS CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES.

A motion was made by Commissioner Castro, seconded by Commissioner Menendez, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2025-13. The motion passed by the following vote.

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

**Nays :** 2 - Vice Mayor Anderson and Mayor Lago

City Clerk Item No. 52



**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-14**

**Non-Agenda** [25-8532](#)

A Resolution of the City Commission designating Commissioner Kirk Menendez to negotiate a salary and benefits package for the newly appointed City Manager.

**Attachments:** [R-2025-14 Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION DESIGNATING COMMISSIONER KIRK MENENDEZ TO NEGOTIATE A SALARY AND BENEFITS PACKAGE FOR THE NEWLY APPOINTED CITY MANAGER.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Castro, seconded by Commissioner Menendez, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2025-14. The motion passed by the following vote.**

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

**Nays :** 2 - Vice Mayor Anderson and Mayor Lago

City Clerk Item No. 53

**I. CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS**

**None**

**J. CITY CLERK ITEMS**

**None**

**K. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**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 6:45 p.m. The next Regular Meeting of the City Commission has been scheduled for Tuesday, January 28, 2025, beginning 9 a.m.]

**Billy Y. Urquia  
City Clerk**