

City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Agenda Item E-1
March 12, 2024
City Commission Chambers
405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, FL

City Commission

Mayor Vince Lago

Vice Mayor Rhonda Anderson

Commissioner Melissa Castro

Commissioner Ariel Fernandez

Commissioner Kirk Menendez

City Staff

City Attorney, Cristina Suárez

City Manager, Amos Rojas, Jr.

City Clerk, Billy Urquia

Planning Official, Jennifer Garcia

Public Speaker(s)

Agenda Item E-1 [3:05 p.m.]

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. (Readoption of Ordinance No. 2023-34)

Mayor Lago: The last item before we go to lunch is E-1, if we may.

City Attorney Suarez: E-1 is 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,

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Mayor Lago: Good afternoon.

Planning Official Garcia: Good afternoon, Jennifer Garcia, Planning Official. Thank you. So, this may look familiar to you, because we already adopted this back at the end of October. This is related to some, I’m sorry, just go back. Some procedural requirements by the state, we have to readopt it and the timing of the adoption of this kind of conflicted with some requirements of the state, so we got that all ironed out right now. So here we are readopting this. This is related to the creation of the park’s incentive program, which is limited just to the Design and Innovation District. I can go into detail if you want to about that, but really, it’s just the readoption of that.

Mayor Lago: Unless my colleagues need any further input. Mr. Clerk, do we have any comments from the community?

City Clerk Urquia: No, Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Lago: Okay. We’ll close public comment. I’ll entertain a motion.

Vice Mayor Anderson: I’ll move it.

Commissioner Menendez: Second.

Vice Mayor Anderson: Yes

Commissioner Castro: Yes

Commissioner Fernandez: Yes

Commissioner Menendez: Yes

Mayor Lago: Yes

(Vote: 5-0)

Planning Official Garcia: Thank you.