

City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Agenda Item F-4
January 13, 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

Deputy City Attorney, Stephanie Throckmorton

Public Speaker(s)

Agenda Item F-4

A Resolution of the City Commission amending Resolution No. 2025-163 to change the date of the Special Election and calling for a Special Election on the proposed ballot question and City Charter Amendment to be held on April 21, 2026; providing for submission to the electors for approval or disapproval of a ballot question asking if the Charter should be amended to include a prohibition on amending the date of the election via Ordinance, in so far as that prohibition is not in conflict with State Law; providing for mail ballot; providing for notice; providing for inclusion in the City Charter; providing for related matters; and providing for an effective date. (Sponsored by Mayor Lago)

Mayor Lago: Moving on to F-4.

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City Attorney Christina Suarez: F-4 is a resolution of the City Commission amending Resolution number 2025-163 to change the date of the special election and calling for a Special Election on the proposed ballot question and City Charter Amendment to be held on April 21st, 2026, providing for submission to the electors for approval or disapproval of a ballot question asking if the Charter should be amended to include a prohibition on amending the date of the election via ordinance insofar as that prohibition is not in conflict with state law, providing for mail ballot, providing for notice, providing for inclusion of the City Charter, providing for related matters and providing for an effective date.

Deputy City Attorney Throckmorton: Good afternoon again, Mayor, Vice Mayor, Commissioners. If you recall, in May of 2025, this Commission set forth this question to be sent to the voters in November of 2026. The resolution before you today moves that item to the Special Mail Ballot of April 21, 2026, provides for all the provisions for mail ballot pursuant to state law and makes two minor tweaks or a few minor tweaks, excuse me, to the question just to make sure that the title complies with state law. There have been no substantive changes to the question and really this is just a formality today to make sure that this gets placed on the April 21st mail ballot rather than the November 2026 General Election that was previously called for.

Mayor Lago: Thank you. May I have a motion?

Vice Mayor Anderson: I'll move it.

Mayor Lago: Do we have a motion and a second? Mr. Clerk, any public comment?

City Clerk Urquia: No, Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Lago: Close for public comment. Commissioner Castro.

Commissioner Castro: I have nothing to say about this.

Mayor Lago: Commissioner Fernandez.

Commissioner Fernandez: I still think that it should not be a mail only ballot because of all the questions and the issues that arise from voters potentially being disenfranchised. That's all I have to say.

Mayor Lago: Commissioner Lara.

Commissioner Lara: I'm ready to vote.

Mayor Lago: Vice Mayor.

Vice Mayor Anderson: I'm ready to vote.

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Mayor Lago: Mr. Clerk, please call the roll.

Vice Mayor Anderson: Yes.

Commissioner Castro: No.

Commissioner Fernandez: No.

Commissioner Lara: Yes.

Mayor Lago: Yes.