

City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Agenda Item F-6
October 14, 2025
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

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City Attorney, Cristina Suárez
City Manager, Peter Iglesias
City Clerk, Billy Urquia

Public Speaker(s)

Hannah Klein-Hans, Even Planner for Ronald McDonald House

Agenda Item F-6 [Start: 1:25 p.m.]

A Resolution of the City Commission authorizing a sponsorship in the amount of \$ 2,500 to support the 2025 Ronald McDonald Paddles for a Purpose Pickleball Tournament, to be held on November 8, 2025, at the William H. Kerdyk Biltmore Tennis Center located at 1150 Anastasia Avenue, and for the City to provide a dedicated City trolley and complimentary off-site parking. (Sponsored by Vice Mayor Anderson)

Mayor Lago: Moving on to item F-9, F-6, excuse me.

City Attorney Suarez: F-6 is a resolution of the City Commission authorizing a sponsorship in the amount of \$2,500 to support the 2025 Ronald McDonald Paddles for a Purpose Pickleball Tournament to be held on November 8, 2025, at the William Kerdyk Biltmore Tennis Center located at 1150 Anastasia Avenue and for the city to provide a dedicated city trolley and complimentary offsite parking.

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Vice Mayor Anderson: Okay, this is an item I've been working on for a while with the Ronald McDonald House. It's to help fundraise for the new building that's being put in, and the motto is Where Hope Has a Home. The Pickleball Tournament is coming up on November 8th. There's still an opportunity to sponsor items. There's still an opportunity to sign up and play. And this particular resolution provides the city a sponsorship and an appearance on air to show that we together support what the Ronald McDonald House is doing. And in addition, we've made arrangements. I've worked with the City Manager to have trolley service to help address the traffic and parking issues that we have with the -- because it was, everybody was parking on the grass, they were getting tickets. It was not a comfortable situation last year. So, this is the second year that we're doing it. I hope to see you all out there and help with the raising of the funds. And city manager, have we decided on a parking lot to stage the-

City Manager Iglesias: Oh yes, Parking Garage Four and also the Venetia pool lot, using those two.

Vice Mayor Anderson: Okay, so we'll have to be able to get that on social media.

City Manager Iglesias: The overflow will be Parking Garage Four.

Vice Mayor Anderson: So, the sponsorship is \$2,500. It helps them with their cause. It's a great event to go to and have some fun and bring your pickleball racket out and sneakers. So, we'll have some fun together. So, I'll move this.

Commissioner Fernandez: Second.

Mayor Lago: So, I had the pleasure of being involved with Ronald McDonald House. I was selected two years ago as one of the individuals for an award. Great, great organization. I bought a table the last three years and we've also donated to the home. Great organization. They're doing great things. And now with the new facility, which is already the construction already started, it's going to be transformation and it's going to really give back to the community. So, I want to congratulate the Vice Mayor for holding, helping in this cause, especially for this incredibly worthwhile cause. It's great. Do we have a motion and a second? Do you have any public comment?

City Clerk Urquia: Mr. Mayor, I do have a member of the Ronald McDonald House on Zoom who would like to speak on this.

Mayor Lago: Great. Oh, I went to this pickleball tournament last year. It was really nice, well attended. So, make sure you put it on your calendar.

Vice Mayor Anderson: That goes to you, Mr. Clerk too. Expect to see you out there again.

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Mayor Lago: He was there last year.

Vice Mayor Anderson: I know. I know. It was fun. He was good.

Mayor Lago: I don't know how good he was, but he was out there.

Vice Mayor Anderson: Oh, well, I mean.

Mayor Lago: Let's not build up that ego too much, okay? He's good, but he's not that good. So, I expect to see you out there too. Trust me, I'm not good at pickleball. I just try.

Vice Mayor Anderson: Let's have fun.

Mayor Lago: Yes. I'll be out there. I'll be sponsoring. I'll be working on it. So, what do we got?

City Clerk Urquia: It's a young lady on Zoom and she's...

Mayor Lago: She's ready?

Vice Mayor Anderson: Yeah.

Ms. Klein-Hans: Hi there, my name is, yes. My name is Hannah Klein-Hans. I'm the Events Manager through Ronald McDonald House here in Miami. First of all, I wanted to thank you, Vice Mayor Rhonda and Mayor Lago, for having us here on the agenda today. We are still incredibly thankful for the City of Coral Gables' wonderful support all the time, whether it's just helping us promote our events, Commissioners and different Vice Mayors and Mayors coming to our events over the last several years. We're incredibly thankful for the City of Coral Gables' support. As you know, our pickleball tournament last year, I know you both attended, along with many Commissioners and other staff members. It was an incredible turnout. We had over 300 participants and 200 spectators at the Biltmore Tennis Centers, which are actually owned by the city, which I believe you've already mentioned. And really, it was a great day full of community support. So, we know that this tournament benefits our House, Ronald McDonald House, that we're in the middle of a capital campaign to build a new house on the campus of Jackson Memorial Hospital, to build seven stories with 54 bedrooms, which is almost doubling our capacity to support families here in Miami. And last year, the community support was just impeccable. And it's not just to raise money for our house, but to come together as a community, to have a day of fun and laughter and finding a way to spread joy playing pickleball but also benefiting the charity. So, I hope that helps everybody understand a little bit about what we do. And at the Ronald McDonald House, if you're not familiar with what we do, we're a 501(c)3. Globally, we've been around for 50 years. Here in Miami, we've been around for 43 years, again, on the Jackson Memorial Hospital campus. And we house families with children under the age of 21 years old, getting medical treatment in local South Florida pediatric hospitals. So, we have families with all different age

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children from babies in their NICU who were preemie or had issues in fetal all the way up to right now, for example, we have a 19-year-old young woman who's going through leukemia treatment for cancer. So, all different ages, we are a house of hope. And we are so excited over the next few years to hopefully break ground, hopefully in the first quarter of 2027, if you can see the house behind me, this is the rendering of our new house, again, at Jackson Memorial Hospital campus. So, we thank you for having us on the agenda and looking to support us with monetary donations along with the trolley. And we thank you for your support.

Mayor Lago: Thank you very much.

City Clerk Urquia: All right. That's it, Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Lago: There's a motion and a second.

City Clerk Urquia: Yes.

Commissioner Fernandez: Yes.

Commissioner Lara: Yes.

Vice Mayor Anderson: Yes.

Commissioner Castro: Yes.

Mayor Lago: Yes. Thank you.