



City of Coral Gables
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
August 24, 2021

ITEM TITLE:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK AND CITY MANAGER TO SET ALL REGULARLY SCHEDULED CITY COMMISSION MEETINGS TO BEGIN AT 1:00 P.M. WHEN THE CITY WILL BE HOLDING MORE THAN ONE REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING THAT MONTH, DIRECTING THAT CERTAIN AGENDA ITEMS BE HEARD NO EARLIER THAN 4:00 P.M., AND OUTLINING ADDITIONAL PROCEDURES FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

(Sponsored by Commissioner Menendez)

BRIEF HISTORY:

The City of Coral Gables has historically held its regular City Commission meetings on Tuesdays, at approximately 9:00 A.M. The City has an established open public comment section at the beginning of each meeting as well as the public comments that occurs with particular agenda items. Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic the City Commission had established an avenue by which the public may comment virtually or by email. However, even with those avenues available many members of the public who may wish to speak on certain agenda items may be unable to attend the City Commission meetings in person or virtually as they are held during regular working hours.

This Resolution directs the City Manager and City clerk that every regular City Commission meeting should begin at 1:00 P.M. However, in months where the City has only one scheduled regular City Commission meeting, that meeting shall begin at 9:00 A.M. Regardless of the meeting start time certain items should be heard no earlier than 4:00 P.M. at least once before final action of the City Commission. Those items include ordinances amending the City's Zoning Code, Amendments to the City's Comprehensive Plan or Land Use Map, Mixed-Use projects requiring City Commission approval and Planned Area Development applications. In addition, any other items as directed by a majority of the City Commission may be heard no earlier than 4:00 P.M. For example, should this resolution have been in place previously, items like the entire Zoning Code update, the Miracle Mile Zoning Code update, the Gables Station mixed-use site plan, the ordinance approving the Mediterranean Village/Plaza Coral Gables PAD, and the Paseo de la Riviera PAD ordinance would have been set to be heard no earlier than 4:00 P.M. at least once before final action of the Commission.

The City Commission would endeavor to end the meetings by 7 P.M. and can go no later than 9:00 P.M. without a vote of the City Commission.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Draft Resolution.

