

# **City of Coral Gables**

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## **Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, October 24, 2023**

**9:00 AM**

**City Hall, Commission Chambers**

### **City Commission**

*Mayor Vince Lago  
Vice Mayor Rhonda Anderson  
Commissioner Melissa Castro  
Commissioner Ariel Fernandez  
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, October 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 9:07 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. 2023-33 through Ordinance No. 2023-35) (b) Resolution(s) adopted (Resolution No. 2023-300 through Resolution No. 2023-321); (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 Castro, Commissioner Fernandez, Commissioner Menendez and Mayor Lago

## INVOCATION

Rabbi Jason Cook, Campus Rabbi-Hillel at the University of Miami gave the Invocation.

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Mayor Anderson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## Judging of the Annual Great Pumpkin Challenge

### A. PRESENTATIONS AND PROTOCOL DOCUMENTS

- A.-1. [23-6248](#) Congratulations to Fiola on receiving the Keep Coral Gables Beautiful 2023 Commercial Beautification Award.

Mayor Lago introduced Agenda Item A-1 Congratulations to Fiola on receiving the Keep Coral Gables Beautiful 2023 Commercial Beautification Award and Solanch Lopez, Marketing Manager-Economic Development made the presentation accompanied by Mathew Anderson, Asst. Director-Mobility and Sustainability-Public Works Department. Ms. Lopez stated that it was the third beautification award for the year, and Fiola is the city's first South Gables business to receive this award. Scott Ozler, General Manager of the restaurant accepted the award, and a PowerPoint was then shown of this pristinely kept restaurant adorned with beautiful planters. He was then given a decal to display on the restaurant's window indicating that it is one of the city's winners. Mr. Ozler in thanking the City Commission said he is proud to be part of the community having moved from New York three years ago and was about to return when he found a home for his family. He is grateful to be in Coral Gables and thanked the Commission and community for

all their help and will continue to his best every year, making sure everything looks proper and a part of Coral Gables, this beautiful city.

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

City Clerk Item No. 28

**A.-2. [23-6538](#)**

Congratulations to International Studies Preparatory Academy recognized as one the "Top 100 High Schools" in the nation.

Mayor Lago introduced Agenda Item A-2 recognizing International Studies Preparatory Academy (ISPA) as one of the "Top 100 High Schools" in the nation and Solanch Lopez, Marketing Manager-Economic Development made the presentation. She also introduced Dr. Alina Diaz-Blanco, Principal of ISPA and Samuel Joseph, Coral Gables Board Member on the School Communications Relations Committee (SCRC). Dr. Diaz-Blanco thanked the City Commission for recognizing ISPA, acknowledged the hard work of the students, the school being in existence for only 14 years, #12 in Florida, #9 magnate school in the nation and in the top 100. They are blessed and grateful to the City of Coral Gables for their continued support and look forward to many more collaborations. Mayor Lago stated that they have an incredible team and that Mr. Kevin Taracido is a wonderful teacher to which she agreed and recognized him because he teaches four AP classes with passing grades in the eighties and nineties percentages and anyone in education knows teaching one AP class is difficult, let alone teaching four. He is a rare and special teacher. Mayor Lago then spoke of his friendship with Mr. Taracido and relationship with the school and thanked her for her hard work and Mr. Joseph for bringing it to his attention. Commissioner Fernandez stated that teachers and administrators are always underrated, regarding the impact they have on students, and he is in government because of his history and government teachers who pushed him to go further. He thanked Mr. Joseph and SCRC for starting to recognize some of the teachers for their outstanding work and there are many extraordinary schools in Coral Gables, and they must recognize them. Mr. Joseph agreed with all that had been said, he is proud to represent his friends at ISPA or as they are referred to... "the one with the languages". What is unique about ISPA is that they have been ranked in the top 100 schools for the past five years and spoke at length about his experience with the school and encouraged the City Commission to visit this gem as well as other blue-ribbon schools in the city, and it is all because of the collaborative efforts with Miami-Dade County Schools and their tax dollars at work.

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

City Clerk Item No. 2

- A.-3. [23-6471](#) Presentation of a Proclamation declaring October 16, 2023 to October 22, 2023 as "Florida City Government Week" in Coral Gables.

**Attachments:** [Proclamation](#)

Mayor Lago introduced Agenda Item A-3 Presentation of a Proclamation declaring October 16, 2023 to October 22, 2023 as "Florida City Government Week" in Coral Gables and Vice Mayor Anderson read the proclamation into the record. Solanch Lopez, Marketing Manager- Economic Development received the proclamation on behalf of the city. Ms. Lopez stated that the city has for many years honored Florida Government Week which includes a photo contest on social media, pumpkin contest and an ice cream social for the employees which is a thank you gesture to them for all they do during the year. Mayor Lago thanked Ms. Lopez for accepting the proclamation on behalf of the city.

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

City Clerk Item No. 6

- A.-4. [23-6547](#) Congratulations to the City for winning first place nationwide in the Government Experience Awards by the Center for Digital Government (CDG) / e-Republic.

**Attachments:** [2023 Gov Exp Awards PR 09 19 23 FINAL](#)

Mayor Lago introduced Agenda Item A-4 Congratulations to the City for winning first place nationwide in the Government Experience Awards by the Center for Digital Government (CDG)/e-Republic. Director Martha Pantin-Communications and Public Affairs accompanied by Director Raimundo Rodolfo, Innovation & Technology and Nicholas Saenz-Digital Media Coordinator made the presentation. Director Pantin stated that it was an honor to receive first place considering the competition which included cities with 500,000-600,000 in population and that says a lot about the team because it was a team effort. The project consisted of the IT, City Clerk and Communications Departments. Special thanks was given to Mr. Saenz who led the program. They received feedback from the public and their goals for improving the website consisted of informing, engaging, and promoting the city outside of Coral Gables as a place to live, work, play and do business in and it was exciting to win this prize for the city. Mr. Saenz thanked the City Commission and said that it was great working with the departments getting their input and putting their ideas together to make the website better and thanked Raiza Corozo who was instrumental in the development and Raimundo leading in the application of it. Director Raimundo stated that it is a great award, and they are proud to be recognized for innovation and teamwork. Mayor Lago congratulated, thanked them for doing a great job, taking pride in their work, always making the city look incredible and expanding on IT. Commissioner Castro congratulated them also.

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

City Clerk Item No. 1

**A.-5. [23-6522](#)**

Congratulations to Sandra Rodriguez, Communications and Public Affairs Department, recipient of "Part-Time Employee of the First Quarter Award", for 2023.

Raquel Elejabarrieta, Director - Human Resources, Risk Management and Labor Relations introduced Sandra Rodriguez, Communications and Public Affairs Department, on receiving the "Part-Time employee of the First Quarter Award", for 2023 and Director Martha Pantin Communications and Public Affairs presented the award to Ms. Rodriguez for her outstanding performance and contribution to the city. Director Pantin spoke of Ms. Rodriguez work history before working for the city, being a ray of sunshine, a great person to work with and having a wonderful work ethic. Also, Sandra does a great job with ENews and continues to work to expand in ways of outreach, is the go-to person in her department and was nominated by fellow employee Nicholas Saenz, and this shows how much her peers think of her. In responding, Ms. Rodriguez thanked everyone and expressed how fortunate she is to work and be part of a dedicated and talented team as well as a knowledgeable and experienced director. Mayor Lago thanked her for her hard work with the Mayor's Council, and her dedication in all she does for the city.

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

City Clerk Item No. 3

**A.-6. [23-6519](#)**

Congratulations to Pedro Sanchez, Finance department, recipient of "Employee of the Month Award", for August 2023.

Raquel Elejabarrieta, Director - Human Resources, Risk Management and Labor Relations introduced Pedro Sanchez- Finance department recipient of "Employee of the Month Award", for August 2023. Mr. Sanchez is the Senior Management and Budget Analyst and was nominated by Paula Rodriguez, Asst. Finance Director who presented him with his award and in doing so stated that Mr. Rodriguez has been with the Finance Department almost three years and has progressed to Senior Budget Analyst where he oversees the city's capital budget in addition to working on all functions of the budget. He was nominated because not only has he stepped into his new role effortlessly, but also for his proficiency and helpfulness to all the department users and coworkers in assisting them with understanding the new software systems. She is grateful to have him on her team and thanked him. Mr. Rodriguez thanked her for the nomination, which he considers an honor, and it was a team effort and thanked his budget staff for their assistance.

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

City Clerk Item No. 4

- A.-7. [23-6521](#) Congratulations to Jeanette Castro, Finance Department, recipient of "Employee of the Month Award", for October 2023.

Raquel Elejabarrieta, Director - Human Resources, Risk Management and Labor Relations introduced Jeanette Castro, Finance Department, recipient of "Employee of the Month Award", for October 2023. Ms. Castro is the Senior Revenue Inspector and Diana Gomez, Director-Finance presented her with her award. Ms. Gomez stated that Jeannette has been with the department since 2016, starting as a part-time receptionist and the face of City Hall, and as a part-time cashier, before serving in her current position. Since her promotion, she has been doing an excellent job, always willing to assist fellow employees. Ms. Castro thanked the Mayor and City Commission for the opportunity and stated that it is a pleasure and privilege to work for the city which allows her to achieve her highest potential and even more so in the future.

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

City Clerk Item No. 5

## B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- B.-1. [23-6416](#) Regular City Commission Meeting of September 13, 2023.

**Attachments:** [CCMtg Sep 13 2023 - Agenda Item E-3 - Ordinance amending the CG City Charte](#)  
[CCMtg Sep 13 2023 - Agenda Item F-17 - Resolution of the City Commission crea](#)  
[CCMtg Sep 13 2023 - Agenda Item H-2 - Resolution ratifying the Collective Barga](#)  
[CCMTG Sept 13 2023 - Agenda Item C - Public Comment](#)  
[CCMTG Sept 13 2023 - Agenda Item E-4 - Ordinance amending Chapter 82-Vege](#)  
[CCMTG Sept 13 2023 - Agenda Item F-1 - Discussion regarding the installation of](#)  
[CCMTG Sept 13 2023 - Agenda Item F-2 - Discussion regarding protocol for hono](#)  
[CCMTG Sept 13 2023 - Agenda Item F-4 - Discussion regarding outdoor patio an](#)  
[CCMTG Sept 13 2023 - Agenda Item F-5 - Update regarding the Coral Gables Co](#)  
[CCMTG Sept 13 2023 - Agenda Item F-7 - Discussion considering the naming of ;](#)  
[CCMTG Sept 13 2023 - Agenda Item F-13 - Discussion regarding Biltmore Way S](#)  
[Meeting Minutes](#)

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

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

City Clerk Item No. 7

B.-2. [23-6550](#) Regular City Commission Meeting of September 26, 2023.

**Attachments:** [Meeting Minutes](#)

- [CCMTg Sep 26 2023 - Agenda Items E-1 and F-9 are related - Ordinance amending](#)
- [CCMTg Sep 26 2023 - Agenda Items E-4 and F-5 are related - Ordinance amending](#)
- [CCMTg Sep 26 2023 - Agenda Items F-11 and F-13 are related - Resolutions amending](#)
- [CCMTG Sept 26 2023 - Agenda Item C - Public Comment](#)
- [CCMTG Sept 26 2023 - Agenda Item E-2 - Ordinance providing for text amendments](#)
- [CCMTG Sept 26 2023 - Agenda Item E-3 - Ordinance providing for text amendments](#)
- [CCMTG Sept 26 2023 - Agenda Item E-5 - Ordinance approving the purchase and](#)
- [CCMTG Sept 26 2023 - Agenda Item F-3 - Discussion regarding the potential installation](#)
- [CCMTG Sept 26 2023 - Agenda Item G-1 - Resolution approving the concept and](#)
- [CCMTG Sept 26 2023 - Agenda Items F-14 and F-16 - Resolution directing city staff to](#)
- [CCMTg Sep 26 2023 - Agenda Item F-4 - Discussion regarding annexation](#)
- [CCMTg Sep 26 2023 - Agenda Item F-12 - Resolution directing that City staff amend](#)

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

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

City Clerk Item No. 8

**C. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

City Clerk Item No. 29



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

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

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-300****D.-1. [23-6498](#)**

A Resolution of the City Commission authorizing Beaux Arts of the Lowe Art Museum of the University of Miami to sell alcoholic beverages at the University of Miami Watsco Center Parking Lot on Saturday, January 13th, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, January 14th, 2024, from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. during the 73rd Annual Beaux Arts Festival of Art. Subject to Florida Department of Professional Regulation Requirements.

**Attachments:** [beaux application](#)  
[Beaux Arts Festival of Art 2024 RESO](#)  
[Beaux Arts Festival of Art 2024](#)  
[R-2023-300 Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION AUTHORIZING BEAUX ARTS OF THE LOWE ART MUSEUM OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI TO SELL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI WATSCO CENTER PARKING LOT ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 13, 2024, BEGINNING AT 10:00 A.M. UNTIL 5:00 P.M. AND SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 2024, BEGINNING AT 12:00 NOON UNTIL 5:00 P.M. DURING THE "73RD ANNUAL BEAUX ARTS FESTIVAL OF ART." SUBJECT TO FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION REQUIREMENTS.

**This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2023-300 BY VOICE VOTE**

City Clerk Item No. 9

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-301**D.-2. [23-6524](#)

A Resolution of the City Commission authorizing the execution of an agreement for sewer connection for property located outside the City's sewer district at 6565 Red Road, Coral Gables, Florida into the City of Coral Gables wastewater collection / transmission system, subject to the requirements of the Public Works Department, as provided under Chapters 62 and 78 of the City Code, Ordinance Nos. 2007-29 and 2009-39 and Resolution No. 2008-07; and provided that the executed agreement be made part of this resolution.

**Attachments:** [UM - 6565 Red Rd -Outside Sewer Connection- COVER Agreement Letter](#)  
[UM - 6565 Red Rd -Outside Sewer Connection- RESOL R-2023-301 Sgned](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT FOR SEWER CONNECTION FOR PROPERTY LOCATED OUTSIDE THE CITY'S SEWER DISTRICT AT 6565 RED ROAD, CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA INTO THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES WASTEWATER COLLECTION / TRANSMISSION SYSTEM, SUBJECT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, AS PROVIDED UNDER CHAPTERS 62 AND 78 OF THE CITY CODE, ORDINANCE NOS. 2007-29 AND 2009-39 AND RESOLUTION NO. 2008-07; AND PROVIDED THAT THE EXECUTED AGREEMENT BE MADE PART OF THIS RESOLUTION.

**This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2023-301 BY VOICE VOTE**

City Clerk Item No. 10

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-302**D.-3. [23-6515](#)

A Resolution of the City Commission increasing the fixed rate per 1,000 gallons that the City charges the University of Miami for the collection and disposal of their sanitary sewage and authorizing the execution of a new ten (10) year sewage service and disposal agreement with the University of Miami for the continued collection and disposal of sewage flows from the University's connection point (Ponce de Leon Boulevard) through the City's sewage transmission system to the Miami Dade Water and Sewer Department (MDWASD) connection point (Southwest 28th Street and Southwest 38th Avenue).

**Attachments:** [UM Sewage Disposal Fixed Rate Increase - COVER](#)  
[UM Sewage Disposal Fixed Rate increase - RESOL](#)  
[Sewage Service and Disposal Agreement between the City and UM with CPI Prov R-2023-302 Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION INCREASING THE FIXED RATE PER 1,000 GALLONS THAT THE CITY CHARGES THE UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI FOR THE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF THEIR SANITARY SEWAGE AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A NEW TEN (10) YEAR SEWAGE SERVICE AND DISPOSAL AGREEMENT WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI FOR THE CONTINUED COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF SEWAGE FLOWS FROM THE UNIVERSITY'S CONNECTION POINT

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(PONCE DE LEON BOULEVARD) THROUGH THE CITY'S SEWAGE TRANSMISSION SYSTEM TO THE MIAMI DADE WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT (MDWASD) CONNECTION POINT (SOUTHWEST 28TH STREET & SOUTHWEST 38TH AVENUE).

**This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2023-302 BY VOICE VOTE**

City Clerk Item No. 11

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-303**

D.-4. [23-6551](#)

A Resolution of the City Commission confirming the appointment of Zully Pardo (Nominated by City Manager Iglesias) to serve as a member of the Library Advisory Board, for a two (2) year term which began on June 1, 2023 and continues through May 31, 2025.

**Attachments:** [Draft Resolution - Zully Pardo - Library Board](#)  
[Cover Memo - Zully Pardo - Library Board](#)  
[R-2023-303 Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF ZULLY PARDO (NOMINATED BY CITY MANAGER IGLESIAS) TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD, FOR A TWO (2) YEAR TERM WHICH BEGAN ON JUNE 1, 2023 AND CONTINUES THROUGH MAY 31, 2025.

**This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2023-303 BY VOICE VOTE**

City Clerk Item No. 12

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-304**

D.-5. [23-6558](#)

A Resolution of the City Commission confirming the appointment of Rene Alvarez (Nominated by City Manager Iglesias) to serve as a member of the Coral Gables Retirement Board (General Employees), for a two (2) year term which began on June 1, 2023 and continues through May 31, 2025.

**Attachments:** [Draft Resolution - Rene Alvarez - Retirement Board](#)  
[Cover Memo - Rene Alvarez - Retirement Board](#)  
[R-2023-304 Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF RENE ALVAREZ (NOMINATED BY CITY MANAGER IGLESIAS) TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE CORAL GABLES RETIREMENT BOARD (GENERAL EMPLOYEES), FOR A TWO (2) YEAR TERM WHICH BEGAN ON JUNE 1, 2023 AND CONTINUES THROUGH MAY 31, 2025.

**This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2023-304 BY VOICE VOTE**

City Clerk Item No. 13

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-305**

D.-6. [23-6561](#)

A Resolution of the City Commission approving the execution of a Declaration of Covenants, Restrictions and Easements for the Miracle Theatre Complex.

**Attachments:** [Cover Memo Resolution Miracle Theatre Declaration of Covenants Resolution Miracle Theatre Declaration of Covenants R-2023-305 Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF A DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, RESTRICTIONS AND EASEMENTS FOR THE MIRACLE THEATRE COMPLEX.

**This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2023-305 BY VOICE VOTE**

City Clerk Item No. 14

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-306**

D.-7. [23-6504](#)

A Resolution of the City Commission authorizing the execution of Amendment No. 7 to the State of Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Agreement No. 15DA2 for the Coral Gables Waterway Bank Stabilization Project for the purpose of extending the term of the Agreement from December 31, 2023 to December 31, 2024.

**Attachments:** [Agreement No. 15DA2 - Amendment 7 Cover Memo 2023 Agreement No. 15DA2 Amendment Resolution 2023 Agreement No. 15DA2 Amendment R-2023-306 Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AMENDMENT NO. 7 TO THE STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (DEP) AGREEMENT NO. 15DA2 FOR THE CORAL GABLES WATERWAY BANK STABILIZATION PROJECT FOR THE PURPOSE OF EXTENDING THE TERM OF THE AGREEMENT FROM DECEMBER 31, 2023 TO DECEMBER 31, 2024.

**This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2023-306 BY VOICE VOTE**

City Clerk Item No. 15

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-307****D.-8. [23-6505](#)**

A Resolution of the City Commission authorizing the acceptance of the Modification of grant funds to Agreement No. G22MI0016A in the amount of \$126,787 on behalf of the Coral Gables Police Department as part of the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) Program to support Fiscal Year 2023-2024 operations of the South Florida Money Laundering Strike Force; and authorizing an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 annual budget to recognize the \$126,787 grant modification as revenue and to appropriate such funds to put toward the cost.

**Attachments:** [Cover Memo 2023 HIDTA Program Modification G22M G22MI0016A Mod Ltr Version 4](#)  
[Resolution 2023 HIDTA Program Modification G22M R-2023-307 Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE MODIFICATION OF GRANT FUNDS TO AGREEMENT NO. G22MI0016A IN THE AMOUNT OF \$126,787 ON BEHALF OF THE CORAL GABLES POLICE DEPARTMENT AS PART OF THE OFFICE OF NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL POLICY (ONDCP) HIGH INTENSITY DRUG TRAFFICKING AREAS (HIDTA) PROGRAM TO SUPPORT FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 OPERATIONS OF THE SOUTH FLORIDA MONEY LAUNDERING STRIKE FORCE; AND AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 ANNUAL BUDGET TO RECOGNIZE THE \$126,787 GRANT MODIFICATION AS REVENUE AND TO APPROPRIATE SUCH FUNDS TO PUT TOWARD THE COST.

**This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2023-307 BY VOICE VOTE**

City Clerk Item No. 16

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-308****D.-9. [23-6557](#)**

A Resolution of the City Commission appointing Jose A. Gelabert-Navia as a Special Master presiding over quasi-judicial public hearings for the Board of Architects pursuant to Sections 14-103.3 and 14-103.2 of the Coral Gables Zoning Code.

**Attachments:** [Cover Memo - Resolution 2023 - Appointing Jose A. Gelabert-Navia as a Special Master for BOA](#)  
[Resolution 2023 - Appointing Jose A. Gelabert-Navia as a Special Master for BOA R-2023-308 Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF CORAL GABLES APPOINTING JOSE A. GELABERT-NAVIA AS A SPECIAL MASTER FOR QUASI-JUDICIAL PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR THE BOARD OF ARCHITECTS PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 14-103.3 AND 14-103.2 OF THE CORAL GABLES ZONING CODE.

**This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2023-308 BY VOICE VOTE**

City Clerk Item No. 17

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-309**

- D.-10. [23-6563](#) A Resolution of the City Commission appointing Barbara Perez (Nominated by City Manager Iglesias) to serve as a member of the Economic Development Board, for the remainder of an unexpired term, which began on June 1, 2023 and continues through May 31, 2025.

**Attachments:** [Draft Resolution - Barbara Perez - Economic Development Cover Memo - Barbara Perez - Economic Development R-2023-309 Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION APPOINTING BARBARA PEREZ (NOMINATED BY CITY MANAGER IGLESIAS) TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD, FOR THE REMAINDER OF AN UNEXPIRED TERM, WHICH BEGAN ON JUNE 1, 2023 AND CONTINUES THROUGH MAY 31, 2025.

**This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2023-309 BY VOICE VOTE**

City Clerk Item No. 18

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

- 1.-1. [23-6345](#) Advisory Board on Disability Affairs Meeting of September 6, 2023.

**Attachments:** [ADA Sept 6, 2023 Agenda](#)  
[09 06 23 CITY CLERK OFC Attendance Form](#)  
[Cover Ltr 09 06 23 Meeting](#)  
[ADA Sept 6 2023 Meeting Mins With Exhibits](#)

**This Matter was approved BY VOICE VOTE**

City Clerk Item No. 19

- 1.-2. [23-6537](#) Historic Preservation Board Meeting of August 16, 2023.

**Attachments:** [Historic Preservation Board Meeting Minutes of August 16, 2023](#)

**This Matter was approved BY VOICE VOTE**

City Clerk Item No. 20

- 1.-3. [23-6533](#) Merrick House Governing Board Meeting of May 8, 2023.

**Attachments:** [Merrick House Governing Board Meeting Minutes of May 8, 2023](#)

**This Matter was approved BY VOICE VOTE**

City Clerk Item No. 21

- 1.-4. [23-6534](#) Merrick House Governing Board Meeting of August 14, 2023.  
**Attachments:** [Merrick House Governing Board Meeting Minutes of August 14, 2023](#)  
**This Matter was approved BY VOICE VOTE**  
City Clerk Item No. 22
- 1.-5. [23-6535](#) Merrick House Governing Board Meeting of September 11, 2023.  
**Attachments:** [Merrick House Governing Board Meeting Minutes of September 11, 2023](#)  
**This Matter was approved BY VOICE VOTE**  
City Clerk Item No. 23
- 1.-6. [23-6501](#) Retirement Board Meeting of September 14, 2023.  
**Attachments:** [Minutes 09-14-2023](#)  
[CC.09-14-2023 October 24, 2023](#)  
**This Matter was approved BY VOICE VOTE**  
City Clerk Item No. 24
- 1.-7. [23-6347](#) School Community Relations Committee Meeting of August 18, 2023.  
**Attachments:** [Cover Memo](#)  
[SCRC Aug. 18 Draft Minutes](#)  
**This Matter was approved BY VOICE VOTE**  
City Clerk Item No. 25

2. **Presentation of Boards and/or Committees draft/final minutes requesting action from the City Commission [Note: A vote to accept the minutes does not mean approval of the substance within the minutes]:**

**Time Certain 10:30am (Agenda Item 2-1)**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-312 (As Amended)**

- 2.-1. [23-6267](#) A Resolution of the Coral Gables Cultural Development Board recommending the City Commission to commit to completing Ponce Circle Park renovations in time for the city's centennial; further recommending the renovation to include infrastructure to support installation of future artworks in the park (unanimously recommended by the Cultural Development Board approval/denial vote: 7 to 0).

**Attachments:** [CDB Minutes December 20, 2022 Excerpt re. Ponce Circle Park](#)  
[CDB Minutes July 18, 2023 Excerpt re. Ponce Circle Park](#)  
[CDB Cover Memo Ponce Circle Park re. Centennial and AiPP](#)  
[R-Draft-CDB Ponce Circle Park re. Centennial and Public Art infrastructure](#)  
[Speaker Cards 2-1](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD THAT THE CITY COMMISSION COMMIT TO COMPLETING PONCE CIRCLE PARK RENOVATIONS IN TIME FOR THE CITY'S CENTENNIAL; FURTHER RECOMMENDING THE RENOVATION TO INCLUDE INFRASTRUCTURE TO SUPPORT INSTALLATION OF FUTURE ARTWORKS IN THE PARK (UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDED BY THE CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD APPROVAL/DENIAL VOTE: 7 TO 0).

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

**A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Menendez, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2023-312. The motion passed by the following vote.**

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

City Clerk Item No. 30



**E. PUBLIC HEARINGS****ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING****ORDINANCE NO. 2023-33****E.-1. [23-6276](#)**

An Ordinance of the City Commission providing for text amendments to the City of Coral Gables Official Zoning Code by amending Article 3, "Uses," Section 3-315, "Restaurant, open air dining at ground level and other location," to provide a minimum clear distance for pedestrian traffic within any arcade or loggia that has outdoor seating, providing for repealer provision, severability clause, codification, and providing for an effective date. (09 21 23 PZB recommended approval, Vote 6-1)  
(Sponsored by Vice Mayor Anderson)

**Attachments:** [09 21 23 PZB Staff Report - Outdoor Seating Arcade with attachments](#)  
[10 10 23 CC - Outdoor Seating](#)  
[Exhibit A - Draft Ordinance - Outdoor Seating](#)  
[Exhibit B - 09 21 23 PZB Staff Report with attachments](#)  
[Exhibit C - 09 21 23 PZB Action Meeting Minutes](#)  
[10 24 23 CC Cover Memo - Outdoor Seating - 2nd Reading](#)  
[10 24 23 Exhibit A - Draft Ordinance - Outdoor Seating](#)  
[O-2023-33 Signed](#)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION PROVIDING FOR TEXT AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES OFFICIAL ZONING CODE BY AMENDING ARTICLE 3, "USES," SECTION 3-315, "RESTAURANT, OPEN AIR DINING AT GROUND LEVEL AND OTHER LOCATION," TO PROVIDE A MINIMUM CLEAR DISTANCE FOR PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC WITHIN ANY ARCADE OR LOGGIA THAT HAS OUTDOOR SEATING, PROVIDING FOR REPEALER PROVISION, SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, CODIFICATION, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Fernandez, that this matter be adopted by Ordinance Number 2023-33. The motion passed by the following vote.**

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

City Clerk Item No. 32

**Agenda Items E-2 and are E-3 are related****ORDINANCE NO. 2023-34****E.-2. [23-5979](#)**

An Ordinance of the City Commission granting approval of proposed amendments to the text of the City of Coral Gables Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Element, pursuant to expedited state review procedures (S.163.3184, Florida Statutes) and Zoning Code Article 14, "Process," Section 14-213, "Comprehensive Plan Text and Map Amendments;" to provide for additional building height up to one hundred and thirty-seven feet and six inches with parks incentives if developed pursuant to the Design & Innovation District regulations; and clarifying the Design & Innovation District as a Transfer of Development Rights receiving area; providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, codification, and providing for an effective date. (07 12 23 PZB recommended denial, Vote 3-2)

(Sponsored by Vice Mayor Anderson)

**Attachments:** [07 12 2023 Staff Report - Park incentives w attachments](#)  
[08 22 23 Exhibit C - 07 12 23 Staff Report](#)  
[08 22 23 Exhibit D - 07 12 23 PZB Minutes](#)  
[08 22 23 CC Cover Memo - Parks Incentive - 1st Reading](#)  
[08 22 23 Exhibit A - Draft Ordinance - Comprehensive Plan Amendments - Park In](#)  
[08 22 23 Exhibit B - Draft Ordinance - Zoning Code Text Amendment - Park Incer](#)  
[Speaker Cards E-5 and E-6 and E-7](#)  
[Speaker Cards E-6 and E-7 and E-8 and E-9](#)  
[Speaker Cards E-6 and E-7](#)  
[Speaker Cards E-6](#)  
[Merrick Park Petition 1 E-6 and E-7](#)  
[Merrick Park Petition 2 E-6 and E-7](#)  
[10 24 23 CC Cover Memo - Parks Incentive 2nd Reading](#)  
[10 24 23 Exhibit A - Draft Parks Incentives Ordinance Comprehensive Plan Amen](#)  
[10 24 23 Exhibit C - Florida Commerce notification](#)  
[10 24 23 Exhibit B - Draft Parks Incentives Zoning Code Text Amendment](#)  
[O-2023-34 Signed](#)  
[Speaker Cards E-2](#)  
[Speaker Cards E-2 and E-3](#)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION GRANTING APPROVAL OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE TEXT OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FUTURE LAND USE ELEMENT, PURSUANT TO EXPEDITED STATE REVIEW PROCEDURES (S.163.3184, FLORIDA STATUTES) AND ZONING CODE ARTICLE 14, "PROCESS," SECTION 14-213, "COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TEXT AND MAP AMENDMENTS;" TO PROVIDE FOR ADDITIONAL BUILDING HEIGHT UP TO ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-SEVEN FEET AND SIX INCHES WITH PARKS INCENTIVES IF DEVELOPED PURSUANT TO THE DESIGN & INNOVATION DISTRICT REGULATIONS; AND CLARIFYING THE DESIGN & INNOVATION DISTRICT AS A TRANSFER OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS RECEIVING AREA; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER PROVISION, PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Mayor Lago, that this matter be adopted by Ordinance Number 2023-34. The motion passed by the following vote.

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

**Nays :** 2 - Commissioner Castro and Commissioner Fernandez

City Clerk Item No. 33

### **ORDINANCE NO. 2023-35 (As Amended)**

**E.-3. [23-5980](#)**

An Ordinance of the City Commission providing for text amendments to the City of Coral Gables Official Zoning Code pursuant to Zoning Code Article 14, "Process," Section 14-212, "Zoning Code Text and Map Amendments," to create an incentive program within the Design & Innovation District to allow a maximum building height of one hundred and thirty-seven feet and six inches by providing a park open to the public, providing for repealer provision, severability clause, codification, and providing for an effective date. (07 12 23 PZB made no recommendation, Vote 3-2)

(Sponsored by Vice Mayor Anderson)

**Attachments:** [07 12 2023 Staff Report - Park incentives w attachments](#)  
[08 22 23 Exhibit C - 07 12 23 Staff Report](#)  
[08 22 23 Exhibit D - 07 12 23 PZB Minutes](#)  
[08 22 23 Exhibit A - Draft Ordinance - Comprehensive Plan Amendments - Park Incentive](#)  
[08 22 23 Exhibit B - Draft Ordinance - Zoning Code Text Amendment - Park Incentive](#)  
[08 22 23 CC Cover Memo - Parks Incentive - 1st Reading](#)  
[Speaker Cards E-5 and E-6 and E-7](#)  
[Speaker Cards E-6 and E-7 and E-8 and E-9](#)  
[Speaker Cards E-6 and E-7](#)  
[Speaker Cards E-7](#)  
[Merrick Park Petition 1 E-6 and E-7](#)  
[Merrick Park Petition 2 E-6 and E-7](#)  
[10 24 23 Exhibit C - Florida Commerce notification](#)  
[10 24 23 Exhibit A - Draft Parks Incentives Ordinance Comprehensive Plan Amendment](#)  
[10 24 23 CC Cover Memo - Parks Incentive 2nd Reading](#)  
[10 24 23 Exhibit B - Draft Parks Incentives Zoning Code Text Amendment](#)  
[Speaker Cards E-3](#)  
[Speaker Cards E-2 and E-3](#)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION PROVIDING FOR TEXT AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES OFFICIAL ZONING CODE PURSUANT TO ZONING CODE ARTICLE 14, "PROCESS," SECTION 14-212, "ZONING CODE TEXT AND MAP AMENDMENTS," TO CREATE AN INCENTIVE PROGRAM WITHIN THE DESIGN & INNOVATION DISTRICT TO ALLOW A MAXIMUM BUILDING HEIGHT OF ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-SEVEN FEET AND SIX INCHES BY PROVIDING A PARK OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, PROVIDING FOR REPEALER PROVISION, SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, CODIFICATION, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Fernandez, that this matter be adopted as amended by Ordinance Number 2023-35 . The motion passed by the following vote.

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

City Clerk Item No. 34

## RESOLUTIONS

### Agenda Items E-4 and E-5 are related

#### RESOLUTION NO. 2023-314

**E.-4. [23-6278](#)**

A Resolution of the City Commission approving receipt of Transfer of Development Rights (TDRs) pursuant to Zoning Code Article 14, "Process," Section 14-204.6, "Review and approval of use of TDRs on receiver sites," for the receipt and use of TDRs for a mixed-use project referred to as "4241 Aurora" on the property legally described as Lots 12 through 22, Block 6, Coral Gables Industrial Section (4241 Aurora St), Coral Gables, Florida; including required conditions; providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, and an effective date. (09 21 23 PZB Meeting - Board recommended approval, Vote: 7-0)

Lobbyist: Jorge Navarro

Lobbyist: Devon Vickers

**Attachments:** [09 21 23 - Attachment A - Applicant Submittal Package](#)  
[09 21 23 - Staff Report - 4241 Aurora St with Attachments B, C, and D](#)  
[10 24 23 Exhibit A - Applicant Updated Submittal Package](#)  
[10 24 23 Exhibit B - Draft Resolution - TDRs](#)  
[10 24 23 Exhibit C - Draft Resolution - Conditional Use Mixed-Use Site Plan](#)  
[10 24 23 Exhibit D - 09 21 23 PZB Staff Report - 4241 Aurora St with Attachments](#)  
[10 24 23 Exhibit E - 09 21 23 PZB Meeting Minutes](#)  
[10 24 23 Exhibit F - Powerpoint Presentation](#)  
[10 24 23 CC Cover Memo - 4241 Aurora](#)  
[R-2023-314 Signed](#)  
[Speaker Cards E-4 and E-5](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION APPROVING RECEIPT OF TRANSFER OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS (TDRS) PURSUANT TO ZONING CODE ARTICLE 14, "PROCESS," SECTION 14-204.6, "REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF USE OF TDRS ON RECEIVER SITES," FOR THE RECEIPT AND USE OF TDRS FOR A MIXED-USE PROJECT REFERRED TO AS "4241 AURORA" ON THE PROPERTY LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS LOTS 12 THROUGH 22, BLOCK 6, CORAL GABLES INDUSTRIAL SECTION (4241 AURORA ST), CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA; INCLUDING REQUIRED CONDITIONS; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER PROVISION, SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Items E-4 and E-5 is available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk and in Legistar].

**A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Menendez, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2023-314. The motion passed by the following vote.**

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

City Clerk Item No. 35

### **RESOLUTION NO. 2023-315**

**E.-5. [23-6279](#)**

A Resolution of the City Commission approving Mixed-Use Site Plan and Conditional Use review pursuant to Zoning Code Article 14, "Process" Section 14-203, "Conditional Uses," for a proposed mixed-use project referred to as "4241 Aurora" on the property legally described as Lots 12 through 22, Block 6, Coral Gables Industrial Section (4241 Aurora St), Coral Gables, Florida; including required conditions; providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, and providing for an effective date. (09 21 23 PZB Meeting - Board recommended approval with conditions, Vote: 7-0)

Lobbyist: Jorge Navarro

Lobbyist: Devon Vickers

**Attachments:** [09 21 23 - Attachment A - Applicant Submittal Package](#)  
[09 21 23 - Staff Report - 4241 Aurora St with Attachments B, C, and D](#)  
[10 24 23 CC Cover Memo - 4241 Aurora](#)  
[10 24 23 Exhibit A - Applicant Updated Submittal Package](#)  
[10 24 23 Exhibit B - Draft Resolution - TDRs](#)  
[10 24 23 Exhibit C - Draft Resolution - Conditional Use Mixed-Use Site Plan](#)  
[10 24 23 Exhibit D - 09 21 23 PZB Staff Report - 4241 Aurora St with Attachments](#)  
[10 24 23 Exhibit E - 09 21 23 PZB Meeting Minutes](#)  
[10 24 23 Exhibit F - Powerpoint Presentation](#)  
[Speaker Cards E-5](#)  
[Speaker Cards E-4 and E-5](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION APPROVING MIXED-USE SITE PLAN AND CONDITIONAL USE REVIEW PURSUANT TO ZONING CODE ARTICLE 14, "PROCESS" SECTION 14-203, "CONDITIONAL USES," FOR A PROPOSED MIXED-USE PROJECT REFERRED TO AS "4241 AURORA" ON THE PROPERTY LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS LOTS 12 THROUGH 22, BLOCK 6, CORAL GABLES INDUSTRIAL SECTION (4241 AURORA ST), CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA; INCLUDING REQUIRED CONDITIONS; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER PROVISION, SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Items E-4 and E-5 is available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk and in Legistar].

**A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Menendez, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2023-315. The motion passed by the following vote.**

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

City Clerk Item No. 36

**F. CITY COMMISSION ITEMS**

- F.-1. [23-6368](#) Discussion regarding businesses on Giralda Avenue. (Sponsored by Commissioner Castro)

**Attachments:** [Speaker Cards F-1](#)  
[Speaker Cards F-1](#)

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

**This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed**

City Clerk Item No. 44

- F.-2. [23-6536](#) Presentation of “El Clasico of La Liga of Spain” arriving to Coral Gables. (Sponsored by Commissioner Castro)

**Attachments:** [Nielsen Sports - White Paper - El Clásico](#)

**This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed**

City Clerk Item No. 42

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-319**

- F.-3. [23-6549](#) Update on white way lights. (Sponsored by Mayor Lago)

**Attachments:** [F-3 White Way Lights](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT AND ACQUIRE THE HISTORIC WHITE WAY LIGHTS DISCOVERED IN BROWARD COUNTY.

[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].

**A motion was made by Mayor Lago, seconded by Commissioner Fernandez, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2023-319. The motion passed by the following vote.**

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

City Clerk Item No. 43

- F.-4. [23-6548](#) Update from the Village of Merrick Park management.  
(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)

**This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed**

City Clerk Item No. 38

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-320**

- F.-5. [23-6553](#) A Resolution of the City Commission readopting the Civility Code for members of the City Commission, expanding its applicability and providing for procedures and consequences for violation of the Civility Code.  
(Sponsored by Commissioner Castro)

**Attachments:** [Civility Code October 2023](#)  
[Cover Memo Civility Code October 2023](#)  
[R-2023-320 Signed](#)  
[Speaker Cards F-5](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION READOPTING THE CIVILITY CODE FOR MEMBERS OF THE CITY COMMISSION, EXPANDING ITS APPLICABILITY AND PROVIDING PROCEDURES AND CONSEQUENCES FOR VIOLATION OF THE CIVILITY CODE.

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Items F-5 and F-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 Number 2023-320. The motion passed by the following vote.**

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

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

City Clerk Item No. 45

- F.-6. [23-6562](#) A Resolution of the City Commission readopting the Civility Code for members of the City Commission, expanding its applicability and providing for notice, procedures, and consequences for violations of the Civility Code.  
(Sponsored by Vice Mayor Anderson)

**Attachments:** [Civility Code October 2023 Anderson](#)  
[Cover Memo Resolution Civility Code Anderson](#)  
[Speaker Cards F-6](#)

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Items F-5 and F-6 is available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk and in Legistar].

**A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Mayor Lago, that this matter be adopted by Resolution No Number Assigned. The motion failed by the following vote.**

**Yeas :** 2 - Commissioner Anderson and Mayor Lago

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

City Clerk Item No. 46

### **RESOLUTION NO. 2023-310**

**F.-7.**     **23-6560**

A Resolution of the City Commission supporting Israel and condemning the unprovoked and unjustified war launched by Hamas terrorists against Israel.

(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)

(Co-Sponsored by Vice Mayor Anderson)

(Co-Sponsored by Commissioner Castro)

(Co-Sponsored by Commissioner Fernandez)

(Co-Sponsored by Commissioner Menendez)

**Attachments:**    [Cover memo supporting Israel](#)  
[Resolution supporting israel](#)  
[Updated 10/23 - Cover memo supporting Israel](#)  
[Updated 10/23 - Resolution supporting Israel](#)  
[R-2023-310 Signed](#)  
[Speaker Cards F-7](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION SUPPORTING ISRAEL AND CONDEMNING THE UNPROVOKED AND UNJUSTIFIED WAR LAUNCHED BY HAMAS TERRORISTS AGAINST ISRAEL.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Fernandez, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2023-310. The motion passed by the following vote.**

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

City Clerk Item No. 26

### **RESOLUTION NO. 2023-311**

**Non**     **23-6626**  
**Agenda**  
**Item**

A Resolution of the City Commission in support of placing a menorah and a manger near City Hall during the upcoming holiday season.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION IN SUPPORT OF PLACING A MENORAH AND A MANGER NEAR CITY HALL DURING THE UPCOMING HOLIDAY SEASON.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Fernandez, that this motion be adopted by Resolution Number 2023-311. The motion passed by unanimous vote.**

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

City Clerk Item No. 27



**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-321**

- F.-8. [23-6570](#) Updated on 140 Arvida Parkway., Alfred Browning Parker property.  
(Sponsored by Commissioner Fernandez)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Fernandez, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2023-321. The motion passed by the following vote.**

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

City Clerk Item No. 47

**G. BOARDS/COMMITTEES ITEMS****Time Certain 11:00am (Agenda Item G-1)****RESOLUTION NO. 2023-313**

- G.-1. [23-6296](#) A Resolution of the City Commission approving the concept and commissioning of a work of public art by gt2P Studios in conjunction with the Alta development project at 4101 Salzedo Street, in fulfillment of the Art in Public Places requirement for public art in private development (recommended by the Arts Advisory Panel approval/denial vote: 5 to 2; unanimously recommended by the Cultural Development Board approval/denial vote: 5 to 0).

**Attachments:** [Commission Cover 10.24.2023 AiPP Alta, gt2P.docx](#)  
[R-Draft-AiPP Alta, Merick 250\\_gt2P](#)  
[Exhibit A - gt2P for Alta](#)  
[gt2P artist information](#)  
[AAP Meeting September 6 2023 Excerpt re. Alta, Merrick 250](#)  
[CDB Minutes September 19, 2023 Excerpt re. Alta, Merrick 250](#)  
[CC 10.24.2023 G.-1. AiPP Alta - Merrick 250](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION APPROVING THE CONCEPT WITH REVISIONS AND COMMISSIONING OF A WORK OF PUBLIC ART BY GT2P STUDIOS IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE ALTA DEVELOPMENT PROJECT AT 4101 SALZEDO STREET, IN FULFILLMENT OF THE ART IN PUBLIC PLACES REQUIREMENT FOR PUBLIC ART IN PRIVATE DEVELOPMENT (RECOMMENDED BY THE ARTS ADVISORY PANEL APPROVAL/DENIAL VOTE: 5 TO 2; UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDED BY THE CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD APPROVAL/DENIAL VOTE: 5 TO 0).

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

**A motion was made by Mayor Lago, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2023-313. The motion passed by the following vote.**

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

City Clerk Item No. 31

### **RESOLUTION NO. 2023-316**

**G.-2. [23-6508](#)**

A Resolution of the City Commission appointing the following individuals to serve as members of the Charter Review Committee:

Mayor Lago - Donald Slesnick  
Vice Mayor Anderson - Anna Betancourt  
Commissioner Castro - Jane Moskowitz  
Commissioner Fernandez - Felix Pardo  
Commissioner Menendez - Thomas Wells

**Attachments:** [R-2023-316 Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION APPOINTING THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS: DONALD SLESNICK (NOMINATED BY MAYOR LAGO); ANNA BETANCOURT (NOMINATED BY VICE MAYOR ANDERSON); JANE MOSKOWITZ (NOMINATED BY COMMISSIONER CASTRO); FELIX PARDO (NOMINATED BY COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ) AND THOMAS WELLS (NOMINATED BY COMMISSIONER MENENDEZ), TO SERVE AS MEMBERS OF THE CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Fernandez, seconded by Commissioner Menendez, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2023-316. The motion passed by the following vote.**

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

City Clerk Item No. 37

## **H. CITY MANAGER ITEMS**

### **RESOLUTION NO. 2023-318**

**H.-1. [23-6509](#)**

A Resolution of the City Commission approving the City's 2024 Legislative Priorities in substantially the attached form.

**Attachments:** [2024 Legislative Priorities Planning Document Draft RAA Edits 10-12-2023](#)  
[Legislative Priorities Cover Memo 2024](#)  
[Legislative Priorities Reso 2024](#)  
[2024 Legislative Priorities Final](#)  
[R-2023-318 Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION, APPROVING THE CITY'S 2024 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE ATTACHED FORM.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Fernandez, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2023-318. The motion passed by the following vote.**

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

City Clerk Item No. 41

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-317**

**H.-2. 23-6511**

A Resolution of the City Commission authorizing a bid waiver for holiday decorations on Miracle Mile and Giralda Plaza pursuant to Section 2-691 of the City’s Procurement Code and authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with the Christmas Palace for custom decorations for a period of three years.

**Attachments:** [10.24.23 CM Bid waiver holiday decor](#)  
[10.24.23 RESO bid waiver holiday decorations](#)  
[Holiday Decor 2023 Quotes](#)  
[R-2023-317 Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION AUTHORIZING A BID WAIVER FOR HOLIDAY DECORATIONS ON MIRACLE MILE AND GIRALDA PLAZA PURSUANT TO SECTION 2-691 OF THE CITY’S PROCUREMENT CODE AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE CHRISTMAS PALACE FOR CUSTOM DECORATIONS FOR A PERIOD OF THREE YEARS.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Menendez, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2023-317. The motion passed by the following vote.**

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

City Clerk Item No. 39

**I. CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS**

**I.-1. 23-6510**

Update regarding proposed Zoning Code text amendments regarding appeal procedures.

**Attachments:** [Speaker Cards I-1](#)

**This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed**

City Clerk Item No. 40

**J. CITY CLERK ITEMS**

**None**

City Clerk Item No. 48

**K. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

City Clerk Item No. 49

**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 3:35 p.m. The next Regular Meeting of the City Commission has been scheduled for Tuesday, November 14, 2023, beginning 9 a.m.]

BILLY Y. URQUIA  
CITY CLERK