

**City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Agenda Item K
December 12, 2023
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, Peter Iglesias

City Clerk, Billy Urquia

Public Speaker(s)

Agenda Item K – Discussion Items

Mayor Lago: Madam Vice Mayor, is there anything you would like to discuss before we close out the year?

Vice Mayor Anderson: Happy Holidays, Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Happy Kwanza, Happy New Year. I won't see you until then.

Mayor Lago: Commissioner Castro.

Commissioner Castro: Let's not put our employees or our staff in situations like this moving forward. This is very unnecessary, besides that, Happy New Year and all the rest.

Mayor Lago: Commissioner Menendez.

Commissioner Menendez: God bless us.

Mayor Lago: What movie do you have. No movies this year to close out the year?

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Commissioner Menendez: Well, it's a little bit too early, but I'll have in 2024, I'm showing the Marks Brothers movie at the Art Cinema, and I'll be showing ET at the Miracle Theater. All good family-friendly experiences, not quite like the Commission meetings, but there's a relationship. It's a comedy on occasion.

Mayor Lago: Commissioner Fernandez, what have you got?

Commissioner Fernandez: Just want to thank all the residents for supporting us and for putting up with us during our not-so-fun moments but thank you for trusting the five of us with representing you. It's been an honor to serve you these last seven months with the four of you and advance the needle on a lot of things that I think residents wanted. So, thank you all for putting up with me and I wish you all the best for the next year.

Mayor Lago: To the residents, I wish you a happy birthday, it's a joke, trying to play off my buddy over here, Commissioner Menendez. Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Happy Holidays. Just a quick recap. We had a sold-out gala, it was incredible. I wish my colleagues would have attended. We raised a ton of money for La Liga Contra El Cancer and the Coral Gables Community Foundation, just like we did last month at the wine auction that we had where we raised over \$125,000. I will also be collecting toys in my office for needy children. I'll be starting on Wednesday. If anybody would like to drop off toys at my office, I know that the Clerk is doing the same thing. We are going to join forces and hopefully the Manager, if you want to join forces, I'll be delivering a bunch of toys this week. So, we give you till Friday to bring a wrapped toy, unwrapped toy, but not used to my office. It doesn't matter the size; it doesn't matter the cost. There are a lot of needy children out there. So, I'll be delivering some this week, so just come by. You have until Friday to deliver them in my office. Thank you. God bless and have a wonderful and safe New Year. Thank you for allowing me the privilege to serve. Blessings.