

CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. ___

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, ADOPTING RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR CITY COMMISSION MEETINGS THAT TAKE PLACE DURING THE PENDENCY OF THE STATE OF EMERGENCY DUE TO THE CORONAVIRUS/COVID-19 PANDEMIC

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, the Governor of the State of Florida issued Executive Order No. 20-52, declaring a state of emergency for the entire State of Florida and said order was issued in response to the Coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention has advised that in order to slow the spread of the Coronavirus/COVID-19, individuals should adopt far-reaching social distancing measures; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with all applicable orders and rules, and after adopting Rules of Procedure, the City Commission has met in a fully-virtual format since March 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission now wishes to resume traditional in-person meetings, however, caution must be taken to ensure that social distancing measures are adhered to and to safeguard the health of those in attendance at traditional City Commission meetings during the pendency of the Coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds that if a member of the City Commission feels unsafe attending the Commission meeting in person due to the risks associated with the Coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic, and instead wishes to attend the meeting virtually or telephonically, that is considered an "extraordinary circumstance" thereby allowing the member to attend the meeting in that fashion so long as there is a physical quorum present in the room; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission wishes to adopt Rules of Procedure for traditional in-person City Commission meetings during the pendency of the Coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic;

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 hereby adopts the Rules of Procedure attached hereto as Exhibit A for traditional in-person City Commission meetings that take place during the pendency of the state of emergency due to the Coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic. The City Attorney is authorized to make changes to the rules, consistent with the Commission's intent and in order to comply with best practices, as they are developed.

SECTION 3. That said resolution shall become effective upon the date of its passage and adoption herein.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS FIFTEENTH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, A.D., 2020.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

RAUL VALDES-FAULI
MAYOR

BILLY URQUIA
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

MIRIAM SOLER RAMOS
CITY ATTORNEY