

City of Coral Gables

*405 Biltmore Way
Coral Gables, FL 33134
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Agenda

Tuesday, November 12, 2024

9:00 AM

**This Meeting will be held at the Police and Fire Headquarters -
Community Meeting Room**

2151 Salzedo Street, Coral Gables, FL 33134

City Commission

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

*Amos Rojas, Jr., City Manager
Cristina M. Suárez, City Attorney
Billy Y. Urquia, City Clerk*

The City of Coral Gables will be holding its Regular Meeting on October 22, 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) once the meeting's agenda is published or by sending an email to 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/cgvtv) as well as Channel 77 on Comcast.

INVOCATION

Deacon Jose S. Chirinos - St. Augustine Catholic Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**A. PRESENTATIONS AND PROTOCOL DOCUMENTS**

- A.-1. [24-8151](#) Presentation of a Resolution of Condolence to the family of Jack Lowell.
- A.-2. [24-8284](#) Presentation of a Proclamation declaring November 12, 2024 as "Martin "Marty" Rosen Day" in Coral Gables.
- A.-3. [24-8285](#) Presentation of a Proclamation declaring November 15, 2024 as "America Recycles Day" in Coral Gables.
- A.-4. [24-6964](#) Congratulations to Isabel O'Nagten, Community Recreation department, recipient of "Part-Time Employee of the Third Quarter Award", for 2024.
- A.-5. [24-8255](#) Congratulations to Christopher Garcia, Finance Department recipient of "Employee of the Month Award", for August, 2024.
- A.-6. [24-8256](#) Congratulations to Jerry Jones, Community Recreation Department recipient of "Employee of the Month Award", for November, 2024.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- B.-1. [24-8233](#) Regular City Commission Meeting of October 22, 2024.

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

During this portion of the meeting, an individual may address the City Commission on an item that is on the agenda or on a matter which is not on the agenda, but within the scope of the City Commission's jurisdiction. If the individual wishes to address the City Commission on an item that is on the agenda, the individual shall not be given an opportunity to speak again once the item is called. An individual who wishes to speak during a public hearing where the City Commission is sitting in a quasi-judicial capacity, must speak during the public hearing for that item.

Individuals who speak during the open public comment portion of the meeting shall be given three (3) minutes during which to address the City Commission. At the conclusion of one (1) hour, if the open public comment section of the meeting has not ended, it shall end automatically, in order to proceed with the rest of the agenda.

D. CONSENT AGENDA

All items listed within this section entitled "Consent Agenda" are considered to be self-explanatory and are not expected to require additional review or discussion, unless a member of the City Commission or a citizen so requests, in which case, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered along with the regular order of business. Hearing no objections to the items listed under the "Consent Agenda", a vote on the adoption of the Consent Agenda will be taken.

- D.-1. [24-8245](#) A Resolution of the City Commission accepting the recommendation of the Chief Procurement Officer to award Y&T Plumbing Services Corp., (Primary), and Douglas ORR Plumbing, Inc., (Secondary) as the two most responsive and responsible bidders for Plumbing Services pursuant to Section 2-763 of the Procurement Code entitled "Contract Award" and Invitation for Bids (IFB) 2024-030.

Lobbyist: N/A

- D.-2. [24-8229](#) A Resolution of the City Commission appointing Raul G. Faget (Nominated by City Manager Rojas, Jr.) to serve as a member of the City of Coral Gables, University of Miami Relations Committee, for remainder of a two (2) year term which began on June 1, 2023 and continues through May 31, 2025.

- D.-3. [24-8262](#) A Resolution of the City Commission confirming the appointment of Dieter Manstein (Nominated by the Sustainability Advisory Board) to serve as a member of the Sustainability Advisory Board (High School Representative), for the remainder of a two (2) year term which began on June 1, 2023 and continues through May 31, 2025.

- D.-4. [24-8279](#) A Resolution of the City Commission authorizing a First Amendment to the Amended and Restated Parking Management Agreement between the City of Coral Gables and Riviera Presbyterian Church for the exclusive use of a portion of the parking lot at 5275 Sunset Drive, Coral Gables, FL 33143 that will be used as a staging area during the construction of the City's Fire House #4.
- D.-5. [24-8275](#) A Resolution of the City Commission authorizing the acceptance and execution of Grant Agreement No. DA-CG-24-294 from the Florida Inland Navigation District Waterway Assistance Program in the amount of \$125,000 for the acquisition of a marine patrol vessel and authorizing the City Manager to execute the agreement for said financial assistance.
- D.-6. [24-8276](#) A Resolution of the City Commission authorizing the execution of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection Grant Agreement No. 23PLN92 Amendment No. 1, for updated statutory language to the agreement for the Coral Gables Citywide Vulnerability Assessment Project and authorizing the City Manager to execute said amendment for financial assistance.
- D.-7. [24-8280](#) A Resolution of the City Commission authorizing the acceptance of a State of Florida Department of Transportation Litter Control and Prevention Grant in the amount of \$15,000 to be put towards the "Keep Coral Gables Beautiful" initiative; authorizing the execution of Grant Agreement No. G3530, and authorizing an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Annual Budget to recognize the \$15,000 grant as revenue and to appropriate such funds to put toward the cost of the program.
- D.-8. [24-8291](#) A Resolution of the City Commission declaring that Coral Gables is a Green Light for Veterans City and illuminated City Hall with visible green lighting on November 11th in observance of Operation Green Light for Veterans.
- 1. Presentation of Boards and/or Committees minutes requesting no action from the City Commission:**
- 1.-1. [24-8150](#) Advisory Board on Disability Affairs Meeting of October 2, 2024.
- 1.-2. [24-8273](#) Economic Development Board Meeting of September 4, 2024.
- 1.-3. [24-8228](#) Retirement Board Meeting of September 12, 2024.

2. **Presentation of Boards and/or Committees draft/final minutes requesting action from the City Commission. [Note: A vote to accept the minutes does not mean approval of the substance within the minutes]**

Time Certain 11:00am (Agenda Item 2-1)

- 2.-1. [24-8208](#) A Resolution of the Transportation Advisory Board requesting that the City Commission require development applications to address certain items and areas of concern in development application presentations.

E. PUBLIC HEARINGS

All Individuals testifying in a quasi-judicial proceeding shall be sworn in.

Presentations made to the City Commission are subject to the City's False Claims Ordinance, Ch. 39 of the City of Coral Gables Code.

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING

- E.-1. [24-8120](#) An Ordinance of the City Commission amending the City of Coral Gables Code, Chapter 10 "Animals", Section 10-4 "Removal of animal feces", to provide a code enforcement mechanism for illegal dumping of animal waste bags in trash pits.
(Sponsored by Vice Mayor Anderson)
(Co-sponsored by Mayor Lago)

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

- E.-2. [24-8231](#) An Ordinance of the City Commission amending the City of Coral Gables Code, Chapter 10 "Animals", to modify bird sanctuary protections by excluding pigeons, chickens, ducks, roosters, and other domestic fowl.
(Sponsored by Commissioner Castro)

Time Certain 11:30am (Agenda Item E-3)

- E.-3. [24-7517](#) An Ordinance of the City Commission providing for text amendments to the City of Coral Gables Official Zoning Code, Article 5, "Architecture," Section 5-200, "Mediterranean Standards;" Article 3, "Uses," Section 3-402, "Restrictions related to location;" and Article 16, "Definitions;" to enhance the quality of Coral Gables Mediterranean design by requiring a conceptual design review; removing duplicative criteria; relocating inapplicable standards; supplementing existing criteria; and including additional Mediterranean building examples; providing for severability, repealer, codification, and for an effective date. (09 26 24 PZB continued, Vote 5-0; 09 11 24 PZB deferred, Vote 7-0; 08 14 24 PZB continued, Vote 6-0; 07 10 24 PZB deferred, Vote 5-0; 06 12 24 PZB deferred, Vote 6-1) (10 29 24 PZB approved the proposed legislation, as amended, Vote: 6-1)
(Sponsored by Vice Mayor Anderson)

RESOLUTIONS

- E.-4. [24-8272](#) A Resolution of the City Commission accepting the Police Department's 2023-2024 Red Light Camera survey responses and written summary after a public hearing and presentation at the November 12, 2024 City Commission Meeting in accordance with Florida Statute § 316.0083(4).

F. CITY COMMISSION ITEMS**Time Certain 1:30pm (Agenda Item F-1)**

- F.-1. [24-8149](#) A Resolution of the City Commission urging the Florida Legislature to designate the City of Opa Locka, Florida as the site for the new Florida Museum of Black History.
(Sponsored by Vice Mayor Anderson)
- F.-2. [24-8283](#) Update and possible action regarding alterations at the Biltmore Hotel.
(Sponsored by Commissioner Fernandez)

Time Certain 12:00pm (Agenda Item F-3)

- F.-3. [24-8297](#) Presentation by University of Miami Professor Dr. Kenneth Feeley regarding climate change on Miami's urban forests.
(Sponsored by Commissioner Castro)
(Co-sponsored by Commissioner Fernandez)
- F.-4. [24-8270](#) Discussion regarding credit card processing fees.
(Sponsored by Commissioner Castro)
(Sponsored by Commissioner Fernandez)
- F.-5. [24-8300](#) Discussion regarding City Hall construction and renovations.
(Sponsored by Commissioner Fernandez)

G. BOARDS/COMMITTEES ITEMS

None

H. CITY MANAGER ITEMS

- H.-1. [24-8243](#) A Resolution of the City Commission accepting the recommendation of the Chief Procurement Officer to award the Tree Maintenance Services Citywide contract Group 1 - Tree Maintenance Services to SFM Landscape Services, Inc. (Primary) and Sherlock Tree Company (Secondary) and Group 2: Prequalification for New Tree Planting to SFM Landscape Services, Inc. and Sherlock Tree Company, the most responsive and responsible bidders, pursuant to Section 2-763 of the Procurement Code entitled "Contract Award" and Invitation for Bids (IFB) 2024-015.

Lobbyist: Leslie E. Pantin

- H.-2. [24-8278](#) A Resolution of the City Commission authorizing the approval of a Lease Agreement between the City of Coral Gables, a municipal corporation of the State of Florida, and Agave Plaza Retail, LLC, a Florida limited liability company, for a retail suite located within the Plaza Coral Gables Retail Element at 3005 Ponce de Leon Blvd., Suite 145, Coral Gables, FL, 33134 to relocate the City's Police Bike Patrol Unit Office for a term of ten (10) years with one five-year option to renew.

I. CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS

Time Certain 2:00pm (Agenda Item I-1)

- I.-1. [24-8277](#) Hearing, pursuant to the Alternative Dispute Resolution Mechanism set forth in the Class Action Settlement Agreement, regarding the determination by the Retirement Board that class members in Murrhee v. City of Coral Gables, Case No. 13-20731 CA (13) (Fla. 11th Cir. Ct.), GAP members, and Opt-Out members should receive a cost-of-living increase to retirement benefits ("COLA").
- I.-2. [24-8316](#) Request for authorization to take all legal action, including the filing of a lawsuit, if necessary, regarding the design and construction of the Police & Fire Headquarters.

J. CITY CLERK ITEMS

None

K. DISCUSSION ITEMS

This time is for informal discussion among the City Commissioners, the City Manager and the City Attorney

ADJOURNMENT**NOTE**

Any person who acts as a lobbyist pursuant to the City of Coral Gables Ordinance No. 2006-11, must register with the City Clerk, prior to engaging in lobbying activities before city staff, boards, committees and/or the City Commission. A copy of the Ordinance is available in the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall.

Any person, or persons, wishing to appeal any decision made by the City Commission with respect to any matter considered at this meeting or hearing, will require a verbatim record of the proceeding upon which the appeal is based. Interested persons should, therefore, take the necessary steps to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made which contains the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is based.

Any person making impertinent or slanderous remarks or who become boisterous while addressing the Commission, shall be barred from further audience before the Commission by the Chair, unless permission to continue or again address the Commission is granted by the majority vote of the Commission Members present. Clapping, applauding, heckling or verbal outbursts or any remarks in support or opposition to a speaker shall be prohibited. Signs or placards shall not be permitted in Commission Chambers.

Any person who needs assistance in another language in order to speak during the public hearing or public comment portion of the meeting should contact the City 's ADA Coordinator Raquel Elejabarrieta, Esq., Director of Labor Relations and Risk Management (E-mail: relejabarrieta@coralgables.com, Telephone: 305-722-8686, TTY/TDD: 305-442-1600), at least three (3) business days before the meeting.

**Billy Y. Urquia
City Clerk**