



**City of Coral Gables**  
**CITY COMMISSION MEETING**  
**January 22, 2019**

**ITEM TITLE:**

**Resolution.** A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Coral Gables, Florida, Adopting a Policy for City Commissioner Expense Accounts/Office Budgets (Sponsored by Vice Mayor Lago)

**BRIEF HISTORY:**

At the October 10, 2017 City Commission meeting, the City Commission adopted an Ordinance setting out the duties and powers of City Commissioners, which includes the office of the Mayor and Vice Mayor. That Ordinance, codified as Section 2-32 of the City Code, states under subsection (b)(5), that each City Commissioner shall have the authority to have an office budget in an amount determined in the City budget.

During the same City Commission meeting, the stated purpose for the budgeted amount was to perform “outreach” which was described as a mail piece, town hall meeting, food/refreshments for town hall meetings, fees for a Constant Contact account, and other similar expenses. Subsequently, \$5,000 per year was budgeted for each elected official’s expense account/office budget.

This Resolution sets out a policy regarding the expenditures for which those funds are intended, in order to provide clarity, transparency, and guidance.

**EXHIBIT(S):**

- A. Draft Resolution.