

# **City of Coral Gables**

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## **Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, February 28, 2023**

**9:00 AM**

**City Hall, Commission Chambers**

### **City Commission**

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

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

The City of Coral Gables will be holding its Regular Meeting on Tuesday, February 28, 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. 2023-09 and Ordinance No. 2023-10) (b) Resolution(s) adopted (Resolution No. 2023-43 through Resolution No. 2023-46); (c) Video; (d) Audio Recording; (e) Minutes Folder with Agenda and background information, including items which were submitted at the meeting.

## ROLL CALL

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

## INVOCATION

Pastor, Ryan Reed from Christ Journey Church gave the Invocation.

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Cason led the Pledge of Allegiance

## A. PRESENTATIONS AND PROTOCOL DOCUMENTS

- A.-1. [23-5299](#) Presentation of a Certificate of Condolence to the bereaved family of Marian Fewell.

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

Mayor Lago introduced Agenda Item A-1 regarding a Certificate of Condolence to the bereaved family of Marian Fewell and spoke at length of her life and philanthropic spirit in donating millions of dollars, being respected, giving guidance in funding museums, buildings, and parks. He believes that the city can never give the proper respect to the Fewell family during their loss. Carol Fewell, Marian's daughter spoke of her childhood memories living in the home which was kept as is by her parents who bought it sixty years ago and now needs many renovations, and her mother's love for Coral Gables. The mayor also thanked Ms. Fewell and her family for the park on Granada and Coral Way because it is a unique park filled with native plants and lots of ground coverings, which is indicative of how Florida used to be, and that is a jewel which needs to be preserved. Continuing, he stated that this is something dear to the City Commission in advocating for more greenspace and that this family has placed this multimillion-dollar property into a public trust that the city could not afford, and

this family's name elevates the standards in Coral Gables. Ms. Fewell said that it would be her pleasure to assist the city in any way with maintaining the park. Commissioner Anderson stated that Ms. Fewell's dream came through because 35 years ago when she had her children, she used the park to sit, and enjoy it and now there are native host plants with butterflies and agreed that the plants need some sprucing-up and thanked her. Commissioner Menendez stated that he can relate on many levels of the work that Ms. Fewell's family has done and jokingly reiterated about the family home being 60 years, and that he is also 60 years old and needs daily renovation (laughter). Continuing he said that her family represents the Coral Gables he grew up in and like her family, he was always in awe of a vision that they could be and could do, and the difference between her family and others with a vision is that they do it. He hopes that their family legacy inspires current families, the ones that grew up in Coral Gables to come back and give back and hopefully take it to another level. On behalf of the Mayor and City Commission he thanked her and her family who have been an inspiration in how the City has benefited. Ms. Fewell thanked the City Commission for their thoughtfulness and kindness in presenting her family with a Certificate of Condolence.

A museum representative thanked the City Commission on behalf of the museum as well as thanked Marian and Carol Fewell who have been like guardian angels always encouraging them in matters dealing with the museum and who recently donated a substantial amount of money to assist with upgrades for the museum and thanked the Fewell Family for continuing the legacy.

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

City Clerk Item No. 1

- A.-2. [23-5353](#) Presentation of "Moon over the Gables" by the Coral Gables Community Foundation.

**Attachments:** [Moon Over the Gables City Commission Presentation](#)

Mayor Lago introduced the item and Mary Snow, President and CEO of Coral Gables Community Foundation and Belkys Perez, Director of Economic Development presented the item. The mayor stated that he is very excited about this project which speaks volumes regarding the City stepping-up regarding culture and driving people from all over to the "City Beautiful" to enjoy all the amenities, restaurants and a clean downtown, all credited to staff. It is overall another opportunity to enjoy the "City Beautiful". Ms. Snow in addressing the City Commission stated that she is happy to be partnering with the city, and they are the team that brought Umbrella Sky. She then showed slides of the project, provided a background of the artist Luke Jerram and all the places the art has been shown throughout the world. Show during the slide presentation was a rendering of what the inflatable moon would look like when on display in Ponce Circle Park. This project is anticipated to bring increased economic and cultural opportunities for the city which is

in keeping with the strategic goals of the city. This event is free, family friendly and open to the public. They have partnered with Books and Books, and there will be moon pies on the first night with book readings, Coral Gables Art Cinema, and Sanctuary of the Arts will perform a ballet on one evening. Overall, they have several family friendly events planned, and thanked the City Manager and Ms. Perez for their assistance with the project. The schedule for the moon landing is as follows: March 9-11th; March 16-18th and March 23-25th. They will also be hosting Crystal Academy and will have a special afternoon for them, their students and families and they are thrilled about the entire project. Ms. Perez thanked the City Commission for their support and that the moon will have a lighting from within, and just as with the tree lighting, they hope to have a plug-in lighting. Commissioner Menendez expressed concerns regarding the public travelling along Ponce and seeing for the first time the floating moon. Commissioner Cason asked about the advertising of this event and Ms. Snow indicated that a private firm, newspapers, other social platforms as well as the city will be advertising this event. Mayor Lago thanked all the city departments involved in this event and the City Manager. The message being sent here is that the city is open for business. Additionally, the City Commission discussed plans to protect the floating moon from vandalism and staff stated that was already taken care of. Vice Mayor Mena spoke of hiring security which Ms. Snow agreed on doing. Fred Couceyro, Director-Community Recreation will be meeting with other departments to address the security concerns for children on the cross walks. City Manager Iglesias indicated that all city events include police. Pictures will also be taken to re-showcase the downtown. Ms. Snow has created a website "Moon Over the Gables" which will be their landing page for this project. All pictures taken will be shared with the City Commission for their media page. Commissioner Cason inquired about the availability of trolleys during the floating moon event and Commissioner Anderson requested that instructional information utilizing all media be used regarding parking availability, crossings, etcetera. Vice Mayor Mena said he believes that this event will be well-received.

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

City Clerk Item No. 2

## **B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**None**

City Clerk Item No. 3

**C. MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-44**

C.-1. [23-5358](#) A Resolution of the City Commission directing the City Manager to study the options and costs for replacement of the blade signs throughout downtown.  
(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)

**Attachments:** [R-2023-44 - Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO STUDY THE OPTIONS AND COSTS FOR REPLACEMENT OF THE BLADE SIGNS THROUGHOUT DOWNTOWN AND TO PROVIDE AN UPDATE AT THE MARCH 28, 2023 CITY COMMISSION MEETING.

**A motion was made by Vice Mayor Mena, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, that this motion be adopted by Resolution Number 2023-44. The motion passed by unanimous vote.**

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

City Clerk Item No. 6

C.-2. [23-5360](#) Discussion regarding golf carts.  
(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)

**This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed**

City Clerk Item No. 8

C.-3. [23-5370](#) Discussion regarding Unleashed dogs at Catalonia and Majorca Park.  
(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)

**This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed**

City Clerk Item No. 10

C.-4. [23-5371](#) Discussion regarding implementing cameras and signage at Salvadore Park.  
(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)

**This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed**

City Clerk Item No. 9

**Non** [23-5426](#) Discussion regarding Developing Services Department update  
**Agenda** (sponsored by Mayor Lago)  
**Item**

**This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed**

City Clerk Item No. 4

**D. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

City Clerk Item No. 11

## E. CONSENT AGENDA

### Passed the Consent Agenda

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

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

### **RESOLUTION NO. 2023-45**

E.-1. [23-5354](#)

A Resolution of the City Commission authorizing the waiver of City-related fees and the use of a storage container at Ponce Circle/Fred B. Hartnett Park for Moon over the Gables, a project co-sponsored by the Coral Gables Community Foundation and the City of Coral Gables taking place March 9-25, 2023.

**Attachments:** [2.28.23 Cover Moon over the Gables Waiver](#)  
[2.28.23 Reso Moon over the Gables Waiver](#)  
[Moon over the Gables - Event Schedule](#)  
[R-2023-45 - Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CORAL GABLES CITY COMMISSION AUTHORIZING THE WAIVER OF CITY-RELATED FEES AND THE USE OF A STORAGE CONTAINER AT PONCE CIRCLE/FRED B. HARTNETT PARK FOR MOON OVER THE GABLES, A PROJECT CO- SPONSORED BY THE CORAL GABLES COMMUNITY FOUNDATION AND THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES TAKING PLACE MARCH 9-25, 2023.

**This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2023-45 BY VOICE VOTE**

City Clerk Item No. 12

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

1.-1. [23-5364](#)

Coral Gables Merrick House Governing Board Meeting of January 9, 2023.

**Attachments:** [Merrick House December 2022 Activity Report 1-9-2023 - Attendance Sheet for the City Clerk's Office](#)  
[Meeting Minutes Recap for January 9, 2023](#)  
[Minutes from the 1-9-2023 Meeting - Signed](#)

**This Matter was approved BY VOICE VOTE**

City Clerk Item No. 13

- 1.-2. [23-5366](#) Historic Preservation Board Meeting of December 21, 2022.

**Attachments:** [Historic Preservation Board Minutes - 12-21-2022](#)  
[12-21-2022 - Attendance Form for City Clerk's Office](#)  
[Sign In sheet for Meeting of 12-21-2022](#)  
[Meeting Minutes Recap for 12-21-2022](#)

**This Matter was approved BY VOICE VOTE**

City Clerk Item No. 14

- 1.-3. [23-5351](#) International Affairs Coordinating Council Meeting of January 23, 2023.

**Attachments:** [IACC Minutes 01-23-2023 Fnl](#)

**This Matter was approved BY VOICE VOTE**

City Clerk Item No. 15

- 1.-4. [23-5359](#) Landmarks Advisory Board Meeting of November 28, 2022.

**Attachments:** [Sign-In Sheet for the 11-28-2022 Landmarks Advisory Board Meeting](#)  
[11-28-2022 -Attendance Sheet for the City Clerk's Office](#)  
[Meeting Minutes Recap for 11-28-2022](#)  
[Minutes from the November 28, 2023 Meeting of the Landmarks Advisory Board](#)

**This Matter was approved BY VOICE VOTE**

City Clerk Item No. 16

- 1.-5. [23-5310](#) Property Advisory Board Meeting of January 11, 2023.

**Attachments:** [Jan 11 - Draft](#)

**This Matter was approved BY VOICE VOTE**

City Clerk Item No. 17

- 1.-6. [23-5335](#) Sustainability Advisory Board Meeting of January 25, 2023.

**Attachments:** [1.25.2023 minutes cover](#)  
[01-25-2023 SAB meeting minutes AJ](#)

**This Matter was approved BY VOICE VOTE**

City Clerk Item No. 18



## F. PUBLIC HEARINGS

### APPEALS

#### Time Certain 10:00am (Agenda Item F-1)

- F.-1. [23-5350](#) An appeal to the City of Coral Gables City Commission from the decision of the Historic Preservation Board on December 21, 2022, for a Special Certificate of Appropriateness application requesting approval for the demolition of the existing residents at the property located at 1258 Obispo Avenue, a contributing resource within the "Obispo Avenue Historic District", legally described as Lots 1 and 2, Block 3, Coral Gables Section "E", according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in PLat Book 8, Page 13 of the Public Records of Miami-Dade County, Florida.

**Attachments:** [4. Obispo Avenue Historic Designation Report](#)  
[5. Igor Nunez Structural Evaluation - 07-27-20](#)  
[6. Antonio Canelas Structural Inspection - 12-03-21](#)  
[1. HPB Staff Report 1258 Obispo 12-21-22](#)  
[2. HPB Minutes - 12-21-22](#)  
[3. HPB Staff and Applicant Power Point 12-21-22](#)  
[7. 122122 Excerpt Gables Historic Preservation Board Meeting 1258 Obispo Cover Memo](#)  
[Speaker Cards F-1](#)  
[Entered Into the Record \(Letter from the Villagers\) F-1 R-2023-43 - Signed](#)  
[Verbatim Transcript](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, DENYING THE APPEAL AND AFFIRMING THE DECISION OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD TO DENY THE ISSUANCE OF A SPECIAL CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS FOR DEMOLITION OF THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1258 OBISPO AVENUE, LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS LOTS 1 AND 2, BLOCK 3, CORAL GABLES SECTION "E", AT PLAT BOOK 8, PAGE 13 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF MIAMI- DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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

**A motion was made by Vice Mayor Mena, seconded by Commissioner Menendez, to reaffirm the decision of the Historic Preservation Board by Resolution Number 2023-43. The motion passed by the following vote.**

**Yeas :** 4 - Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Cason, Vice Mayor Mena and Commissioner Menendez

**Nays :** 1 - Mayor Lago

City Clerk Item No. 5

## ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING

### ORDINANCE NO. 2023-09

- F.-2. [23-5258](#) An Ordinance of the City Commission amending Chapter 62 - Streets, Sidewalks and Other Public Places to reduce abandoned construction signage and barricades in connection with approved work on the right of way and amending Section 1-7 entitled "Penalties" to include additional penalties for violations; providing for severability clause, repealer provision, codification, and providing for an effective date.  
(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)

**Attachments:** [Cover Memo - Ordinance - Amending Chapter 62 - Abandoned Construction Sign;](#)  
[Draft Ordinance - Amending Chapter 62 and 1-7 Abandoned construction signage](#)  
[Draft Ordinance - 2nd reading - Amending Chapter 62 and 1-7 Abandoned constr](#)  
[Cover Memo - Ordinance - 2nd Reading - Amending Chapter 62 - Abandoned Cor](#)  
[O-2023-09 - Signed](#)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION AMENDING CHAPTER 62 - STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES TO REDUCE ABANDONED CONSTRUCTION SIGNAGE AND BARRICADES IN CONNECTION WITH APPROVED WORK ON THE RIGHT OF WAY AND AMENDING SECTION 1-7 ENTITLED "PENALTIES" TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, REPEALER, CODIFICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Mena, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, that this matter be adopted by Ordinance Number 2023-09. The motion passed by the following vote.

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

City Clerk Item No. 19

### ORDINANCE NO. 2023-10

- F.-3. [23-5259](#) An Ordinance of the City Commission amending the City Code, Chapter I-General Provisions, Section 1-7 Entitled "Penalties" to include additional penalties for violations of Section 74-241, entitled "Motorized Scooters on Sidewalks" and Section 74-2 "Prohibiting Skateboard Use Generally"; providing for repealer provision, severability clause, codification, and providing for an effective date.  
(Sponsored by Commissioner Anderson)

**Attachments:** [Cover Memo Fines for Scooters and Skateboards First Reading](#)  
[First Reading Ordinance Fines for 74-241 & 74-2](#)  
[Second Reading Ordinance Fines for 74-241 and 74-2](#)  
[Cover Memo Fines for Scooters and Skateboards Second Reading](#)  
[O-2023-10 - Signed](#)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION AMENDING THE CITY CODE, CHAPTER I-GENERAL PROVISIONS, SECTION 1-7 ENTITLED "PENALTIES" TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF SECTION 74-241, ENTITLED "MOTORIZED SCOOTERS ON SIDEWALKS" AND SECTION 74-2 "PROHIBITING SKATEBOARD USE GENERALLY;"

PROVIDING FOR REPEALER PROVISION, SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, CODIFICATION, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Cason, that this matter be adopted by Ordinance Number 2023-10. The motion passed by the following vote.**

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

City Clerk Item No. 20

## ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

### **ORDINANCE NO. 2023-11**

**F.-4. [23-5348](#)**

An Ordinance of the City Commission combining the Human Resources Department and the Labor Relations and Risk Management Department in accordance with Section 17 of the City Charter and amending FY 2023 Budget to reflect that change.

**Attachments:** [First Reading Ordinance re HR and Labor Relations 2.28.23](#)  
[Cover Memo First Reading HR and Labor](#)  
[Speaker Cards F-4 \(First Reading\)](#)  
[Cover Memo Second Reading HR and Labor](#)  
[Second Reading Ordinance re HR and Labor Relations 3.14.23](#)  
[Speaker Cards F-2 \(Second Reading\)](#)  
[O-2023-11 - Signed](#)  
[Verbatim Transcript](#)

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

**A motion was made by Commissioner Cason, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, that this matter be approved as an Ordinance on First Reading. The motion passed by the following vote.**

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

City Clerk Item No. 24

**ORDINANCE NO. 2023-12****F.-5. [23-5222](#)**

An Ordinance of the City Commission providing for text amendments to the City of Coral Gables Official Zoning Code by amending Article 6, "Landscape," Section 6-103, "Landscape general requirements," and Article 16, "Definitions," providing a definition, requirements, and review processes to utilize artificial turf within athletic fields in the Special Use (S) Zoning district; providing conditional use review and approval when such artificial turf athletic field are visible from the street; clarifying minimal usage and requirements of artificial turf; and providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, codification, and providing for an effective date. (02 08 23 PZB Meeting - Board recommended approval; Vote; 6-0)

**Attachments:** [02 08 2023 PZB Staff Report - Athletic Fields Artificial Turf w attachments](#)  
[02 28 23 CC Cover Memo - Artificial Turf](#)  
[02 28 23 Exhibit A - Draft Ordinance - Artificial Turf](#)  
[02 28 23 Exhibit B - 02 08 23 Staff Report with attachments](#)  
[02 28 23 Exhibit C - Excerpt of 02 08 23 PZB Meeting Minutes](#)  
[03 14 23 Exhibit A - Draft Ordinance - Artificial Turf](#)  
[03 14 23 CC Cover Memo - Artificial Turf - 2nd Reading](#)  
[O-2023-12 - Signed](#)  
[Verbatim Transcript](#)

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

**A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Cason, that this matter be approved as an Ordinance on First Reading. The motion passed by the following vote.**

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

City Clerk Item No. 23

**ORDINANCE NO. 2023-13****F.-6. [23-5223](#)**

An Ordinance of the City Commission providing for text amendments to the City of Coral Gables Official Zoning Code, Article 16, "Definitions", by amending the definition of carport; and providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, codification, and an effective date. (02 08 23 PZB Meeting - Board recommended approval; Vote; 6-0)

**Attachments:** [02 08 2023 PZB Staff Report - Carport w attachments](#)  
[02 28 23 Exhibit A - Draft Ordinance](#)  
[02 28 23 Exhibit B - 02 08 23 Staff Report with attachments](#)  
[02 28 23 Exhibit C - Excerpt of 02 23 23 PZB Meeting Minutes](#)  
[02 28 23 CC Cover Memo - SFR Carports](#)  
[03 14 23 CC Cover Memo - SFR Carports - 2nd Reading](#)  
[03 14 23 Exhibit A - Draft Ordinance](#)  
[O-2023-13 - Signed](#)  
[Verbatim Transcript](#)

[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].

**A motion was made by Commissioner Menendez, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, that this matter be approved as an Ordinance on First Reading. The motion passed by the following vote.**

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

City Clerk Item No. 22

**G. CITY COMMISSION ITEMS**

None

City Clerk Item No. 25

**H. BOARDS/COMMITTEES ITEMS**

Time Certain 11:00am (Agenda Item H-1)

- H.-1. [23-5365](#) Discussion regarding the Cultural Development Grant Program.

**Attachments:** [FY2022-2023-Guidelines-EK](#)  
[FY2022-2023 Application FINAL](#)  
[Cultural Grant Program Fact Sheet H-1](#)  
[Speaker Cards H-1](#)  
[Verbatim Transcript](#)

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

**This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed**

City Clerk Item No. 7

**I. CITY MANAGER ITEMS****RESOLUTION NO. 2023-46**

- I.-1. [23-5352](#) A Resolution of the City Commission authorizing the acceptance of grant funds in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 from the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) for the Last Mile Transit Stop Improvements Program; authorizing execution of the grant contract; and authorizing an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Annual Budget to recognize the \$1,000,000.00 grant as revenue and to appropriate such funds to put toward the cost of the program.

**Attachments:** [Cover Memo - FDOT Grant Award](#)  
[FPN 441640-1-58-01 LAP Agreement](#)  
[Resolution - FDOT Grant Award](#)  
[R-2023-46-Signed](#)  
[Verbatim Transcript](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,000,000 FROM THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT) FOR THE LAST MILE TRANSIT STOP IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM; AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF THE GRANT CONTRACT; AND AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 ANNUAL BUDGET TO RECOGNIZE THE \$1,000,000 GRANT AS REVENUE AND TO APPROPRIATE SUCH FUNDS TO PUT TOWARD THE COST OF THE PROGRAM.

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Item I-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 2023-46. The motion passed by the following vote.**

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

City Clerk Item No. 21

## **J. CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS**

**None**

City Clerk Item No. 26

## **K. CITY CLERK ITEMS**

**None**

City Clerk Item No. 27

## **L. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Mayor Lago: Commissioner Menendez, you have anything you would like to say?

Commissioner Menendez: Just really quick. Is my poster ready? There it is. Saturday is going to be an exciting day for Coral Gables. You have the Carnival on the Mile, you have the Farmers Market and if you want to get out of the sun...

Mayor Lago: And the wing eating, and the wing eating.

Commissioner Menendez: No, no, that's if you want to eat well or a lot, then you go with the Mayor for sure. So, at noon at the Art Cinema, I'm showing 1974, I think its one of the funniest movies in the 70's, Barbara Streisand, Ryan O'Neil and Madlyn Conn, "What's Up Doc". I describe it if Mel Brooks, the Marks Brothers and Woody Allen had a baby, it would be that movie. So its free, free popcorn, free soda, even free beer, I'll throw that in, but if you want to see a good movie and laugh for a while, you're welcome to join us.

Commissioner Anderson: The price, oh my God, I don't know if I can.

Mayor Lago: Its expensive.

Commissioner Anderson: It is. It is.

Commissioner Menendez: I'm charging the Manager's office.

Mayor Lago: Commissioner Anderson.

Commissioner Anderson: I participated in the BCC challenge and overall we raised \$8.4 million dollars to fight cancer, and it was really good for weight loss, so if they

had gluten-free wings I would take you up on it and put the weight back on.

Mayor Lago: Thank you for representing the city in the Dolphins Challenge that was great. UM is a great recipient and they do a lot with that money saving people's lives, and obviously where the research is incredible.

Commissioner Anderson: Very well run. I have no complaints about it. You have gluten-free wings available?

Mayor Lago: Mayor. Mr. Vice Mayor.

Vice Mayor Mena: Really quick actually. Billy, can you put up the photo I sent you.

City Clerk Urquia: I'll put it up now. It's up.

Vice Mayor Mena: That's in Naples, just to kind of give an example. I'm not saying we're going to have that kind of light fixture, because that's another whole other project, although I think we should endeavor to that one day, but in the meantime you could do something that I think that's more up to our standards that what the Mayor showed earlier.

Commissioner Cason: I like it.

Mayor Lago: Yes. Yes. So thank you Vice Mayor.

City Manager Iglesias: We are going to replace them, we should look at upgrading them.

Mayor Lago: Thank you Vice Mayor for bringing that to our attention. I think that this, again, these are the little things like what we're doing with the sidewalks, what we're doing with our landscaping, as you can tell in the downtown, where Code Enforcement is dealing with facades, with our alleyways, really cleaning up, really putting our best foot forward to make sure that, again, people come and enjoy our city and businesses are proud to do business in our city, and I think that would be just another detail that we stack on top of it; our trolleys on Saturdays, supposedly I think we are starting trolleys on Sundays soon. My understanding that was part of the TPO money.

City Manager Iglesias: We're looking at that Mayor.

Mayor Lago: There's a bunch of things that we're doing, along with the art and I think that we're stepping up our game in regards to our downtown. This is just one of the small components. So, I want to thank everybody for joining us today on the Commission meeting for February 28th. Again, I will reiterate what I said in the beginning, this is a public forum for anyone that would like to come and speak about issues. They are welcome. If you cannot make a Commission meeting, you cannot make a Town Hall meeting, I welcome you to please join us every Friday starting at 2 o'clock, you can either visit myself or you can visit one of my colleagues who are there, and we will be more than happy to meet with you, along with the Manager, the City Attorney, and the City Clerk and all our staff, which are here, we do our best to



make sure that we uphold our standards and we address your issues. I'd like to thank again [Spanish]. Thank you to the Mayor of \_\_\_ who's here today visiting us; and again, I'd like to also reiterate our thanks to the Fewell family for their consummate professionalism, their leadership throughout the years here in the city and we send our condolences to the family. Thank you. God bless and have a wonderful, wonderful week.

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## **ADJOURNMENT**

[Note for the Record: There being no further business on the Regular City Commission Meeting Agenda. The Commission of the City of Coral Gables adjourned its meeting at 12:32 p.m. The next Regular Meeting of the City Commission has been scheduled for Tuesday, March 14, 2023, beginning 9 a.m.]

BILLY Y. URQUIA  
CITY CLERK