

City of Coral Gables

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Agenda - Final

Tuesday, January 9, 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*

*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 Tuesday, January 9, 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****PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE****A. PRESENTATIONS AND PROTOCOL DOCUMENTS**

- A.-1. [23-6764](#) Presentation of a Proclamation declaring December 16, 2023 as "Coral Gables Congregational United Church of Christ Day".
- A.-2. [23-6792](#) Recognition of Coral Gables Fire Department Rescue 4 Crew by the City of Miami Fire Department.
- A.-3. [23-6793](#) Congratulations to Firefighter Nicholas Balsera recipient of the City of Coral Gables "Firefighter of the Month Award," for the month of January 2024.
- A.-4. [23-6863](#) Congratulations to Officer Michael Aleman, recipient of the City of Coral Gables "Officer of the Month Award," for October 2023.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- B.-1. [23-6735](#) Regular City Commission Meeting of November 14, 2023.

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. [23-6830](#) A Resolution of the City Commission appointing Judith Alexander (Nominated by Commissioner Fernandez) to serve as a member of the Senior Citizens Advisory Board, for the remainder of an unexpired term, which began on June 1, 2023 and continues through May 31, 2025.

D.-2. [23-6829](#) A Resolution of the City Commission confirming the appointment of John "Miles" Maronto (Nominated by Board-As-A-Whole) to serve as a member of the Transportation Advisory Board, for a two (2) year term which began on June 1, 2023 and continues through May 31, 2025.

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

1.-1. [23-6797](#) Cultural Development Board Meeting of November 8, 2023.

1.-2. [23-6857](#) Landscape Beautification Advisory Board Meeting of December 14, 2023.

1.-3. [23-6674](#) Planning and Zoning Board Meeting of November 8, 2023.

1.-4. [23-6787](#) School Community Relations Committee Meeting of November 17, 2023.

1.-5. [23-6815](#) Sustainability Advisory Board Meeting of October 25, 2023.

1.-6. [23-6814](#) Transportation Advisory Board Meeting of October 17, 2023.

1.-7. [23-6818](#) Waterway Advisory Board Meeting of November 1, 2023.

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]:**

Time Certain 11:00am (Agenda Item 2-1)

- 2.-1. [23-6882](#) A Resolution of the Coral Gables Historic Preservation Board requesting that the City Commission direct that any removal of silver streetlights by FPL throughout the City cease immediately; requesting that the City Commission direct the Historic Preservation Board and Landmarks Advisory Board to work with City Staff to research and recommend a City standard streetlight as well as recommended areas for that standard streetlight; and requesting that the City Commission adopt that standard streetlight.

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. [23-6723](#) An Ordinance of the City Commission amending the Cocoplum Phase 1 Security Guard District, as created by Miami-Dade County pursuant to County Ordinance 95-214, to expand the scope of services to include additional security measures including but not limited to security cameras.
[Sponsored by Commissioner Menendez]

Agenda Items E-2 and E-3 are related

- E.-2. [23-6785](#) An Ordinance of the City Commission amending Section 1-2 "Definitions and Rules of Construction"; Section 2-464 "Same-Authority to Fix Schedule of Charges; Method of Determination"; Section 2-1091 "City-Owned Property Sale or Lease Generally; Advertised Public Bidding Process; Section 18-2 "Canvas of Returns; Duty of Commission; Declaration of Results"; Section 34-60 "Statement of Costs; Filing; Publication of Work; Cost and Lien"; Section 34-239 "Forfeiture Proceedings"; Section 58-53 "Statement of Costs; Publication"; Section 58-119 "Notice by Publication"; Section 62-329 "Procedures Relating to Applications"; Section 62-331 "Adoption of Ordinance"; Section 78-281 "Requirement for Underground Utilities"; Section 101-109 "Notices"; Section 109-41 "Permit Application Procedures- Class 1 Permits"; and Section 109-42 "Same- Class 2 Permits" of the City Code in order to provide a definition of publication and remove the requirement for newspaper publication, providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, codification, and providing for an effective date.

- E.-3. [23-6786](#) An Ordinance of the City Commission amending Section 1-104 “Jurisdiction and Applicability”; Section 8-109 “Moving of Existing Improvements”; Section 8-106 “Certificates of Appropriateness”; Section 14-209.4; Section 14-215.3 “Notice and Hearing Procedures”; Section 15-102 “Notice” of the City’s Zoning Code in order to provide a definition of publication and remove the requirement for newspaper publication, providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, codification, and providing for an effective date.

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

- E.-4. [23-6567](#) An Ordinance of the City Commission amending St. Philip's School site plan approved under Ordinance No. 3576 to replace an existing building with a new pre-K building located at 1109 Andalusia Avenue, Coral Gables, Florida; all other conditions of approval contained in Ordinance No. 3576 shall remain in effect; and providing an effective date. (11 03 23 PZB recommended approval with conditions, Vote 7-0)
- E.-5. [23-6826](#) An Ordinance of the City Commission providing for text amendments to the City of Coral Gables Official Zoning Code (Zoning Code), amending Article 10, “Parking and Access,” Section 10-112 “Miscellaneous Parking Standards,” creating provisions for considering reduction of parking requirements for affordable housing located near a major transit stop as required by the Live Local Act, Ch. 2023-17, Laws of Florida; providing for repealer provision, severability clause, codification, and providing for an effective date.
- E.-6. [23-6827](#) An Ordinance of the City Commission providing for text amendments to the City of Coral Gables Official Zoning Code, amending Article 1, “General Provisions,” Section 1-104 “Jurisdiction and Applicability,” amending provisions for the citing of city facilities to include facilities for workforce housing that are owned, financed, or operated by the City, the County, or other public (governmental) entity as required by the Code of Miami-Dade County Section 33-193.7 “Applicability in the Incorporated and Unincorporated Areas; Minimum Standards; Exemptions.,” providing for repealer provision, severability clause, codification, and providing for an effective date.
- E.-7. [23-6828](#) An Ordinance of the City Commission providing for a text amendment to the City of Coral Gables Official Zoning Code, Creating Section 5-314 “Window and Hurricane Shutters” to regulate the closure of window and hurricane shutters and amending the City Code, Chapter 1-General Provisions, Section 1-7 entitled “Penalties” to provide a penalty for the closure of window and hurricane shutters outside of the hurricane season; providing for severability clause, repealer provision, codification, and providing for an effective date. (Sponsored by Commissioner Fernandez)

- E.-8. [23-6881](#) An Ordinance of the City Commission providing for a text amendment to the City of Coral Gables official Zoning Code, amending Article 11. "Signs," Section 11-107 "Real Estate, For Sale, Lease or Rental of Property or Buildings," to apply same regulations to signs pertaining to the sale, lease, or rental of property or buildings in any use district; providing for severability clause, repealer provision, codification, and providing for an effective date.
(Sponsored by Commissioner Fernandez)

RESOLUTIONS

- E.-9. [23-6825](#) A Resolution of the City Commission pursuant to Florida Statute 166.0451, approving a blank inventory list of city-owned real property within Coral Gables which is appropriate for use as affordable housing.

F. CITY COMMISSION ITEMS

- F.-1. [23-6762](#) Update on Uber Pilot Program.
(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)
- F.-2. [23-6779](#) Update regarding Pittman Park
(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)
- F.-3. [23-6783](#) Update on Development Services Department.
(Sponsored by Commissioner Castro)
- F.-4. [23-6862](#) Discussion regarding Form 6 financial disclosure by municipal elected officials.
(Sponsored by Commissioner Menendez)
- F.-5. [23-6868](#) Discussion regarding the Christmas decorations on Miracle Mile.
(Sponsored by Commissioner Fernandez)
- F.-6. [23-6869](#) Discussion regarding the tree canopy replacement.
(Sponsored by Commissioner Fernandez)
- F.-7. [23-6875](#) Update of arrival of the White Way Lights.
(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)
- F.-8. [23-6874](#) Update on the maintenance plan for the White Way Lights.
(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)
- F.-9. [23-6878](#) Update on the naming of the park in honor of SSGT Carl Enis.
(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)

F.-10. [23-5686](#) A Resolution of the City Commission directing the City Clerk and City Manager to schedule bimonthly presentation and protocol ceremonies.
(Sponsored by Commissioner Fernandez)

F.-11. [23-6832](#) A Resolution of the City Commission directing the City Clerk to schedule a joint meeting between the City's Historic Preservation Board and Landmarks Advisory Board to discuss the replacement of certain Florida power and Light streetlights throughout the City.
(Sponsored by Commissioner Fernandez)

G. BOARDS/COMMITTEES ITEMS

None

H. CITY MANAGER ITEMS

H.-1. [23-6819](#) A Resolution of the City Commission accepting the recommendation of the Chief Procurement Officer to authorize access to a "piggyback" contract through the Sourcewell Cooperative with Oshkosh Corporation (Pierce Manufacturing) in an amount not to exceed the available budget for firefighting equipment, pursuant to Section 2-946, Use of Other Governmental Unit Contracts (Piggyback) and Section 2-947, Cooperative Purchasing under the Procurement Code.

H.-2. [23-6824](#) A Resolution of the City Commission accepting the recommendation of the Innovations and Technology Department to waive the competitive process to purchase AT&T Communication Service Maintenance and Support as a "Special Procurement/Bid Waiver," pursuant to Section 2-691 of the Procurement Code.

H.-3. [23-6765](#) Illegal dumping mitigation technology update.

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 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**