

# **City of Coral Gables**

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## **Agenda - Final**

**Tuesday, May 6, 2025**

**9:00 AM**

**Special Commission Meeting**

**City Hall, Commission Chambers**

### **City Commission**

*Mayor Vince Lago  
Vice Mayor Rhonda Anderson  
Commissioner Melissa Castro  
Commissioner Ariel Fernandez  
Commissioner Richard D. Lara*

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

The City of Coral Gables will be holding its Special Commission Meeting Tuesday, May 6, 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/cgty](http://www.coralgables.com/cgty)) as well as Channel 77 on Comcast.

## CALL TO ORDER

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### A. 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.*

### B. 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

#### B.-1. [25-8917](#)

An Ordinance of the City Commission amending Section 1- " Creation, Composition, Election, Terms, Vacancies, Qualifications" and Section 1.1 "Run-Off Election" of Article 1 "City Commission and Mayor" of the City Charter to change the date of the General Election from April 13, 2027 to November 03, 2026 and to change the date of all subsequent elections; providing for a four (4) month reduction of existing terms of office; moving the Run-Off Election to four (4) weeks after the General Election and moving the Swearing-In date to five (5) weeks after the General Election; amending Section 3 "Election to Office; Commission As Judge of Qualifications, Requirements, Ballots, Canvassing, and Qualifying Periods" amending the qualifying period; adopting such Charter Amendments pursuant to Section 100.3605, 101.75, and 166.021(4), Florida Statutes; providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, codification, and providing for an effective date.

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#### B.-2. [25-8921](#)

An Ordinance of the City Commission amending City Code Chapter 2, "Administration," Article III "Boards, Commissions, Committees," Section 2-79 "Order of Business," to clarify and amend public comment and Commission sponsorship procedures; providing for severability clause, repealer provision, and providing for an effective date.

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**Agenda Items B-3a and B-3b are proposed alternative Ordinances. Only one will be adopted by the City Commission.**

- B.-3a. [25-8918](#)** An Ordinance of the City Commission amending City Code Chapter 2, "Administration," Article II "City Commission," Section 2-29 "Compensation of Mayor, Commissioners; Travel Allowance," to adjust the compensation and expense allowance of the Mayor and Commissioners; providing for severability clause, repealer provision, and providing for an effective date.  
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- B.-3b. [25-8919](#)** An Ordinance of the City Commission amending City Code Chapter 2, "Administration," Article II "City Commission," Section 2-29 "Compensation of Mayor, Commissioners; Travel Allowance," to adjust the compensation and expense allowance of the Mayor and Commissioners to one dollar annually; providing for severability clause, repealer provision, and providing for an effective date.  
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- B.-4. [25-8920](#)** An Ordinance of the City Commission amending the City of Coral Gables Code by Creating Chapter 2 "Administration," Article VII "Finance," Division 1 "Generally," Section 2-352 Fund Balance and Reserve Policy," to codify the Fund Balance and Reserve Policy establish pursuant to Resolution No. 2016-34 and to require a four-fifths vote of the City Commission prior to spending general fund reserves, except during a declared State of Emergency, and to provide that the policy may be amended by ordinance approved by a four-fifths vote of the City Commission; providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, codification, and providing for an effective date.  
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**RESOLUTIONS**

- B.-5. [25-8915](#)** A Resolution of the City Commission calling a Special Election on the proposed ballot question and City Charter amendment to be held on November 3, 2026; providing for submission to the electors for approval or disapproval of a ballot question asking whether the City Charter should be amended to require the convening of a Charter Review Committee every ten years and outlining the composition of that committee; providing for notice; providing for inclusion in the City Charter; providing for related matters; providing for an effective date.  
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- B.-6. [25-8916](#)** A Resolution of the City Commission calling a Special Election on the proposed ballot question and City Charter Amendment to be held on November 3, 2026; providing for submission to the electors for approval or disapproval of a ballot question asking whether the City Charter should be amended to require an Inspector General with certain powers (including the power to subpoena witnesses) either by the Miami-Dade County Inspector General or other City-Appointed Inspector General, provided that such office's appointment term functions, and powers shall be further established by ordinance; providing for requisite ballot language; providing for procedures for balloting; providing for notice; providing for inclusion in the City Charter; providing for related matters; providing for an effective date.  
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- B.-7. [25-8922](#) A Resolution of the City Commission amending Resolution No. 2023-267 (As Amended) to expand the existing Charter Review Committee to include two additional members with one member chosen by the City Manager and one Chosen by the City Attorney.  
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- B.-8. [25-8923](#) A Resolution of the City Commission amending Resolution No. 2021-225 which amended the policy adopted pursuant to Resolution No. 2019-55 for City Commissioner Expense Accounts/Office Budgets and directing City staff to reduce the amount from \$10,000 to \$5,000 in the proposed Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget.  
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**C. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

*This time is for informal discussion among the City Commissioners, the City Manager and the City Attorney*

- C.-1. [25-8924](#) Discussion regarding City Manager.  
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## 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**