

City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Agenda Item H-1
February 24, 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

Public Speaker(s)

Maria Cruz

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A Resolution of the City Commission accepting the recommendation of the Innovation and Technology Director to waive the competitive bid process of the Procurement Code as a Special Procurement/Bid Waiver for Unitech Inc., to provide fiber optic construction services for the Phase 5 broadband expansion project, pursuant to Section 2-691 of the City's Procurement Code.

Mayor Lago: We're going to jump around to City Manager items really quickly to address some individuals that are here. I think we can run through these very quickly. Item H-1.

City Attorney Suarez: H-1 is a resolution of the City Commission accepting the recommendation of the Innovation and Technology Director to waive the competitive bid process of the Procurement Code as a special procurement bid waiver for Unitech, Inc. to provide fiber optic construction services for the Phase 5 broadband expansion projects pursuant to Section 2-691 of the City's Procurement Code.

Mayor Lago: Do we have a motion?

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Vice Mayor Anderson: I move it.

Commissioner Fernandez: Second.

Mayor Lago: Mr. Clerk, do you have any public comment?

City Clerk Urquia: Yes, Mr. Mayor. Maria Cruz?

Mrs. Cruz: This is Maria Cruz, 1447 Miller Road, 305-323-2154. I have a concern. I am very happy that most of the stuff they're doing with financial stuff today, I saw that they had gone through a bid process. I am concerned about approving projects that have not gone through a bid process because there is time, and there's more companies than one, and why would we not go through a bid process if, let the competition supply, the fact that the companies do business with us, and we become very friendly with them, should not keep them from bidding, and if they're the best, let them get the bid, but why should we not bid?

City Clerk Urquia: That's it, Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Lago: All right. We have a motion and a second.

City Clerk Urquia: We do.

Commissioner Lara: Yes.

Vice Mayor Anderson: Yes.

Commissioner Castro: Before I vote one question, why is it that we're going through the bid waiver?

City Manager Iglesias: Commissioner? Through the Mayor.

Mayor Lago: Yes, sir.

City Manager Iglesias: Commissioner, they have done phase one through phase four of the project. This is connectivity from Ponce to US1, and the project has been very, very competitively priced.

Commissioner Castro: So, consistency seems like a good reason, yes.

Commissioner Fernandez: Yes.

Mayor Lago: Yes.

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