

# **City of Coral Gables**

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

**Tuesday, January 24, 2023**

**9:00 AM**

**City Hall, Commission Chambers**

### **City Commission**

*Mayor Vince Lago  
Vice Mayor Michael Mena  
Commissioner Rhonda Anderson  
Commissioner Jim Cason  
Commissioner Kirk R. Menendez*

*Peter J. Iglesias, P.E., City Manager  
Cristina M. Suárez, City Attorney  
Billy Y. Urquia, City Clerk*

The City of Coral Gables will be holding its Regular Meeting on Tuesday, January 24, 2023, 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.

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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 9:04 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) Ordinance(s) adopted (Ordinance No. 2023-04 through Ordinance No. 2023-07) (b) Resolution(s) adopted (Resolution No. 2023-15 through Resolution No. 2023-24); (c) Video; (d) Audio Recording; (e) Minutes Folder with Agenda and background information, including items which were submitted at the meeting.

## ROLL CALL

**Present:** 5 - Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Cason, Vice Mayor Mena, Commissioner Menendez and Mayor Lago

## INVOCATION

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

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Menendez led the Pledge of Allegiance

## A. PRESENTATIONS AND PROTOCOL DOCUMENTS

- A.-1. [23-5211](#) Congratulations to Sergeant Gordon Dickinson, recipient of the City of Coral Gables "Officer of the Month Award," for the month of November 2022.

**Attachments:** [COMMISSION COVER MEMO - OFFICER OF THE MONTH NOVEMBER.doc](#)  
[Officer of the Month - G. Dickinson.pdf](#)

Mayor Lago introduced Agenda Item A-1: Congratulations to Sergeant Gordon Dickinson, recipient of the City of Coral Gables "Officer of the Month Award," for the month of November 2022 and Police Chief Edward J. Hudak made the presentation stating that Sergeant Dickinson is the recipient of numerous awards, and is being honored again for his involvement regarding a suspicious vehicle. During the incident, Sergeant Dickinson was the first officer to arrive at the scene where a black male was slumped down in a black BMW vehicle to avoid detection, and once the suspect was detained, he also organized fellow officers in the area to capture other suspects who were also found in the area. Sergeant Dickinson ensured that suspects were kept apart until the detectives arrived when giving their statements who confessed to attempting to breaking into homes in the area. Sergeant Dickinson is being recognized for his outstanding leadership and dedication and is a constant

stalwart when it comes to keeping and deterring the criminal elements out of the city. In receiving his award, he thanked the City Commission and all those who assisted from his department including Miami-Dade County Police and the citizens who assisted in the arrest and capture of the four burglary suspects who belonged to a national crime ring out of New York City. Mayor Lago thanked Sergeant Dickinson for his leadership and hard work and that it isn't a surprise that he is receiving another award.

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

City Clerk Item No. 1

**Non 23-5246  
Agenda**

[Presentation of a 15 year service pin for Officer Kelly Denham of the City of Coral Gables Police Department]

Presentation of a 15-year service pin for Public Information Officer Kelly Denham of the City of Coral Gables Police Department. Police Chief Edward J. Hudak stated that Officer Denham is someone during his tenure as Police Chief has come to rely on. She is not only someone that is seen regularly during City Commission meetings taking photos, but there is so much more to her. Officer Denham came to the City of Coral Gables Police Department from Florida Highway Patrol and has been his right hand during many different supervisors and positions, and during that time has represented the police department in its finest hours and during its darkest days as their PIO and in dealing with the media and is also a mentor to the officers. He thanked the Mayor and City Commission for allowing him to give Officer Denham her 15 years plus service pin. Officer Denham in receiving her service pin stated that she was at a loss for words, that it is a shock, and she did not expect it, and she loves the City of Coral Gables. As a recruiter for the past 10 plus years, she would have done her job without pay because of her love for the city and her department. More importantly she stated that it starts at the top and trickles down to senior staff and that is why they are such a great department, and one of the best in South Florida. She then thanked Police Chief Hudak. Mayor Lago stated that Officer Denham exuberates class and dignity and the City Commission and everyone always has something nice to say about her because she treats everyone with respect and a smile, always selling Coral Gables and it is reflective of who they are as a community.

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

City Clerk Item No. 2

**B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

B.-1. [23-5226](#) Regular City Commission Meeting of January 10, 2023.

**Attachments:** [CCMTG Jan 10 2023 - Agenda Item F-6 - Ordinance providing for text amendmen](#)  
[CCMTG Jan 10 2023 - Agenda Item G-1 - Update on the installation of solar pane](#)  
[CCMTG Jan 10 2023 - Agenda Item G-2 - Resolution directing the City Attorney a](#)  
[CCMTG Jan 10 2023 - Agenda Item C - Public Comment](#)  
[CCMTG Jan 10 2023 - Agenda Item F-4 - Ordinance providing for text amendmen](#)  
[Meeting Minutes](#)

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

**Yeas :** 5 - Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Cason, Vice Mayor Mena, Commissioner Menendez and Mayor Lago

City Clerk Item No. 3

**C. MAYOR'S COMMENTS****RESOLUTION NO. 2023-15**

**Non  
Agenda  
Item** 23-5248

A Resolution of the City Commission designating Mayor Lago as a representative of the City Commission to generate a letter to Miami Dade County Commission]

**Attachments:** [R-2023-15 Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION AUTHORIZING MAYOR LAGO TO SEND A FORMAL LETTER TO REPRESENTATIVE BUSATTA CABRERA AND MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMISSIONER KEVIN CABRERA REGARDING THE CONDITION OF BIRD ROAD.

**A motion was made by Vice Mayor Mena, seconded by Commissioner Menendez, that this motion be adopted by Resolution Number 2023-15. The motion passed by unanimous vote.**

**Yeas :** 5 - Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Cason, Vice Mayor Mena, Commissioner Menendez and Mayor Lago

City Clerk Item No. 4

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-16**

**Non  
Agenda  
Item** 23-5247

A Resolution of the City Commission designating the Mayor as the Commission representative in generating a letter to Miami Dade County Mayor Daniella Levine Cava to voice the commission concern on traffic calming/ landscaping issues.

**Attachments:** [R-2023-16-Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION AUTHORIZING MAYOR LAGO TO SEND A FORMAL LETTER TO MIAMI-DADE COUNTY MAYOR LEVINE

CAVA REGARDING SEVERAL PUBLIC WORKS PENDING REQUESTS WHICH REQUIRE ACTION OR APPROVAL FROM MIAMI-DADE COUNTY.

**A motion was made by Vice Mayor Mena, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, that this motion be adopted by Resolution Number 2023-16. The motion passed by unanimous vote.**

**Yeas :** 5 - Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Cason, Vice Mayor Mena, Commissioner Menendez and Mayor Lago

City Clerk Item No. 5

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-17**

**Non 23-5249  
Agenda  
Item**

A Resolution of the City Commission directing the City Manager to allocate funds for the installation of surveillance cameras to monitor illegal dumping]

**Attachments:** [R-2023-17 - Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO ALLOCATE THE NECESSARY FUNDS DURING THE 2023-2024 BUDGET CYCLE IN ORDER REDUCE ILLEGAL DUMPING IN THE CITY BY INSTALLING LIGHTS AND SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS IN DESIGNATED AREAS.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Cason, that this motion be adopted by Resolution Number 2023-17. The motion passed by unanimous vote.**

**Yeas :** 5 - Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Cason, Vice Mayor Mena, Commissioner Menendez and Mayor Lago

City Clerk Item No. 6

**Non 23-5250  
Agenda  
Item**

Update on enforcement efforts by Neighborhood Safety Aids

**This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed**

City Clerk Item No. 7

**D. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

City Clerk Item No. 8

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

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

Yeas : 5 - Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Cason, Vice Mayor Mena, Commissioner Menendez and Mayor Lago

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-18****E.-1. 23-5182**

A Resolution of the City Commission authorizing an Amendment to the Temporary License Agreement between the City of Coral Gables and Ben & Giules, Inc., with regard to the premises located at 290 Miracle Mile, Coral Gables, Florida, 33134, extending the term for twelve (12) months (April 1, 2023- March 31, 2024) increasing the License Fee to \$2,800.00 per month and the security deposit.

**Attachments:** [Commission Cover 01.24.23 \(290 Miracle Mile License Agreement Second Amendment\)](#)  
[Resolution -01.24.23 \(290 Miracle Mile License Agreement Second Amendment\)](#)  
[Ben & Giules Second Amendment to License Agreement](#)  
[R-2023-18 - Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION AUTHORIZING A SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE TEMPORARY LICENSE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES AND BEN & GIULES, INC., WITH REGARD TO THE PREMISES LOCATED AT 290 MIRACLE MILE, CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA 33134, EXTENDING THE TERM FOR TWELVE (12) MONTHS (APRIL 1, 2023-MARCH 31, 2024) AND INCREASING THE LICENSE FEE TO \$2,800.00 PER MONTH.

City Clerk Item No. 9

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-19****E.-2. 23-5184**

A Resolution of the City Commission confirming Kevin Ritzenhaler (Nominated by Commissioner Menendez) to serve as a member of the Waterway Advisory Board, for remainder of the current term, which began on June 1, 2021 and continues through May 31, 2023.

**Attachments:** [Draft Resolution - Kevin Ritzenhaler - WAB](#)  
[Cover Memo - Kevin Ritzenhaler - WAB](#)  
[R-2023-19 - Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION CONFIRMING KEVIN RITZENHALER (NOMINATED BY COMMISSIONER MENENDEZ) TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE WATERWAY ADVISORY BOARD, FOR REMAINDER OF THE CURRENT TERM, WHICH BEGAN ON JUNE 1, 2021 AND CONTINUES THROUGH MAY 31, 2023.

**This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2023-19 BY VOICE VOTE**

City Clerk Item No. 10

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

1.-1. [23-5186](#) Code Enforcement Board Meeting of November 16, 2022.

**Attachments:** [Agenda Minutes 11 16 22](#)

**This Matter was approved BY VOICE VOTE**

City Clerk Item No. 11

1.-2. [23-5212](#) Coral Gables Merrick House Governing Board Meeting of November 14, 2022.

**Attachments:** [Coral Gables Merrick House Meeting Minutes of November 14, 2022 and House F Meeting Minutes Recap for 11-14-2022](#)  
[11-14-2022 - Attendance Sheet for the City Clerk's Office](#)

**This Matter was approved BY VOICE VOTE**

City Clerk Item No. 12

1.-3. [23-5206](#) Historic Preservation Board Meeting of October 19, 2022.

**Attachments:** [Meeting Minutes Recap for 10-19-2022](#)  
[Sign In Sheet for 10-19-2022](#)  
[Historic Preservation Board Minutes - 10-19-2022](#)  
[10-19-2022 - Attendance Sheet for City Clerk's Office](#)

**This Matter was approved BY VOICE VOTE**

City Clerk Item No. 13

1.-4. [23-5213](#) International Affairs Coordinating Council Meeting of December 19, 2022.

**Attachments:** [IACC Minutes 12-19-22 Fnl](#)

**This Matter was approved BY VOICE VOTE**

City Clerk Item No. 14

1.-5. [23-5202](#) Landmarks Advisory Board Meeting of May 3, 2022.

**Attachments:** [5-3-2022 - Landmark Advisory Board Minutes](#)  
[Meeting Minutes Recap for 5-3-2022](#)  
[5-3-2022 - Attendance Sheet for the City Clerk's Office](#)

**This Matter was approved BY VOICE VOTE**

City Clerk Item No. 15



- 1.-6. [23-5203](#) Landmarks Advisory Board Meeting of August 16, 2022.
- Attachments:** [Meeting Minutes Recap for 8-16-2022](#)  
[Minutes from the Landmark Advisory Board Meeting of 8-16-2022 - Signed 8-16-2022 - Attendance Sheet for the City Clerk's Office](#)
- This Matter was approved BY VOICE VOTE**
- City Clerk Item No. 16
- 1.-7. [23-5157](#) Parking Advisory Board Meeting of October 26, 2022.
- Attachments:** [PABMeetingMinutes10262022](#)  
[Presentation Parking Ops](#)  
[Item E-1 - 4311 Ponce PZB](#)  
[GMT20221026-210643\\_Recording\\_1920x1080](#)
- This Matter was approved BY VOICE VOTE**
- City Clerk Item No. 17
- 1.-8. [23-5158](#) Parking Advisory Board Meeting Minutes of November 30, 2022.
- Attachments:** [PABMeetingMinutes11302022](#)  
[Budget Advisory Presentation 11.30.22](#)  
[GMT20221130-220708\\_Recording\\_1920x1020](#)
- This Matter was approved BY VOICE VOTE**
- City Clerk Item No. 18
- 1.-9. [23-5171](#) Property Advisory Board Meeting of December 14, 2022.
- Attachments:** [12-14-22 PAB Meeting Minutes DRAFT](#)  
[Cover Memo](#)
- This Matter was approved BY VOICE VOTE**
- City Clerk Item No. 19
- 1.-10. [23-5207](#) Transportation Advisory Board Meeting of November 15, 2022.
- Attachments:** [Cover Page for TAB Meeting Minutes 11.15.2022](#)  
[11.15.22 TAB Meeting Minutes](#)
- This Matter was approved BY VOICE VOTE**
- City Clerk Item No. 20

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 9:30am (Agenda Item 2-1)**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-20**

- 2.-1. **23-5199** A Resolution from the Historic Preservation Board requesting that the City Commission adopt a Resolution authorizing Ad Valorem tax relief for the property located at 1206 Cordova Street, a Local Historic Landmark, legally described as Lots 7 and the South ½ of Lot 8, Block 1, Granada Place Amended Plat, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 13, at Page 51 of the Public Records of Miami-Dade County, Florida.  
(Historic Preservation Board Meeting of November 16, 2022, Vote: 8-0, one member absent).

**Attachments:** [AV2019-003 HPB PowerPoint 11-16-22](#)  
[AV2019-003 HPB PowerPoint 11-16-22](#)  
[AV2019-003 1206 Cordova Street Resolution Draft 01-24-23](#)  
[AV2019-003 Part One Application](#)  
[AV2019-003 Part Two Application](#)  
[AV2019-003 Report](#)  
[COA Report 1206 Cordova-Signed](#)  
[HPB Minutes Excerpt - 03-16-17](#)  
[HPB Minutes Excerpt - 08-17-17](#)  
[HPB Minutes Excerpt - 11-16-22](#)  
[Lfinal and COA \(SP\) 2017-015](#)  
[LHDreport1206CordovaSt -- signed](#)  
[Part Two 1206 Cordova - As-Built Drawings](#)  
[ActionCover-1206 Cordova Street Ad Valorem 01-24-23](#)  
[Historic Preservation Board Minutes - 11-16-2022 - Signed](#)  
[R-2023-20 - Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION GRANTING AD VALOREM TAX EXEMPTION FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1206 CORDOVA STREET, A LOCAL HISTORIC LANDMARK, LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS LOT 7 AND THE SOUTH ½ OF LOT 8, BLOCK 1, GRANADA PLACE AMENDED PLAT, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 13, AT PAGE 51 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Cason, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2023-20. The motion passed by the following vote.**

**Yeas :** 5 - Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Cason, Vice Mayor Mena, Commissioner Menendez and Mayor Lago

City Clerk Item No. 21

## F. PUBLIC HEARINGS

### ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING

Agenda Items F-1, F-2, and F-6 are related

#### ORDINANCE NO. 2023-04

- F.-1. [22-4877](#) An Ordinance of the City Commission providing for text amendments to the City of Coral Gables Official Zoning Code, Article 10, "Parking," Section 10-109, "Payment in Lieu and Remote Off-Street Parking;" to revise remote parking and payment-in-lieu processes, requirements, and fee structure; providing for severability clause, repealer provision, codification, and providing for an effective date.

**Attachments:** [11 01 22 - Remote Parking PZB Staff Report w attachments](#)  
[12 14 22 - Remote Parking - PZB Staff Report w attachments](#)  
[01 10 23 Ex A - Zoning Code Draft Ordinance - Remote Parking](#)  
[01 10 23 Ex B - City Code Draft Ordinance - Remote Parking](#)  
[01 10 23 Ex C - 12 14 22 PZB Staff Report w attachments](#)  
[01 10 23 Ex D - Excerpt from 11 01 22 PZB Meeting Minutes](#)  
[01 10 23 Ex E - Excerpt from 12 14 22 PZB Meeting Minutes](#)  
[01 10 23 CC Cover Memo - Remote Parking](#)  
[01 24 23 Ex A - Draft Zoning Code Ordinance](#)  
[01 24 23 Ex B - Draft City Code Ordinance](#)  
[01 24 23 Ex C - Draft Resolution](#)  
[01 24 23 CC Cover Memo - Remote Parking - 2nd Reading](#)  
[O-2023-04 - Signed](#)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION PROVIDING FOR TEXT AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES OFFICIAL ZONING CODE, ARTICLE 10, "PARKING," SECTION 10-109, "PAYMENT IN LIEU AND REMOTE OFF-STREET PARKING;" TO REVISE REMOTE PARKING AND PAYMENT-IN-LIEU PROCESSES, REQUIREMENTS, AND FEE STRUCTURES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, REPEALER, CODIFICATION, AND FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Items F-1, F-2 and F-6 is available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk and in Legistar].

**A motion was made by Commissioner Menendez, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, that this matter be adopted by Ordinance Number 2023-04. The motion passed by the following vote.**

**Yeas :** 5 - Vice Mayor Mena, Commissioner Menendez, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Cason and Mayor Lago

City Clerk Item No. 23

**ORDINANCE NO. 2023-05****F.-2. 22-5100**

An Ordinance of the City Commission providing for text amendments to the Code of the City of Coral Gables, Chapter 74, Article III, Division 5 entitled "Parking Replacement Assessment," providing for updates to the assessment provisions and procedures, and providing for severability clause, repealer provision, codification and providing for an effective date.

**Attachments:** [01 10 23 CC Cover Memo - Remote Parking](#)  
[01 10 23 Ex A - Zoning Code Draft Ordinance - Remote Parking](#)  
[01 10 23 Ex B - City Code Draft Ordinance - Remote Parking](#)  
[01 10 23 Ex C - 12 14 22 PZB Staff Report w attachments](#)  
[01 10 23 Ex D - Excerpt from 11 01 22 PZB Meeting Minutes](#)  
[01 10 23 Ex E - Excerpt from 12 14 22 PZB Meeting Minutes](#)  
[01 24 23 Ex A - Draft Zoning Code Ordinance](#)  
[01 24 23 Ex B - Draft City Code Ordinance](#)  
[01 24 23 Ex C - Draft Resolution](#)  
[01 24 23 CC Cover Memo - Remote Parking - 2nd Reading](#)  
[O-2023-05 - Signed](#)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF CORAL GABLES PROVIDING FOR TEXT AMENDMENTS TO THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, CHAPTER 74, ARTICLE III, DIVISION 5 ENTITLED "PARKING REPLACEMENT ASSESSMENT," PROVIDING FOR UPDATES TO THE ASSESSMENT PROVISIONS AND PROCEDURES, AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, REPEALER, CODIFICATION AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Items F-1, F-2 and F-6 is available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk and in Legistar].

**A motion was made by Commissioner Cason, seconded by Commissioner Menendez, that this matter be adopted by Ordinance Number 2023-05. The motion passed by the following vote.**

**Yeas :** 5 - Commissioner Menendez, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Cason, Vice Mayor Mena and Mayor Lago

City Clerk Item No. 24

**ORDINANCE NO. 2023-06****F.-3. 22-5032**

An Ordinance of the City Commission providing for text amendments to the City of Coral Gables Official Zoning Code, Article 3, "Uses," Section 3-315, "Restaurant, open air dining at ground level and other location;" by removing Floor Area Ratio (FAR) requirements for rooftop dining; providing for severability clause, repealer provision, codification, and providing for an effective date.

**Attachments:** [12 14 22 - Rooftop Dining - PZB Staff Report w attachments](#)  
[01 10 2023 Ex A - Rooftop Dining - Draft Ordinance](#)  
[01 10 2023 Ex B - 12 14 22 PZB Staff Report w attachments](#)  
[01 10 2023 Ex C - 12 14 22 PZB Minutes](#)  
[01 10 2023 CC Cover Memo - Rooftop Dining FAR](#)  
[01 24 23 CC Cover Memo - Rooftop Dining FAR - 2nd Reading](#)  
[01 24 23 Ex A - Rooftop Dining - Draft Ordinance](#)  
[O-2023-06 - Signed](#)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION PROVIDING FOR TEXT AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES OFFICIAL ZONING CODE, ARTICLE 3, "USES," SECTION 3-315, "RESTAURANT, OPEN AIR DINING AT GROUND LEVEL AND OTHER LOCATION" AND ARTICLE 16, "DEFINITIONS;" BY REMOVING FLOOR AREA RATIO (FAR) REQUIREMENTS FOR ROOFTOP DINING; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, REPEALER, CODIFICATION, AND FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Menendez, that this matter be adopted by Ordinance Number 2023-06. The motion passed by the following vote.**

**Yeas :** 5 - Commissioner Cason, Vice Mayor Mena, Commissioner Menendez, Commissioner Anderson and Mayor Lago

City Clerk Item No. 26

**ORDINANCE NO. 2023-07****F.-4. 22-5033**

An Ordinance of the City Commission providing for text amendments to the City of Coral Gables Official Zoning Code, Article 2, "Zoning Districts", Section 2-101, "Single-Family Residential (SFR) District, amending performance standards for ground area coverage by deleting required covenant; and providing for severability clause, repealer provision, codification, and providing for an effective date.

**Attachments:** [12 14 22 PZB Staff Report - SFR Covenant w attachments](#)  
[01 10 2023 CC Cover Memo - SFR Covenant](#)  
[01 10 2023 Ex A - SFR covenant - Draft Ordinance](#)  
[01 10 2023 Ex B - 12 14 22 PZB Staff Report - SFR Covenant w attachments](#)  
[01 10 2023 Ex C - 12 14 22 PZB Minutes](#)  
[01 24 23 Ex A - SFR covenant - Draft Ordinance](#)  
[01 24 23 CC Cover Memo - SFR Covenant - 2nd Reading](#)  
[O-2023-07 - Signed](#)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION PROVIDING FOR TEXT AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES OFFICIAL ZONING CODE BY AMENDING ARTICLE 2, "ZONING DISTRICTS," SECTION 2-101, "SINGLE-

FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (SFR) DISTRICT,” AMENDING PERFORMANCE STANDARDS FOR GROUND AREA COVERAGE BY DELETING REQUIRED COVENANT; AND PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER PROVISION, SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, CODIFICATION, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Cason, that this matter be adopted by Ordinance Number 2023-07. The motion passed by the following vote.**

**Yeas :** 5 - Vice Mayor Mena, Commissioner Menendez, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Cason and Mayor Lago

City Clerk Item No. 27

### ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

- F.-5.**     **[23-5183](#)**     An Ordinance of the City Commission amending the City Code, Chapter I-General Provisions, Section 1-7 entitled "Penalties" to include additional penalties for violations of Section 74-3, entitled "Riding of Bicycles upon Pedestrian Sidewalks Generally", providing For repealer provision, severability clause, codification, and providing for an effective date.

**Attachments:**    [First Reading Cover Memo Bicycle Penalties](#)  
                          [First Reading Bicycle Penalties](#)  
                          [Second Reading Bicycle Penalties](#)  
                          [Second Reading Cover Memo Bicycle Penalties](#)

[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 Cason, seconded by Vice Mayor Mena, that this matter be approved as an Ordinance on First Reading as Amended. The motion passed by the following vote.**

**Yeas :** 5 - Commissioner Menendez, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Cason, Vice Mayor Mena and Mayor Lago

City Clerk Item No. 28

## RESOLUTIONS

### Agenda Items F-1, F-2, and F-6 are related

#### RESOLUTION NO. 2023-22

- F.-6.**     [23-5176](#)     A Resolution of the City Commission amending Resolution 2013-256, to clarify Remote Parking and Payment-in-lieu fees in accordance with City Code Chapter 74 - Traffic and Vehicles, Article III - Stopping, Standing and Parking, Division 5. Parking Replacement Assessment, providing for severability and providing for an effective date.

**Attachments:**     [01 24 23 Ex A - Draft Zoning Code Ordinance](#)  
                               [01 24 23 Ex B - Draft City Code Ordinance](#)  
                               [01 24 23 Ex C - Draft Resolution](#)  
                               [01 24 23 CC Cover Memo - Remote Parking - 2nd Reading](#)  
                               [R-2023-22 - Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2013-256 TO CLARIFY REMOTE PARKING AND PAYMENT-IN-LIEU FEES IN ACCORDANCE WITH CITY CODE CHAPTER 74 - TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES, ARTICLE III - STOPPING, STANDING AND PARKING, DIVISION 5. PARKING REPLACEMENT ASSESSMENT, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Items F-1, F-2 and F-6 is available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk and in Legistar].

**A motion was made by Commissioner Cason, seconded by Commissioner Menendez, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2023-22. The motion passed by the following vote.**

**Yeas :** 5 - Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Cason, Vice Mayor Mena, Commissioner Menendez and Mayor Lago

City Clerk Item No. 25

## G. CITY COMMISSION ITEMS

- G.-1.**     [23-5189](#)     Update on green matter in trash pits and Leon County's pilot program.  
 (Sponsored by Mayor Lago)

[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].

**This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed**

City Clerk Item No. 29

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-23**

- G.-2.**    [23-5219](#)    A Resolution of the City Commission authorizing the City Manager to provide free gelato at Le Parc Café, located at the Coral Gables Golf & Country Club (“Country Club”), on Saturday, April 15, 2023, in celebration of the Country Club’s 100th anniversary.  
(Sponsored by Commissioner Menendez)

**Attachments:**    [Cover Memo Country Club Gelato](#)  
[Resolution Country Club Gelato](#)  
[R-2023-23 - Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO PROVIDE FREE GELATO AT LE PARC CAFÉ, LOCATED AT THE CORAL GABLES GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB (“COUNTRY CLUB”), ON SATURDAY, APRIL 15, 2023, IN CELEBRATION OF THE COUNTRY CLUB’S 100TH ANNIVERSARY.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Menendez, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, that this motion be adopted by Resolution Number 2023-23. The motion passed by unanimous vote.**

**Yeas :** 5 - Vice Mayor Mena, Commissioner Menendez, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Cason and Mayor Lago

City Clerk Item No. 30

**H.    BOARDS/COMMITTEES ITEMS**

**Time Certain 10:00am (Agenda Items H-1 and H-2)**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-21**

- H.-1.**    [22-5112](#)    A Resolution of the City Commission accepting a proposal from artist Janine Antoni and approving the fabrication and installation of the sculpture Whispering Through a Stone, (unanimously recommended by the Arts Advisory Panel, approval/denial vote: 7 to 0, and the Cultural Development Board approval/denial vote: 7 to 0); authorizing the City Manager or his or her designee to negotiate an agreement with the artist; authorizing an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 amended budget to recognize as revenue a transfer from the Art in Public Places reserve, and appropriating such funds to put toward the cost of fabrication, installation, and related expenses regarding the artwork..

**Attachments:**    [AAP Meeting August 2, 2022 DRAFT - Excerpt re. J. Antoni stone sculpture](#)  
[CDB Minutes August 4, 2022 DRAFT Excerpt re. J. Antoni stone sculpture](#)  
[CDB Minutes December 20, 2022 DRAFT Excerpt re. J. Antoni stone sculpture](#)  
[Exhibit A Whispering through a stone Janine Antoni](#)  
[Artist Information](#)  
[Commission Cover 01.24.2023 Janine Antoni](#)  
[R-Draft-AiPP Janine Antoni](#)  
[R-2023-21 - Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION ACCEPTING A PROPOSAL FROM ARTIST JANINE ANTONI AND APPROVING THE FABRICATION AND INSTALLATION OF THE SCULPTURE WHISPERING THROUGH A STONE, (UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDED BY THE ARTS ADVISORY PANEL,



APPROVAL/DENIAL VOTE: 7 TO 0, AND THE CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD APPROVAL/DENIAL VOTE: 7 TO 0); AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE TO NEGOTIATE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE ARTIST; AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 AMENDED BUDGET TO RECOGNIZE AS REVENUE A TRANSFER FROM THE ART IN PUBLIC PLACES RESERVE, AND APPROPRIATING SUCH FUNDS TO PUT TOWARD THE COST OF FABRICATION, INSTALLATION, AND RELATED EXPENSES REGARDING THE ARTWORK.

[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 Cason, seconded by Commissioner Menendez, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2023-21. The motion passed by the following vote.**

**Yeas :** 3 - Commissioner Cason, Commissioner Menendez and Mayor Lago

**Nays :** 2 - Vice Mayor Mena and Commissioner Anderson

City Clerk Item No. 22

**H.-2. [23-5136](#)**

A Resolution of the City Commission accepting the donation of the sculptural suite Speedforms in the Garden by designer Pininfarina and creator Cosentino, (unanimously recommended by the Cultural Development Board approval/denial vote: 7 to 0); authorizing an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 amended budget to recognize as revenue a transfer from the Art in Public Places reserve and appropriating such funds to put toward the project cost of transportation, restoration, installation, and related expenses regarding the artwork and waiving the competitive process of the Procurement Code to authorize the City Manager or his or her designee to negotiate agreements for any and all contracted work.

**Attachments:** [CDB Minutes December 20, 2022 DRAFT Excerpt re. Pininfarina Exhibit A Proposal and background for Speedforms in the Garden Donation Agreement DRAFT](#)  
[Commission Cover 01.24.2023 Pininfarina](#)  
[R-Draft-AiPP Pininfarina](#)

**This Resolution was Deferred**

City Clerk Item No. 31

**I. CITY MANAGER ITEMS**

**I.-1. [23-5188](#)** Social Media Report - 2022 Highlights

**Attachments:** [2022 SOCIAL MEDIA REPORT](#)

**This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed**

City Clerk Item No. 32

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-24**

I.-2. [23-5214](#)

A Resolution of the City Commission accepting the recommendation to extend the waiver of the competitive process of the Procurement Code for all purchases related to the Coral Gables Country Club for an additional six month period as Special Procurement/Bid Waiver, pursuant to Section 2-691 of the City’s Procurement Code.

**Attachments:** [cc waiver extension reso draft](#)  
[country club bid waiver extension cover page](#)  
[R-2023-24 - Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION TO EXTEND THE WAIVER OF THE COMPETITIVE PROCESS OF THE PROCUREMENT CODE FOR ALL PURCHASES RELATED TO THE CORAL GABLES COUNTRY CLUB FOR AN ADDITIONAL SIX MONTH PERIOD AS SPECIAL PROCUREMENT/BID WAIVER, PURSUANT TO SECTION 2-691 OF THE CITY’S PROCUREMENT CODE.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Menendez, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2023-24. The motion passed by the following vote.**

**Yeas :** 5 - Vice Mayor Mena, Commissioner Menendez, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Cason and Mayor Lago

City Clerk Item No. 33

**J. CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS**

**None**

City Clerk Item No. 34

**K. CITY CLERK ITEMS**

**None**

City Clerk Item No. 35

**L. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Mayor Lago: Commissioner Anderson, do you have any final comments?

Commissioner Anderson: I would like to continue on with Dover Kohl and bring it on the next agenda for discussion purposes.

Mayor Lago: It’s there. It will be there.

Commissioner Anderson: Okay.

Mayor Lago: Mayor.

Commissioner Cason: Two things; one, at the LeParc café, there is still no sign there that says its closed Monday. I was there yesterday interviewing somebody on the tables outside and there were at least 50 people that came up, knocked on the door and were frustrated, they had their kids and walked away. So, it seems to me that you need to put a sign up, somehow get out the word that its closed, because these people may not come back again, they get really upset when they get there and see its closed. On the door it says open Monday through Friday.

Parks and Rec Director Couceyro: We put a temporary sign up yesterday. We will get a permanent one up there.

Commissioner Menendez: And on that point, I know they have in the front, some are regular, the menu. If they're closed move that menu back inside, because just that menu makes...

Commissioner Cason: Put the closed Monday up at the front, so when people drive by, they don't get out of their car, park - people like it, but they just get very frustrated when they get to the door.

City Manager Iglesias: We will do that.

Commissioner Cason: The other thing is, remember when I was Mayor one of our big campaigns we had with Craig Leen and the whole Commission approved was, getting rid of what we called at the time the elephant turds, those giant blocks.

Mayor Lago: And I call them in constantly.

Commissioner Cason: Right - and we had a big campaign and we got rid of tons and tons of them.

Mayor Lago: Yes.

Commissioner Cason: What you're seeing now is people are very creative, they now put flags everywhere; everywhere you go there's red flags, there's blue flags, there's rows, the reflectors. Sure, they should be there if you have fresh landscaping.

Mayor Lago: Fresh landscaping.

Commissioner Cason: But they're not. I walk around the golf course and the same ones they've been for six months. It's the swale, it's a city property. What people are trying to say is that this is my swale, I don't want those people to park in front of my house and they are trying to do what we have prohibited many times. Code

Enforcement should really, I think, take one day and just go and clean them all out, take them away. I think we discussed this legally, it can be done, just take them, there is no need to discuss it.

Mayor Lago: What do we need to do to make this a reality?

City Manager Iglesias: We will do that Mayor. We've been allowing them just when you plant new grass for a short period of time till the grass sets, but they are not supposed to be there for over, I would say, two or three weeks.

Commissioner Cason: And if it's a question they want something to grow there, we have what, five or six of green matter that can be planted if that's the question. It's just getting out of hand and there are more and more and more.

City Manager Iglesias: We've been removing them, but I think they put them back. I think what we're going to do is the second time we will cite.

Mayor Lago: And also, we need to be very careful, you're seeing a proliferation of crushed rock on the swales everywhere, remember the crushed rock is to be in areas where there is not enough sunlight. If you go to North Gables now, its like, I've called in and they always say, no they have a permit, they have a permit, and their entire swales are becoming crushed rock. So, if that's what we're looking for, if that's the route we're going, tell me, because I'm getting people are saying, listen, I'd rather put artificial grass on the swale.,

City Manager Iglesias: That Mayor, should be by special permit, in areas where you have so many trees that you cannot grow grass and that's the idea of that. So, we will make sure that that's the case.

Commissioner Anderson: But we have a swale planting package with shade-loving plants that are gorgeous.

Mayor Lago: I'd rather have that. I'd rather have that.

City Manager Iglesias: That is correct.

Commissioner Anderson: And that helps with drainage.

Mayor Lago: Commissioner Menendez.

Commissioner Menendez: Two things. One, my image up, there you go. Before I go to that image, we had at the Miracle Theater, Indiana Jones Raiders of the Lost Arc last Sunday and it was a packed house, and folks were so happy to see these classic

movies on the big screen. Mayor Dorothy Thomson and her husband, Jack attended. They were super excited and when the movie ended, it was like a round of applause. It goes to show you how much people like to come together and sort of enjoy these types of things. So, at the Art Cinema, Gables Art Cinema, the other series that I'm helping with, we have That's Entertainment, which is basically a look at the Golden Era of the movie industry, particularly MGM, especially the musicals. The movie is hosted by Liza Minelli, Fred Astaire, Gene Kelley; Rotten Tomatoes has it scored a 100, and its considered one of the best movies of that nature. So, it's basically taking you through the Golden Era of Movies. Roger Ebert, which is my favorite critic of all time, who passed away a couple of years ago, says the movie is fun from beginning to end. Its not camp, its not nostalgia. It's a celebration of a time and place in American movie history when everything came together to make a new art form. So I encourage folks to see it. Its incredibly entertaining movie, so I hope everybody can come out and enjoy it. The only other thing I have that's on a personal note, I want to wish my dad a heavenly happy birthday. He would have been 101 and I just want to say that's for my dad.

Mayor Lago: Thank you. Vice Mayor. Mr. Clerk.

City Clerk Urquia: During the last Commission meeting we spoke about the April election and early voting, and the Vice Mayor brought up that the Sunday prior to the election is Easter Sunday. Perhaps it might not be a good idea to host early voting on Easter Sunday.

Mayor Lago: What other options we have?

City Clerk Urquia: We can do it ten days before the election which would be the weekend before that. Its actually Palm Sunday also.

Mayor Lago: Do we need to make a decision today?

City Clerk Urquia: We do not have to make a decision today.

Mayor Lago: Why don't we think about it and we come back to the next Commission meeting and we'll make a decision.

Vice Mayor Mena: Just to be clear. Not necessarily opposed to having early voting. My comment about Easter was more about broadly when we schedule the election at certain years it falls on Easter week when everyone is traveling, kids are off from school. That's not something that's going to get resolved for this April at this point, but it was just kind of a bigger picture something for everybody to keep in mind moving forward. Maybe there is something that can be tweaked at some point if there's ever a Charter review or something, to try to navigate that a little bit. I still

think it's a good idea to have early voting the weekend before just to make it easier for people, but I agree.

Mayor Lago: The more the merrier.

Commissioner Menendez: Can the administration, before it comes back just give us some options and we can look at them.

City Clerk Urquia: Yes.

Commissioner Menendez: That way we can hit the ground running.

Vice Mayor Mena: But to have it ten days before and not have it that weekend, I think is a little awkward.

Commissioner Menendez: I agree.

Mayor Lago: I think our choices have been made for us, but we'll talk about it in the next Commission meeting. I have one item, unless the Manager has anything you want to add.

City Manager Iglesias: No Mayor.

Mayor Lago: Madam City Attorney.

City Attorney Suarez: I don't have anything Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Lago: Congratulations on your first meeting, by the way.

City Attorney Suarez: Thank you.

Mayor Lago: You did a wonderful job.

City Attorney Suarez: Thank you.

Mayor Lago: We didn't miss a beat. One item - dovetailing off the legislation that was presented by the Vice Mayor. As I drove through the city this weekend, I looked at City Hall, I admired its beauty and I noticed, the City of Coral Gables flag is ragged, it needs to be replaced. Please, using the protocol of the Vice Mayor has set forth, let's replace the flag. Also, let's look at all our existing flags. Make sure that they are being reviewed as often as possible. I want to make sure that when we fly our colors, we fly it with the dignity and respect that the flag deserves, and I've seen the American Flag not look its best. And if you look at Coral Gables right now, the

flag outside here in City Hall, it's in pretty bad shape.

City Manager Iglesias: We'll take care of that right away Mayor.

Vice Mayor Mena: Before you move onto something else, while you're on that topic. I think Martha left, right. I don't think I've seen anything either on our website or anything promotional with respect to the flag program that was passed, so unless you let people know it exists, it doesn't exist.

Mayor Lago: Let's put it on the next weekly advertisement.

City Manager Iglesias: We will.

Mayor Lago: I think people will take advantage of it, because we are seeing a proliferation of people who are interested in putting up flags.

Vice Mayor Mena: I think it would be a good thing for Martha to create a simple promotional video about it.

Mayor Lago: I have a flag at my house that needs to be replaced, and I will be replacing it hopefully in the next few months, but I'd like to do it the right way. So, with that being said, if there are no other further comments, anything from staff, anything from the residents. Thank you for being here. Thank you for your input, your guidance. Thank you to everything you guys offer to the city. We hope you have a wonderful week. Take care and God bless.

City Clerk Item No. 36

## **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 12:24 p.m. The next Regular Meeting of the City Commission has been scheduled for Tuesday, February 14, 2023, beginning 9 a.m.]

BILLY Y. URQUIA  
CITY CLERK