

**CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA**

**RESOLUTION 2021-139**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK AND CITY MANAGER TO SET CERTAIN REGULARLY SCHEDULED CITY COMMISSION MEETINGS TO BEGIN AT 4:00 PM

**WHEREAS**, the City of Coral Gables City Commission sets its regularly scheduled Commission meetings in accordance with the City Charter and Section 2-30 of the City Code; and

**WHEREAS**, historically the City has held its meetings on Tuesdays, once or twice each month, with the meetings being called to order at approximately nine o'clock (9:00) A.M.; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to the public comment that occurs as part of a particular agenda item, the City Commission agenda has an "Open Public Comment" section at the beginning of each City Commission meeting where members of the public may address the City Commission on any matter within the City Commission's jurisdiction; and

**WHEREAS**, even prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, the City Commission had established an avenue by which the public may comment virtually or by email; and

**WHEREAS**, many members of the public who may wish to address the City Commission or speak on certain agenda items may be unable to attend the City Commission meetings in person or virtually as they are held during regular working hours; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission directs the City Manager and City Clerk that every other regular City Commission meeting shall begin no earlier than 4:00 P.M.; and

**WHEREAS**, in certain months the City Commission meets only once, and in those months the City Commission meeting shall begin no earlier than 4:00 P.M. regardless of the start time of the previous regular City Commission meeting; and

**WHEREAS**, when a regular City Commission meeting is scheduled to begin at 4:00 P.M. or later, Open Public Comment (as outlined in Section 2-79 of the City Code) shall begin no earlier than 5:00 P.M.; and

**WHEREAS**, when a regular City Commission meeting is scheduled to begin at 4:00 P.M. or later, certain items, including various planning and zoning items, and matters of great public importance, should be heard no earlier than 6:00 P.M.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES:**

**SECTION 1.** The foregoing “Whereas” clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution upon adoption hereof.

**SECTION 2.** That the City Commission directs the City Clerk and City Manager to schedule every other regular City Commission to begin no earlier than 4:00 P.M., and continue to schedule the alternating meetings to begin at 9:00 A.M.

**SECTION 3.** That the City Commission directs the City Clerk and City Manager to ensure that in months when the City Commission has only one regular City Commission meeting that that meeting begins no earlier than 4:00 P.M.

**SECTION 4.** That the City Commission directs that when a regular City Commission meeting is scheduled to begin no earlier than 4:00 P.M., that the Open Public Comment period outlined in Section 2-79 of the City Code begin no earlier than 5:00 P.M.

**SECTION 5.** That all efforts should be made to schedule the following items to be heard at City Commission meetings beginning no earlier than 4:00 P.M. and that these items be heard no earlier than 6:00 P.M. at least once before final action of this Commission:

- 1) Ordinances amending the City Code deemed a matter of great public importance by a majority vote of the City Commission during first reading of the proposed Ordinance;
- 2) Ordinances amending the City’s Zoning Code;
- 3) Amendments to the City’s Comprehensive Plan and Land Use Map;
- 4) Legislation changing the land use or zoning of a particular parcel;
- 5) Any item related to the Transfer of Development Rights (TDRs);
- 6) Any item where an applicant is utilizing the Mediterranean Bonus structure outlined in the City’s Zoning Code;
- 7) Mixed-use projects requiring City Commission approval, Planned Area Development (PAD) applications, or any project requiring Conditional Use approval, for projects located in the following areas of the City:
  - a. The Central Business District (CBD)
  - b. The Crafts Section
  - c. The Biltmore Section
  - d. Projects fronting U.S. 1, LeJeune Road, Douglas Road, Ponce DeLeon Boulevard, Salzedo Street, Galiano Street, Bird Road, Red Road, or S.W. 8<sup>th</sup> Street

- e. Projects within 1,000 feet of a historically designated property or a property with a pending application for designation review by City staff or the Historic Preservation Board;
- 8) Mixed-use projects requiring City Commission approval, PAD applications, or any project requiring Conditional Use approval, for projects whose proposed plans require the removal of specimen trees as defined in the City Code;
- 9) Amendments to developments, site plans, or PADs previously approved by the City Commission that seek variances, shared parking, decreased set-backs, step-backs or parking, or increased density, intensity or height;
- 10) Amendments to developments, site plans, or PADs previously approved by the City Commission that decrease or alter conditions of approval, decrease impact fees, decrease public benefits, or decrease financial or in-kind contributions;
- 11) Appeals of actions of the Historic Preservation Board;
- 12) Increases to City fees where not already required by Florida State Statutes.

**SECTION 6.** That in accordance with Section 2-84 of the City Code no City Commission meeting shall be permitted to continue beyond 9:00 P.M. without the approval of the majority of the Commission.

**SECTION 7.** In accordance with the City Commission's direction, the regular meetings of the City Commission for the remainder of 2021 are scheduled for the following dates and times:

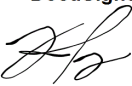
Remaining 2021 City Commission Meetings		
Tuesday	July 13 – 4:00 P.M.	Commission Meeting
Wednesday	July 14 – 9:00 A.M.	Budget Workshop
Tuesday	August 24 – 4:00 P.M.	Commission Meeting
Monday	September 13 – 5:01 P.M.	First Budget Hearing
Tuesday	September 14 – 9:00 A.M.	Commission Meeting
Tuesday	September 14 – 3:00 P.M.	Special Assessment Hearing
Monday	September 27 – 5:01 P.M.	Second Budget Hearing
Tuesday	September 28 – 4:00 P.M.	Commission Meeting
Tuesday	October 12 – 9:00 A.M.	Commission Meeting
Tuesday	October 26 – 4:00 P. M.	Commission Meeting
Tuesday	November 9 – 4:00 P. M.	Commission Meeting
Tuesday	December 7 – 4:00 P.M.	Commission Meeting

**SECTION 8.** That failure to set a particular item for a meeting beginning no earlier than 4:00 P.M. meeting or failure to hear a particular item at or after 6:00 P.M. shall in no way invalidate the action taken by the City Commission with regard to that item.


**SECTION 9.** That this Resolution shall become effective upon the date of its passage and adoption herein.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS EIGHTH DAY OF JUNE, A.D., 2021.  
(Moved: Lago / Seconded: Anderson)  
(Yeas: Fors, Jr., Mena, Menendez, Anderson, Lago)  
(Unanimous: 5-0 Vote:)  
(Agenda Item: G-3)


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