

# **City of Coral Gables**

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Coral Gables, FL 33134  
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## **Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, September 26, 2023**

**5:01 PM**

**Second Budget Hearing**

**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 Second Budget Hearing on Tuesday, September 26, 2023, commencing at 5:01 p.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](http://www.coralgables.com/commissionmeetings)) once the meeting's agenda is published or by sending an email to [cityclerk@coralgables.com](mailto: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](http://www.coralgables.com/cgtv)) as well as Channel 77 on Comcast.

## CALL TO ORDER

The Meeting was called to order at 6:21 p.m.

## ROLL CALL

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

1. [23-6289](#) Second Budget Hearing 2023-2024 Presentation

**Attachments:** [FY24 Budget Presentation - 1ST Hearing 9-13-23 R](#)  
[FY24 Budget Presentation - 2nd Hearing](#)

**This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed**

City Clerk Item No. 1

2. [23-6290](#) Public Hearing for obtaining comments relative to Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

**This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed**

City Clerk Item No. 2

## **ORDINANCE NO. 2023-30**

3. [23-6291](#) An Ordinance of the City Commission providing for the levy of taxes for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2023 and ending September 30, 2024; fixing the rate of such levy; providing for segregation and the application of the proceeds of such levy; providing for the separability of the provisions hereof; and providing that this ordinance shall become effective October 1, 2023.

**Attachments:** [FY24 Cover Letter - Adoption of Tax Levy - 1st Hearing](#)  
[FY24 Ordinance for Levy of Taxes - 1st Hearing](#)  
[R-2023-208 - Signed FY 24 Tentative Millage](#)  
[FY24 Cover Letter - Adoption of Tax Levy - 2nd Hearing](#)  
[FY24 Ordinance for Levy of Taxes - 2nd Hearing](#)  
[R-2023-208 - Signed FY 24 Tentative Millage-2nd Budget Hearing](#)

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY OF TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2023 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2024; FIXING THE RATE OF SUCH LEVY; PROVIDING FOR THE SEGREGATION AND THE APPLICATION OF THE PROCEEDS OF SUCH LEVY; PROVIDING FOR THE SEPARABILITY OF THE PROVISIONS HEREOF; AND PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023. (PASSED 1ST READING ON SEPTEMBER 13, 2023)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Fernandez, seconded by Commissioner Menendez, that this matter be adopted by Ordinance Number 2023-30. The motion passed by the following vote.**

**Yeas :** 4 - Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Castro, Commissioner Fernandez and Commissioner Menendez

**Nays :** 1 - Mayor Lago

City Clerk Item No. 3

**ORDINANCE NO. 2023-31**

4. [23-6292](#) An Ordinance of the City Commission adopting the Annual Budget of Estimated Revenues and Expenditures for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2023 and ending September 30, 2024; providing for separability of the provisions hereof; and providing that this ordinance shall become effective October 1, 2023.

**Attachments:** [FY24 Cover Letter - Adoption of Annual Budget - 1st Hearing](#)  
[FY24 Ordinance to approve Annual Budget - 1st Hearing](#)  
[FY24 Supporting Schedules for 1st Hearing](#)  
[R-2023-208 - Signed FY 24 Tentative Millage](#)  
[FY24 Cover Letter - Adoption of Annual Budget - 2nd Hearing](#)  
[FY24 Ordinance to approve Annual Budget - 2nd Hearing](#)  
[FY24 Supporting Schedules for 2nd Hearing](#)  
[R-2023-208 - Signed FY 24 Tentative Millage-2nd Hearing](#)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF ESTIMATED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2023 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2024; PROVIDING FOR THE SEPARABILITY OF THE PROVISIONS HEREOF; AND PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Menendez, seconded by Commissioner Fernandez, that this matter be adopted by Ordinance Number 2023-31. The motion passed by the following vote.**

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

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

City Clerk Item No. 4

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-282**

5. [23-6378](#) A Resolution of the City Commission adopting the Capital Improvement Program for the five fiscal years from 2024 to 2028.

**Attachments:** [FY24 Cover Letter - Capital Improvement Program](#)  
[FY24 Resolution to approve FY24-28 Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan](#)  
[FY24-28 Capital Improvement Plan - DRAFT](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION ADOPTING THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE FIVE FISCAL YEARS FROM 2024 TO 2028.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Menendez, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2023-282. The motion passed by the following vote.**

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

City Clerk Item No. 5

**[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for this meeting is available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk and in Legistar]**

**ADJOURNMENT**

[Note for the Record: There being no further business on the Second Budget Hearing Agenda. The Commission of the City of Coral Gables adjourned its meeting at 6:47 p.m.]

BILLY Y. URQUIA  
CITY CLERK