

# **City of Coral Gables**

*405 Biltmore Way  
Coral Gables, FL 33134  
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## **Agenda - Final Revised**

**Tuesday, September 10, 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 September 10, 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](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**

*Pastors Rich and Tina Romero - Generation Church*

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

- A.-1. [24-7861](#) Presentation of a Proclamation declaring September 17 - 23, 2024 as "Constitution Week" in Coral Gables.
- A.-2. [24-7962](#) Congratulations to the City of Coral Gables for being named "Best City to Live In" by Miami New Times.
- A.-3. [24-7881](#) Congratulations to the Procurement Department winner of the 2024 Achievement of Excellence Award by the National Procurement Institute.
- A.-4. [24-7948](#) Presentation of a Certificate of Appreciation to the Coral Gables Fire Department for their assistance in training a delegation of firefighters from Cartagena, Colombia, a Sister City of Coral Gables.
- A.-5. [24-7956](#) Congratulations to Detective Khaled Taha, recipient of the City of Coral Gables "Detective of the Quarter," for the second quarter of 2024.
- A.-6. [24-7875](#) Congratulations to Officer Casey Rivera, recipient of the City of Coral Gables "Officer of the Month," for May 2024.
- A.-7. [24-7957](#) Congratulations to Officer Lucas Rosson, recipient of the City of Coral Gables "Officer of the Month," for June 2024.

**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. [24-7961](#) A Resolution of the City Commission authorizing encroachments into the public right-of-way consisting of the installation of five (5) black aluminum streetlight poles to serve as right-of-way lighting for the residential development at 701 Valencia Avenue, subject to requirements of the Public Works Department.

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

- 1.-1. [24-7931](#) Code Enforcement Board Meeting of August 21, 2024.
- 1.-2. [24-7985](#) Sustainability Advisory Board Meeting of July 26, 2024.

## 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. [24-7778](#) 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 notice to all properties along the Mahi Canal regardless of distance for any new Mixed-use and Multi-family developments on the Mahi Canal, providing for repealer provision, severability clause, codification, and providing for an effective date. (08 14 24 PZB made no recommendation, Vote 3-3)

### ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

- E.-2. [24-7949](#) An Ordinance of the City Commission amending the Code of the City of Coral Gables, Florida, Chapter 2, Entitled "Administration," Article III "Boards, Commissions, Committees," Division 1 "Generally" by amending Section 2-52 "Qualification and Appointment of Members" in order to offer members of city boards reduced fitness membership fees at the Coral Gables War Memorial Youth Center; providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, codification, and providing for an effective date. (Sponsored by Commissioner Menendez)
- E.-3. [24-7950](#) An Ordinance of the City Commission amending the Code of the City of Coral Gables, Florida, Chapter 2, Entitled "Administration," Article III "Boards, Commissions, Committees," Division 1 "Generally" by amending Section 2-52 "Qualification and Appointment of Members" in order to expand the benefits offered to members of City boards; providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, codification, and providing for an effective date. (Sponsored by Mayor Lago)
- E.-4. [24-7951](#) An Ordinance of the City Commission amending the Code of the City of Coral Gables, Florida, Chapter 74, entitled "Traffic and Vehicles," Article I "In General" by amending Section 74-1 "Definition"; and Article III "Stopping, Standing and Parking," Division 2 "Parking Meters and Parking Areas" by amending Section 74-84 "Signage and Other Requirements" in order to comply with recent changes to Florida law governing vehicles parking on private property, F.S. § 715.075; providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, codification, and providing for an effective date.

**Time Certain 1:30pm (Agenda Item E-5)**

- E.-5. [24-7981](#) An Ordinance of the City Commission designating Patriot Day as an official City Day of Remembrance and amending Chapter 1, "General Provisions", Section 1-2, "Definitions and Rules of Construction" of the City Code to designate Patriot Day as an official City Holiday; providing for a severability clause, repealer provision, codification, and providing for an effective date.  
(Sponsored by Commissioner Menendez)

**F. CITY COMMISSION ITEMS**

- F.-1. [24-7907](#) A Resolution of the City Commission promoting fiscal resilience and directing the City Manager to include in the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025, certain revisions from the Budget Estimate, including allocating certain funding toward the assessment, drawings, and plans for structural repairs at City Hall.  
(Sponsored by Vice Mayor Anderson)
- F.-2. [24-7970](#) A Resolution of the City Commission accepting the appointments of Commissioners and Staff to serve as members of the 2024-2025 Florida League of Cities Legislative Policy Committees and authorizing those Commissioners and Staff members to advocate for the City's legislative priorities.  
(Sponsored by Vice Mayor Anderson)
- F.-3. [24-7983](#) A Resolution of the City Commission directing City staff to explore additional notice options with the City's Arts Advisory Panel and Cultural Development Board when the City is acquiring and installing new works of art utilizing the City's art fund.  
(Sponsored by Vice Mayor Anderson)
- F.-4. [24-7984](#) A Resolution of the City Commission directing City staff to work with bordering local governments to commit to provide notice of Live Local Act projects within 1000 feet of another local government's perimeter.  
(Sponsored by Vice Mayor Anderson)
- F.-5. [24-7910](#) Discussion regarding City standards for residential light temperature.  
(Sponsored by Vice Mayor Anderson)
- F.-6. [24-7934](#) Discussion regarding City Hall recertification and repairs.  
(Sponsored by Commissioner Fernandez)  
(Co-sponsored by Vice Mayor Anderson)
- F.-7. [24-7953](#) Discussion regarding the Biltmore Way Streetscape.  
(Sponsored by Commissioner Fernandez)  
(Co-Sponsored Vice Mayor Anderson)

- F.-8. [24-7960](#) Discussion regarding bonds and other financing options for the City's restoration projects.  
(Sponsored by Commissioner Menendez)
- F.-9. [24-7969](#) Discussion regarding markers for centennial homes.  
(Sponsored by Commissioner Fernandez)
- F.-10. [24-7980](#) Discussion regarding the possibility of a centennial Venetian Pool Concert celebration.  
(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)

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

- F.-11. [24-7982](#) Discussion regarding parking, deliveries and garbage around The Plaza.  
(Sponsored by Commissioner Fernandez)

**G. BOARDS/COMMITTEES ITEMS**

None

**H. CITY MANAGER ITEMS**

- H.-1. [24-7958](#) Update on the Alhambra Circle sidewalk.
- H.-2. [24-7959](#) Update on the audit and review of all Amazon purchases.

**I. CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS**

None

**J. CITY CLERK ITEMS**

- J.-1. [24-7964](#) A Resolution of the City Commission accepting the City Clerk's certification and declaration of the result of the City of Coral Gables Special Election, which was held on August 20, 2024, wherein voters decided against Little Gables annexation.

**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](mailto: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**