

City of Coral Gables

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Coral Gables, FL 33134
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Agenda

Tuesday, May 21, 2024

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*

*Amos Rojas, Jr., 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, May 21, 2024 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.

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) once the meeting's agenda is published or by sending an email to 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) as well as Channel 77 on Comcast.

CALL TO ORDER**INVOCATION**

Pastor Jeff Sullivan - Granada Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**A. PRESENTATIONS AND PROTOCOL DOCUMENTS**

- A.-1. [24-7385](#) Presentation of a Proclamation declaring May 2024 as "National Historic Preservation Month" in Coral Gables.
- A>-2. [24-7573](#) Recognition of the 2024 Docomomo US National Symposium taking place at the University of Miami.
(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)
(Sponsored by Vice Mayor Anderson)
- A.-3. [24-7434](#) Presentation of a Proclamation declaring May 2024 as "National Water Safety Month" in Coral Gables.
- A.-4. [24-7406](#) Presentation of a Proclamation declaring May 19-25, 2024 as "Emergency Medical Services Week" in Coral Gables.
- A.-5. [24-7550](#) Presentation of the Coral Gables Fire Department Jim Hirschman Award.
- A.-6. [24-7555](#) Farewell to Assistant City Attorney Naomi Levi Garcia, Esq., B.C.S..
- A.-7. [24-7558](#) Recognition of Parking Director Kevin Kinney on his retirement from the City of Coral Gables.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

During this portion of the meeting, an individual may address the City Commission on an item that is on the agenda or on a matter which is not on the agenda, but within the scope of the City Commission's jurisdiction. If the individual wishes to address the City Commission on an item that is on the agenda, the individual shall not be given an opportunity to speak again once the item is called. An individual who wishes to speak during a public hearing where the City Commission is sitting in a quasi-judicial capacity, must speak during the public hearing for that item.

Individuals who speak during the open public comment portion of the meeting shall be given three (3) minutes during which to address the City Commission. At the conclusion of one (1) hour, if the open public comment section of the meeting has not ended, it shall end automatically, in order to proceed with the rest of the agenda.

D. CONSENT AGENDA

All items listed within this section entitled "Consent Agenda" are considered to be self-explanatory and are not expected to require additional review or discussion, unless a member of the City Commission or a citizen so requests, in which case, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered along with the regular order of business. Hearing no objections to the items listed under the "Consent Agenda", a vote on the adoption of the Consent Agenda will be taken.

- D.-1. [24-7505](#) A Resolution of the City Commission authorizing entering into a Fifth Amendment to Lease with Patio & Things, Inc. with regard to the City-owned retail premises at 240 Aragon Avenue, Coral Gables, Florida 33134 granting an extension of lease terms for a period of one (1) year (09/01/24-08/31/25).
- D.-2. [24-7515](#) A Resolution of the City Commission authorizing the acceptance of A Keep America Beautiful Cigarette Litter Prevention Program Grant in the value amount of \$5,000 to be put towards the Keep Coral Gables Beautiful Cigarette Litter; authorizing execution of the grant contract; and authorizing an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Annual Budget to recognize the \$3,848 grant as revenue and to appropriate such funds to put toward the cost of the program.
- D.-3. [24-7545](#) A Resolution of the City Commission confirming the appointment of Alexis Ehrenhaft (Appointed by City Manager Rojas, Jr.) to serve as a member of the Coral Gables Merrick House Governing Board, for the remainder of a two (2) year term which began on June 1, 2023 and continues through May 31, 2025.
- D.-4. [24-7562](#) A Resolution of the City Commission authorizing a Second Amendment to the License Agreement between the City of Coral Gables and Bonjour, LLC granting a thirty (30) day extension of the License Agreement for the operation of the Café space at the Coral Gables Golf and Country Club.

D.-5. [24-7507](#) A Resolution of the City Commission authorizing the City Manager to proceed with all necessary steps to accomplish the conversion of the remaining portion of the West Parking Lot at the Biltmore Hotel Complex from Parks and Recreation Use to Historic Monument Use.

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

1.-1. [24-7533](#) Budget Audit Advisory Board Meeting of May 1, 2024.

1.-2. [24-7383](#) Coral Gables Advisory Board on Disability Affairs Meeting of April 3, 2024.

1.-3. [24-7364](#) Cultural Development Board Meeting of March 19, 2024.

1.-4. [24-7524](#) Cultural Development Board Meeting of April 15, 2024.

1.-5. [24-7506](#) International Affairs Coordinating Council Meeting of April 15, 2024.

1.-6. [24-7502](#) Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting of April 11, 2024.

1.-7. [24-7557](#) Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting of May 9, 2024.

1.-8. [24-7519](#) Retirement Board Meeting of April 11, 2024.

1.-9. [24-7564](#) South Waterways HOA Advisory Board Meeting of April 2, 2024.

1.-10. [24-7560](#) Transportation Advisory Board Meeting of February 20, 2024.

1.-11. [24-7561](#) Transportation Advisory Board Meeting of March 19, 2024.

1.-12. [24-7551](#) Waterway Advisory Board Meeting of May 1, 2024.

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]:

- 2.-1. [24-7569](#) A Resolution of the South Waterways Homeowners' Association Advisory Board requesting the City Commission consider changing the board's name to the Coral Gables Waterfront Communities Homeowners' Association Board.
- 2.-2. [24-7570](#) A Resolution of the South Waterways Homeowners' Association Advisory Board recommending that the City Commission amend Section 38-11 of the City Code.

E. PUBLIC HEARINGS

All Individuals testifying in a quasi-judicial proceeding shall be sworn in.

Presentations made to the City Commission are subject to the City's False Claims Ordinance, Ch. 39 of the City of Coral Gables Code.

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING

Time Certain 11:00am (Agenda Items E-1, E-2, E-3, E-5, E-6 and E-7 are related)

- E.-1. [23-6704](#) An Ordinance of the City Commission amending the Future Land Use Map of the City of Coral Gables Comprehensive Plan pursuant to Zoning Code Article 14, "Process," Section 14-213, "Comprehensive Plan Text and Map Amendments," and Small Scale amendment procedures (ss. 163.3187, Florida Statutes), from "Commercial Low-Rise Intensity" to "Commercial High-Rise Intensity" for Lots 8 through 21, less the West ½ of lot 8, Block 29, Crafts Section, together with that portion of the 20-foot platted alley lying east of Lots 11 and 19, of said Block 29, (3000 Ponce de Leon Blvd, 216 & 224 Catalonia, 203 University Dr, and 225 Malaga), Coral Gables, Florida; providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, and providing for an effective date. (LEGAL DESCRIPTION ON FILE) (LPA review) (12 13 2023 PZB recommended denial, Vote: 3-3)

Lobbyist: Javier Fernandez

- E.-2. [23-6705](#) An Ordinance of the City Commission making zoning district boundary changes pursuant to Zoning Code Article 14, "Process," Section 14-212, "Zoning Code Text and Map Amendments," for Lots 8 through 21, less the West ½ of lot 8, Block 29, Crafts Section from Mixed-Use 1 (MX1) District to Mixed-Use 3 (MX3) District (3000 Ponce de Leon Blvd, 216 & 224 Catalonia, 203 University Dr, and 225 Malaga); providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, and providing for an effective date. (LEGAL DESCRIPTION ON FILE) (12 13 2013 PZB no recommendation, Vote: 3-3)

Lobbyist: Javier Fernandez

- E.-3. [23-6706](#) An Ordinance of the City Commission approving the vacation of a public alleyway pursuant to Zoning Code Article 14, "Process," Section 14-211, "Abandonment and Vacations" and City Code Chapter 62, Article 8, "Vacation, Abandonment and Closure of Streets, Easements and Alleys by Private Owners and the City; Application Process," providing for the vacation of the twenty (20) foot wide alley which is approximately one hundred and fifty-five (155) feet in length lying between Lots 12 thru 18 and Lots 11 and 19 in Block 29, Crafts Section (3000 Ponce de Leon Blvd, 216 & 224 Catalonia, 203 University Dr, and 225 Malaga), Coral Gables, Florida; providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, and providing for an effective date. (LEGAL DESCRIPTION ON FILE) (12 13 2023 PZB recommended approval, Vote: 4-2)

Lobbyist: Javier Fernandez

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

- E.-4. [24-7199](#) An Ordinance of the City Commission providing for text amendments to the City of Coral Gables Official Zoning Code Article 15, "Notices," Section 15-102, "Notice," to require door hangers as an additional notification for required public information meetings for multi-family and mixed-use projects; providing for repealer provision, severability clause, codification, and providing for an effective date. (05 08 24 PZB recommended denial, Vote 5-1)
(Sponsored by Commissioner Castro)

RESOLUTIONS**Time Certain 11:00am (Agenda Items E-1, E-2, E-3, E-5, E-6 and E-7 are related)**

- E.-5. [23-6707](#) 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 "Ponce Park Residences" on the property legally described as Lots 8 through 21, less the West ½ of lot 8, Block 29, Crafts Section, together with that portion of the 20-foot platted alley lying east of Lots 11 and 19, of said Block 29; (3000 Ponce de Leon Blvd, 216 & 224 Catalonia, 203 University Dr, and 225 Malaga), Coral Gables, Florida; including required conditions; providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, and providing for an effective date. (LEGAL DESCRIPTION ON FILE) (12 13 2023 PZB recommended approval, Vote: 4-2)

Lobbyist: Javier Fernandez

- E.-6. [23-6708](#) A Resolution of the City Commission approving Mixed-Use Site Plan and Encroachment review pursuant to Zoning Code Article 14, "Process" Section 14-203, "Conditional Uses," for a proposed Mixed-Use project referred to as "Ponce Park Residences" on the property legally described as Lots 8 through 21, less the West ½ of lot 8, Block 29, Crafts Section, together with that portion of the 20-foot platted alley lying east of Lots 11 and 19, of said Block 29; (3000 Ponce de Leon Blvd, 216 & 224 Catalonia, 203 University Dr, and 225 Malaga), Coral Gables, Florida; including required conditions; providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, and providing for an effective date. (LEGAL DESCRIPTION ON FILE) (12 13 2023 PZB recommended approval with conditions, Vote: 4-2)

Lobbyist: Javier Fernandez

- E.-7. [23-6709](#) A Resolution of the City Commission approving the Tentative Plat entitled "Ponce Park Residences" pursuant to Zoning Code Article 14, "Process," Section 14-210, "Platting/Subdivision," being a re-plat of 42,543 square feet (0.977 acres) into a single tract of land on the property legally described as Lots 8 through 21, less the West ½ of lot 8, Block 29, Crafts Section, together with that portion of the 20-foot platted alley lying east of Lots 11 and 19, of said Block 29, together with a 1,318 square feet portion of University Drive that runs north of the Malaga Avenue right-of-way and west of the Ponce de Leon Boulevard right-of-way and dedication of 1,725 square feet; (3000 Ponce de Leon Blvd, 216 & 224 Catalonia, 203 University Dr, and 225 Malaga), Coral Gables, Florida; including required conditions; providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, and providing for an effective date. (LEGAL DESCRIPTION ON FILE) (12 13 2023 PZB recommended approval, Vote: 4-2)

Lobbyist: Javier Fernandez

F. CITY COMMISSION ITEMS

Time Certain 9:30am (Agenda F-1)

- F.-1. [24-7534](#) Presentation by the Coral Gables Art Cinema.
(Sponsored by the Mayor Lago)
- F.-2. [24-7508](#) Update regarding options for Inspector General services.
(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)
- F.-3. [24-7455](#) Update on discussion of forensic audit.
(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)
- F.-4. [24-7526](#) Update regarding temporary speed tables.
(Sponsored by Vice Mayor Anderson)
- F.-5. [24-7527](#) Update on past, present, and future City Transportation Projects.
(Sponsored by Vice Mayor Anderson)
- F.-6. [24-7529](#) Update regarding Alhambra Circle, Blue Road, Pisano Avenue and Venetia Terrace sidewalks.
(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)
- F.-7. [24-7538](#) Update on police vacancies.
(Sponsored by Commissioner Castro)
- F.-8. [24-7544](#) Discussion regarding potential legislation to require mailed notice prior to Board of Architects review of Mediterranean Bonus applications.
(Sponsored by Commissioner Castro)

- F.-9. [24-7565](#) Discussion regarding the exit interview process.
(Sponsored by Commissioner Castro)
- F.-10. [24-7563](#) A Resolution of the City Commission establishing a Historic Building Maintenance and Restoration Capital Project to be funded with an annual minimum amount of \$50,000.00.
(Sponsored by Commissioner Castro)

Time Certain 10:00am (Agenda Item F-11)

- F.-11. [24-7571](#) A Resolution of the City Commission authorizing funding in an amount up to \$500,000.00 as matching grant funds to the Coral Gables Museum for completion of certain capital improvements.
(Sponsored by Commissioner Menendez)
(Co-Sponsored by Vice Mayor Anderson)
- F.-12. [24-7572](#) A Resolution of the City Commission establishing a “Tree of the Year” Program.
(Sponsored by Vice Mayor Anderson)

G. BOARDS/COMMITTEES ITEMS

None

H. CITY MANAGER ITEMS

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

- H.-1. [24-7423](#) End-of-session legislative update from the City’s lobbying team and appearance by Senator Ileana Garcia.
- H.-2. [24-7523](#) Update on interactions with individuals experiencing homelessness.
- H.-3. [24-7531](#) Update on the Coral Way and Granada Boulevard Traffic Signal Project.
- H.-4. [24-7392](#) A Resolution of the City Commission relating to the provision of fire protection services, facilities and programs in the City of Coral Gables, Florida; establishing the estimated assessment rate for fire protection assessments for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2024; directing the preparation of an assessment roll; authorizing a public hearing and directing the provision of notice thereof; and providing an effective date.
- H.-5. [24-7393](#) A Resolution of the City Commission relating to the collection and disposal of solid waste in the City of Coral Gables, Florida; determining the solid waste cost and the solid waste service assessments for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2024; directing the preparation of an assessment roll; authorizing a public hearing and directing the provision of notice thereof; and providing an effective date.

- H.-6. [24-7530](#) A Resolution of the City Commission authorizing the application for a matching grant from the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Local Agency Program for the DeSoto Fountain Improvement Project and authorizing the execution of contracts for same.
- H.-7. [24-7532](#) A Resolution of the City Commission authorizing the City Manager to execute an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Coral Gables and Miami-Dade County for the maintenance of decorative pavers and irrigation conduits installed by Miami-Dade County under an intersection improvement project located at the intersection of Coral Way and Anderson Road.
- H.-8. [24-7394](#) A Resolution of the City Commission relating to security services assessments within the Sunrise Harbour security guard special taxing district; estimating the cost of the security services to be assessed for the fiscal year commencing October 1, 2024; directing the Finance Director to prepare an updated security services assessment roll; establishing a public hearing and directing the provision of notice in connection thereof; providing for severability; and providing an effective date.
- H.-9. [24-7395](#) A Resolution of the City Commission relating to security services assessments within the Snapper Creek Lakes security guard special taxing district; estimating the cost of the security services to be assessed for the fiscal year commencing October 1, 2024; directing the Finance Director to prepare an updated security services assessment roll; establishing a public hearing and directing the provision of notice in connection thereof; providing for severability; and providing an effective date.
- H.-10. [24-7396](#) A Resolution of the City Commission relating to security services assessments within the Pine Bay Estates security guard special taxing district; estimating the cost of the security services to be assessed for the fiscal year commencing October 1, 2024; directing the Finance Director to prepare an updated security services assessment roll; establishing a public hearing and directing the provision of notice in connection thereof; providing for severability; and providing an effective date.
- H.-11. [24-7397](#) A Resolution of the City Commission relating to security services assessments within the Old Cutler Bay security guard special taxing district; estimating the cost of the security services to be assessed for the fiscal year commencing October 1, 2024; directing the Finance Director to prepare an updated security services assessment roll; establishing a public hearing and directing the provision of notice in connection thereof; providing for severability; and providing an effective date.
- H.-12. [24-7398](#) A Resolution of the City Commission relating to security services assessments within the Kings Bay amended security guard special taxing district; estimating the cost of the security services to be assessed for the fiscal year commencing October 1, 2024; directing the Finance Director to prepare an updated security services assessment roll; establishing a public hearing and directing the provision of notice in connection thereof; providing for severability; and providing an effective date.

- H.-13. [24-7399](#) A Resolution of the City Commission relating to security services assessments within the Hammock Oaks Harbor security guard special taxing district; estimating the cost of the security services to be assessed for the fiscal year commencing October 1, 2024; directing the Finance Director to prepare an updated security services assessment roll; establishing a public hearing and directing the provision of notice in connection thereof; providing for severability; and providing an effective date.
- H.-14. [24-7400](#) A Resolution of the City Commission relating to security services assessments within the Hammock Lake Banyan security guard special taxing district; estimating the cost of the security services to be assessed for the fiscal year commencing October 1, 2024; directing the Finance Director to prepare an updated security services assessment roll; establishing a public hearing and directing the provision of notice in connection thereof; providing for severability; and providing an effective date.
- H.-15. [24-7401](#) A Resolution of the City Commission relating to security services assessments within the Banyan Drive security guard special taxing district; estimating the cost of the security services to be assessed for the fiscal year commencing October 1, 2024; directing the Finance Director to prepare an updated security services assessment roll; establishing a public hearing and directing the provision of notice in connection thereof; providing for severability; and providing an effective date.
- H.-16. [24-7402](#) A Resolution of the City Commission relating to security services assessments within the Hammock Lakes security guard special taxing district; estimating the cost of the security services to be assessed for the fiscal year commencing October 1, 2024; directing the Finance Director to prepare an updated security services assessment roll; establishing a public hearing and directing the provision of notice in connection thereof; providing for severability; and providing an effective date.
- H.-17. [24-7403](#) A Resolution of the City Commission relating to security services assessments within the Cocoplum Phase I security guard special taxing district; estimating the cost of the security services to be assessed for the fiscal year commencing October 1, 2024; directing the Finance Director to prepare an updated security services assessment roll; establishing a public hearing and directing the provision of notice in connection thereof; providing for severability; and providing an effective date.
- H.-18. [24-7404](#) A Resolution of the City Commission relating to the provision of street lighting services, facilities, and programs within the Cocoplum Phase I street lighting special taxing district; estimating the cost of street lighting services, facilities, and programs to be assessed for the fiscal year commencing October 1, 2024; directing the Finance Director to prepare or direct the preparation of an updated street lighting assessment roll; authorizing a public hearing and directing the provision of notice in connection thereof; providing for severability; and providing an effective date.

- H.-19. [24-7405](#) A Resolution of the City Commission relating to security services assessments within the Gables by the Sea-Coral Gables security guard special taxing district; estimating the cost of the security services to be assessed for the fiscal year commencing October 1, 2024; directing the Finance Director to prepare an updated security services assessment roll; establishing a public hearing and directing the provision of notice in connection thereof; providing for severability; and providing an effective date.

I. CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS

- I.-1. [24-7520](#) Update regarding Charter Review.

J. CITY CLERK ITEMS

- J.-1. [24-7535](#) A Resolution of the City Commission urging Miami-Dade County to expedite the designation of a publicly accessible website to host legal advertisements and public notices pursuant to Section 50.311 of the Florida Statutes.

K. DISCUSSION ITEMS

This time is for informal discussion among the City Commissioners, the City Manager and the City Attorney

ADJOURNMENT

NOTE

Any person who acts as a lobbyist pursuant to the City of Coral Gables Ordinance No. 2006-11, must register with the City Clerk, prior to engaging in lobbying activities before city staff, boards, committees and/or the City Commission. A copy of the Ordinance is available in the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall.

Any person, or persons, wishing to appeal any decision made by the City Commission with respect to any matter considered at this meeting or hearing, will require a verbatim record of the proceeding upon which the appeal is based. Interested persons should, therefore, take the necessary steps to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made which contains the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is based.

Any person making impertinent or slanderous remarks or who become boisterous while addressing the Commission, shall be barred from further audience before the Commission by the Chair, unless permission to continue or again address the Commission is granted by the majority vote of the Commission Members present. Clapping, applauding, heckling or verbal outbursts or any remarks in support or opposition to a speaker shall be prohibited. Signs or placards shall not be permitted in Commission Chambers.

Any person who needs assistance in another language in order to speak during the public hearing or public comment portion of the meeting should contact the City 's ADA Coordinator Raquel Elejabarrieta, Esq., Director of Labor Relations and Risk Management (E-mail: relejabarrieta@coralgables.com, Telephone: 305-722-8686, TTY/TDD: 305-442-1600), at least three (3) business days before the meeting.

Billy Y. Urquia
City Clerk