

# **City of Coral Gables**

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Coral Gables, FL 33134  
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## **Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, January 23, 2024**

**9:00 AM**

**City Hall, Commission Chambers**

### **City Commission**

*Mayor Vince Lago  
Vice Mayor Rhonda Anderson  
Commissioner Melissa Castro  
Commissioner Ariel Fernandez  
Commissioner Kirk R. Menendez*

*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 Tuesday, January 23, 2024 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](http://www.coralgables.com/commissionmeetings)) once the meeting's agenda is published or by sending an email to [cityclerk@coralgables.com](mailto: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/cgty](http://www.coralgables.com/cgty)) as well as Channel 77 on Comcast.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 9:04 a.m.

**LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**

The following minutes summary includes all presentations made, and actions taken which is supplemented by the following exhibits on file in the Office of the City Clerk, and which are hereby made a part of the record herein: (a) Ordinance(s) adopted (Ordinance No. 2024-04) (b) Resolution(s) adopted (Resolution No. 2024-08 through Resolution No. 2024-18); (c) Video; (d) Audio Recording; (e) Minutes Folder with Agenda and background information, including items which were submitted at the meeting.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**INVOCATION**

Pastor Ryan Reed from Christ Journey Church gave the Invocation

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Menendez led the Pledge of Allegiance

**A. PRESENTATIONS AND PROTOCOL DOCUMENTS**

- A.-1. [23-6894](#) Presentation of the 2023 Holiday Window Contest Winners.

**Attachments:** [Holiday Window Contests Winners](#)

Mayor Lago introduced Agenda Item A-1 Presentation of the 2023 Holiday Window Contest Winners and Belkys Perez, Director-Economic Development and Solanch Lopez, Marketing Manager-Economic Development made the presentation. The businesses and categories consisted of the Community Choice Award Winners (Miracle Mile: Mint Hair & Skin and Giralda Plaza: Threefold Café) Most Original Winners (Miracle Mile: John Martin and Giralda Plaza: Threefold Café); Best Theme Winners (Miracle Mile: The Rose Tree Cottage and Giralda Plaza: Threefold Café); Best Overall (Miracle Mile: Ella Bella Rozio and Giralda Plaza: KAE Sushi). Ms. Perez described the process for choosing the winners and thanked Development Services and the customers who participated. Winners received an award and gift certificate for \$500.00. Mayor Lago congratulated and commended the businesses for their participation and asked them to engage their fellow business owners.

**This Presentation/Protocol Document was Presented and Filed**

City Clerk Item No. 1

- A.-2. [23-6913](#) Congratulations to Sergeant Raiza Mardis, recipient of the City of Coral Gables “Officer of the Month Award,” for November 2023.

**Attachments:** [Officer of the Month - R. Mardis](#)  
[Officer of the Month - November 2023 R. Mardis](#)

Mayor Lago acknowledged Police Chief Hudak regarding Agenda Item A-2 Congratulations to Sergeant Raiza Mardis, recipient the City of Coral Gables “Officer of the Month Award,” for November 2023. Sergeant Raiza is being honored for her keen observation of a suspicious individual on November 21, 2023, and upon further investigation it was found that the individual had an active bench warrant in addition to having narcotics and stolen mail in his possession. Sergeant Mardis was promoted to sergeant in August 2023, and is a great mentor to younger officers providing them with the tools necessary to perform their job which includes sharing her experiences and being there for her officers. It is because of her keen commitment and dedication to her officers that she is being awarded as the “Officer of the Month,” for November 2023. Sergeant Mardis thanked the Mayor, City Commission, her department, and is grateful for her career. She also thanked her nominator Lieutenant Guasto and said it is always teamwork when she responds to a call. Mayor Lago congratulated her on her promotion and hard work.

**This Presentation/Protocol Document was Presented and Filed**

City Clerk Item No. 2

- A.-3. [24-6928](#) Recognition of the City of Coral Gables War Memorial Youth Center Camps and Programs earning National Inclusion Project Accreditation.

**Attachments:** [City of Coral Gables War Memorial Youth Center Camps and Programs-NIP Accre](#)

Mayor Lago introduced Agenda Item A-3 recognition of the City of Coral Gables War Memorial Youth Center Camps and Programs earning National Inclusion Project Accreditation. Director Fred Couceyro-Community Recreation Department thanked the Mayor and City Commission for allowing them to announce the Youth Center camping program achievement through an accreditation program with the National Inclusion Project. Carolina Vester, Deputy Director-Community Recreation Department, and Caspian Hastings (Catie) were also present for the announcement. Deputy Director Vester stated that it was Catie who researched the program and asked them to apply for the accreditation. She also thanked the Youth Center staff, especially Farah Rodriguez who could not be in attendance, Carlos Pichardo and Yanessa Rodriguez and this accreditation puts them at the gold level. Catie stated that they provide inclusion for any child who wants to play and deserves to play, and they received a perfect score. Deputy Director Vester stated that they are one of eight in the nation to receive this accreditation. Director Couceyro in closing said that the main objective of the program is to make sure that every child can participate, make a friend, and can succeed. Mayor Lago congratulated them on their amazing achievement.

**This Presentation/Protocol Document was Presented and Filed**

City Clerk Item No. 3

**B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

B.-1. [23-6809](#) Regular City Commission Meeting of December 12, 2023.

**Attachments:** [CCMtg Dec 12 2023 - Agenda Item 2-1 - Resolution of the School Community Rel](#)  
[CCMTG Dec 12 2023 - Agenda Item C - Public Comment](#)  
[CCMTG Dec 12 2023 - Agenda Item D-6 - Resolution accepting the recommendat](#)  
[CCMTG Dec 12 2023 - Agenda Item E-2 - Ordinance providing for text amendmer](#)  
[CCMTG Dec 12 2023 - Agenda Item E-6 - Ordinance amending Section 14-103.3.](#)  
[CCMTG Dec 12 2023 - Agenda Item E-8 - Ordinance providing for text amendmer](#)  
[CCMTG Dec 12 2023 - Agenda Item F-1 - Update on Granada Diner-Burger Bobs](#)  
[CCMTG Dec 12 2023 - Agenda Item F-4 - Discussion on new city replacement ligl](#)  
[CCMTG Dec 12 2023 - Agenda Item F-12 - Discussion regarding the Alhambra Ci](#)  
[CCMTG Dec 12 2023 - Agenda Item H-5 - Annexation update presenting options I](#)  
[CCMtg Dec 12 2023 - Agenda Item I-1 - Hearing regarding decision by Retirement](#)  
[CCMTG Dec 12 2023 - Agenda Item K - Discussion Items](#)  
[Meeting Minutes](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Fernandez, seconded by Vice Mayor Anderson, that this motion be approved . The motion passed by unanimous vote.**

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

City Clerk Item No. 4

**C. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

City Clerk Item No. 24

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

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

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-08****D.-1. [23-6887](#)**

A Resolution of the City Commission confirming the appointment of P. Tristan Bourgoignie (Nominated by Board-As-A-Whole) to serve as a member of the Pinewood Cemetery Advisory Board, for a two (2) year term which began on June 1, 2023 and continues through May 31, 2025.

**Attachments:** [Cover Memo - Board-As-A-Whole - Pinewood Cemetery Board](#)  
[Draft Resolution - Board As A Whole - Pinewood Cemetery Board](#)  
[R-2024-08 Draft.doc](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF P. TRISTAN BOURGOIGNIE (NOMINATED BY BOARD-AS-A-WHOLE) TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE PINEWOOD CEMETERY ADVISORY BOARD, FOR A TWO (2) YEAR TERM WHICH BEGAN ON JUNE 1, 2023 AND CONTINUES THROUGH MAY 31, 2025.

City Clerk Item No. 5

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-09****D.-3. [23-6893](#)**

A Resolution of the City Commission approving the annual review required by the City of Coral Gables and University of Miami agreement and section 163.3235 of the Florida Statutes, for the period from September 28, 2022 through September 27, 2023.

**Attachments:** [01 23 24 Exhibit A - Draft Resolution](#)  
[01 23 24 Exhibit B - 2023 DA Report w appendices](#)  
[01 23 24 Exhibit C - Annual Review of UM DA Annual Report](#)  
[01 23 24 CC Cover Memo - University of Miami DA Report](#)  
[R-2024-09 -Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION APPROVING THE ANNUAL REVIEW REQUIRED BY THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES AND UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI AGREEMENT AND SECTION 163.3235 OF THE FLORIDA STATUTES, FOR THE PERIOD FROM SEPTEMBER 28, 2022, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 27, 2023.

**This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2024-09 BY VOICE VOTE**

City Clerk Item No. 21

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-10**

- D.-5. [24-6914](#) A Resolution of the City Commission confirming the appointment of Kurt Schubert (Nominated by Board-As-A-Whole) to serve as a member of the Landscape Beautification Advisory Board, for a two (2) year term which began on June 1, 2023 and continues through May 31, 2025.

**Attachments:** [Cover Memo - Board-As-A-Whole - LBAB](#)  
[Draft Resolution - Board As A Whole - LBAB](#)  
[R-2024-10-Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF KURT SCHUBERT (NOMINATED BY BOARD-AS-A-WHOLE) TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE LANDSCAPE BEAUTIFICATION ADVISORY BOARD, FOR A TWO (2) YEAR TERM WHICH BEGAN ON JUNE 1, 2023 AND CONTINUES THROUGH MAY 31, 2025.

**This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2024-10 BY VOICE VOTE**

City Clerk Item No. 7

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

- 1.-1. [24-6918](#) Coral Gables Merrick House Governing Board Meeting of October 9, 2023.

**Attachments:** [Coral Gables Merrick House Governing Board Meeting Minutes October 9, 2023](#)

**This Matter was approved BY VOICE VOTE**

City Clerk Item No. 8

- 1.-2. [24-6919](#) Coral Gables Merrick House Governing Board Meeting of November 13, 2023.

**Attachments:** [Coral Gables Merrick House Governing Board Meeting Minutes November 13, 2023](#)

**This Matter was approved BY VOICE VOTE**

City Clerk Item No. 9

- 1.-3. [24-6916](#) Historic Preservation Board Meeting of September 20, 2023.

**Attachments:** [Historic Preservation Board Meeting Minutes September 20, 2023](#)

**This Matter was approved BY VOICE VOTE**

City Clerk Item No. 10



- 1.-4. [24-6917](#) Historic Preservation Board Meeting of October 18, 2023.  
**Attachments:** [Historic Preservation Board Meeting Minutes October 18, 2023](#)  
**This Matter was approved BY VOICE VOTE**  
City Clerk Item No. 11
- 1.-5. [24-6923](#) Landmark Advisory Board Meeting of February 7, 2023.  
**Attachments:** [Landmark Advisory Board Minutes of 2-7-2023](#)  
**This Matter was approved BY VOICE VOTE**  
City Clerk Item No. 12
- 1.-6. [24-6924](#) Landmark Advisory Board Meeting of May 2, 2023.  
**Attachments:** [Landmark Advisory Board 05.02.2023](#)  
**This Matter was approved BY VOICE VOTE**  
City Clerk Item No. 13
- 1.-7. [23-6796](#) Planning and Zoning Board Meeting of December 13, 2023.  
**Attachments:** [12 13 23 PZB MINUTES](#)  
[Email submitted by Leonela Rohaidy](#)  
[Email submitted by Lino Fernandez email and pics](#)  
**This Matter was approved BY VOICE VOTE**  
City Clerk Item No. 14
- 1.-8. [24-6920](#) Pinewood Cemetery Advisory Board Meeting of May 1, 2023.  
**Attachments:** [Pinewood Cemetery Advisory Board Meeting Minutes May 1, 2023](#)  
**This Matter was approved BY VOICE VOTE**
- 1.-9. [24-6921](#) Pinewood Cemetery Advisory Board Meeting of August 7, 2023.  
**Attachments:** [08.07.2023 - Pinewood Cemetery Advisory Board Minutes](#)  
**This Matter was approved BY VOICE VOTE**  
City Clerk Item No. 16

1.-10. [24-6922](#) Pinewood Cemetery Advisory Board Meeting of November 6, 2023.

**Attachments:** [Pinewood Cemetery Advisory Board Meeting Minutes November 6, 2023](#)

**This Matter was approved BY VOICE VOTE**

City Clerk Item No. 17

1.-11. [23-6890](#) Retirement Board Meeting of November 9, 2023.

**Attachments:** [Minutes 11-09-2023](#)  
[CC.11-09-2023 January 23, 2024](#)

**This Matter was approved BY VOICE VOTE**

City Clerk Item No. 18

1.-12. [23-6891](#) Retirement Board Joint Meeting with City Commission December 15, 2023.

**Attachments:** [Minutes 12-15-2023 joint meeting](#)  
[CC.12-15-2023 January 23, 2024](#)

**This Matter was approved BY VOICE VOTE**

City Clerk Item No. 19

1.-13. [23-6914](#) Transportation Advisory Board Meeting of December 19, 2023.

**Attachments:** [Minutes 12.19](#)

**This Matter was approved BY VOICE VOTE**

City Clerk Item No. 20

**Pulled from Consent Agenda****RESOLUTION NO. 2024-11****D.-2. [23-6884](#)**

A Resolution of the City Commission approving the poetry-based temporary public art activation "Dear Human" in partnership with O, Miami and the Lowe Art Museum, and funding up to \$10,000 from the Art Fund; authorizing an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Annual Budget to recognize the \$10,000 transfer from the Art in Public Places reserve as revenue and appropriate such funds to put toward the cost of the project. (unanimously recommended by the Cultural Development Board approval/denial vote: 6 to 0).

**Attachments:** [O Miami proposal final \(003\)](#)  
[Commission Cover 01.23.2024 O,Miami\\_Lowe\\_Dear Human](#)  
[R-Draft-AiPP O Miami\\_Lowe\\_Dear Human revised](#)  
[R-2024-11 Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION APPROVING THE POETRY-BASED TEMPORARY PUBLIC ART ACTIVATION "DEAR HUMAN" IN PARTNERSHIP WITH O, MIAMI AND THE LOWE ART MUSEUM, AND FUNDING UP TO \$10,000 FROM THE ART FUND; AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 ANNUAL BUDGET TO RECOGNIZE A TRANSFER OF \$10,000 FROM THE ART IN PUBLIC PLACES RESERVE AS REVENUE AND APPROPRIATE SUCH FUNDS TO PUT TOWARD THE COST OF THE PROJECT. (UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDED BY THE CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD APPROVAL/DENIAL VOTE: 6 TO 0).

**A motion was made by Vice Mayor Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Menendez, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2024-11. The motion passed by the following vote.**

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

City Clerk Item No. 21

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-12****D.-4. [23-6902](#)**

A Resolution of the City Commission confirming the appointments of Gonzalo Sanabria (Nominated by the Gables by the Sea Homeowners' Association), Eileen Higgins Faradji (Nominated by the Hammock Oaks Homeowners' Association), Robert Martinez (Nominated by the Journeys End Homeowners' Association), Toni Schragger (Old Cutler Bay Homeowners' Association), and Alex Quevedo (Nominated by the Snapper Creek Lakes Club) to serve as members of the South Waterways Homeowners' Associations Advisory Board, for a two (2) year term which began on June 1, 2023 and continues through May 31, 2025.

**Attachments:** [Draft Resolution - South Waterway HOA Board Cover Memo - South Waterways HOA Board R-2024-12 Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENTS OF GONZALO SANABRIA (NOMINATED BY THE GABLES BY THE SEA HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION), EILEEN HIGGINS FARADJI (NOMINATED BY THE HAMMOCK OAKS HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION), ROBERT MARTINEZ (NOMINATED BY THE JOURNEYS END HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION), TONI SCHRAGER (OLD CUTLER BAY HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION), ALEX QUEVEDO (NOMINATED BY THE SNAPPER CREEK LAKES CLUB) AND RICK DIAZ (NOMINATED BY THE COCOPLUM HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION), TO SERVE AS MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH WATERWAYS HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATIONS ADVISORY BOARD, FOR A TWO (2) YEAR TERM WHICH BEGAN ON JUNE 1, 2023 AND CONTINUES THROUGH MAY 31, 2025.

**A motion was made by Vice Mayor Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Fernandez, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2024-12. The motion passed by the following vote.**

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

City Clerk Item No. 22

**E. PUBLIC HEARINGS****ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING****ORDINANCE NO. 2024-04****E.-1. [23-6732](#)**

An Ordinance of the City Commission providing for text amendments to Article 2, "Zoning Districts," Section 2-201, "Mixed Use 1, 2 and 3 (MX1, MX2 and MX3) Districts" and Article 3, "Uses," Section 3-209, "Live work minimum requirements," of the City of Coral Gables Official Zoning Code to allow a reduction of storefront transparency on frontages facing single-family and multi-family uses, providing for repealer provision, severability clause, codification, and providing for an effective date.  
(Sponsored by Vice Mayor Anderson)

**Attachments:** [01 10 24 - PZB Staff Report - Transparency w attachment](#)  
[01 23 24 Exhibit B - 01 10 24 - PZB Staff Report - Transparency w attachment](#)  
[01 23 24 Exhibit A - Draft Ordinance - transparency](#)  
[01 23 24 Exhibit C - Excerpt of 01 10 24 PZB Meeting Minutes](#)  
[01 23 24 CC Cover Memo - Transparency - 2nd Reading](#)  
[O-2024-04 Signed](#)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR TEXT AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLE 2, "ZONING DISTRICTS," SECTION 2-201, "MIXED USE 1, 2 AND 3 (MX1, MX2 AND MX3) DISTRICTS" AND ARTICLE 3, "USES," SECTION 3-209, "LIVE WORK MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS," OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES OFFICIAL ZONING CODE TO ALLOW A REDUCTION OF STOREFRONT TRANSPARENCY ON FRONTAGES FACING SINGLE-FAMILY AND MULTI-FAMILY USES, PROVIDING FOR REPEALER PROVISION, SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, CODIFICATION, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**A motion was made by Vice Mayor Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Fernandez, that this matter be adopted by Ordinance Number 2024-04. The motion passed by the following vote.**

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

City Clerk Item No. 26

#### **ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING**

- E.-2.** [23-6579](#) An Ordinance of the City Commission approving and granting to Pivotal Utility Holdings, Inc. d/b/a Florida City Gas, its successors and assigns, a non-exclusive gas franchise, imposing provisions and conditions relating thereto; providing for monthly payment of a franchise fee to the City; providing for adoption of representations; repealing all ordinances in conflict; providing a severability clause; and providing for an effective date.

**Attachments:** [Cover Memo Franchise Agreement with FCG First Reading 1-23-24](#)  
[Franchise Agreement with Florida City Gas City First Reading 1-23-24](#)  
[Cover Memo Franchise Agreement with FCG Second reading 2-13-24](#)  
[Franchise Agreement with Florida City Gas City Second Reading 2-23-24](#)

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

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

City Clerk Item No. 25

**Time Certain 2:00pm (Agenda Items E-3 and E-4 are related)**

- E.-3.**     [23-6566](#)     An Ordinance of the City Commission approving a Planned Area Development (PAD) pursuant to Zoning Code Article 14, "Process," Section 14-206, "General Procedures for Planned Area Development" for a proposed Publix grocery store and liquor store on the property legally described as Lots 1 through 48, Block 8, Coral Gables Crafts Section (2551 Le Jeune Rd), Coral Gables, Florida; including required conditions; providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, and an effective date. (11 08 23 PZB recommended approval with conditions, Vote: 5-1)

Lobbyist: Mario Garcia-Serra

**Attachments:**     [11 08 23 - Staff Report - Publix 2551 LeJeune Rd w Attachments B and C](#)  
[11 08 23 Attachment A - Applicant Submittal re Publix](#)  
[01 23 24 CC - Publix - 1st Reading](#)  
[Exhibit B - Draft Ordinance - PAD](#)  
[Exhibit C - Draft Resolution - Conditional Use Site Plan](#)  
[Exhibit D - Staff Report - Publix 2551 LeJeune Rd w Attachments B and C](#)  
[Exhibit E - Excerpt of 11 08 23 PZB Minutes](#)  
[Exhibit A - Applicant Submittal\\_sm](#)

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Item E-3 & E-4 is available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk and in Legistar].

**A motion was made by Mayor Lago, seconded by Commissioner Fernandez, 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 Menendez, Vice Mayor Anderson and Mayor Lago

City Clerk Item No. 38

**RESOLUTIONS****Time Certain 2:00pm (Agenda Items E-3 and E-4 are related)**

- E.-4.**     **23-6565**     A Resolution of the City Commission approving Conditional Use Review of a Site Plan pursuant to Zoning Code Article 14, "Process" Section 14-203, "Conditional Uses," for a proposed Publix grocery store and liquor store on the property legally described as Lots 1 through 48, Block 8, Coral Gables Crafts Section (2551 Le Jeune Rd), Coral Gables, Florida; including required conditions; providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, and an effective date. (11 08 23 PZB recommended approval with conditions, Vote: 5-1)

(This Resolution is not for consideration at this time and will be included with the above ordinances on Second Reading if approved on First Reading.)

Lobbyist: Mario Garcia-Serra

**Attachments:**   [11 08 23 - Staff Report - Publix 2551 LeJeune Rd w Attachments B and C](#)  
[11 08 23 Attachment A - Applicant Submittal re Publix](#)  
[Exhibit A - Applicant Submittal\\_sm](#)  
[01 23 24 CC - Publix - 1st Reading](#)  
[Exhibit B - Draft Ordinance - PAD](#)  
[Exhibit C - Draft Resolution - Conditional Use Site Plan](#)  
[Exhibit D - Staff Report - Publix 2551 LeJeune Rd w Attachments B and C](#)  
[Exhibit E - Excerpt of 11 08 23 PZB Minutes](#)

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Item E-3 & E-4 is available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk and in Legistar].

**This Resolution was Discussed and Filed**

City Clerk Item No. 39

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-16**

- E.-5.**     **23-6794**     A Resolution of the City Commission granting conditional use approval pursuant to Zoning Code Article 14, "Process," Section 14-203, "Conditional Uses" for a walk-up counter as an accessory use to Sanguich, a restaurant, on property legally described as Track A, Plaza Coral Gables, also generally known as 111 Palermo Ave, Suite 103, Coral Gables, Florida; including required conditions; providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, and providing for an effective date. (01 10 24 PZB recommended approval with conditions, Vote: 6-0)

**Attachments:**   [01 10 24 Attachment A - Applicant Submittal Package](#)  
[01 10 24 Staff Report - Sanguich Walk-Up Counter w Attachments B and C](#)  
[01 23 24 Exhibit A - Applicant Submittal](#)  
[01 23 24 Exhibit B - Draft Resolution - Conditional Use Site Plan](#)  
[01 23 24 Exhibit C - 01 10 24 Staff Report Sanguich Walk-Up Counter w Attachments B and C](#)  
[01 23 24 Exhibit D - Excerpt of 01 10 24 PZB Meeting Minutes](#)  
[01 23 24 Exhibit E - PowerPoint Presentation](#)  
[01 23 24 CC Cover Memo - Sanguich](#)  
[R-2024-16 Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA GRANTING CONDITIONAL USE APPROVAL PURSUANT TO ZONING CODE ARTICLE 14, "PROCESS," SECTION 14-203, "CONDITIONAL USES" FOR A WALK-UP COUNTER AS AN ACCESSORY USE TO SANGUICH, A RESTAURANT, ON PROPERTY LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS TRACT A, PLAZA CORAL GABLES, ALSO GENERALLY KNOWN AS 111 PALERMO AVE, SUITE 103, CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA; INCLUDING REQUIRED CONDITIONS; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER PROVISION, SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Menendez, seconded by Vice Mayor Anderson, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2024-16. The motion passed by the following vote.**

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

[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].

City Clerk Item No. 34

**Time Certain 1:30pm (Agenda Item E-5)**

**F. CITY COMMISSION ITEMS**

**Time Certain 11:00am (Agenda Item F-1)**

- F.-1. [23-6833](#) Discussion regarding MetroConnect.  
(Sponsored by Commissioner Menendez)

**Attachments:** [MetroConnect in Coral Gables 1.23](#)

**This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed**

City Clerk Item No. 28

**Time Certain 11:30am (Agenda Item F-2)**

- F.-2. [24-6925](#) Presentation by PHIT America Foundation, Inc. program and PHIT Center for elementary school students.  
(Sponsored by Vice Mayor Anderson)

**Attachments:** [Item F-2 PHIT AMERICA PPTX Coral Gables Commission Jan 23 2024](#)

**This Presentation/Protocol Document was Discussed and Filed**

City Clerk Item No. 29



- F.-3. [23-6895](#) Discussion regarding potholes on Old Cutler Road.  
(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)

**Attachments:** [F-3 Video](#)

[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].

**This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed**

City Clerk Item No. 40

- F.-4. [23-6898](#) Discussion regarding bike lane markings.  
(Sponsored by Vice Mayor Anderson)

**Attachments:** [Current City bike lane markings](#)  
[Supplementary Images](#)

[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].

**This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed**

City Clerk Item No. 35

### **RESOLUTION NO. 2024-18**

- F.-5. [24-6932](#) A Resolution of the City Commission directing city staff to meet with and negotiate a potential lease renewal with the tenant of 60 Merrick Way, operating as Fritz and Franz Bierhaus, prior to the next commission meeting.  
(Sponsored by Commissioner Fernandez)

**Attachments:** [R-2024-18 -Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION DIRECTING CITY STAFF TO MEET WITH AND NEGOTIATE A POTENTIAL LEASE RENEWAL WITH THE TENANT OF 60 MERRICK WAY, OPERATING AS FRITZ AND FRANZ BIERHAUS, PRIOR TO THE NEXT COMMISSION MEETING.

[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 Commissioner Fernandez, seconded by Commissioner Castro, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2024-18. The motion passed by the following vote.**

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

City Clerk Item No. 42

- F.-6. [24-6933](#) Discussion regarding intersection of Galiano, Giralda and Merrick Way.  
(Sponsored by Commissioner Fernandez)

**This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed**

City Clerk Item No. 36

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-17**

- F.-7. [24-6934](#) Discussion regarding City PCards, credit cards and external expense accounts.  
(Sponsored by Commissioner Fernandez)

**Attachments:** [R-2024-17 Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION DIRECTING CITY STAFF TO CONDUCT AN AUDIT AND REVIEW OF ALL PURCHASES MADE BY THE CITY ON AMAZON OVER THE LAST TWENTY-FOUR MONTHS.

[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 Commissioner Fernandez, seconded by Commissioner Castro, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2024-17. The motion passed by the following vote.**

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

City Clerk Item No. 37

- F.-8. [24-6935](#) Update on the Blue Road bridge.  
(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)

**Attachments:** [Agenda Item F-1](#)

**This Agenda Item was Deferred**

City Clerk Item No. 43

- F.-9. [24-6936](#) Update of the South Waterways Homeowner's Associations Advisory Board.  
(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)

**This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed**

City Clerk Item No. 23

- F.-10. [24-6938](#) Discussion regarding quorum requirements for the Code Enforcement Board.  
(Sponsored by Commissioner Fernandez)

**This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed**

City Clerk Item No. 44

- F.-11. [24-6939](#) Discussion on creation of a Coral Gables charrette.  
(Sponsored by Commissioner Menendez)

**This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed**

City Clerk Item No. 45

- F.-12. [24-6940](#) Discussion regarding sidewalks and bicycle paths on Old Cutler Road.  
(Sponsored by Commissioner Fernandez)

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Item F-12 is available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk and in Legistar].

**This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed**

City Clerk Item No. 41

## G. BOARDS/COMMITTEES ITEMS

## H. CITY MANAGER ITEMS

### Time Certain 10:00am (Agenda H-1)

- H.-1. [24-6926](#) Presentation on City lighting.

**Attachments:** [Citywide Light Pole Inventory 1-23-2024-Final](#)

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

**This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed**

City Clerk Item No. 27

### Time Certain 12:00pm (Agenda Item H-2)

- H.-2. [23-6816](#) Presentation on the 2023 Community Survey results.

**Attachments:** [The NCS Coral Gables Commission Presentation 2023 - FINAL](#)

**This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed**

City Clerk Item No. 30

Time Certain 12:30pm (Agenda Item H-3)**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-13****H.-3. [23-6749](#)**

A Resolution of the City Commission approving the temporary public art installation “The Water Below Us” in partnership with Blue Missions, contingent upon approval of the art design through the Historical Resources and Cultural Arts Department, and funding up to \$50,000 from the Art Fund; authorizing an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Annual Budget to recognize the transfer of \$50,000 from the Art in Public Places reserve as revenue and appropriate such funds towards the cost of the project (unanimously recommended by the Cultural Development Board approval/denial vote: 6 to 0).

**Attachments:** [Artist Nicolas Vasquez](#)  
[Artist Matheus Stancati](#)  
[THE WATER BELOW US - VACO X BLUE MISSIONS 01.16.2024](#)  
[Commission Cover 01.23 the water below rvsd](#)  
[R-Draft-AiPP WWD Blue Missions The Water Below Us rvsd](#)  
[R-2024-13 Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION APPROVING THE TEMPORARY PUBLIC ART INSTALLATION “THE WATER BELOW US” IN PARTNERSHIP WITH BLUE MISSIONS, CONTINGENT UPON APPROVAL OF THE ART DESIGN THROUGH THE HISTORICAL RESOURCES AND CULTURAL ARTS DEPARTMENT, AND FUNDING UP TO \$50,000 FROM THE ART FUND; AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 ANNUAL BUDGET TO RECOGNIZE THE TRANSFER OF \$50,000 FROM THE ART IN PUBLIC PLACES RESERVE AS REVENUE AND APPROPRIATE SUCH FUNDS TO PUT TOWARD THE COST OF THE PROJECT (UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDED BY THE CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD APPROVAL/DENIAL VOTE: 6 TO 0).

**A motion was made by Vice Mayor Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Fernandez, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2024-13. The motion passed by the following vote.**

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

City Clerk Item No. 31

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-14**

H.-4. [23-6899](#)

A Resolution of the City Commission authorizing an amendment from the three-year traffic technology grant amount of \$392,361 to recognize year two amount of \$130,787 as revenue and to appropriate such funds to cover the grant expenditures to the fiscal year 2023-2024 annual budget.

**Attachments:** [Cover Item ARPA-E Subaward Grant Year Two \\$130,787 for FY 24](#)  
[Resolution ARPA-E Subaward Grant Year Two \\$130,787 for FY 24](#)  
[R-2024-14 Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT FROM THE THREE-YEAR TRAFFIC TECHNOLOGY GRANT AMOUNT OF \$392,361 TO RECOGNIZE YEAR TWO AMOUNT OF \$130,787 AS REVENUE AND TO APPROPRIATE SUCH FUNDS TO COVER THE GRANT EXPENDITURES TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 ANNUAL BUDGET.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Menendez, seconded by Vice Mayor Anderson, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2024-14. The motion passed by the following vote.**

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

City Clerk Item No. 32

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-15**

- H.-5. [24-6931](#) A Resolution of the City Commission accepting the recommendation of the Innovations and Technology Department to waive the competitive process to purchase Software Maintenance and Support from CentralSquare as a “Special Procurement/Bid Waiver,” pursuant to Section 2-691of the Procurement Code.

**Attachments:** [CentralSquare 24 Cover Memo - IT](#)  
[CENTRALSQUARE FY24 Bid Waiver Authorization Form](#)  
[centralsquare support 24 Draft Resolution - IT](#)  
[R-2024-15 Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE INNOVATION & TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT (IT) TO WAIVE THE COMPETITIVE PROCESS OF THE PROCUREMENT CODE AND CONTINUE PURCHASING SUPPORT ON THE EXISTING PUBLIC SAFETY SOFTWARE FOR CITY COMPUTER AIDED DISPATCH, MOBILE COMPUTER TERMINALS, AND RECORDS MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS FROM CENTRALSQUARE AS A SPECIAL PROCUREMENT/BID WAIVER, PURSUANT TO SECTION 2-691 OF THE CITY’S PROCUREMENT CODE.

**A motion was made by Vice Mayor Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Castro, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2024-15. The motion passed by the following vote.**

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

City Clerk Item No. 33

**I. CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS**

- I.-1. [24-6929](#) Discussion regarding lawsuit seeking a declaration that the provisions of Florida Statutes S. 112.3144(1)(d) that require municipal elected officials to file Form 6 financial disclosure forms is unconstitutional and invalid.

**Attachments:** [Memorandum re Potential legal challenge regarding Form 6](#)

**This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed**

City Clerk Item No. 46

**J. CITY CLERK ITEMS**

City Clerk Item No. 48

**K. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

City Clerk Item No. 49

**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 5:50 p.m. The next Regular Meeting of the City Commission has been scheduled for Tuesday, February 13, 2024, beginning 9:00 a.m.]

**Billy Y. Urquia**  
**City Clerk**