

City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Agenda Item E-1
February 24, 2026
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 Richard D. Lara

City Staff

City Attorney, Cristina Suárez

City Manager, Peter Iglesias

City Clerk, Billy Urquia

Public Speaker(s)

Agenda Item E-1 [Start: 10:34 a.m.]

An Ordinance of the City Commission amending Chapter 105, “Buildings and Building Regulations,” of the Code of the City of Coral Gables by amending Section 105-30, “Construction Staging Plans,” to modify construction fencing requirements; requiring visual displays in multi-family, mixed-use, and Special Use and Preservation zoned districts; establishing standards for temporary storefront barricades; and by creating Section 105-33, “Demolition Standards,” to establish requirements for demolition activities; providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, codification, and providing for an effective date.

Mayor Lago: All right, moving on to item E-1.

City Attorney Suarez: E-1 is an ordinance of the City Commission amending Chapter 105, Buildings and Building Regulations of the Code of the City of Coral Gables by amending Section 105-30, Construction Staging Plans, to modify construction fencing requirements requiring visual displays and multifamily mixed use and special use and preservation zone districts, establishing standards for temporary storefront barricades, and by creating Section 105-

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33, Demolition Standards, to establish requirements for demolition activities, providing for repeater provision, severability clause, codification, and providing for an effective date.

Mayor Lago: Have there been any changes since first reading? I didn't see you there. Good to see you, Madam Director.

Planning and Zoning Director: Hi, good morning. No changes.

Mayor Lago: No changes. All right, I just want to put on the record one of the pieces of legislation that I wrote, which again this went against my own industry, which was stopping any exterior work in residential neighborhoods on Saturdays to ensure that the entire weekend could be enjoyed by families in the neighborhoods. Again, this is another, while a little bit more costly for contractors and developers, it's the right thing to do in regard to upholding our standards here in the City Beautiful. You cannot be the City Beautiful if you do not uphold those standards. So, while people may see this as punitive, people may see this as, for example, what I heard from the construction industry, engineering, architecture, developers, I heard from everybody, Vince, how can you stop construction on Saturdays? Because it's the right thing to do for our city. People want to be able to, after a long week of work they want to enjoy themselves outside and not hear a hot, mopping, tar roof being put on or shingle tile being put on or concrete being poured in the middle of the weekend. So, we were one of the first cities in the state of Florida to outlaw construction on Saturdays. So, with that being said, I think this is a good thing and a move in the right direction to ensuring that we, again, can say that we're the City Beautiful with the right level of respect. I'll entertain a motion.

Commissioner Lara: I'll move.

Vice Mayor Anderson: Second.

Mayor Lago: Mr. Clerk, do you have any public comment?

City Clerk Urquia: No, Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Lago: All right.

Vice Mayor Anderson: Yes.

Commissioner Castro: Yes.

Commissioner Fernandez: Yes.

Commissioner Lara: Yes.

Mayor Lago: Yes. Thank you very much.

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