

# City of Coral Gables



## Agenda - Final

Tuesday, July 7, 2026

9:00 AM

Police and Fire Headquarters, Community Meeting Room

### City Commission

*Mayor Vince Lago*

*Vice Mayor Rhonda Anderson*

*Commissioner Melissa Castro*

*Commissioner Ariel Fernandez*

*Commissioner Richard D. Lara*

*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 July 7, 2026 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](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/cgvtv](http://www.coralgables.com/cgvtv)) as well as Channel 77 on Comcast.

## CALL TO ORDER

## INVOCATION

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

*Judge Thomas W. Snook*

*Judge Thomas W. Snook is a United States Coast Guard veteran who served 26 years, including service during the Vietnam War and as Chief Trial Judge for the Coast Guard. A retired U.S. Administrative Law Judge and longtime Coral Gables civic leader, he currently serves as president of the Gables Good Government Committee and the local chapter of the Military Officers Association of America.*

## AMERICA'S SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL MOMENT

*"Local Leadership, National Legacy: Coral Gables Mayors Across a Century." A Coral Gables Museum exhibition recognizing the 25 individuals who have served as mayors of Coral Gables and connects their leadership to a broader American story.*

### A. PRESENTATIONS AND PROTOCOL DOCUMENTS

- A.-1. [26-1742](#) Presentation of a Resolution of Condolence to the bereaved family of Daniel Ramudo.
- A.-2. [26-1626](#) Presentation of a Proclamation declaring July 2026 as "Taste of the Gables - Restaurant Month" in Coral Gables.
- A.-3. [26-1582](#) Congratulations to Lieutenant Carlo Milito, recipient of the City of Coral Gables "Firefighter of the Month Award," for the month of July 2026.
- A.-4. [26-1581](#) Congratulations to Captain Cristina Muslera, recipient of the City of Coral Gables "Firefighter of the Month Award," for the month of June 2026.
- A.-5. [26-1791](#) Congratulations to Officer Christopher Challenger, recipient of the City of Coral Gables "Officer of the Month Award," for the month of April 2026.
- A.-6. [26-1792](#) Congratulations to Officer Jorge Brenes, recipient of the City of Coral Gables "Officer of the Month Award," for the month of May 2026.
- A.-7. [26-1625](#) Congratulations to Javier Romero, from City Manager / Communications, recipient of the "Part - Time Employee of the Second Quarter Award", for 2026.
- A.-8. [26-1319](#) Congratulations to Robert Chang, from Parking Department recipient of the "Employee of the Month " for April 2026.

- A.-9. [26-1320](#) Congratulations to Jose Vilar, from Community Recreation Department recipient of the "Employee of the Month " for May 2026.

**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, if approved by the chairperson, so requests, in which case, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered along with the regular order of business. Items placed on the Consent Agenda shall conform to the limitations of Section 2-79 of the City Code. 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. [26-1743](#) A Resolution of the City Commission confirming the appointments of Victor Saizarbitoria (nominated by Mayor Lago) and J.M. Guarch (nominated by Commissioner Castro), to serve as members of the Code Enforcement Board, for a three (3) year term which began on June 1, 2026 and continues through May 31, 2029.

- D.-2. [26-1736](#) A Resolution of the City Commission confirming the appointment of Jimmy Piedrahita (nominated by Mayor Lago) to serve as a member of the Mayor's Advisory Council, for the remainder of a two (2) year term which began on June 1, 2025 and continues through May 31, 2027.

- D.-3. [26-1744](#) A Resolution of the City Commission confirming the appointments of Karina Marie Gonzalez (nominated by Mayor Lago) and Audrey Greer Prabhakar (nominated by Commissioner Castro) to serve as members of the Parks and Recreation Youth Advisory Board, for a two (2) year term which began on June 1, 2025 and continues through May 31, 2027.
- D.-4. [26-1755](#) A Resolution of the City Commission authorizing the execution of an agreement for sewer connection for property located outside the City's sewer district at 2701 Indian Mound Trail, Coral Gables, Florida into the City of Coral Gables wastewater collection / transmission system, subject to the requirements of the Public Works Department, as provided under Chapters 62 and 78 of the City Code, Ordinance Nos. 2007-29 and 2009-39 and Resolution No. 2008-07; and provided that the executed agreement be made part of this resolution.
- D.-5. [26-1756](#) A Resolution of the City Commission accepting the recommendation of the Police Department to authorize the purchase of Marrero Armor ballistic plates from Tactical Edge Consulting as a "Sole Source Procurement," in an estimated amount of \$95,000.00 pursuant to Section 2-689 of the City's Procurement Code.
- Lobbyist: N/A
- D.-6. [26-1772](#) A Resolution of the City Commission authorizing entering into a Seventh 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 (09/01/26-08/31/27).
- Lobbyist: N/A
- D.-7. [26-1780](#) A Resolution of the City Commission approving the annual review required by the City of Coral Gables and University of Miami Development Agreement and Section 163.3235 of the Florida Statutes, for the period from September 28, 2024 to September 27, 2025.
- D.-8. [26-1793](#) A Resolution of the City Commission accepting the recommendation of the Chief Procurement Officer to award RFP 2026-009 Dance Programming Services to Furia Flamenca, LLC, the recommended responsive and responsible proposer, pursuant to Section 2-763 of the Procurement Code entitled "Contract Award" and Request for Proposal (RFP) 2026-009.
- Lobbyist: N/A

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

- 1.-1. [26-1583](#) Advisory Board on Disability Affairs Meeting of May 6, 2026.
- 1.-2. [26-1726](#) Code Enforcement Board Meeting of May 20, 2026.
- 1.-3. [26-1740](#) Communications Committee Meeting of June 10, 2026.
- 1.-4. [26-1580](#) Cultural Development Board Meeting of April 21, 2026.
- 1.-5. [26-1580](#) Cultural Development Board Meeting of April 21, 2026.
- 1.-6. [26-1722](#) Cultural Development Board Meeting of May 14, 2026.
- 1.-7. [26-1758](#) Golf and Country Club Advisory Board Meeting of May 27, 2026.
- 1.-8. [26-1748](#) International Affairs Coordinating Council Meeting of May18, 2026.
- 1.-9. [26-1768](#) Parking Advisory Board Meeting of May 20, 2026.
- 1.-10. [26-1727](#) Retirement Board Meeting of March 12, 2026.
- 1.-11. [26-1728](#) Retirement Board Meeting of April 29, 2026.
- 1.-12. [26-1732](#) Retirement Board Meeting of May 28, 2026.
- 1.-13. [26-1733](#) Retirement Board/City Commission Joint Workshop of May 28, 2026.
- 1.-14. [26-1703](#) Senior Citizen Advisory Board Meeting of May 07, 2026.
- 1.-15. [26-1670](#) Sustainability Advisory Board Meeting of April 20, 2026.
- 1.-16. [26-1724](#) Waterway Advisory Board Meeting of March 4, 2026.

**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**

- E.-1. [26-1570](#) An Ordinance of the City Commission amending Ordinance No. 1952, as amended, which changed the zoning on Lots 1, 2, 3, 20, 21, 22, 23, and 24 Block 120 and Lots 1 thru 5, Block 131, Country Club Section 6, (430, 440, 450, and 520 University Drive), Coral Gables, Florida, to remove certain conditions of approval for Lots 1 thru 5, Block 131 (520 University Drive): (1) that limit the use of the property to overflow parking, and (2), that revert the zoning of the property under certain circumstances to single-family zoning; all other conditions of approval contained in Ordinance No. 1952 shall remain in effect. (05 20 26 PZB recommended approval with recommendations, Vote: 5-2)
- E.-2. [26-1388](#) An Ordinance of the City Commission amending Zoning Code Article 14, "Process," Section 14-208, "Appeals" and Section 15-103, "Reconsideration of City Architect administrative determination," to revise appeal procedures, extension deadlines, and notice of appeal requirements; limiting the scope of stays; establishing provisions regarding consolidation, related approvals, finality, and abandonment of appeals; providing for severability clause; providing for a repealer provision, providing for a severability clause, and providing for an effective date. (05 20 26 PZB recommended approval, Vote: 7-0)

**ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING**

- E.-3. [26-1783](#) An Ordinance of the City Commission amending Chapter 54 - Solid Waste Article III - Collection and Disposal to amend Section 54-121 Roll Off Waste Contractors Franchise Agreements of the City Code; updating certain requirements and establishing requirements for the securing, removal, and emergency management of roll-off containers during tropical storm and hurricane events; providing for penalties, cost recovery, and nonrenewal of franchise agreements for noncompliance; providing for severability clause, repealer provision, codification, and providing for an effective date.

- E.-4. [26-1798](#) An Ordinance of the City Commission approving a purchase and sale agreement to include certain key terms with 475 Biltmore MOB, LLC for the purchase of an office building located at 475-495 Biltmore Way; waiving certain requirements pursuant to Section 2-1089 of Division 12 of the Procurement Code; providing for a severability clause, repealer provision, and providing for an effective date.

Lobbyist: N/A

**Time Certain 11:00am (Agenda Items E-5-E-8 are related)**

- E.-5. [26-1692](#) An Ordinance of the City Commission amending the Future Land Use Map and Mixed Use Overlay District 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 "Religious/Institutional" to "Commercial Mid-Rise Intensity" and to include within the boundaries of the North Ponce Mixed Use District Overlay, Block 21, Revised Plat of Coral Gables Douglas Section (110 Phoenetia Avenue), Coral Gables, Florida; providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, and providing for an effective date. (06 17 26 PZB recommended approval, Vote 4-3)

Lobbyist: Jorge Navarro

- E.-6. [26-1693](#) 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:" 1) from "Special Use" to "Mixed Use 2", and 2) to include within the boundaries of the North Ponce Mixed Use District Overlay, Block 21, Revised Plat of Coral Gables Douglas Section (110 Phoenetia Avenue), Coral Gables, Florida; providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, and providing for an effective date. (06 17 26 PZB recommended approval, Vote 5-2)

Lobbyist: Jorge Navarro

- E.-7. [26-1694](#) An Ordinance of the City Commission granting approval of a Planned Area Development (PAD) pursuant to Zoning Code Article 14, "Process," Section 14-206, "General Procedures for Planned Area Development" for a mixed-use project referred to as "Crystal Residences," including a private school, on property legally described as Block 21, Revised Plat of Coral Gables Douglas Section (110 Phoenetia Avenue), Coral Gables, Florida; superseding Ordinance No. 1909 and Ordinance No. 2962; including required conditions; providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, and providing for an effective date. (06 17 26 PZB recommended approval with conditions, Vote: 6-1)

Lobbyist: Jorge Navarro

**RESOLUTIONS****Time Certain 11:00am (Agenda Items E-5-E-8 are related)**

- E.-8. [26-1695](#) A Resolution of the City Commission requesting Mixed-Use Site Plan Review and an Encroachment Agreement pursuant to Article 14, "Process" Section 14-203, "Conditional Uses," for a proposed mixed-use project, referred to as "Crystal Residences," including a private school and live/work units; on property legally described as Block 21, Revised Plat of Coral Gables Douglas Section (110 Phoenetia Avenue), Coral Gables, Florida; superseding Ordinance No. 1909 and Ordinance No. 2962, to permit the current accessory school as a principal use; including required conditions; providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, and providing for an effective date. (06 17 26 PZB recommended approval with conditions, Vote: 6-1).

Lobbyist: Jorge Navarro

(This Resolution is not for consideration at this time and will be included with the above ordinances on Second Reading if approved on First Reading.)

**F. CITY COMMISSION ITEMS****Time Certain 2:00pm (Agenda Item F-1)**

- F.-1. [26-1779](#) A Resolution of the City Commission authorizing the City to act as the Official Host City and Festival Sponsor for the 2026-2027 Junior Orange Bowl Festival Season and authorizing the City's annual financial and in-kind contributions as determined by the City Manager or his designee to the Junior Orange Bowl; and providing for an effective date.  
(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)
- F.-2. [26-1770](#) A Resolution of the City Commission directing City staff to extend the Resident Parking Rate Pilot Program through the date of the second City Commission Meeting in January 2027 to collect additional data in order to better determine the long-term feasibility of a resident parking rate.  
(Sponsored by Commissioner Castro)
- F.-3. [26-1782](#) A Resolution of the City Commission requiring City staff to provide reasonable notice by mail to property owners located within one thousand feet of a property subject to a new proposed park development or major park enhancement project prior to City Commission taking any action with respect to such project.  
(Sponsored by Commissioner Castro)

- F.-4. [26-1763](#) A Resolution of the City Commission calling a Special Election on the proposed ballot question and City Charter amendment to be held on November 3, 2026; providing for submission to the electors for approval or disapproval of a ballot question asking if the Charter should be amended to raise the value of public work projects that require formal solicitation and providing that the threshold value be amended consistent with Florida Statutes; providing for notice; providing for inclusion in the City Charter; providing for related matters; providing for an effective date.  
(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)
- F.-5. [26-1762](#) A Resolution of the City Commission calling a Special Election on the proposed ballot question and City Charter amendment to be held on November 3, 2026; providing for submission to the electors for approval or disapproval of a ballot question asking if the Charter should be amended to require continuous residency immediately preceding the conclusion of the qualifying period for the offices of Mayor and City Commissioner; providing for notice; providing for inclusion in the City Charter; providing for related matters; providing for an effective date.  
(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)
- F.-6. [26-1761](#) A Resolution of the City Commission calling a Special Election on the proposed ballot question and City Charter amendment to be held on November 3, 2026; providing for submission to the electors for approval or disapproval of a ballot question asking if the Charter should be amended to provide for the Mayor to be elected to serve a four (4) year term commencing with the November 2028 election without changing the associated mayoral term limit; providing for notice; providing for inclusion in the City Charter; providing for related matters; providing for an effective date.  
(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)
- F.-7. [26-1760](#) A Resolution of the City Commission calling a Special Election on the proposed ballot question and City Charter amendment to be held on November 3, 2026; providing for submission to the electors for approval or disapproval of a ballot question asking if the City Charter should be amended to require a vote of the electors prior to the sale of certain city-owned properties; providing for notice; providing for inclusion in the City Charter; providing for related matters; providing for an effective date.  
(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)

**Agenda Items F-8 and G-3 are related**

- F.-8. [26-1797](#) A Resolution of the City Commission expressing gratitude for the work and dedication of the Charter Review Committee and dissolving the current Charter Review Committee due to the completion of the Committee's work.  
(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)

**Time Certain 2:30pm (Agenda Item F-9)**

- F.-9. [26-1745](#) Summer Page Intern Presentations.  
(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)
- F.-10. [26-1746](#) Discussion regarding Code Enforcement and the Coral Gables Waterway.  
(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)
- F.-11. [26-1747](#) Discussion regarding the cost of the April Referendum Election.  
(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)
- F.-12. [26-1796](#) Presentation regarding the Benefits of Living Seawalls by Jacob Finlay and Evan Coulter.  
(Sponsored by Vice Mayor Anderson)

**G. BOARDS/COMMITTEES ITEMS****Time Certain 10:30am (Agenda Item G-1)**

- G.-1. [26-1659](#) A Resolution of the City Commission approving Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Cultural Grant recipients and setting in place a funding mechanism contingent on the City's approved budget. (Unanimously recommended by the Cultural Development Board approval/denial vote: 7 to 0).
- G.-2. [26-1654](#) A Resolution of the City Commission approving "Intervals", a Coral Gables Art Series, as part of Miami Art Week and for an application to Art Basel for an official event, further approving funding up to \$110,000 from the Art Fund toward the program and marketing materials (unanimously recommended by the Cultural Development Board approval/denial vote: 4 to 0); and authorizing an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Operating Budget to recognize the transfer of funds from the Art in Public Places Reserve and to appropriate such funds to put towards the cost of the project.

**Agenda Items F-8 and G-3 are related**

- G.-3. [26-1795](#) Final Charter Review Committee Recommendations.

**H. CITY MANAGER ITEMS**

- H.-1. [26-1737](#) A Resolution of the City Commission accepting the recommendation to waive the competitive Bid Process of the Procurement Code and Contract with John Bell Construction for the Coral Gables Country Club pool repairs and renovation project, located at 997 N. Greenway Drive, in an estimated amount of \$1,591,988 or not to exceed the available budget, pursuant to Section 2-691 of the Procurement Code, titled "Special Procurement/Bid Waiver".

Lobbyist: Leslie Pantin

- H.-2. [26-1757](#) A Resolution of the City Commission accepting the recommendation of the Chief Procurement Officer to award the Granada Golf Course Rain Shelter Construction to PF Management and Construction, LLC, the most responsive and responsible bidder in the estimated amount of \$541,841.21 and not to exceed budgeted funds, pursuant to Section 2-763 of the Procurement Code entitled "Contract Award" and Invitation for Bid (IFB) 2026-008.

Lobbyist: N/A

- H.-3. [26-1767](#) A Resolution of the City Commission amending Resolution No. 2026-156 and accepting the recommendation of the Community Recreation Department to waive the competitive bid process of the Procurement Code as a "Special Procurement/Bid Waiver" with Joy By, LLC. for Holiday Park; authorizing a five (5) year contract with two (2) optional two-year renewal terms pursuant to Section 2-691 of the City's Procurement Code.

Lobbyist: N/A

**I. CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS**

None

**J. CITY CLERK ITEMS**

None

**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 with a disability requiring communication assistance (such as a sign language interpreter or other auxiliary aide or service) in order to attend or participate in the meeting should contact the City's ADA Coordinator, Clifford R. Friedman, Director of Human Resources & Risk Management (E-mail: cfriedman@coralgables.com, Telephone: 305-722-8686, TTY/TDD: 305-442-1600), at least three (3) business days before the meeting.*

*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, Clifford R. Friedman, Director of Human Resources & Risk Management (E-mail: cfriedman@coralgables.com, Telephone: 305-722*