

City of Coral Gables

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Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 10, 2025

9:00 AM

City Hall, Commission Chambers

City Commission

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

*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 September 10, 2025 commencing at 9:00 a.m. Members of the public may participate in person, but are also able to participate via the Zoom platform. Members of the public may join the meeting via Zoom at (<https://zoom.us/j/3054466800>). In addition, a dedicated phone line will be available so that any individual who does not wish (or is unable) to use Zoom may listen to and participate in the meeting by dialing: (305) 461-6769 Meeting ID: 3054466800. To speak prior to the City Commission taking action on an Agenda Item, please "Raise your Hand" or send a message to one of the meeting hosts using the Zoom Platform. If you joined the meeting via telephone, you can "Raise your Hand" by pressing *9. The public may comment on an item on the agenda using the City's already-established e-comment function which may be found on the City's website at: www.coralgables.com/commissionmeetings) once the meeting's agenda is published or by sending an email to cityclerk@coralgables.com prior to the start of the meeting. The Meeting will also be broadcasted live for members of the public to view on the City's website www.coralgables.com/cgtv) as well as Channel 77 on Comcast.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:07 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) Ordinance(s) adopted (Ordinance No. 2025-21 and Ordinance No. 2025-26) (b) Resolution(s) adopted (Resolution No. 2025-321 through Resolution No. 2025-344); (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 - Mayor Lago, Vice Mayor Anderson, Commissioner Castro, Commissioner Fernandez and Commissioner Lara

INVOCATION

Rabbi Mendy Fellig from the University of Miami gave the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Mayor Anderson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MERRICK MOMENT**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-321****25-9760**

A Resolution of the City Commission of Coral Gables, FL instructing the City Manager to include the Merrick Minute in the City's Website.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF CORAL GABLES, FL INSTRUCTING THE CITY MANAGER TO INCLUDE THE MERRICK MINUTE IN THE CITY'S WEBSITE.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Castro, that this motion be adopted by Resolution Number 2025-321. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

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

City Clerk Item No. 1

A. PRESENTATIONS AND PROTOCOL DOCUMENTS

- A.-1.** [25-9444](#) Presentation of a Proclamation declaring September 10, 2025 as "Baruj Salinas Day" in Coral Gables.

Mayor Lago introduced A-1 declaring September 10, 2025, as "Baruj Salinas day" in Coral Gables and read the proclamation after which he spoke in-depth of his long-time relationship between his family and Baruj and his family and his interest in not only the arts but in politics. Heriberto Cabada, the stepson of Baruj Salinas, thanked the Mayor and City Commission for the proclamation and how much it meant to them. In fact, he said that it was probably the happiest day the family has had since Baruj's passing in honoring his memory. This he believes cements his legacy as an exceptional artist and an even better person, a better father, friend to many, and husband. Through the efforts of the Baruj Salinas Legacy Estate they are bringing well-deserved attention to his artistic contributions over the years and gave the website address to find out more information.

This Presentation/Protocol Document was Presented and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 2

- A.-2.** [25-9618](#) Presentation of a Proclamation declaring September 12, 2025 as "90th Anniversary of Social Security Day" in Coral Gables.

Mayor Lago introduced Agenda Item A-2 declaring September 12, 2025 as 90th Anniversary of Social Security Day" in Coral Gables and Commissioner Lara read the proclamation. Vice Mayor Anderson stated that she believes that everyone knows of someone in their life that is dependent upon Social Security, either because of disability, or they have reached that age and they have earned it, cannot survive because it is a lifeline for them from month to month or week to week. John Weiner, a Coral Gables resident who resides at 1460 Mandavia Avenue in addressing the Mayor and City Commission stated that he was there along with others as a volunteer with AARP. He added that in the 90-year history of Social Security, it never once missed a payment, and for the past 65 years, AARP has been committed to protecting and strengthening this vital program. On behalf of AARP and their members who live in Coral Gables, he thanked the City Commission for recognizing the 90th anniversary of Social Security with a proclamation, and Mayor Lago thanked him.

This Presentation/Protocol Document was Presented and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 3

A.-3. [25-9726](#)

Presentation of a Proclamation declaring September 13, 2025 as "Unitech Builders Corp Day" in Coral Gables.

Presentation of a Proclamation declaring September 13, 2025, as "Unitech Builders Corp Day" in Coral Gables. Mayor Lago read the proclamation and Vice Mayor Anderson read the proclamation. Unitech Builders Corp. Representative Anthony Gomez in accepting the proclamation, acknowledged how proud he was to be honored and his company. He does lots of government work, including in the City of Coral Gables. Something that he also proud about is being elected President-elect of the Latin Builders Association and being successful in bringing his offices back to Coral Gables their hometown where it all started. Mayor Lago congratulated him for years of incredible work, and even though they compete in the same industry, they respect each other immensely and he respects the work that Mr. Gomez does which is top notch and for leading the Latin Builders Association

because we're building this community in a positive way, in a way that again at the end of the day is building schools, health care, a lot of things that he is involved in on a daily basis like working on historic projects, and it is a tough profession that they are in.

They both share pride themselves in leading by example and its not just about the private sector for him, it is about philanthropy and giving back and thanked him for everything he does for the community. Mr. Gomez thanked the mayor and said it was his pleasure. Commissioner Castro also congratulated Mr. Gomez, who she knows on a personal level and professionally as president of the LBA and he is a man of honor and his word and the qality of service he gives to the members in LBA is exceptional.

This Presentation/Protocol Document was Presented and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 4

A.-4. [25-9643](#)

Presentation of a Proclamation declaring September 17-23, 2025 as "Constitution Week" in Coral Gables.

Mayor Lago introduced the proclamation declaring September 17-23, 2025, as "Constitution Week" in Coral Gables. He stated that this is a personal favorite of his every year, and he looks forward to "Constitutional Week" and spending time with former Mayor Thomson, but also because the constitution is the backbone of what makes this country what it is. He then read the proclamation. Former Mayor Thomson accepted the proclamation and reminded everyone that this is an annual event in which she comes to the City Commission meeting every year in September and has done so for 45 years. She then introduced Penelope Johnson Vice Regent of Daughters of the Revolution (DAR) Coral Gables Chapter, which was organized October 20, 1928, whose motto is "Love in Our Hearts and United Hands". The Chapter met at Coral Gables Merrick House but no longer meet there because it became too prohibitive in rent and insurance for Chapter meetings. There are about 35 to 40 members and they meet once a year and all dues from members are given to DAR children's charities around the country. She wondered if something could be done to assist them with a venue because they have been meeting outside of the city. Ms. Johnson thanked the Mayor and City Commission and residents for the proclamation, and it is an honor to continue the long-standing mission of historic preservation, patriotism and education of. This week commemorates not only the signing of the US. Constitution but reminds us of the importance of protecting the freedoms and rights that it guarantees. She is grateful for the city's partnership in helping them raise awareness and inspire future generations to cherish and uphold this foundational document. Mayor Lago instructed the City Manager to look for a conference room somewhere in the city to accommodate DAR for their meetings along with free parking. Former Mayor Thomson spoke about the park opening in her honor and the gifts that she will be giving to the children attending. She also spoke of the significance of the park's location because it was previously owned by the Granada Presbyterian Church, where she has attended for 70 years and where she got married to husband Jack in 1953, where her four children were baptized and two or three of them were married. She is overwhelmed with gratitude to Mayor Lago, the City Commission and the city for the honor of having a park named after her, something that usually occurs when the individual is deceased. Commissioner Fernandez welcomed Ms. Johnson in her new role and thanked them for all they do at the DAR. He also shared information regarding the ribbon cutting ceremony at the park to commemorate its grand opening and whose theme is from the Wizard of Oz.

This Presentation/Protocol Document was Presented and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 5

A.-5. [25-9637](#)

Presentation of a Proclamation declaring September 2025 as "Childhood Cancer Awareness Month" in Coral Gables.

Mayor Lago introduced Agenda Item A-6 declaring September 2025 as "Childhood Cancer Awareness Month in Coral Gables" and Commissioner Castro read the proclamation. Commissioner Castro stated that this proclamation is very special to her. Last year, she gave a generous donation to Live Like Bella and then shared a story of her daughter being diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis so she can relate to a parent having a child with a life-threatening disease and which felt like her life was falling apart. Accepting the proclamation was Sylvia Vanni and Christina Duenas from Mystic Force Foundation for Childhood Cancer. Both ladies thanked the Mayor and City Commission for the proclamation, and a flyer was distributed to the officials on the dais which showed the many children who have suffered and/or passed away from cancer. They both spoke of their personal experiences having a child who had died from this dreaded disease and the other living with the disease and undergoing numerous operations and living in constant pain. Additionally, it was pointed out that progress has been made in sending individuals to the moon and yet there is no cure for this disease. Their purpose was to bring awareness of this disease and how it affects the individuals as well as their family left behind and that children deserve better. Mayor Lago thanked them for coming and Vice Mayor Anderson stated that it was a moving presentation and having participated in the groundbreaking event for the Ronald McDonald House, Give Hope a Home which is a great opportunity for families struggling with treatment for their children and being afforded accommodations next to the treatment center. She also spoke of other opportunities to support in funding this great cause.

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City Clerk Item No. 6

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None

City Clerk Item No. 7

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

City Clerk Item No. 8

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

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-323**D.-1. [25-9503](#)**

A Resolution of the City Commission approving the “Day of the Dead” event as one of five events of the International Cultural Events Program.

Attachments: [Application for Day of The Dead in Ponce Circle Park - Consulate of Mexico](#)
[GUIDELINES FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL EVENTS PROGRAM 8.26.25](#)
[9.10..25 RESO Day of the Dead](#)
[9.10..25 CVR Day of the Dead](#)
[R-2025-323 - Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION APPROVING THE “**DAY OF THE DEAD**” EVENT AS ONE OF FIVE EVENTS OF THE INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL EVENTS PROGRAM.

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2025-323 BY VOICE VOTE

City Clerk Item No. 11

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-324**D.-2. 25-9546**

A Resolution of the City Commission authorizing the acceptance and execution of grant funds in the amount of \$7,970.00 allocated to the Coral Gables Police Department from the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program (JAG); and authorizing an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 annual budget to recognize the \$7,970.00 grant funds as revenue and to appropriate such funds to cover the grant expenditures.

Attachments: [Agenda Memo - \\$7,970 JAG Award 6N163.doc](#)
[Draft Resolution \\$7,970 JAGC Grant.docx](#)
[6N163 - Original Signed Agreement.pdf](#)
[R-2025-324 Signed](#)
[R-2025-324 - Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE AND EXECUTION OF GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,970.00 ALLOCATED TO THE CORAL GABLES POLICE DEPARTMENT FROM THE EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM; AND AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 ANNUAL BUDGET TO RECOGNIZE THE \$7,970.00 GRANT FUNDS AS REVENUE AND TO APPROPRIATE SUCH FUNDS TO COVER THE GRANT EXPENDITURES.

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2025-324 BY VOICE VOTE

City Clerk Item No. 12

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-325**D.-3. 25-9645**

A Resolution of the City Commission authorizing the acceptance of Grant Agreement No. PW006 with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement in the amount of \$250,000, allocated to the Coral Gables Police Department for the purchase of a High Water Rescue Vehicle; authorizing an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Annual Budget to recognize the grant funds as revenue; and authorizing the City Manager to execute the grant agreement for said financial assistance.

Attachments: [Reso - FDLE High Water Rescue Vehicle](#)
[PW006 CG Police High Water Rescue Vehicle](#)
[Cover Memo - FDLE High Water Rescue Vehicle](#)
[R-2025-325 Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE CHIEF TECHNOLOGY OFFICER AUTHORIZING AN ENTERPRISE LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH ESRI, INC., FOR THE PURCHASE OF CITY-WIDE ACCESS AND UNLIMITED DEPLOYMENT OF GIS PRODUCTS AND SERVICES IN THE ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$147,000 PURSUANT TO SECTION 2-689, SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT OF THE PROCUREMENT CODE.

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2025-325 BY VOICE VOTE

City Clerk Item No. 13

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-326**D.-4. [25-9644](#)**

A Resolution of the City Commission approving the IT Department to purchase a GIS Enterprise License Agreement (ELA) from ESRI, the existing vendor of GIS applications, services, and support for Coral Gables for a total cost of \$49,000.00

Lobbyist: N/A

Attachments: [2025DraftCoverMemoESRI-ELA](#)
[2025ESRI-RenewalResolution](#)
[R-2025-326 - Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE CHIEF TECHNOLOGY OFFICER AUTHORIZING AN ENTERPRISE LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH ESRI, INC., FOR THE PURCHASE OF CITY-WIDE ACCESS AND UNLIMITED DEPLOYMENT OF GIS PRODUCTS AND SERVICES IN THE ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$147,000 PURSUANT TO SECTION 2-689, SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT OF THE PROCUREMENT CODE.

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2025-326 BY VOICE VOTE

City Clerk Item No. 14

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-327**D.-5. [25-9657](#)**

A Resolution of the City Commission confirming the appointment of Aaron Casariego (nominated by Mayor Lago) to serve as a member of the Insurance and Risk Management Advisory Board, for a two (2) year term that began on June 1, 2025 and continues through May 31, 2027.

Attachments: [Draft Resolution - Insurance and Risk Management Board](#)
[Cover Memo - Insurance and Risk Management Board](#)
[R-2025-327 - Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF AARON CASARIEGO (NOMINATED BY MAYOR LAGO) TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE INSURANCE AND RISK MANAGEMENT ADVISORY BOARD, FOR A TWO (2) YEAR TERM THAT BEGAN ON JUNE 1, 2025 AND CONTINUES THROUGH MAY 31, 2027.

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2025-327 BY VOICE VOTE

City Clerk Item No. 15

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-328**D.-7. [25-9683](#)**

A Resolution of the City Commission confirming the appointment of Leyla Alfonso (nominated by Vice Mayor Anderson) to serve as a member of the Parks and Recreation Youth Advisory Board, for a two (2) year term that began on June 1, 2025 and continues through May 31, 2027.

Attachments: [Draft Resolution - Youth Board](#)
[Cover Memo - Youth Board](#)
[R-2025-328 - Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF LEYLA ALFONSO (NOMINATED BY VICE MAYOR ANDERSON) TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD, FOR A TWO (2) YEAR TERM THAT BEGAN ON JUNE 1, 2025, AND CONTINUES THROUGH MAY 31, 2027.

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2025-328 BY VOICE VOTE

City Clerk Item No. 16

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-329**D.-8. [25-9720](#)**

A Resolution of the City Commission authorizing the acceptance of the City Manager to approve a modification to the Professional Service Agreement (PSA) 2024-030 with Robert Rionda Interiors in the estimated amount of \$74,000 for improvements at the George H. Fink Studio, pursuant to Section 2-764 of the City's Procurement Code entitled "Approval of Change Orders and Modifications".

Attachments: [9.10.25 CVR Interior Design Services for Fink Studio AMENDMENT 1](#)
[9.10.25 RESO Interior Design Services for Fink Studio AMENDMENT 1](#)
[PSA Amendment PSA 2024-030](#)
[2025-08-30 RR PSA Amendment Exhibit 4](#)
[R-2025-329 - Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE CITY MANAGER TO APPROVE A MODIFICATION TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT (PSA) 2024-030 WITH ROBERT RIONDA INTERIORS IN THE ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$74,000 FOR IMPROVEMENTS AT THE H. GEORGE FINK STUDIO, PURSUANT TO SECTION 2-764 OF THE CITY'S PROCUREMENT CODE ENTITLED APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDERS AND MODIFICATIONS.

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2025-329 BY VOICE VOTE

City Clerk Item No. 17

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-330**D.-9. [25-9723](#)**

A Resolution of the City Commission confirming the appointment of Preston G. Dickerson (nominated by Commissioner Castro) to serve as a member of the Landscape Beautification Advisory Board, for a two (2) year term that began on June 1, 2025 and continues through May 31, 2027.

Attachments: [Draft Resolution - Landscape Board](#)
[Cover Memo - Landscape Board](#)
[R-2025-330 - Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF PRESTON G. DICKERSON (NOMINATED BY COMMISSIONER CASTRO) TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE LANDSCAPE BEAUTIFICATION ADVISORY BOARD, FOR A TWO (2) YEAR TERM THAT BEGAN ON JUNE 1, 2025, AND CONTINUES THROUGH MAY 31, 2027.

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2025-330 BY VOICE VOTE

City Clerk Item No. 18

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-331**D.-10. [25-9724](#)**

A Resolution of the City Commission confirming the appointment of Fatima Perez (nominated by Commissioner Lara) to serve as a member of the Emergency Management Division, for a two (2) year term that began on June 1, 2025 and continues through May 31, 2027.

Attachments: [Draft Resolution - Emergency Management Division](#)
[Cover Memo - Emergency Management Division](#)
[R-2025-331 - Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF FATIMA PEREZ (NOMINATED BY COMMISSIONER LARA) TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIVISION, FOR A TWO (2) YEAR TERM THAT BEGAN ON JUNE 1, 2025, AND CONTINUES THROUGH MAY 31, 2027.

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2025-331 BY VOICE VOTE

City Clerk Item No. 19

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-332**D.-12. [25-9730](#)**

A Resolution of the City Commission confirming the appointment of Isis Arenas (nominated by the Board As A Whole) to serve as a member of the Coral Gables Golf and Country Club Advisory Board, for a two (2) year term that began on June 1, 2025 and continues through May 31, 2027.

Attachments: [Draft Resolution - Country Club Board](#)
[Cover Memo - Country Club Board](#)
[R-2025-332 - Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF ISIS ARENAS (NOMINATED BY THE BOARD AS A WHOLE) TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE CORAL GABLES GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB ADVISORY BOARD, FOR A TWO (2) YEAR TERM THAT BEGAN ON JUNE 1, 2025, AND CONTINUES THROUGH MAY 31, 2027.

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2025-332 BY VOICE VOTE

City Clerk Item No. 20

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-333**D.-13. [25-9731](#)**

A Resolution of the City Commission authorizing the Second Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement between the City of Coral Gables and Stantec Consulting Services, Inc., to extend services and allow for retroactive payment effective December 7, 2024, increasing the not to exceed amount to \$50,000; providing for implementation; and providing for an effective date.

Attachments: [Draft Stantec Reso 9.10.25 Final](#)
[Stantec Second Amendment Cover Memo 9.10.25](#)
[R-2025-333 - Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION AUTHORIZING THE SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES AND STANTEC CONSULTING SERVICES, INC., TO EXTEND THE TERM AND SERVICES AND ALLOW FOR RETROACTIVE PAYMENT EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 7, 2024, NOT TO EXCEED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,000; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2025-333 BY VOICE VOTE

City Clerk Item No. 21

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-334**D.-14. [25-9747](#)**

A Resolution of the City Commission authorizing a contract modification to FG Construction, LLC. Contract No. IFB 2024-027 Intersection Improvements – Coral Way & Granada project, pursuant to Section 2-764 (b) Approval of Change Orders and Contract Modifications, in the amount of \$50,000 to cover unforeseen items.

Lobbyist: N/A

Attachments: [Cover FG Construction](#)
[Resolution Coral Way and Granada](#)
[R-2025-334 - Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT MODIFICATION TO FG CONSTRUCTION, LLC. CONTRACT NO. IFB 2024-027 INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS - CORAL WAY & GRANADA PROJECT, PURSUANT TO SECTION 2-764 (B) APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDERS AND CONTRACT MODIFICATIONS, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,000 TO ALLOW FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDS NECESSARY TO ADDRESS ANY FUTURE NEEDS TO COMPLETE THE PROJECT OR IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED THE AVAILABLE BUDGET.

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2025-334 BY VOICE VOTE

City Clerk Item No. 22

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

1.-1. [25-9686](#)

Coral Gables Golf and Country Club Advisory Board Meeting of August 27, 2025.

Attachments: [Country Club Minutes 8.27.25](#)

This Matter was approved BY VOICE VOTE

City Clerk Item No. 23

1.-2. [25-9722](#)

Mayor's Advisory Council Meeting of August 21, 2025.

Attachments: [Aug. 21, 2025 Mayor's Council minutes](#)

This Matter was approved BY VOICE VOTE

City Clerk Item No. 24

1.-3. [25-9466](#)

Planning and Zoning Board Meeting of July 2, 2025.

Attachments: [07 02 25 PZB Minutes](#)

This Matter was approved BY VOICE VOTE

City Clerk Item No. 25

- 1.-4. [25-9646](#) Retirement Board Meeting of June 12, 2025.

Attachments: [Minutes 05-12-2025](#)
[CC.06-12-2025 September 10, 2025](#)

This Matter was approved BY VOICE VOTE

City Clerk Item No. 26

Pulled from Consent Agenda

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-322

- D.-11. [25-9679](#) A Resolution of the City Commission accepting the appointment of Commissioner Castro to serve as Vice Chair of the 2025-2026 Florida League of Cities Legislative Development, Code Compliance and Redevelopment Policy Committee and authorizing Commissioner Castro to advocate for the City's legislative priorities.

Attachments: [FLC Legislative Resolution Castro Draft Reso SMT](#)
[City of Coral Gables Cover Memo FLC Commissioner Castro](#)
[R-2025-322 -Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION ACCEPTING THE APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONER CASTRO TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF ONE OF THE 2025-2026 FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES LEGISLATIVE POLICY COMMITTEES AND AUTHORIZING COMMISSIONER CASTRO TO ADVOCATE FOR THE CITY'S LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Castro, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2025-322. The motion passed by the following vote.

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

City Clerk Item No. 9

- D.-6. [25-9663](#) A Resolution of the City Commission confirming the appointment of Kirk Menendez (nominated by Commissioner Castro) to serve as a member of the Planning and Zoning Board, for a two (2) year term that began on June 1, 2025 and continues through May 31, 2027.

Attachments: [Draft Resolution - Planning and Zoning Board](#)
[Cover Memo - Planning and Zoning Board](#)

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Item D-6 is available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk and in Legistar].

A motion was made by Commissioner Fernandez, seconded by Commissioner Castro, that this matter be adopted by Resolution No Number Assigned. The motion failed by the following vote.

Yeas : 2 - Commissioner Castro and Commissioner Fernandez

Nays : 3 - Commissioner Lara, Vice Mayor Anderson and Mayor Lago

City Clerk Item No. 10

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]:**

- 2.-1. [25-9681](#) A Resolution of the Coral Gables Budget and Audit Advisory Board recommending that the City of Coral Gables Commission maintain the Millage Rate of 5.559 mills for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

Attachments: [Budget advisory Board August 20 2025](#)

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

Yeas : 3 - Vice Mayor Anderson, Commissioner Lara and Mayor Lago

Nays : 2 - Commissioner Castro and Commissioner Fernandez

City Clerk Item No. 59

Time Certain 11:30am (Agenda Item 2-2)**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-336****2.-2. [25-9377](#)**

A Resolution of the Historic Preservation Board requesting that the City Commission adopt a Resolution authorizing Ad Valorem tax relief for the property located at 4125 Santa Maria Street, a Contributing Resource within the "Santa Maria Street Historic District," legally described as Lots 9 & 10, Block 96, Coral Gables Country Club Section Part Five, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 23, at Page 55 of the Public Records of Miami-Dade County, Florida. (Historic Preservation Board Meeting of July 10, 2025, Vote: 8-0, one member absent).

Attachments: [Part One Coral Gables Ad Valorem Application](#)
[Pre-Construction Review - Signed](#)
[Part One 4125 Santa Maria Street Pictures](#)
[Part Two Application](#)
[Review of Completed Work - Signed](#)
[Part Two Photos 1-376](#)
[COA \(SP\) 2017-001 Report](#)
[COA \(SP\) 2017-001 LFinal and Certificate](#)
[Architect's letter of intent SP2017-001 REVISED SEPT 2017](#)
[LFinal SP2017-001 REVISED SEPT 2017](#)
[Report SP2017-001 REVISED JULY 2019](#)
[LFinal SP2017-001 REVISED JULY 2019](#)
[Report SP2017-001 REVISED 2020 -- variance pool equip DEC](#)
[Lfinal SP2017-001 REVISED 2020 -- variance pool equip DEC](#)
[Architectural Plans - 4125 Santa Maria St](#)
[AV2018-003 Report](#)
[ActionCover-4125 Santa Maria Street Ad Valorem](#)
[AV2018-003 4125 Santa Maria Street Resolution DRAFT](#)
[Case File AV 2018-003 PowerPoint](#)
[HPB Minutes 07.10.2025 FINAL](#)
[Case File AV 2018-003 PowerPoint](#)
[R-2025-336 - Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION GRANTING AD VALOREM TAX EXEMPTION FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT SANTA MARIA STREET, A CONTRIBUTING RESOURCE WITHIN THE SANTA MARIA STREET HISTORIC DISTRICT, LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS LOTS 9 & 10, BLOCK 96, CORAL GABLES COUNTRY CLUB SECTION PART FIVE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 23, AT PAGE 55, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA.

[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].

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Castro, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2025-336. The motion passed by the following vote.

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

City Clerk Item No. 33

E. PUBLIC HEARINGS

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING

Time Certain 10:00am (Agenda Item E-1 and E-8 are related)

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-21

E.-1. [25-9465](#)

An Ordinance of the City Commission granting Conditional Use approval for a Building Site Determination, pursuant to Zoning Code Article 14, "Process," Section 14-202.6, "Building Site Determination," and Section 14-203, "Conditional Uses," to separate one (1) existing building site into two (2) single-family building sites on property zoned Single-Family Residential (SFR) District, legally described as ½ of Lot 9, all of Lots 10 and 11, and the west 25 feet of Lot 12, Block 223, Revised Plat of Coral Gables Riviera Section, Part 13 (1154 Alfonso Avenue), Coral Gables, Florida; one (1) building site consisting of the east 50 feet of Lot 9 and all of Lot 10 (west parcel), and the other (1) building site consisting of all of Lot 11 and the west 25 feet of Lot 12 (east parcel); including required conditions; providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, and an effective date. (08 13 25 PZB recommended approval with conditions, Vote 5-1)

Lobbyist: Laura Russo

Attachments: [08 13 25 Attachment A Applicant Submittal Package](#)
[08 13 25 - PZB Staff Report - 1154 Alfonso Ave w Attachments B-E](#)
[08 26 25 CC Cover Memo - 1154 Alfonso Ave Conditional Use Building Site Sepa](#)
[08 26 25 Exhibit A - Applicant Submittal Package](#)
[08 26 25 Exhibit B - Draft Ordinance - 1154 Alfonso Ave](#)
[08 26 25 Exhibit C - Staff Report - Building Site Determination 1154 Alfonso Ave](#)
[08 26 25 Exhibit D - 08 13 25 PZB Meeting Minutes](#)
[08 26 25 Exhibit E - Mailed Public Notice - 1154 Alfonso Ave](#)
[08 26 25 Exhibit F - PowerPoint Presentation](#)
[09 10 25 CC - 1154 Alfonso Ave Conditional Use Building Site Separation - 2nd R](#)
[09 10 25 Exhibit B - Draft Ordinance - 1154 Alfonso Ave](#)
[09 10 25 Exhibit A - Draft Resolution - 1154 Alfonso Avenue](#)
[O-2025-21 - Signed](#)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION GRANTING CONDITIONAL USE APPROVAL FOR A BUILDING SITE DETERMINATION, PURSUANT TO ZONING CODE ARTICLE 14, "PROCESS," SECTION 14-202.6, "BUILDING SITE DETERMINATION," AND SECTION 14-203, "CONDITIONAL USES," TO SEPARATE ONE (1) EXISTING BUILDING SITE INTO TWO (2) SINGLE-FAMILY BUILDING SITES ON PROPERTY ZONED SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (SFR) DISTRICT, LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS THE EAST 50 FEET OF LOT 9, ALL OF LOTS 10 AND 11, AND THE WEST 25 FEET OF LOT 12, BLOCK 223, REVISED PLAT OF CORAL GABLES RIVIERA SECTION, PART 13 (1154 ALFONSO AVENUE), CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA; ONE (1) BUILDING SITE CONSISTING OF THE EAST 50 FEET OF LOT 9 AND ALL OF LOT 10 (WEST PARCEL), AND THE OTHER (1) BUILDING SITE CONSISTING OF ALL OF LOT 11 AND THE WEST 25 FEET OF LOT 12 (EAST PARCEL); INCLUDING REQUIRED CONDITIONS; PROVIDING FOR A

REPEALER PROVISION, SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Castro, that this matter be adopted by Ordinance Number 2025-21. The motion passed by the following vote.

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

City Clerk Item No. 30

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-22

E.-2. [25-8787](#)

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" and Section 2-102 "Multi-Family 1 Duplex (MF1) District," and Article 16, "Definitions," to provide exception to the separation of accessory structures from the main structure under certain requirements and provide for open-air accessory structures with ground area coverage requirements; providing for repealer provision, severability clause, codification, and providing for an effective date. (03 12 25 PZB recommended approval with conditions, Vote 4-3)
(Sponsored by Commissioner Fernandez)

Attachments: [03 12 25 PZB Staff Report - Ground Coverage w attachments](#)
[08 26 25 CC Cover Memo - Open air Ground Coverage - 1st Reading](#)
[08 26 25 Exhibit A - Draft Ordinance](#)
[08 26 25 Exhibit B - 03 12 25 Staff Report with attachments](#)
[08 26 25 Exhibit C - Excerpt of 03 12 25 PZB Minutes](#)
[08 26 25 Exhibit D - PowerPoint Presentation](#)
[09 10 25 CC Cover Memo - Open air Ground Coverage - 2nd Reading](#)
[09 10 25 Exhibit A - Draft Ordinance](#)
[Item E2 - Ground Coverage](#)
[O-2025-22 - Signed](#)

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," AND SECTION 2-102 "MULTI-FAMILY 1 DUPLEX (MF1) DISTRICT," AND ARTICLE 16, "DEFINITIONS," TO PROVIDE EXCEPTION TO THE SEPARATION OF ACCESSORY STRUCTURES FROM THE MAIN STRUCTURE UNDER CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS AND PROVIDE FOR OPEN-AIR ACCESSORY STRUCTURES WITH GROUND AREA COVERAGE REQUIREMENTS; PROVIDING FOR REPEALER PROVISION, SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, CODIFICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

A motion was made by Commissioner Fernandez, seconded by Vice Mayor Anderson, that this matter be adopted by Ordinance Number 2025-22. The motion passed by the following vote.

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

City Clerk Item No. 36

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-23**E.-3. 25-9203**

An Ordinance of the City Commission amending Section 2-54 "Attendance by members at meetings; resignation of members" of the City Code to revise the definition of excessive absences for the Board of Adjustment, Construction Regulation Board, Historic Preservation Board, Code Enforcement Board, and the Planning and Zoning Board; providing for severability clause, repealer provision, codification, and providing for an effective date.

(Sponsored by Vice Mayor Anderson)

Attachments: [Cover Memo - Ordinance - Amending City Code Section 2-54 - Attendance by me](#)
[Ordinance - Amending Section 2-54 - Attendance by members at meetings; resign](#)
[Cover Memo - Ordinance - Amending City Code Section 2-54 - Attendance by me](#)
[Ordinance - Amending City Code Section 2-54 - Attendance by members at meeti](#)
[O-2025-23 - Signed](#)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION AMENDING SECTION 2-54 "ATTENDANCE BY MEMBERS AT MEETINGS; RESIGNATION OF MEMBERS" OF THE CITY CODE TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF EXCESSIVE ABSENCES FOR THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT, CONSTRUCTION REGULATION BOARD, HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD, CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD, AND PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, REPEALER, CODIFICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Lara, that this matter be adopted by Ordinance Number 2025-23. The motion passed by the following vote.

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

City Clerk Item No. 37

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-24**E.-4. 25-9206**

An Ordinance of the City Commission amending Article IV, "Code Enforcement," Section 101-100, "creation; membership; statutes to govern board," of the City Code to revise the membership and attendance requirements for the Code Enforcement Board; providing for severability clause, repealer provision, codification, and providing for an effective date.

(Sponsored by Vice Mayor Anderson)

Attachments: [Cover Memo - Ordinance - Amending Article IV Code Enforcement - Section 101-](#)
[Ordinance - Amending Article IV Code Enforcement - Sec. 101-100 - Creation; me](#)
[Cover Memo - Ordinance - Amending Article IV Code Enforcement - Section 101-](#)
[Ordinance - Amending Article IV Code Enforcement - Sec. 101-100 - Creation; me](#)
[O-2025-24 - Signed](#)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION AMENDING ARTICLE IV, "CODE ENFORCEMENT," SECTION 101-100, "CREATION; MEMBERSHIP; STATUTES TO GOVERN BOARD," OF THE CITY CODE TO REVISE THE MEMBERSHIP AND ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, REPEALER, CODIFICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Lara, that this matter be adopted by Ordinance Number 2025-24. The motion passed by the following vote.

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

City Clerk Item No. 38

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-25

E.-5. 25-9220

An Ordinance of the City Commission providing for a text amendment to the City of Coral Gables Official Zoning Code, amending Article 14 "Process" to revise attendance requirements for the Planning and Zoning Board, Board of Adjustment, the Historic Preservation Board and the Code Enforcement Board; providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, codification, and providing for an effective date. (08 13 25 PZB recommended approval with conditions, Vote: 6-0)

Attachments: [Cover Memo - Ordinance Amending Zoning Code - Article 14 Membership; Terms Ordinance Amending Zoning Code - Article 14 Membership; Terms; Vacancies; R; 07 02 25 PZB Staff Report - Board Attendance w attachments](#)
[09 10 25 CC Cover Memo - Zoning Code Board Attendance](#)
[09 10 25 Exhibit A - Draft Ordinance - Zoning Code Board Attendance](#)
[09 10 25 Exhibit B - 07 02 25 PZB Staff Report - Board Attendance w attachments](#)
[09 10 25 Exhibit C - Excerpt from 08 13 25 PZB Minutes](#)
[O-2025-25 - Signed](#)
[O-2025-25 - Signed](#)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION PROVIDING FOR A TEXT AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES FISCAL ZONING CODE, AMENDING ARTICLE 14 "PROCESS" TO REVISE ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD, THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT, THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD AND THE CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, REPEALER, CODIFICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Castro, that this matter be adopted by Ordinance Number 2025-25. The motion passed by the following vote.

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

City Clerk Item No. 39

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-26**E.-6. [25-9528](#)**

An Ordinance of the City Commission amending Chapter 86 of the City Code, entitled "Waterways" creating Section 86-62, entitled, "Coral Gables Overnight Anchoring Limitation Area"; and providing for repealer provision, severability clause, codification and providing for an effective date.

(Sponsored by Vice Mayor Anderson)

Attachments: [Cover Memo - Ordinance - Amending Chapter 86 Waterways - Creating Overnight](#)
[Draft Ordinance - Amending Chapter 86 - Waterways - Creating Section 86-62 - C](#)
[Cover Memo - Ordinance - Amending Chapter 86 Waterways - Creating Overnight](#)
[Draft Ordinance - Amending Chapter 86 - Waterways - Creating Section 86-62 - C](#)
[O-2025-26 - Signed](#)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION AMENDING CHAPTER 86 OF THE CITY CODE, ENTITLED "WATERWAYS" CREATING SECTION 86-62, ENTITLED, "CORAL GABLES OVERNIGHT ANCHORING LIMITATION AREA"; AND PROVIDING FOR REPEALER PROVISION, SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, CODIFICATION AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

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

City Clerk Item No. 40

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-338****E.-7. [25-9555](#)**

An Ordinance of the City Commission repealing Ordinance No. 2025-08, which moved the date of the City's Elections from April of odd-numbered years to November of even-numbered years; providing for severability clause, repealer provision, codification, and providing for an effective date.

(Sponsored By Commissioner Castro)

Attachments: [Ordinance Repealing 2025-08 - Cover Memo \(8-26-25\)](#)
[Ordinance Repealing 2025-08 - Ordinance -August 26 2025](#)
[Ordinance Repealing 2025-08 - Cover Memo \(9-10-25\)](#)
[Ordinance Repealing 2025-08 - Ordinance -September 10, 2025](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION DENYING AS MOOT THE PROPOSED LEGISLATION RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 2025-163 WHICH CALLED FOR A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD FOR APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL OF A BALLOT QUESTIONS PROHIBITING FUTURE AMENDMENTS TO THE DATE OF THE CITY'S ELECTION VIA ORDINANCE AND CANCELLING THE SPECIAL ELECTION FOR THAT QUESTION.

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Item E-7 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 Lara, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2025-338. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas : 3 - Commissioner Lara, Vice Mayor Anderson and Mayor Lago

Nays : 2 - Commissioner Castro and Commissioner Fernandez

City Clerk Item No. 41

RESOLUTIONS

Time Certain 10:00am (Agenda Item E-1 and E-8 are related)

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-335

E.-8. [25-9678](#)

A Resolution of the City Commission approving the release of the Declaration of Restrictive Covenant on the property located at 1154 Alfonso Avenue, recorded in official record of Miami- Dade County, book 11508, page 431, and providing for an effective date.

Lobbyist: Laura Russo

Attachments: [09 10 25 Exhibit A - Draft Resolution - 1154 Alfonso Avenue v2](#)
[09 10 25 Cover Memo - Draft Resolution - 1154 Alfonso Avenue v2](#)
[R-2025-335 - Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION APPROVING THE RELEASE OF THE DECLARATION OF RESTRICTIVE COVENANT ON THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1154 ALFONSO AVENUE, RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORD OF MIAMI DADE COUNTY, BOOK 11508, PAGE 431 AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Item E-8 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 2025-335. The motion passed by the following vote.

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

City Clerk Item No. 31

Time Certain 11:45am (Agenda Item E-9)**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-337****E.-9. [25-9659](#)**

A Resolution of the City Commission approving the Final Plat entitled "Ponce Park Residences" pursuant to Zoning Code Article 14, "Process," Section 14-210, "Platting/Subdivision," being a re-plat of 42,543 square feet (0.977 acres) into a single tract of land on the property legally described as Lots 8 through 21, less the West ½ of lot 8, Block 29, Crafts Section, together with that portion of the 20-foot platted alley lying east of Lots 11 and 19, of said Block 29, together with a 1,318 square feet portion of University Drive that runs north of the Malaga Avenue right-of-way and west of the Ponce de Leon Boulevard right-of-way and dedication of 1,725 square feet; (3000 Ponce de Leon Blvd, 216 & 224 Catalonia, 203 University Dr, and 225 Malaga), Coral Gables, Florida; providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, and providing for an effective date. (LEGAL DESCRIPTION ON FILE)

Lobbyist: Javier Fernandez

Attachments: [09 10 25 CC Cover Memo - Ponce Park Residences Final Plat](#)
[09 10 25 Exhibit A - Final Plat](#)
[09 10 25 Exhibit B - Draft Resolution - Final Plat](#)
[09 10 25 Exhibit C - Miami-Dade County Notice of Action](#)
[R-2025-337 -Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION APPROVING THE FINAL PLAT ENTITLED "PONCE PARK RESIDENCES" PURSUANT TO ZONING CODE ARTICLE 14, "PROCESS," SECTION 14-210, "PLATTING/SUBDIVISION," BEING A RE-PLAT OF 42,543 SQUARE FEET (0.977 ACRES) INTO A SINGLE TRACT OF LAND ON THE PROPERTY LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS LOTS 8 THROUGH 21, LESS THE WEST ½ OF LOT 8, BLOCK 29, CRAFTS SECTION, TOGETHER WITH THAT PORTION OF THE 20-FOOT PLATTED ALLEY LYING EAST OF LOTS 11 AND 19, OF SAID BLOCK 29, TOGETHER WITH A 1,318 SQUARE FEET PORTION OF UNIVERSITY DRIVE THAT RUNS NORTH OF THE MALAGA AVENUE RIGHT-OF-WAY AND WEST OF THE PONCE DE LEON BOULEVARD RIGHT-OF-WAY AND DEDICATION OF 1,725 SQUARE FEET; (3000 PONCE DE LEON BLVD, 216 & 224 CATALONIA, 203 UNIVERSITY DR, AND 225 MALAGA), CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER PROVISION, SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (LEGAL DESCRIPTION ON FILE).

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Item E-9 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 Fernandez, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2025-337. The motion passed by the following vote.

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

City Clerk Item No. 34

F. CITY COMMISSION ITEMS**Time Certain 10:30am (Agenda Item F-1)**

- F.-1. [25-9660](#) Swale Package Update.
(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)

Attachments: [SWALE PERMIT REVISION](#)

This Agenda Item was Deferred

City Clerk Item No. 42

- F.-2. [25-9582](#) Discussion regarding the Live Local Act.
(Sponsored by Vice Mayor Anderson)

Attachments: [News South Florida developer plans Coral Gables' first Live Local Act project Item F2 - Live Local Act](#)

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

This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 43

- F.-3. [25-9629](#) Discussion regarding permitting fees.
(Sponsored by Vice Mayor Anderson)

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Item F-3 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. 44

- F.-4. [25-9656](#) Discussion regarding safety regulations for the use of E-Bike and E-Scooters in the City.
(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)

[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].

This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 29

- F.-5. [25-9661](#) Update on the Whiteway Lights that are still in use and those that have been collected.
(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)

This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 45

F.-6. [25-9673](#)

Discussion regarding rules of decorum and public comment.
(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Item F-6 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. 27

F.-7. [25-9674](#)

Discussion regarding Civility Code.
(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)

This Agenda Item was Dismissed

City Clerk Item No. 28

F.-8. [25-9751](#)

Discussion regarding the Mobility Hub.
(Sponsored by Commissioner Castro)

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Item F-8 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. 46

Time Certain 11:00am (Agenda Item F-9)

F.-9. [25-9725](#)

Presentation by Junior Orange Bowl Committee Executive Director Mimmi Balaam.
(Sponsored by Commissioner Lara)

This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 32

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-339**F.-10. [25-9536](#)**

A Resolution of the City Commission rescinding Resolution No. 2025-163 which called for a Special Election to be held for approval or disapproval of a ballot questions prohibiting future amendments to the date of the City's Election via ordinance and cancelling the Special Election for that question.

(Sponsored by Commissioner Castro)

Attachments: [Cover Memo- Resolution Rescinding 2025-163 - Commissioner Castro](#)
[Resolution -Rescinding 2025-163 - Castro 8-15-25](#)
[Cover Memo- Resolution Rescinding 2025-163 - Commissioner Castro](#)
[Resolution -Rescinding 2025-163 - Castro](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION DENYING AS MOOT THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO REPEAL ORDINANCE NO. 2025-08, WHICH MOVED THE DATE OF THE CITY'S ELECTIONS FROM APRIL OF ODD-NUMBERED YEARS TO NOVEMBER OF EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS.

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Item F-10 is available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk and in Legistar].

This Resolution was Discussed and Filed

Yeas : 4 - Commissioner Fernandez, Commissioner Lara, Vice Mayor Anderson and Mayor Lago

Nays : 1 - Commissioner Castro

City Clerk Item No. 47

F.-11. [25-9544](#)

A Resolution of the City Commission directing City Staff to prepare a 0.25 percent reduction to the tentative Millage Rate adopted in Resolution No. 2025-265, and directing staff to prepare the City's 2025-2026 Fiscal Year Budget to reflect that reduced Millage Rate and further directing City Staff to plan for additional 0.25 percent reductions to the Millage Rate in the following three fiscal years, through 2028-2029 Fiscal Year Budget.

(Sponsored by Commissioner Castro)

Attachments: [Cover Memo- Resolution- Reduction in Millage Rate- Commissioner Castro](#)
[Resolution reducing millage rate August 2025 Commissioner Castro - 8-14-25](#)
[Cover Memo- Resolution- Reduction in Millage Rate- Commissioner Castro](#)
[Resolution reducing millage rate](#)

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Item F-11 is available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk and in Legistar].

This Resolution was Discussed and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 52

F.-12. [25-9570](#)

A Resolution of the City Commission rescinding Resolution No. 2025-246 which directed that the City Commission may consider whether to participate in particular lawsuits by filing an Amicus Curiae Brief or intervening an action already pending.
(Sponsored by Commissioner Castro)

Attachments: [Cover Memo- Resolution Rescinding 2025-246- Commissioner Castro Resolution -Rescinding 2025-246 - Castro 8-14-25](#)
[Cover Memo- Resolution Rescinding 2025-246- Commissioner Castro Resolution -Rescinding 2025-246](#)

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Item F-12 is available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk and in Legistar].

This Resolution was Discussed and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 53

F.-13. [25-9633](#)

A Resolution of the City Commission calling a Special Election on the proposed ballot question and City Charter Amendment to be held on April 13, 2027; providing for submission to the electors for approval or disapproval of a ballot question asking if the Charter should be amended to align the City's General Election and associated dates with state and national elections and amending all subsequent elections; providing for notice; providing for inclusion in the City Charter; providing for related matters; and providing for an effective date.
(Sponsored by Commissioner Castro)

Attachments: [Cover Memo- Resolution- Special Election Date Change- Commissioner Castro Resolution Special Election Election Date Change- Commissioner Castro](#)
[Cover Memo- Resolution- Special Election Date Change- Commissioner Castro Resolution Special Election Election Date Change- Commissioner Castro](#)

This Resolution was Deferred

City Clerk Item No. 55

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-342**F.-14. [25-9675](#)**

A Resolution of the City Commission directing City Staff to establish a permit fee incentive program to encourage the installation of living seawalls, providing a twenty percent (20%) discount in City permit fees for qualifying projects.

(Sponsored by Vice Mayor Anderson)

Attachments: [Living Seawall Permit Fee Incentive Program - COVER MEMO \(9-4-25\)](#)
[Living Seawall Permit Fee Incentive Program - RESOLUTION \(9-4-25\)](#)
[R-2025-342 - Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, DIRECTING CITY STAFF TO ESTABLISH A PERMIT FEE INCENTIVE PROGRAM TO ENCOURAGE THE INSTALLATION OF LIVING SEAWALLS, PROVIDING A TWENTY PERCENT (20%) DISCOUNT IN CITY PERMIT FEES FOR QUALIFYING PROJECTS.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Fernandez, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2025-342. The motion passed by the following vote.

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

City Clerk Item No. 51

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-340**F.-15. [25-9680](#)**

A Resolution of the City Commission urging the Florida Legislature to amend Florida Statutes, specifically Section 163.05 to impose civil and criminal penalties for fraudulent or false statements in arborist or landscape architect reports; to establish a clear process to protect the health, safety and welfare of individuals and property during tree removal and stump grinding; and to provide definitions clarifying when permits are not required for emergency tree pruning or removal of dangerous trees that pose an immediate risk; and directing that such legislative amendment be included among the City's legislative priorities for the 2025-2026 legislative session.

(Sponsored by Vice Mayor Anderson)

Attachments: [Tree State Statues Cover Memo](#)
[Fla Stat 163.045 Tree Removal \(2025-2026\)](#)
[Coral Gables Resolution Tree Amendment Draft Resolution](#)
[R-2025-340 - Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO AMEND FLORIDA STATUTES, SPECIFICALLY SECTION 163.05, TO IMPOSE CIVIL AND CRIMINAL PENALTIES FOR FRAUDULENT OR FALSE STATEMENTS IN ARBORIST OR LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT REPORTS; TO ESTABLISH A CLEAR PROCESS TO PROTECT THE HEALTH, SAFETY, AND WELFARE OF INDIVIDUALS AND PROPERTY DURING TREE REMOVAL AND STUMP GRINDING; AND TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS CLARIFYING WHEN PERMITS ARE NOT REQUIRED FOR EMERGENCY TREE PRUNING OR REMOVAL OF DANGEROUS TREES THAT POSE AN IMMEDIATE RISK; AND DIRECTING THAT SUCH LEGISLATIVE AMENDMENT BE INCLUDED AMONG

THE CITY'S LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES FOR THE 2025-2026 SESSION.

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Item F-15 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 Fernandez, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2025-340. The motion passed by the following vote.

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

City Clerk Item No. 49

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-341

F.-16. [25-9737](#)

A Resolution of the City Commission adopting a Civility Code for all City Board and Committee Members.
(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)

Attachments: [Cover Memo- Resolution- Civility Code for Board Members - Mayor Lago 2025 Resolution adopting Civility Code for Board and Committee Members 2025 R-2025-341 - Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA ADOPTING A CIVILITY CODE FOR ALL CITY BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lara, seconded by Vice Mayor Anderson, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2025-341. The motion passed by the following vote.

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

City Clerk Item No. 50

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-385

F.-17. [25-9746](#)

A Resolution of the City Commission directing the raising of the Flag of the State of Israel at City Hall on October 7, 2025 in mourning and honor of the victims of the October 7, 2023 terrorist attack on Israel.
(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)

Attachments: [Cover memo-September 10-flag of Israel](#)
[Sept 25 2025 Resolution to display Israeli flag](#)

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Item F-17 is available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk and in Legistar].

This Resolution was Deferred

City Clerk Item No. 35

G. BOARDS/COMMITTEES ITEMS

None

H. CITY MANAGER ITEMS

- H.-1. [25-9477](#) Commission Offices Discussion.

Attachments: [Commission Officee Relocation Update 08262025](#)

This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 56

- H.-2. [25-9478](#) Traffic Calming Update.

Attachments: [H-3 - Traffic Calming Update](#)

This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 57

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-343

- H.-3. [25-9721](#) A Resolution of the City Commission to authorize a Bid Waiver for holiday decorations on Miracle Mile and Giralda Plaza and authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Joy by for Custom Decorations for a period of one year in the estimated amount of \$298,926.50 as a "Special Procurement/Bid Waiver", pursuant to Section 2-691 of the Procurement Code.

Attachments: [9.10.25 CVR Holiday Decor bid waiver](#)
[Holiday Decor Joy By Presentation 8.29.25](#)
[PSA - JOY BY Holiday Decorations 2025](#)
[9.10.25 RESO Holiday Decor Bid Waiver](#)
[R-2025-343 - Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION AUTHORIZING A BID WAIVER FOR HOLIDAY DECORATIONS ON MIRACLE MILE AND GIRALDA PLAZA AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH JOY BY FOR CUSTOM DECORATIONS FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR IN THE ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$298,926.50 AS A "SPECIAL PROCUREMENT/BID WAIVER", PURSUANT TO SECTION 2-691 OF THE PROCUREMENT CODE.

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Item H-3 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 Fernandez, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2025-343. The motion passed by the following vote.

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

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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 5:19 p.m. The next Regular Meeting of the City Commission has been scheduled for Thursday, September 25, 2025, beginning 9 a.m.]

Billy Y. Urquia
City Clerk