

City of Coral Gables

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Meeting Minutes

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

The Meeting was called to order at 9:11 am.

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**ROLL CALL**

Present: 5 - Mayor Lago, Vice Mayor Anderson, Commissioner Castro, Commissioner Fernandez and Commissioner Lara

INVOCATION

Ryan Reed, Executive Pastor from Christ Journey Church gave the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Mayor Anderson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MERRICK MOMENT

Joanne Meagher led the Merrick Moment.

A. PRESENTATIONS AND PROTOCOL DOCUMENTS

- A.-1. [25-1265](#) Presentation of the 2025 Holiday Window Contest Winners.

Attachments: [Holiday Window Contests Winners](#)

Solanch Lopez, Business Community Manager - Economic Development presented the winners of the 2025 Holiday Window Contest, an annual initiative encouraging downtown merchants to decorate their storefronts during the holiday season to enhance the city's festive atmosphere. Four awards were announced: the Community Choice Award went to Ella Bella Rosario, which received 58% of community votes; Best Use of Lights was awarded to Joy Buy, a holiday pop-up at 332 Miracle Mile; Most Original was given to Intuition Stylist for its creative seasonal mannequin displays; and Best Overall was awarded to John Martin's Irish Pub, which transformed its entire restaurant into a Christmas pop-up bar with elaborate decorations. Each winner received a \$300 prize. Both the Mayor and City Commissioners praised the creativity and effort of participating in businesses, noting that such initiatives foster community spirit and attract visitors to Coral Gables.

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- A.-2. [26-1003](#) Presentation of the 2025 Communities of Excellence Gold Level Recognition.

Belkys Perez, Director-Economic Development Department announced that Coral Gables achieved Gold Level Recognition in the Communities of Excellence program, making it the first community eligible to apply for the National Malcolm Baldrige Quality Award in 2026. This recognition reflects years of collaborative efforts since 2019 to improve health, safety, education, and quality of life. She presented data showing a significant reduction in violent crime rates compared to Miami, Florida, and national averages, as well as Coral Gables High School graduation rates improving dramatically to reach the top 20th percentile nationwide. The presentation outlined the rigorous evaluation process, which requires trend data and comparative analysis, and discussed next steps for applying for the national award. The Mayor and City Commissioners commended Ms. Perez, Baptist Health, the Chamber of Commerce, and other partners for their dedication to maintaining Coral Gables' reputation for excellence.

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- A.-3. [25-1181](#) Congratulations to Giralda Cleaners on receiving the 2025 Commercial Beautification Award.

The Commission recognized Giralda Cleaners, located at 123 Giralda Avenue, as a recipient of the 2025 Commercial Beautification Award. Celebrating its 30th anniversary this month, the business was honored for maintaining and enhancing its storefront landscaping, including improvements coordinated with city-led streetscape projects. The Mayor and City Commissioners praised the owner's commitment to beautification and noted that such efforts contribute to Coral Gables' distinctive charm and appeal, reinforcing the city's reputation for elegance and attention to detail.

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- A.-4. [25-1258](#) Presentation of a Proclamation declaring January 13, 2026 as "Ana Alicia Fernandez Day" in Coral Gables.

The Commission proclaimed January 13, 2026, as "Ana Alicia Fernandez Day" in Coral Gables, honoring her and her mother, Alicia Fernandez, for their resilience and advocacy following a tragic boating accident in 1995. The proclamation highlighted Alicia's tireless care for her daughter and her efforts to promote boating safety. Officer Randy Hoff, credited with saving Ana Alicia's life, shared his experience, noting that the incident catalyzed the city's boating safety programs. The Mayor and City Commissioners and public safety officials praised Alicia's unwavering dedication, calling her story a testament to love, perseverance, and community support. Emotional remarks from the officials emphasized the importance of recognizing caregivers and first responders who go above and beyond, and the presentation concluded with heartfelt gratitude and a commemorative photo.

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- 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.

Attachments: [Cover Memo, FF of the Month, October 2025](#)
[FF of the month Oct2025 ltr](#)

Driver Engineer John Jensen was honored by Fire Chief de la Rosa for his exceptional service. The Chief recognized him for his commitment to equipment readiness and safety, as well as his leadership and dedication to public safety.

The Mayor and City Commissioners spoke of the crucial role this position plays in emergency responses and the city's overall preparedness.

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- 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.

Attachments: [Cover Memo, FF of the Month, December 2025](#)
[FF of the Month Letter- December 2025](#)

Fire Chief de la Rosa honored Driver Engineer Brandon Ogden for his exceptional service and praised him for his expertise in navigating Coral Gables' complex streets and maintaining the Fire Department's apparatus standards, as well as his leadership and dedication to public safety. The Mayor and City Commissioners spoke on the crucial role these positions play in emergency response and the city's overall preparedness.

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- A.-7. [25-1218](#) Congratulations to Nicole Gautney, from Parking Department recipient of the "Part-Time Employees of the 4th Quarter Award".

Attachments: [Part-Time Nomination - Nicole Gautney](#)

The Commission recognized Nicole Gautney, Part-Time Sustainability Coordinator, for her outstanding contributions to environmental initiatives and community engagement through the "Keep Coral Gables Beautiful Program". Nicole's efforts include organizing over 300 events, drafting grant applications, and promoting sustainability citywide. Commissioners lauded her enthusiasm, leadership, and commitment to making Coral Gables a greener, more sustainable community, noting her role as an ambassador for environmental stewardship.

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- A.-8. [25-1220](#) Congratulations to Mercedes Paulino, from the Police department recipient of the "Employee of the Month " for November 2025.

Attachments: [Full Time Nomination - Mercedes Paulino](#)

Asst. Police Chief Hanlon made the presentation honoring Mercedes Paulino, Neighborhood Safety Aide (NSA), as "Employee of the Month" for November 2025 because of her proactive approach to community safety and exceptional customer service. The Mayor and City Commissioners and Asst. Police Chief Hanlon highlighted the crucial role NSAs play in reducing crime and building relationships with residents and noted their efforts during the holiday season to prevent package thefts. The discussion underscored the importance of layered security measures and community engagement in maintaining Coral Gables' reputation as one of the safest cities in the region. The Mayor and City Commissioners expressed gratitude for the dedication of NSAs and their contributions to public safety.

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City Clerk Item No. 8

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

Attachments: [CCMtg Nov 18 2025 - Agenda Item C - Public Comment](#)
[CCMtg Nov 18 2025 - Agenda Item F-2 - Resolution directing city staff to design a](#)
[CCMtg Nov 18 2025 - Agenda Item F-3 - Resolution urging the State Legislature to](#)
[CCMtg Nov 18 2025 - Agenda Item F-4 - Resolution authorizing city staff to move](#)
[CCMtg Nov 18 2025 - Agenda Item F-5 - Resolution directing the city staff develop](#)
[CCMtg Nov 18 2025 - Agenda Item F-9 - Discussion regarding decontamination in](#)
[CCMtg Nov 18 2025 - Agenda Item H-1 - Resolution authorizing a contract modific](#)
[CCMtg Nov 18 2025 - Agenda Items A-6-F-1 and F-6 - Proclamation declaring No](#)
[CCMtg Nov 18 2025 - Agenda Items E-2-E-3-E-4 and E-7 - Ordinance amending t](#)
[CCMtg Nov 18 2025 - Agenda Items E-5 and E-8 are related - Ordinance amendir](#)
[CCMtg Nov 18 2025 - Agenda Items H-2 and H-3 - Resolution approving a lease a](#)
[Meeting Minutes](#)

City Clerk Item No. 10

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

City Clerk Item No. 11

D. CONSENT AGENDA**Passed the Consent Agenda**

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Fernandez to Approve the Consent Agenda as amended.

Yeas : 5 - Vice Mayor Anderson, Commissioner Castro, Commissioner Fernandez, Commissioner Lara and Mayor Lago

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-01**D.-1. [25-1189](#)**

A Resolution of the City Commission confirming the appointment of Saul Cimpler (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.

Attachments: [Draft Resolution - Emergency Management Cover Memo - Emergency Management Division](#)

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.

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2026-01 BY VOICE VOTE

City Clerk Item No. 12

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-02**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.

Attachments: [Cover Memo - Retirement Board](#)
[Draft Resolution - Retirement Board](#)
[R-2026-02 Signed](#)

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.

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2026-02 BY VOICE VOTE

City Clerk Item No. 13

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-03**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.

Attachments: [City Code 78-106](#)
[Ordinance No. 2007-29](#)
[Ordinance No. 2009-39](#)
[Resolution No. 2008-07](#)
[1101, 1201 Stanford Dr-5185 Ponce -Outside Sewer Connection- COVER](#)
[1101, 1201 Stanford Dr-5185 Ponce -Outside Sewer Connection- RESOL](#)
[R-2026-03 Signed](#)

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, 1201 STANFORD DRIVE AND 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.

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2026-03 BY VOICE VOTE

City Clerk Item No. 14

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-04

- 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.

Attachments: [City Code 78-106](#)
[Letter of Agreement](#)
[Ordinance No. 2007-29](#)
[Ordinance No. 2009-39](#)
[Resolution No. 2008-07](#)
[1530 Liguria Ave -Outside Sewer Connection- COVER](#)
[1530 Liguria Ave -Outside Sewer Connection- RESOL R-2026-04 Signed](#)

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.

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2026-04 BY VOICE VOTE

City Clerk Item No. 15

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.

Attachments: [Cover Ltr 12 03 25 Meeting](#)
[ADA Dec 3, 2025 Agenda](#)
[12 03 25 Meeting Mins w Exhibits](#)
[12 03 25 CITY CLERK OFC Attendance Form](#)

This Matter was approved BY VOICE VOTE

City Clerk Item No. 16

- 1.-2. [25-9811](#) Arts Advisory Panel Meeting of November 5, 2025.
Attachments: [AAP MeetingMinutes November 5, 2025 DRAFT](#)
This Matter was approved BY VOICE VOTE
City Clerk Item No. 17
- 1.-3. [25-1240](#) Country Club Advisory Board Meeting of October 6, 2025.
Attachments: [Country Club Meeting Minutes 10-6-2025](#)
This Matter was approved BY VOICE VOTE
City Clerk Item No. 18
- 1.-4. [25-1241](#) Country Club Advisory Board Meeting of October 22, 2025.
Attachments: [Country Club Minutes 10-22-2025](#)
This Matter was approved BY VOICE VOTE
City Clerk Item No. 19
- 1.-5. [25-1242](#) Country Club Advisory Board Meeting of November 19, 2025.
Attachments: [Country Club Minutes 11.19.2025](#)
This Matter was approved BY VOICE VOTE
City Clerk Item No. 20
- 1.-6. [25-1179](#) Cultural Development Board Meeting of November 19, 2025.
Attachments: [CDB Minutes November 19, 2025 Draft](#)
This Matter was approved BY VOICE VOTE
City Clerk Item No. 21
- 1.-7. [26-1033](#) International Affairs Coordinating Council Meeting of December 8, 2025.
Attachments: [IACC Minutes 12-08-2025BP](#)
This Matter was approved BY VOICE VOTE
City Clerk Item No. 22

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

Attachments: [121125-LBAB Minutes 26-1002](#)

This Matter was approved BY VOICE VOTE

City Clerk Item No. 23

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

Attachments: [Parks Minutes 10.09.25](#)

This Matter was approved BY VOICE VOTE

City Clerk Item No. 24

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

Attachments: [Parks Minutes 11.13.25](#)

This Matter was approved BY VOICE VOTE

City Clerk Item No. 25

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

Attachments: [Parks Minutes 12.11.25](#)

This Matter was approved BY VOICE VOTE

City Clerk Item No. 26

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

Attachments: [Youth Minutes 11.05.25](#)

This Matter was approved BY VOICE VOTE

City Clerk Item No. 27

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

Attachments: [Youth Minutes 12.03.25](#)

This Matter was approved BY VOICE VOTE

City Clerk Item No. 28

- 1.-14. [25-1125](#) Planning and Zoning Board Meeting of November 19, 2025.
Attachments: [11 19 25 PZB Minutes](#)
This Matter was approved BY VOICE VOTE
City Clerk Item No. 29
- 1.-15. [25-1248](#) Senior Citizen Advisory Board Meeting of October 09, 2025.
Attachments: [Senior Minutes 10.09.25](#)
This Matter was approved BY VOICE VOTE
City Clerk Item No. 30
- 1.-16. [25-1249](#) Senior Citizen Advisory Board Meeting of November 13, 2025.
Attachments: [Senior Minutes 11.13.25](#)
This Matter was approved BY VOICE VOTE
City Clerk Item No. 31
- 1.-17. [25-1223](#) Senior Citizen Advisory Board Meeting of December 4, 2025.
Attachments: [Senior Minutes 12.04.25](#)
This Matter was approved BY VOICE VOTE
City Clerk Item No. 32

Pulled from Consent Agenda**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-05**

- 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.

Attachments: [1.13.26 CVR La Antigua Sister City](#)
[1.13.26 RESO La Antigua Sister City](#)
[R-2026-05 Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION EXPRESSING ITS DESIRE TO REACTIVATE THE SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIP WITH THE CITY OF LA ANTIGUA, GUATEMALA.

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Item D-5 is available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk and in Legistar].

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Fernandez, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2026-05. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas : 5 - Vice Mayor Anderson, Commissioner Castro, Commissioner Fernandez, Commissioner Lara and Mayor Lago

City Clerk Item No. 33

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.

Attachments: [January 13 City Commission CRC Recommendations](#)

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Item 2-1 is available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk and in Legistar].

A motion was made by Commissioner Castro, seconded by Commissioner Fernandez, that this matter be adopted by Resolution No Number Assigned. The motion failed by the following vote.

Yeas : 2 - Commissioner Castro and Commissioner Fernandez

Nays : 3 - Commissioner Lara, Vice Mayor Anderson and Mayor Lago

City Clerk Item No. 34

E. PUBLIC HEARINGS

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)

Attachments: [11 19 25 PZB Staff Report - Text Amendment - Green Building Requirements](#)
[12 09 25 CC Cover Memo - Green Building Requirements](#)
[12 09 25 Exhibit A - Draft Ordinance Section 7-102](#)
[12 09 25 Exhibit B - 11 19 25 PZB Staff Report - Text Amendment - Green Building Requirements](#)
[12 09 25 Exhibit C - Excerpt of 11 19 25 PZB Meeting Minutes](#)
[01 13 26 CC - Green Building Requirements - 2nd Reading](#)
[01 13 26 Exhibit A - Draft Ordinance Section 7-102](#)

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.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lara, seconded by Vice Mayor Anderson, that this matter be adopted by Ordinance No Number Assigned. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas : 5 - Commissioner Fernandez, Commissioner Lara, Vice Mayor Anderson, Commissioner Castro and Mayor Lago

City Clerk Item No. 35

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)

Attachments: [11 19 25 PZB Staff Report - Text Amendment - Certified Recovery Residences](#)
[12 09 25 CC Cover Memo - Certified Recovery Residences](#)
[12 09 25 Exhibit A - Draft Ordinance - Certified Recovery Residences](#)
[12 09 25 Exhibit B - 11 19 25 PZB Staff Report - Text Amendment - Certified Rec](#)
[12 09 25 Exhibit C - Excerpt of PZB Meeting Minutes 11 19 25](#)
[01 13 26 Exhibit A - Draft Ordinance - Certified Recovery Residences](#)
[01 13 26 CC - Certified Recovery Residences - 2nd Reading](#)
[O-2026-02 Signed](#)

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.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lara, seconded by Vice Mayor Anderson, that this matter be adopted by Ordinance No Number Assigned. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas : 5 - Commissioner Lara, Vice Mayor Anderson, Commissioner Castro, Commissioner Fernandez and Mayor Lago

City Clerk Item No. 36

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)

Attachments: [12 10 25 Attachment A - Revised University Station RTZ District Overlay](#)
[12 10 25 Attachment B - 10 28 25 City Commission Draft Ordinance - Comp Plan](#)
[12 10 25 Attachment C - 10 28 25 City Commission Draft Ordinance - Zoning Cod](#)
[12 10 25 Attachment D - Excerpt of 10 28 25 City Commission Meeting Minutes](#)
[12 10 25 Attachment E - County Ordinance and Floor Amendment](#)
[12 10 25 Attachment F - 07 02 25 Staff Report](#)
[12 10 25 Attachment G - 07 02 25 PZB Meeting Minutes](#)
[12 10 25 Attachment H - Mailed Notice](#)
[12 10 25 Attachment I - PowerPoint Presentation](#)
[12 10 25 PZB Staff Report - RTZ Comp Plan](#)
[01 13 26 Exhibit A - Draft Ordinance Comp Plan Text](#)
[01 13 26 Exhibit B - 12 10 25 PZB Staff Report - RTZ Comp Plan w attachments](#)
[01 13 26 Exhibit C - 12 10 25 PZB Meeting Minutes](#)
[01 13 26 Exhibit D - PowerPoint Presentation](#)
[01 13 26 CC - RTZ Mixed Use Comp Plan - 1st Reading](#)

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Item E-3 is available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk and in Legistar].

A motion was made by Commissioner Fernandez, seconded by Vice Mayor Anderson, that this matter be approved as an Ordinance on First Reading. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas : 4 - Vice Mayor Anderson, Commissioner Fernandez, Commissioner Lara and Mayor Lago

Nays : 1 - Commissioner Castro

City Clerk Item No. 37

- 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)

Attachments: [Cover Memo - Ordinance - Amending City Code Chapter 74 - Golf Carts](#)
[Ordinance - Amending City Code Chapter 74 - Golf Carts](#)
[Cover Memo - Ordinance - Amending City Code Chapter 74 - Golf Carts - 2nd Re:](#)
[Ordinance - Amending City Code Chapter 74 - Golf Carts - 2nd Reading](#)

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Item E-4 is available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk and in Legistar].

A motion was made by Commissioner Fernandez, seconded by Vice Mayor Anderson, that this matter be approved as an Ordinance on First Reading. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas : 5 - Commissioner Castro, Commissioner Fernandez, Commissioner Lara, Vice Mayor Anderson and Mayor Lago

City Clerk Item No. 38

- 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)

Attachments: [1 13 26 CC - Supermajority Vote for Comp Plan Map Amendments 1st Reading](#)
[1 13 26 Draft Ordinance - Section 14-213](#)

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Item E-5 is available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk and in Legistar].

This Ordinance was Discussed

City Clerk Item No. 40

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)

Attachments: [1st reading ANTI-KICKBACK AND POST-APPROVAL Legislation Cover Memo-First Reading Ordinance anti-kickback and disclosure](#)

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Item E-6 is available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk and in Legistar].

A motion was made by Commissioner Castro, seconded by Commissioner Fernandez, that this matter be approved as an Ordinance on First Reading. The motion failed by the following vote.

Yeas : 2 - Commissioner Fernandez and Commissioner Lara

Nays : 3 - Vice Mayor Anderson, Commissioner Castro and Mayor Lago

City Clerk Item No. 39

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)

Attachments: [Cover Memo - Resolution - Rescinding R-2025-452 - Dog Park - 520 University Drive](#)
[Resolution - Rescinding R-2025-452 - Dog Park - 520 University Drive](#)
[Map of Petition Signers](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Castro, seconded by Commissioner Fernandez, that this matter be adopted by Resolution No Number Assigned. The motion failed by the following vote.

Yeas : 2 - Commissioner Castro and Commissioner Fernandez

Nays : 3 - Commissioner Lara, Vice Mayor Anderson and Mayor Lago

City Clerk Item No. 49

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-14

F.-2. [26-1005](#)

A Resolution of the City Commission making permanent the Resident Parking Rate Pilot Program.

(Sponsored by Commissioner Castro)

Attachments: [Resident Parking Rate Program - Cover Memo \(1-13-26\)](#)
[Resident Parking Rate Program - Resolution \(1-13-26\)](#)
[R-2026-14 Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION DIRECTING CITY STAFF TO EXTEND THE RESIDENT PARKING RATE PILOT PROGRAM FOR AN ADDITIONAL SIX MONTHS TO COLLECT ADDITIONAL DATA IN ORDER TO BETTER DETERMINE THE LONG-TERM FEASIBILITY OF A RESIDENT PARKING RATE.

A motion was made by Commissioner Castro, seconded by Vice Mayor Anderson, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2026-14. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas : 5 - Commissioner Fernandez, Commissioner Lara, Vice Mayor Anderson, Commissioner Castro and Mayor Lago

City Clerk Item No. 57

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-06**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)

Attachments: [Cover Memo Resolution Sepcial Election April to November January 2026](#)
[Resolution- Special Election April to November- January 2026 Exhibit](#)
[Resolution- Special Election April to November- January 2026](#)
[R-2026-06 Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, 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 ASSOCIATED QUALIFYING AND RUN-OFF DATES AND CHANGING ALL SUBSEQUENT ELECTIONS; PROVIDING FOR A MAIL BALLOT ELECTION; PROVIDING FOR NOTICE; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CITY CHARTER; PROVIDING FOR RELATED MATTERS PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Item F-3 is available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk and in Legistar].

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Lara, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2026-06. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas : 3 - Commissioner Lara, Vice Mayor Anderson and Mayor Lago

Nays : 2 - Commissioner Castro and Commissioner Fernandez

City Clerk Item No. 41

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-07**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)

Attachments: [Cover Memo Resolution Sepcial Election Election Date Change via Ordinance Prc Resolution Special Election- Election Date Change via Ordinance prohibited Janu: R-2026-07 Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, 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 ASSOCIATED QUALIFYING AND RUN-OFF DATES AND CHANGING ALL SUBSEQUENT ELECTIONS; PROVIDING FOR A MAIL BALLOT ELECTION; PROVIDING FOR NOTICE; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CITY CHARTER; PROVIDING FOR RELATED MATTERS PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Item F-4 is available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk and in Legistar].

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Lara, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2026-07. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas : 3 - Vice Mayor Anderson, Commissioner Lara and Mayor Lago

Nays : 2 - Commissioner Castro and Commissioner Fernandez

City Clerk Item No. 42

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-08**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)

Attachments: [Cover Memo Resolution Special Election Board and Committees January 2026](#)
[Resolution Special Election Board and Committees January 2026 1-6](#)
[R-2026-08 Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, 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; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Item F-5 is available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk and in Legistar].

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Fernandez, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2026-08. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas : 4 - Commissioner Fernandez, Commissioner Lara, Vice Mayor Anderson and Mayor Lago

Nays : 1 - Commissioner Castro

City Clerk Item No. 43

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-09**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)

Attachments: [Cover Memo Resolution Special Election charter review committee January 2026 Resolution - special election, charter review committee January 2026 1-6 R-2026-09 Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, 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; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Item F-6 is available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk and in Legistar].

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Lara, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2026-09. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas : 5 - Commissioner Fernandez, Commissioner Lara, Vice Mayor Anderson, Commissioner Castro and Mayor Lago

City Clerk Item No. 44

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-10**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)

Attachments: [Cover Memo Resolution Special Election reserve policy January 2026](#)
[Resolution Special Election- Reserve Policy January 2026 1-6](#)
[R-2026-10 Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, AMENDING RESOLUTION 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 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; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Item F-7 is available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk and in Legistar].

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Lara, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2026-10. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas : 3 - Vice Mayor Anderson, Commissioner Lara and Mayor Lago

Nays : 2 - Commissioner Castro and Commissioner Fernandez

City Clerk Item No. 45

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-11**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)

Attachments: [Cover Memo Resolution Special Election Inspector General January 2026](#)
[Special Election OIG January 2026 1-6](#)
[R-2026-11 Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, 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; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Lara, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2026-11. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas : 5 - Commissioner Castro, Commissioner Fernandez, Commissioner Lara, Vice Mayor Anderson and Mayor Lago

City Clerk Item No. 46

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-12**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)

Attachments: [Cover Memo Resolution Special Election Salaries January 2026](#)
[Resolution- Special Election Salaries January 2026 1-6](#)
[R-2026-12 Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, 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; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Lara, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2026-12. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas : 5 - Commissioner Fernandez, Commissioner Lara, Vice Mayor Anderson, Commissioner Castro and Mayor Lago

City Clerk Item No. 47

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-13**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)

Attachments: [Resolution Friends of the Underline R-2026-13 Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA ACCEPTING A DONATION FROM FRIENDS OF THE UNDERLINE, INC. AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AND CITY ATTORNEY TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE A 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.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Castro, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2026-13. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas : 5 - Vice Mayor Anderson, Commissioner Castro, Commissioner Fernandez, Commissioner Lara and Mayor Lago

City Clerk Item No. 50

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)

This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 48

F.-12. 25-1259

Discussion regarding media credentials.
(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)

This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 51

F.-13. 25-1260

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

This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 52

- F.-14. [25-1261](#) Discussion regarding tree protection, construction fences, and silt barriers at construction sites.
(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)

Attachments: [Tree Protection Presentation 1 12 26](#)
[Tree Protection, Construction Fences and Silt Barriers F-2](#)

This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 53

- F.-15. [25-1262](#) Discussion regarding newspaper stands.
(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)

Attachments: [Newspaper Stand Presentation 1 12 26](#)

This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 54

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

Attachments: [Hernan Bas Presentation](#)

This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 55

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

Attachments: [Award Recommendation Cover Memo- IFB 2025-029 Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Notice of Award - IFB 2025-029 - Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation - All bidders.pdf](#)
[City Manager Intent to Award Memo - IFB 2025-029 Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Bid Tabulation w Voluntary Price Reduction - IFB 2025-029.pdf](#)
[REVISED IFB 2025-029 Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation.pdf](#)
[EnviroWaste Bid Submission.pdf](#)
[Resolution IFB 2025-029.doc](#)
[Agenda Cover Memo - IFB 2025-029.doc](#)

This Resolution was Deferred

City Clerk Item No. 9

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

This Agenda Item was Deferred

City Clerk Item No. 56

I. CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS

None

J. CITY CLERK ITEMS

None

K. DISCUSSION ITEMS

City Clerk Item No. 58

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-15

Non [26-1053](#)
Agenda

A Resolution of the City Commission authorizing the City Manager to organize a watch party of the College Football Playoff National Championship game on January 19, 2026 and authorizing the waiver of the competitive process of the Procurement Code for all purchases related to the watch party.

Attachments: [R-2026-15 - Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ORGANIZE A WATCH PARTY OF THE COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME ON JANUARY 19, 2026 AND AUTHORIZING THE WAIVER OF THE COMPETITIVE PROCESS OF THE PROCUREMENT CODE FOR ALL PURCHASES RELATED TO THE WATCH PARTY.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Fernandez, that this motion be adopted by Resolution Number 2026-15. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Yeas : 5 - Commissioner Castro, Commissioner Fernandez, Commissioner Lara, Vice Mayor Anderson and Mayor Lago

City Clerk Item No. 59

ADJOURNMENT

[Note for the Record: There being no further business on the Regular City Commission Meeting Agenda. The Commission of the City of Coral Gables adjourned its meeting at 6:11 p.m. The next Regular Meeting of the City Commission has been scheduled for Tuesday, January 27, 2026, beginning 9 a.m.]

Billy Y. Urquia
City Clerk