

City of Coral Gables

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Agenda - Final

Tuesday, January 13, 2026

9:00 AM

City Hall, Commission Chambers

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 January 13, 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 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. [25-1265](#) Presentation of the 2025 Holiday Window Contest Winners.
- A.-2. [26-1003](#) Presentation of the 2025 Communities of Excellence Gold Level Recognition.
- A.-3. [25-1181](#) Congratulations to Giralda Cleaners on receiving the 2025 Commercial Beautification Award.
- A.-4. [25-1258](#) Presentation of a Proclamation declaring January 13, 2026 as "Ana Alicia Fernandez Day" in Coral Gables.
- A.-5. [25-1107](#) Congratulations to Driver Engineer John Jensen, recipient of the City of Coral Gables "Firefighter of the Month Award," for the month of October 2025.
- A.-6. [25-1147](#) Congratulations to Driver Engineer Brandon Ogden, recipient of the City of Coral Gables "Firefighter of the Month Award," for the month of December 2025.
- A.-7. [25-1218](#) Congratulations to Nicole Gautney, from Parking Department recipient of the "Part-Time Employees of the 4th Quarter Award".
- A.-8. [25-1220](#) Congratulations to Mercedes Paulino, from the Police department recipient of the "Employee of the Month " for November 2025.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- B.-1. [25-1190](#) Regular City Commission Meeting of November 18, 2025.

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. [25-1189](#) A Resolution of the City Commission confirming the appointment of Saul Cimbler (nominated by Commissioner Castro) to serve as a member of the Emergency Management Division, for a two (2) year term which began on June 1, 2025 and continues through May 31, 2027.

D.-2. [25-1192](#) A Resolution of the City Commission confirming the nomination of Christopher Challenger, who ran unopposed to the City of Coral Gables Retirement Board At-Large Participating Regular Full-Time Employee Representative Seat and Joshua Nunez, who ran unopposed for the Police Officer Representative Seat, both for a two-year term beginning January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2027.

D.-3. [25-1238](#) A Resolution of the City Commission authorizing the execution of an agreement for sewer connection for properties located outside the City's Sewer District at 1101 and 1201 Stanford Drive, 5185 Ponce de Leon Boulevard, 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.-4. [25-1239](#) 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 1530 Liguria Avenue, 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. [25-1253](#) A Resolution of the City Commission expressing its desire to reactivate the Sister City relationship with the City of La Antigua, Guatemala.

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

1.-1. [25-1169](#) Advisory Board on Disability Affairs Meeting of December 3, 2025.

1.-2. [25-9811](#) Arts Advisory Panel Meeting of November 5, 2025.

1.-3. [25-1240](#) Country Club Advisory Board Meeting of October 6, 2025.

1.-4. [25-1241](#) Country Club Advisory Board Meeting of October 22, 2025.

1.-5. [25-1242](#) Country Club Advisory Board Meeting of November 19, 2025.

1.-6. [25-1179](#) Cultural Development Board Meeting of November 19, 2025.

1.-7. [26-1033](#) International Affairs Coordinating Council Meeting of December 8, 2025.

1.-8. [26-1002](#) Landscape Beautification Advisory Board Meeting of December 11, 2025.

1.-9. [25-1247](#) Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting of October 09, 2025

1.-10. [25-1175](#) Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting of November 13, 2025.

1.-11. [26-1000](#) Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting of December 11, 2025.

1.-12. [25-1250](#) Parks and Recreation Youth Advisory Board Meeting of November 05, 2025.

1.-13. [25-1176](#) Parks and Recreation Youth Advisory Board Meeting of December 3, 2025.

1.-14. [25-1125](#) Planning and Zoning Board Meeting of November 19, 2025.

1.-15. [25-1248](#) Senior Citizen Advisory Board Meeting of October 09, 2025.

1.-16. [25-1249](#) Senior Citizen Advisory Board Meeting of November 13, 2025.

1.-17. [25-1223](#) Senior Citizen Advisory Board Meeting of December 4, 2025.

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 10:30am (Agenda Item 2-1)

2.-1. [26-1028](#) Charter Review Committee Interim Recommendations.

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. [25-1026](#) An Ordinance of the City Commission providing for a text amendment to the City of Coral Gables Official Zoning Code by amending Article 7, "Sustainability and Resilience Standards," Section 7-102, "Green Building Requirements," to provide National Green Building Standard (NGBS) Silver Certification as an acceptable option for compliance; providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, codification, and providing for an effective date. (11 19 25 PZB recommended approval with conditions, Vote: 6-1)

(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)

E.-2. 25-1027

An Ordinance of the City Commission providing for text amendments to the City of Coral Gables Official Zoning Code by amending Section 3-200, "Principal Uses"; amending Section 3-201, "Group Homes, Assisted Living Facilities, and Child Care Facilities," to clarify statutory capacity and licensing requirements; adding Section 3-202, "Certified Recovery Residences," to establish procedures for review and approval consistent with state and federal law; amending Article 16, "Definitions," to add definitions for "Adult Day Care Center," "Certified Recovery Residence," "Dwelling Unit," and "Group Residential Home"; providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, codification, and providing for an effective date. (11 19 25 PZB recommended approval, Vote 7-0)

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING**E.-3. 25-1124**

An Ordinance of the City Commission granting approval of proposed amendments to the text of the City of Coral Gables Comprehensive Plan pursuant to expedited state review procedures (S. 163.3184, Florida Statutes) and Zoning Code Article 14, "Process," Section 14-213, "Comprehensive Plan Text and Map Amendments," to modify the required mix of uses when developed within the "University Station Rapid Transit District Overlay," to allow a maximum floor area ratio (FAR) of 3.5, and to provide for policies to implement the "University Station Rapid Transit District Overlay;" providing for a repealer provision, providing for a severability clause, and providing for an effective date. (12 10 25 PZB recommended approval, Vote: 6-0)

E.-4. 25-1264

An Ordinance of the City Commission amending Chapter 74, "Traffic and Vehicles," of the City Code, creating Article X - "Golf Carts"; authorizing and regulating the operation of golf carts on designated city streets; providing for severability clause, repealer provision, codification, and providing for an effective date.
(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)

E.-5. 26-1023

An Ordinance of the City Commission providing for text amendments to the City of Coral Gables Official Zoning Code by amending Article 14, "Process," Section 14-200, "Procedures," to amend Section 14-213.11, "Adoption Hearing," to require a supermajority vote of the City Commission for adoption of comprehensive plan map amendments; and providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, codification, and providing for an effective date.
(Sponsored by Commissioner Castro)

Time Certain 12:00pm (Agenda Item E-6)

E.-6. [26-1032](#) An Ordinance of the City Commission amending Chapter 2, "Administration," Article V. "Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics," of the Coral Gables City Code to create Section 2-309 "Anti-Kickback and Post-Approval Transparency Requirements," providing supplemental local transparency obligations consistent with Chapter 112, Florida Statutes, and Miami-Dade County Code §2-11.1; requiring disclosure and public posting of post-approval business relationships, financial benefits, gifts, and campaign/political committee contributions connected to projects that appear before the City Commission; requiring sworn affidavits from developers/applicants and mandatory post-certificate of occupancy sworn certifications by elected officials; providing implementation requirements, enforcement, repealer provision, severability clause, codification, and providing for an effective date.
(Sponsored by Commissioner Castro)

F. CITY COMMISSION ITEMS**Time Certain 6:00pm (Agenda Item F-1)**

F.-1. [25-1193](#) A Resolution of the City Commission rescinding Resolution No. 2025-452, which authorized City staff to move forward with the development of a dog park on the City-owned parcel located at 520 University Drive; directing the City Manager to direct City staff to gather community input on the proposed dog park; and providing for an effective date.
(Sponsored by Commissioner Castro)

F.-2. [26-1005](#) A Resolution of the City Commission making permanent the Resident Parking Rate Pilot Program.
(Sponsored by Commissioner Castro)

F.-3. [26-1020](#) A Resolution of the City Commission amending Resolution No. 2025-301 to amend certain language and calling a Special Election on the proposed ballot question and City Charter amendment to be held on April 21, 2026; providing for submission to the electors for approval or disapproval of a ballot question asking if the Charter should be amended to change the City's General Election from April of odd numbered years to coincide with the General Election held in November of even numbered years and adjusting the association qualifying and run-off dates and changing all subsequent elections; providing for a mail ballot election; providing for inclusion in the City Charter; providing for related matters providing for severability; and providing for an effective date.
(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)

F.-4. [26-1021](#)

A Resolution of the City Commission amending Resolution No. 2025-163 to change the date of the Special Election and calling for a Special Election on the proposed ballot question and City Charter Amendment to be held on April 21, 2026; providing for submission to the electors for approval or disapproval of a ballot question asking if the Charter should be amended to include a prohibition on amending the date of the election via Ordinance, in so far as that prohibition is not in conflict with State Law; providing for mail ballot; providing for notice; providing for inclusion in the City Charter; providing for related matters; and providing for an effective date.

(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)

F.-5. [26-1022](#)

A Resolution of the City Commission amending Resolution No. 2025-211 to change the date of the Special Election and calling for a Special Election on the proposed ballot question and City Charter Amendment to be held on April 21, 2026; providing for submission to the electors for approval or disapproval of a ballot question asking if the Charter should be amended to allow the appointing Commissioner or Appointed Official to remove a board member from that position prior to the expiration of their term; providing for mail ballot; providing for notice; providing for inclusion in the City Charter; providing for related matters; and providing for an effective date.

(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)

F.-6. [26-1024](#)

A Resolution of the City Commission amending Resolution No. 2025-87 to change the date of the Special Election and calling for a Special Election on the proposed ballot question and City Charter Amendment to be held on April 21, 2026; providing for submission to the electors for approval or disapproval of a ballot question asking whether the City Charter should be amended to require the convening of a Charter Review Committee every ten years and outlining the composition of that committee; providing for a Mail Ballot Election; providing for notice; providing for inclusion in the City Charter; providing for related matters; and providing for an effective date.

(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)

F.-7. [26-1025](#)

A Resolution of the City Commission amending Resolution No. 2025-161 to change the date of the Special Election and calling for a Special Election on the proposed ballot question and City Charter Amendment to be held on April 21, 2026; providing for submission to the electors for approval or disapproval of a ballot question asking whether the City Charter should incorporate the City's Fund Balance and Reserve Policy adopted in Ordinance No. 2025-05 and be amended to require approval of the electors prior to amendment of that Fund Balance and Reserve Policy or the expenditure of funds from the General Reserve, except for those funds authorized to be spent pursuant to the Emergency Powers authorized by the Charter, City Code, Declaration of Emergency, or other applicable law; providing for a mail ballot; providing for notice; providing for inclusion in the City Charter; providing for related matters; and providing for an effective date.

(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)

F.-8. [26-1026](#)

A Resolution of the City Commission amending Resolution No. 2025-88 to change the date of the Special Election and calling for a Special Election on the proposed ballot question and City Charter Amendment to be held on April 21, 2026; providing for submission to the electors for approval or disapproval of a ballot question asking whether the City Charter should be amended to authorize a contract with Miami-Dade County or a private entity to provide Inspector General Services with certain powers (including the power to subpoena witnesses), provided that such appointment, term, functions, and powers shall be further established by ordinance; providing for requisite ballot language; providing for procedures for balloting; providing for mail ballot; providing for notice; providing for inclusion in the City Charter; providing for related matters; and providing for an effective date.

(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)

F.-9. [26-1027](#)

A Resolution of the City Commission amending Resolution No. 2025-160 to change the date of the Special Election and calling for a Special Election on the proposed ballot question and City Charter Amendment to be held on April 21, 2026; providing for submission to the electors for approval or disapproval of a ballot question asking whether the City Charter should be amended to include a requirement that any changes to the compensation of the elected officials, beyond that regular consumer price index increase detailed in the City Code be submitted to a vote of the electors; providing for a mail ballot; providing for notice; providing for inclusion in the City Charter; providing for related matters; and providing for an effective date.

(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)

F.-10. [26-1031](#)

A Resolution of the City Commission accepting a donation from Friends of the Underline, Inc. and authorizing the City Manager and City Attorney to negotiate and execute funding and sponsorship agreement with Friends of the Underline, Inc. regarding the Underline Dog Park and naming the park "Chewy Bark Park" for a certain period of time.

(Sponsored by Vice Mayor Anderson)

Time Certain 6:00pm (Agenda Item F-11)F.-11. [26-1010](#)

Update on Youth Center Dog Park and Conceptual Presentation.
(Sponsored by Vice Mayor Anderson)

F.-12. [25-1259](#)

Discussion regarding media credentials.
(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)

F.-13. [25-1260](#)

Discussion regarding Business Tax Licenses.
(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)

F.-14. [25-1261](#)

Discussion regarding tree protection at construction sites.
(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)

F.-15. [25-1262](#)

Discussion regarding newspaper stands.
(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)

F.-16. [26-1029](#) Discussion item regarding the Mobility Hub Mural Art Design Proposal.
(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)

G. BOARDS/COMMITTEES ITEMS

None

H. CITY MANAGER ITEMS

H.-1. [26-1009](#) A Resolution of the City Commission accepting the recommendation of the Chief Procurement Officer to award the Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation contract to EnviroWaste Services Group, Inc, the most responsive and responsible bidder, pursuant to Invitation for Bids (IFB) 2025-029 Section 2-763 of the Procurement Code entitled "Contract Award".

Lobbyist: N/A

H.-2. [25-1257](#) Celebrating a Century: The Coral Gables Centennial Year.

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 Jose Rodriguez, Interim Director of Labor Relations and Risk Management (E-mail: jrodriguez4@coralgables.com, Telephone: 305-722-8675, TTY/TDD: 305-442-1600), at least three (3) business days before the meeting.