

City of Coral Gables

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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 15, 2022

9:00 AM

<https://zoom.us/s/3054466800>

City Hall, Commission Chambers

City Commission

Mayor Vince Lago

Vice Mayor Michael Mena

Commissioner Rhonda Anderson

Commissioner Jorge L. Fors, Jr.

Commissioner Kirk R. Menendez

Peter J. Iglesias, P.E., City Manager

Miriam Soler Ramos, City Attorney

Billy Y. Urquia, City Clerk

The City of Coral Gables will be holding its Regular Meeting on Tuesday, February 15, 2022, commencing at 9:00 a.m.

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The Meeting will also be broadcasted live for members of the public to view on the City's website (www.coralgables.com/cgtv) as well as Channel 77 on Comcast.

ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Fors Jr., Vice Mayor Mena, Commissioner Menendez and Mayor Lago

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

The following minutes summary includes all presentations made, and actions taken which is supplemented by the following exhibits on file in the Office of the City Clerk, and which are hereby made a part of the record herein: (a) Ordinance(s) adopted (Ordinance No. 2022-05 and Ordinance No. 2022-06) (b) Resolution(s) adopted (Resolution No. 2022-32 through Resolution No. 2022-46); (c) Video; (d) Audio Recording; (e) Minutes Folder with Agenda and background information, including items which were submitted at the meeting.

INVOCATION

Reverend Terrence Taylor gave the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Mayor Michael Mena led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A. PRESENTATIONS AND PROTOCOL DOCUMENTS

- A.-1. [22-3714](#) Presentation of a Proclamation declaring February 2022 as "Black History Month" in Coral Gables.

Attachments: [Proclamation](#)

Mayor Lago read Agenda Item A-1 regarding a Proclamation declaring February 2022 as "Black History Month" in Coral Gables, with the theme "Black Health and Wellness". Carl Prime, the spokesperson for the individuals presents from his community thanked the Mayor and City Commission for the opportunity to accept the proclamation. He continued by saying that the recognition is significant in that it ensures that everyone remembers to acknowledge the contributions made by so many to bring them to where they are currently.

This Presentation/Protocol Document was Presented and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 1

- A.-2. [21-3291](#) Congratulations to Officer Robert Wheeler, recipient of the City of Coral Gables “Officer of the Month Award,” for the month of September 2021.

Attachments: [Officers of the Month - V.Zaccheo & R.Wheeler](#)
[COMMISSION COVER MEMO - OFFICER OF THE MONTH SEPTEMBER](#)

Mayor Lago introduced Agenda Item A-2, congratulating Officer Robert Wheeler, recipient of the City of Coral Gables “Office of the Month Award,” for the month of September 2021 and Police Chief Edward J. Hudak made the presentation. Officer Wheeler, in September 2021 with the assistance of Sergeant Zaccheo apprehended four subjects who were part of a South American theft group based out of Chili and Columbia, and responsible for breaking into vehicles in the parking lot on the West side of the Biltmore Hotel. It is because of his actions, professionalism, and teamwork that he was nominated for the award. Officer Wheeler thanked Police Chief Hudak and the City Commission. Mayor Lago spoke of the incredible work that the City’s Police Department, Fire Department, and the employees are doing, so much so that residents have expressed shared sentiments of feeling safe, and this elevates the quality of life. Commissioner Menendez stated that he remembers Officer Wheeler perhaps in the early 70s and that he grew up in his community and continues to serve after all these years and he is what Coral Gables is all about and congratulated him on doing an amazing job.

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City Clerk Item No. 2

- A.-3. [22-3556](#) Congratulations to Officer Lakaevia Tyler, recipient of the City of Coral Gables “Officer of the Month Award,” for the month of November 2021.

Attachments: [Officer of the Month - L.Tyler](#)
[COMMISSION COVER MEMO - OFFICER OF THE MONTH NOVEMBER](#)

Police Chief Edward J. Hudak, introduced Officer Lakaevia Tyler, recipient of the City of Coral Gables “Officer of the Month Award,” for the month of November 2021, who has been with the Police Department for seven months. On November 12, 2021, Officer Tyler responded to a BOLO pertaining to a theft on 1171 Campo Sano Avenue who upon identifying the perpetrator from the description given by the dispatchers continued to observe and relay the information until backup came on the scene and at that time the perpetrator was arrested. Credit was also given to Officer James Coleman who assisted with the arrest. Officer Tyler’s astute observational skills aided in the removal of yet another criminal element off the streets, thereby preventing any further thefts in the city, and it is because of her actions that Officer Lakaevia is being awarded the “Officer of the Month, for November 2021. Officer Lakaevia stated that it was an honor to receive such an award so early in her career at the point where she has learned so much and has so much more to do. She also accredited those who aided her in doing so and thanked the Mayor and City Commission.

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City Clerk Item No. 3

- A.-4. [22-3648](#) Congratulations to Officer Ashley Sheran, recipient of the City of Coral Gables “Officer of the Month Award,” for the month of December 2021.

Attachments: [Officer of the Month - A.Sheran](#)
[COMMISSION COVER MEMO - OFFICER OF THE MONTH DECEMBER 2021](#)

Police Chief Edward J. Hudak introduced Officer Ashley Sheran, recipient of the City of Coral Gables “Officer of the Month Award,” for the month of December 2021. Officer Sheran was recognized in reference to a watch-order in her assigned zone which occurred on December 19, 2021 at 1410 Blue Road in Coral Gables, a vacant, unsecured residence without power due to a house fire which occurred the evening before. It was while on duty, Officer Sheran noticed a suspicious individual entering the property who upon questioning stated that he was unable to explain why he was on the vacant premises. Upon doing a records check, Officer Sheran discovered that the individual had an extensive criminal record which included battery on a Law Enforcement Officer, burglary, and escaping from custody. He was read his Miranda warnings, apprehended, and charged with loitering and prowling. Officer Sheran, who is also a member of the mounted police has a strong work ethic, goes above and beyond the call of duty and assists in the communication section at a moment’s notice due to personnel shortages. Additionally, she always exhibits a positive attitude and handles all calls with the highest degree of professionalism, and because of Officer Sheran’s outstanding work performance, she is being honored with the “Office of the Month Award” for the month of December 2021.

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City Clerk Item No. 4

- A.-5. [22-3627](#) Congratulations to Detective Joel Rios, recipient of the City of Coral Gables “Detective of the Quarter Award,” for the Fourth Quarter 2021.

Attachments: [Detective of the 4th Qtr - J.Rios](#)
[COMMISSION COVER MEMO - DETECTIVE OF THE FOURTH QUARTER 2021](#)

Police Chief Edward J. Hudak made the presentation regarding Detective Joel Rios, recipient of the Coral Gables “Detective of the Quarter Award,” for the Fourth Quarter 2021. Chief Hudak stated that Detective Rios has been a member of the property crimes and auto theft division having cleared around seven cases because of his passion, knowledge, and extensive list of law enforcement contacts throughout South Florida. Their agency has been extremely successful with identification of thefts, auto theft subjects and the expeditious return of numerous stolen vehicles including the dismantling of a buy-order national high-end auto theft ring with the assistance of fellow detectives involving nineteen stolen vehicles. Additionally, with the use of the LPR license plate readers and CCTVs and the RING partnership

footage Officer Rios has been able to solve numerous construction site thefts. It is because of Officer Rios experience, diligence, passion, and strong work ethic that he is being honored with this distinguished award. Detective Rios expressed his humility in receiving the award, acknowledged the Mayor and City Commission, City Manager, Chief Hudak, Sergeant Baena for the nomination and the Awards Committee. He then acknowledged and thanked his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ whom he said has allowed him to serve his community to the best of his ability, his wife Cherrie for supporting him, Chief Hudak for giving him the opportunity to serve as a Detective three years ago and for believing and trusting in him. Also thanked were his fellow officers and detectives from the Property Homicide Unit and all the supervisors who have invested in his growth.

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City Clerk Item No. 5

A.-6. [22-3661](#)

Congratulations to Sergeant Michelle Christensen, recipient of the 2021 Robert DeKorte Memorial Award

Attachments: [Cover Memo - 2021 Robert DeKorte Memorial Award Nomination Memo \(M. Christensen\)](#)

Police Edward J. Hudak introduced Agenda Item A-6 congratulating Sergeant Michelle Christensen, recipient of the 2021 Robert DeKorte Memorial Award and Javier Bruzos, President of Fraternal Order of Police-Lodge No. 7. Mr. Bruzos stated that Sergeant Christensen has been with the Police Department since 2005 starting in the Uniform Patrol Division and went into detail regarding her extensive and impressive accomplishments having served in various capacities throughout the department. In October 2021, she was promoted to sergeant and is currently serving in the uniform patrol division keeping the city's residents safe. She is a team player who exemplifies courage, dedication, devotion to duty, promotes morale, good brotherhood and sisterhood, and he then congratulated her. Chief Hudak stated that he has known Henry (her father) who was responsible for his ethics and dispatcher training and Teri Christensen since 1983 and that Henry worked as a sergeant in the Police Department and retired as the head of the University of Miami Police Department. Sergeant Christensen in accepting her award said that she was honored, humbled, and never thought she would be receiving such an award coming from a long line of exemplary officers who have received the award in the past. She read her research regarding the exemplary and outstanding life of Officer DeKorte on the 50th year since the officer was killed in the line of duty and concluded by thanked the Mayor and City Commission.

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City Clerk Item No. 6

A.-7. [22-3639](#)

Congratulations to the City of Coral Gables for Achieving LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Silver Certification under LEED V4 Building Design and Construction: New Construction and Major Renovations for both the Police and Fire Headquarters and the Trolley Maintenance Facility.

Attachments: [LEED Plaque-Certificate Presentation COVER](#)

Mayor Lago introduced Agenda Item A-7 congratulating the City of Coral Gables Achieving (LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Silver Certification under LEED V4 Building Design and Construction: New Construction and Major Renovations for both the Police and Fire Headquarters and the Trolley Maintenance Facility. Matt Anderson, Senior Sustainability Analyst gave credit to the Mayor and City Commission, City Manager, Ernesto Pino and his team, and the consultants who worked on both projects to help achieve this great accomplishment. He then followed-up with a presentation regarding the city being a sustainability leader over the past seven years and across the nation in leading by example. Peter Iglesias, City Manager chimed in by saying that both projects placed the city at the forefront, while encouraging others to do the same and leading by example. The projects were being built during difficult times, a pandemic and it was something new for both of them and obtaining LEED certification in both buildings is quite an accomplishment they are proud of. Mayor Lago stated that when they passed the legislation which he sponsored, something that they are all proud of, it was a lot of work and cost a significant amount of money, but the dividends in the future are so significant that they are setting an example for the private sector, and gave credit to Ernesto Pino, Hermes Diaz, Public Works staff and the construction team do so during a pandemic that built two of the most complexed projects in the city's history and thanked everyone for their efforts. City Manager Iglesias reiterated that it was an excellent team who has been tested and have come through in every aspect and he is blessed to have a fantastic team to work with. Vice Mayor Mena indicated that while credit has been given to them as a group, the department was given the mandate because of Mayor Lago's leadership, and he should be given and deserves all the credit for walking the walk on this since day one. Mayor Lago said that while he is grateful and appreciative of the recognition, at the end of the day, it is the Commission and all the employees. One of the things this Commission always harps on is the employees for whom they are grateful because they are working hard, especially coming out of a pandemic; they are noticing that and acknowledging it and again thanked the LEED team for their accomplishments.

This Presentation/Protocol Document was Presented and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 7

- A.-8. [22-3679](#) Congratulations to the Finance Department represented by Diana M. Gomez, Finance Director, recipient of the Government Finance Officers Association's Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) for fiscal year ended September 30, 2020.

Attachments: [Agenda - Presentation of ACFR Award 2020](#)
[Announcement of Award](#)
[AFRA, Diana M. Gomez](#)

Mayor Lago introduced Agenda Item A-8 Congratulations to the Finance Department represented by Diana M. Gomez, Finance Director, recipient of the Government Finance Officers Association's Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial reporting for the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) for Fiscal Year ended September 30, 2020. It is the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting received by government and its management. He then congratulated Ms. Gomez and her team for making them proud. Ms. Gomez congratulated the city and her department for receiving this recognition, special thanks was given to Sally Ola Ola, Assistant Finance Director who worked diligently to ensure that their accounting and financial recording is deserving of the recognition as well as her staff of comptrollers, accountants and everyone in her department who work every day to ensure excellence in the financial recording of the City.

This Presentation/Protocol Document was Presented and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 8

- A.-9. [22-3662](#) Congratulations to City Attorney, Miriam Soler Ramos, for being named President of the Cuban-American Bar Association.

Mayor Lago introduced Agenda Item A-9 - Congratulations to City Attorney, Miriam Soler Ramos, for being named President of the Cuban American Bar Association. He went on to state that the Cuban American Bar Association (CABA) is a not-for-profit voluntary bar association founded in 1974 by lawyers of Cuban descent whose mission is to promote equality of its members, increase diversity in the judiciary and legal community and to serve the public's interest by increasing awareness to the study of juris prudence, providing pro bono legal assistance and works to defend human rights in Cuba. Miriam has served as CABA's director since 2015 and is the second City Attorney to hold the role as president. He then congratulated City Attorney Ramos on behalf of the City Commission and the entire city as it is a great honor for her personally, for the city and for her office. City Attorney Miriam Soler Ramos thanked the Mayor and said that she appreciates his kind words and that she is honored and humbled to lead this great organization that is near and dear to her heart, and particularly after days in the passing of Judge Godrich who was a legal giant in this community and the first CABA president it increases her motivation and zeal to lead this amazing organization. Mayor Lago in response says

that City Attorney Ramos makes them proud, and it is a pleasure to have her here serving in her capacity and in this community and that CABA is blessed to have her and thanked her for all her hard work and commitment to this community. City Attorney Ramos then thanked the Mayor and City Commission.

This Presentation/Protocol Document was Presented and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 9

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

B.-1. [22-3644](#) Regular City Commission Meeting of January 11, 2022.

Attachments: [Meeting Minutes](#)

[CCMtg Jan 11 2022 - Agenda Item C - Public Comment](#)

[CCMtg Jan 11 2022 - Agenda Item D - Mayors Comments](#)

[CCMtg Jan 11 2022 - Agenda Item F-1 - Ordinance providing for a text amendmer](#)

[CCMtg Jan 11 2022 - Agenda Item F-3 - Ordinance providing for text amendments](#)

[CCMtg Jan 11 2022 - Agenda Item F-4 - Ordinance providing for text amendment](#)

[CCMtg Jan 11 2022 - Agenda Item F-5 - Ordinance granting approval of proposed](#)

[CCMtg Jan 11 2022 - Agenda Item F-6 - Ordinance granting approval of proposed](#)

[CCMtg Jan 11 2022 - Agenda Item F-7 - Ordinance granting approval of proposed](#)

[CCMtg Jan 11 2022 - Agenda Item F-10 - Resolution extending through May 31 20](#)

[CCMtg Jan 11 2022 - Agenda Item G-7 - Discussion regarding enforcement of Do](#)

[CCMtg Jan 11 2022 - Agenda Item G-8 - Resolution supporting the concept of Yo](#)

[CCMtg Jan 11 2022 - Agenda Item H-2 - Resolution authorizing development of a](#)

[CCMtg Jan 11 2022 - Agenda Item I-2 - Update and discussion on the status of th](#)

[CCMtg Jan 11 2022 - Agenda Item I-5 - Resolution authorizing city staff to negotia](#)

[CCMtg Jan 11 2022 - Agenda Items F-8 and F-9 - Ordinance granting approval of](#)

[CCMtg Jan 11 2022 - Agenda Items G-5 and I-1 are related - Discussion regardi](#)

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Mena, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, that this motion be approved . The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Yeas : 5 - Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Fors, Jr., Vice Mayor Mena, Commissioner Menendez and Mayor Lago

City Clerk Item No. 10

B.-2. [22-3643](#) Regular City Commission Meeting of January 25, 2022.

Attachments: [CCMtg Jan 25 2022 - Agenda Item 2-1 and 2-2 - Resolution of CG School Commu](#)

[CCMtg Jan 25 2022 - Agenda Item C - Public Comment](#)

[CCMtg Jan 25 2022 - Agenda Item D-2 - Mayors Comments - Update from staff re](#)

[CCMtg Jan 25 2022 - Agenda Item F-1 - Ordinance terminating the existing lease](#)

[CCMtg Jan 25 2022 - Agenda Item F-4 - Ordinance authorizing the City to enter in](#)

[CCMtg Jan 25 2022 - Agenda Item G-1 - Discussion regarding metal roofs in Cora](#)

[CCMtg Jan 25 2022 - Agenda Item G-2 - Discussion regarding maintenance of cit](#)

[CCMtg Jan 25 2022 - Agenda Item G-3 - Discussion regarding the City considerin](#)

[CCMtg Jan 25 2022 - Agenda Item G-4 - An update from staff regarding the city o](#)

[CCMtg Jan 25 2022 - Agenda Item I-5 - Resolution authorizing the acceptance an](#)

[CCMtg Jan 25 2022 - Agenda Item I-8 - Resolution authorizing the City Manager t](#)

[CCMtg Jan 25 2022 - Agenda Item L - Discussion Items](#)

[Meeting Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Menendez, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, that this motion be approved . The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Yeas : 5 - Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Fors, Jr., Vice Mayor Mena, Commissioner Menendez and Mayor Lago

City Clerk Item No. 11

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

City Clerk Item No. 12

D. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

- D.-1. [22-3673](#) A special appearance by County Commissioner District 7, Raquel Regalado to discuss latest district initiatives.

This Agenda Item was Deferred

City Clerk Item No. 13

- D.-2. [22-3672](#) An update relating to a Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) resolution which provides the scope of services and the budget required to conduct a study along U.S. 1 from SW 27th Avenue to SW 72nd Street.

This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 16

E. CONSENT AGENDA

Passed the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Commissioner Menendez, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, to Adopt the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yeas : 5 - Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Fors, Jr., Vice Mayor Mena, Commissioner Menendez and Mayor Lago

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-32

- E.-1. [22-3638](#) A Resolution of the City Commission authorizing the Coral Gables Community Foundation to work in conjunction with the Parking Department during the annual "Tour of Kitchens" Fundraiser on Saturday, March 5, 2022, for the parking needs of the homes that will be on the tour. (Specifically, but not limited to the following streets: Segovia Avenue, Milan Avenue, Venetia Avenue, Alhambra Circle, Hernando Street, University Drive, South Greenway Drive and San Vicente Street). (Sponsored by Vice Mayor Mena)

Attachments: [Draft Resolution - Tour of Kitchens 2022](#)
[Cover Memo - Tour of Kitchens 2022](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION AUTHORIZING THE CORAL GABLES COMMUNITY FOUNDATION TO WORK IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE PARKING DEPARTMENT DURING THE ANNUAL "TOUR OF KITCHENS"

FUNDRAISER ON SATURDAY, MARCH 5, 2022, FOR THE PARKING NEEDS OF THE HOMES THAT WILL BE ON THE TOUR. (SPECIFICALLY, BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE FOLLOWING STREETS: SEGOVIA AVENUE, MILAN AVENUE, VENETIA AVENUE, ALHAMBRA CIRCLE, HERNANDO STREET, UNIVERSITY DRIVE, SOUTH GREENWAY DRIVE AND SAN VICENTE STREET).

City Clerk Item No. 17

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-33

E.-2. [22-3641](#)

A Resolution of the City Commission authorizing Make-A-Wish Southern Florida to sell alcoholic beverages at the parking lot located on 1559 Sunset Drive and on San Ignacio Avenue from Red Road to Yumuri Street on Saturday, April 2nd, 2022 beginning at 11:00 A.M. until 5:00 P.M. during the "Wings For Wishes" event, to benefit the Make-A-Wish Southern Florida, subject to Florida Department of Professional Regulation Requirements; and authorizing the waiver of special fees, parking fees, and barricade fees for the event .

(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)

Attachments: [Draft Resolution 2022 Wings for Wishes Alcoholic Beverages and Permit fee Waiver](#)
[Wings for Wishes 2022 Cover Memo](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION AUTHORIZING MAKE-A-WISH SOUTHERN FLORIDA TO SELL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AT THE PARKING LOT LOCATED ON 1559 SUNSET DRIVE AND ON SAN IGNACIO AVENUE FROM RED ROAD TO YUMURI STREET ON SATURDAY APRIL 2ND, 2022 BEGINNING AT 11:00 A.M. UNTIL 5:00 P.M. DURING THE "WINGS FOR WISHES" EVENT, TO BENEFIT THE MAKE-A-WISH SOUTHERN FLORIDA, SUBJECT TO FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION REQUIREMENTS; AND AUTHORIZING THE WAIVER OF SPECIAL EVENT FEES, PARKING FEES, AND BARRICADE FEES FOR THE EVENT.

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2022-33 on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 18

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-34**E.-3. [22-3642](#)**

A Resolution of the City Commission accepting the recommendation of the Chief Procurement Officer to award RFQ 2021-031 for Preservation Architectural Consulting Services and negotiate a professional services agreement (“agreement”) with R.J Heisenbottle Architects P.A., Gurri Matute P.A., R.E. Chisholm Architects, Inc. and Rodriguez & Quiroga Architects.

Attachments: [Agenda Memo RFQ 2021-031](#)
[Resolution RFQ 2021-031](#)
[Memo Award Recommendation RFQ 2021-031 Architectural Consulting Services Score Composite](#)
[Response GURRIMATUE P.A.](#)
[Response RE Chisholm Architects](#)
[Response RJ Heisenbottle Architects](#)
[Response Rodriguez and Quiroga](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER TO AWARD RFQ 2021-031 FOR PRESERVATION ARCHITECTURAL CONSULTING SERVICES AND NEGOTIATE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT (“AGREEMENT”) WITH R.J HEISENBOTTLE ARCHITECTS P.A., GURRI MATUTE P.A., R.E. CHISHOLM ARCHITECTS, INC. AND RODRIGUEZ & QUIROGA ARCHITECTS THE RESPONSIVE-RESPONSIBLE PROPOSERS, PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTES § 287.055, KNOWN AS THE “CONSULTANTS COMPETITIVE NEGOTIATION ACT”.

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2022-34 on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 19

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-35**E.-4. [22-3630](#)**

A Resolution of the City Commission adopting the updated Title VI Program for the City of Coral Gables Trolley Service.

Attachments: [Cover Memo Resolution - Title VI 2022](#)
[Resolution - Title VI - 2022](#)
[Title VI Trolley Program Plan 2022](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION ADOPTING THE UPDATED TITLE VI PROGRAM FOR THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES TROLLEY SERVICE.

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2022-35 on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 20

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-36

- E.-5. [22-3665](#) A Resolution of the City Commission authorizing free parking for Participants (in Garage 4) and a waiver for the \$5562.00 cost of renting fifty-nine (59) parking spaces along Biltmore Way and parking for participants in Garage 4 for the 2022 Coral Gables Walk MS Scheduled for April 2, 2022.

Attachments: [COVER - 2022 CG Walk MS](#)
[RESOLUTION 2022 CG Walk MS](#)
[2022 Coral Gables Parking Letter](#)
[Sample Parking pass - CG MS WALK PARKING 2022](#)
[COVER - 2022 CG Walk MS](#)
[RESOLUTION 2022 CG Walk MS](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION AUTHORIZING FREE PARKING FOR PARTICIPANTS (IN GARAGE FOUR) AND A WAIVER FOR THE \$5,562.00 COST OF RENTING FIFTY-NINE (59) PARKING SPACES ALONG BILTMORE WAY AND PARKING FOR PARTICIPANTS IN GARAGE 4 FOR THE 2022 "CORAL GABLES WALK MS" SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 2, 2022.

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2022-36 on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 21

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-37

- E.-6. [22-3664](#) A Resolution of the City Commission authorizing the City Manager to extend a Maintenance and Service Agreement in Parking Garages 2, 4 and 6 with WPS USA CORP for maintenance and service of the Parking and Revenue Control Equipment and consolidate the start and end dates of Parking Garages 1, 2, 4 and 6 maintenance agreements.

Attachments: [Resolution 2022 WPS Maintenance and Service Agreement](#)
[SS 2022-046 PARC Equipment Maint](#)
[WPS 2022 Solicitation Request Form](#)
[Resolution 2022 WPS Maintenance and Service Agreement](#)
[cover memo 2022 WPS Maintenance and Service Agreement](#)
[cover memo 2022 WPS Maintenance and Service Agreement](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXTEND A MAINTENANCE AND SERVICE AGREEMENT IN PARKING GARAGE 2, 4 AND 6 WITH WPS USA CORP FOR MAINTENANCE AND SERVICE OF THE PARKING AND REVENUE CONTROL EQUIPMENT AND CONSOLIDATE THE START AND END DATES OF PARKING GARAGE 1, 2, 4 AND 6 MAINTENANCE AGREEMENTS.

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2022-37 on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 22

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-38

- E.-7. [22-3675](#) A Resolution of the City Commission appointing Laura Kelly (Nominated by Commissioner Anderson) to serve as a member of the Emergency Management Division, for a two (2) year term which began on June 1, 2021 and continues through May 31, 2023.

Attachments: [Cover Memo - Laura Kelly - EMD](#)
[Draft Resolution - Laura Kelly - EMD](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION APPOINTING LAURA KELLY (NOMINATED BY COMMISSIONER ANDERSON) TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIVISION, FOR A TWO (2) YEAR TERM WHICH BEGAN ON JUNE 1, 2021 AND CONTINUES THROUGH MAY 31, 2023.

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2022-38 on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 23

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-39

- E.-8. [22-3678](#) A Resolution of the City Commission authorizing Fritz & Franz Bierhaus to sell alcoholic beverages on Thursday, March 17, 2022, from 12:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at the Bierhaus Plaza located at 60 Merrick Way, during the "St. Patrick's Day Block Party" event, subject to Florida Department of Professional Regulation Requirements.

Attachments: [Bierhaus St. Patrick day block party resolution 2022](#)
[Bierhaus St. Patrick day block party 2022 cover memo](#)
[Flre signed and approved Fritz Franz Bierhaus - St. Patricks Day](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION AUTHORIZING FRITZ & FRANZ BIERHAUS TO SELL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ON THURSDAY MARCH 17, 2022, FROM 12:00 P.M. TO 10:00 P.M., AT THE BIERHAUS PLAZA LOCATED AT 60 MERRICK WAY, DURING THE "ST. PATRICK'S DAY BLOCK PARTY" EVENT, SUBJECT TO FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION REQUIREMENTS.

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2022-39 on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 24

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-40

- E.-9. [22-3718](#) A Resolution of the City Commission authorizing temporary encroachments into the public right-of-way relating to the temporary installation of two floating treatment wetlands in City waterways.

Attachments: [2/11/22 - Revised Floating Wetlands Cover Memo](#)
[2/11/22 -Revised Floating Wetlands Encroachment](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING TEMPORARY ENCROACHMENTS INTO THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY RELATING TO THE TEMPORARY INSTALLATION OF TWO FLOATING TREATMENT WETLANDS IN CITY WATERWAYS.

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2022-40 on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 25

1. Presentation of Boards and/or Committees minutes requesting no action from the City Commission:

- 1.-1. [22-3668](#) Advisory Board on Disability Affairs Meeting of January 18, 2022.

Attachments: [Cov Memo mins 01 18 22](#)
[01-18-22-Meeting-Agenda-EK](#)
[CITY CLERK OFC Attendance Form 01 18 22](#)
[01 18 22 Meeting Mins](#)

This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 26

- 1.-2. [22-3670](#) Arts Advisory Panel Meeting of January 12, 2022.

Attachments: [AAP Meeting January 12, 2022 DRAFT](#)
[01.12.2022 MinutesforCC02.15.2022](#)

This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 27

- 1.-3. [22-3653](#) Budget Audit Advisory Board Meeting of November 17, 2021.

Attachments: [Budget Audit Board Minutes - FINAL Board Approved - 11.17.21](#)

This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 28

- 1.-4. [22-3680](#) Budget Audit / Advisory Board Meeting of January 24, 2022.
Attachments: [Budget Audit Board Minutes - FINAL - Pending Board Approval - 01.24.22](#)
This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.
City Clerk Item No. 29
- 1.-5. [22-3654](#) Communications Committee Meeting of January 12, 2022.
Attachments: [Communications Committee Minutes January 12, 2022 Draft](#)
This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.
City Clerk Item No. 30
- 1.-6. [22-3611](#) Construction Regulation Board Meeting of January 10, 2022
Attachments: [Meeting Minutes January 10, 2022](#)
[MEMBER ATTENDANCE 2022-JANUARY](#)
This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.
City Clerk Item No. 31
- 1.-7. [22-3692](#) Coral Gables Merrick House Governing Board Meeting of October 8, 2021
Attachments: [Cover Sheet for Coral Gables Merrick House Meeting of 10-8-2021](#)
[Minutes for Coral Gables Merrick House Meeting of 10-8-2021](#)
This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.
City Clerk Item No. 32
- 1.-8. [22-3698](#) Coral Gables Merrick House Governing Board Meeting of November 8, 2021.
Attachments: [Cover Sheet for the Merrick House Governing Board Meeting of 11-8-2021](#)
[Minutes for the Merrick House Governing Board Meeting of 11-8-2021](#)
This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.
City Clerk Item No. 33
- 1.-9. [22-3708](#) Coral Gables Merrick House Governing Board Meeting of January 10, 2022.
Attachments: [Cover Sheet For Coral Gables Merrick House Governing Board Meeting Minutes c](#)
[Minutes for Coral Gables Merrick House Governing Board Meeting of 1-10-2022](#)
This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.
City Clerk Item No. 34

- 1.-10. [22-3645](#) Economic Development Board Meeting of January 5, 2022.

Attachments: [1-5-22 EDB Meeting Minutes DRAFT](#)

This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 35

- 1.-11. [22-3682](#) Historic Preservation Board Meeting of October 20, 2021.

Attachments: [Verbatim Minutes for Historic Preservation Board Meeting of 10/20/2021](#)
[102021HPBMEETINGmini](#)
[102021EXCERPT](#)
[Cover Sheet for 10-20-2021 Historic Preservation Board Meeting](#)

This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 36

- 1.-12. [22-3683](#) Historic Preservation Board Meeting of November 17, 2021.

Attachments: [Cover Sheet for Historic Preservation Board Meeting of -12/17/2022](#)
[Volume #1 - Verbatim Minutes for Historic Preservation Board Meeting of 11/17/2021](#)
[111721XCTmini](#)
[Volume #2 - Verbatim Minutes for Historic Preservation Board Meeting of 11/17/2021](#)
[111721V2mini](#)

This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 37

- 1.-13. [22-3686](#) Historic Preservation Board Meeting of December 15, 2021.

Attachments: [Cover Sheet of Historic Preservation Board Meeting of 12/15/2021](#)
[Minutes from for 12/15/2021 Historic Preservation Board Meeting](#)

This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 38

- 1.-14. [22-3657](#) Landscape Beautification Advisory Board Meeting of January 13, 2021.

Attachments: [011322-LBAB Minutes d 22-3657](#)

This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 39

- 1.-15. [22-3647](#) Mayor's Citizens Advisory Council Meeting of January 18, 2022.

Attachments: [Jan. 18 Meeting Minutes](#)

This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 40

- 1.-16. [22-3631](#) Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting of December 9, 2021.

Attachments: [Parks Meeting Minutes 12.9.21](#)

This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 41

- 1.-17. [22-3646](#) Property Advisory Board Meeting of January 12, 2022.

Attachments: [1-12-22 PAB Meeting Minutes DRAFT](#)

This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 42

- 1.-18. [22-3624](#) School Community Relations Committee Meeting of December 17, 2021.

Attachments: [Cover Memo](#)
[SCRC Dec. 17 Draft Meeting Minutes](#)

This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 43

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]:**

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-41

- 2.-1. [22-3652](#) A Resolution from the Historic Preservation Board requesting that the City Commission adopt a Resolution authorizing Ad Valorem tax relief for the property located at 936 Castile Avenue, a Contributing Resource within the Castile Avenue / Plaza Historic District, legally described as Lot 8, Peacock Re-Subdivision, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 35, at Page 60 of the Public Records of Miami-Dade County, Florida. (Historic Preservation Board Meeting of December 15, 2021, Vote: 8-0, one member absent).

Attachments: [ActionCover-936 Castile Avenue Ad Valorem Application Part 1](#)
[Application Part 2](#)
[AV2016-005 936 Castile Avenue Resolution Draft](#)
[AV2016-005 HPB PowerPoint 12-15-21](#)
[AV2016-005 HPB PowerPoint 12-15-21](#)
[AV2016-005 Report](#)
[COA SP 2015-007 Report 936 Castile Avenue](#)
[HPB meeting minutes excerpt August 20, 2015](#)
[HPB meeting minutes excerpt December 15, 2021](#)
[HPB Reults Letter and COA \(SP\) 2015-007](#)
[Part 2 As-Built drawings](#)
[Photos Part 1](#)
[Photos Part 2](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSISON GRANTING AD VALOREM TAX EXEMPTION FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 936 CASTILE AVENUE, A CONTRIBUTING RESOURCE WITHIN THE CASTILE AVENUE / PLAZA HISTORIC DISTRICT, LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS LOT 8, PEACOCK RE-SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 35, AT PAGE 60 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Mena, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2022-41. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas : 5 - Commissioner Fors, Jr., Vice Mayor Mena, Commissioner Menendez, Commissioner Anderson and Mayor Lago

City Clerk Item No. 44

F. PUBLIC HEARINGS

EMERGENCY ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-05

F.-1. [22-3671](#)

An Emergency Ordinance of the City Commission amending Section 3-600 of the Zoning Code to create Section 3-612 "Covid-19 Testing Site Temporary Use Permit" to allow for the siting of Covid-19 testing, vaccination, and treatment sites operated by Federal, State, or Local Government Agencies through February 15, 2023; providing for severability clause, repealer provision, codification, and providing for an effective date.

Lobbyist: N/A

Attachments: [February 15, 2022 -Commission Cover Memorandum - Ordinance allowing tempo Emergency Ordinance allowig temporary use permits for Covid-19 testing sites](#)

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION AMENDING SECTION 3-600 OF THE ZONING CODE TO CREATE SECTION 3-612 "COVID-19 TESTING SITE TEMPORARY USE PERMIT" TO ALLOW FOR THE SITING OF COVID-19 TESTING, VACCINATION, AND TREATMENT SITES OPERATED BY FEDERAL, STATE, OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES THROUGH FEBRUARY 15, 2023; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, REPEALER, CODIFICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Menendez, that this matter be adopted by Ordinance Number 2022-05. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas : 5 - Vice Mayor Mena, Commissioner Menendez, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Fors, Jr. and Mayor Lago

City Clerk Item No. 45

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING**ORDINANCE NO. 2022-06**F.-2. [22-3584](#)

An Ordinance of the City Commission authorizing the City to enter into a Lease with SRA Coral Gables Restaurant, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, dba SRA. Martinez with regard to the City-owned property 2325 Galiano Street, Coral Gables, FL 33134 for a period of fifteen (15) years and with two (2) additional, five-year renewal options, at the City's discretion; providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, and providing for an effective date.

Lobbyist: N/A

Attachments: [Ordinance - 01.25.22 \(2325 Galiano Sra Martinez Lease\)](#)
[1-5-22 EDB Meeting Minutes DRAFT](#)
[1-12-22 PAB Meeting Minutes DRAFT](#)
[Commission Cover - 01.25.22 \(2325 Galiano ST Sra. Martinez Lease\)](#)
[2325 Galiano SRA Coral Gables Restaurant, LLC Lease PDF-RS](#)
[Ordinance - 02.15.22 \(2325 Galiano Sra Martinez Lease\)](#)
[Speaker Card for F-4](#)
[Budget Audit Board Minutes - FINAL - Pending Board Approval - 01.24.22](#)
[2.15-22 - Updated-Lease Agreement Tenant Executed](#)
[Commission Cover - 02.15.22 \(2325 Galiano ST Sra. Martinez Lease\)](#)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO ENTER INTO A LEASE WITH SRA CORAL GABLES RESTAURANT, LLC, A DELAWARE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, DBA SRA. MARTINEZ WITH REGARD TO THE CITY-OWNED PROPERTY 2325 GALIANO STREET, CORAL GABLES, FL 33134 FOR A PERIOD OF FIFTEEN (15) YEARS AND WITH TWO (2) ADDITIONAL, FIVE-YEAR RENEWAL OPTIONS, AT THE CITY'S DISCRETION; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER PROVISION, SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

A motion was made by Commissioner Menendez, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, that this matter be adopted by Ordinance Number 2022-06. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas : 5 - Vice Mayor Mena, Commissioner Menendez, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Fors, Jr. and Mayor Lago

City Clerk Item No. 46

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

- F.-3.** [22-3658](#) An Ordinance of the City Commission amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Coral Gables by amending Chapter 6, Section 6-3, "Retail beverage store and retail liquor store licenses issued for to bona fide restaurants" to allow restaurants of 150 seats or over to serve alcoholic beverages or intoxicating liquors from bars; providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, codification, and providing for an effective date.

Lobbyist: N/A

Attachments: [02 15 2022 CC Cover Memo - Alcohol and liquors in bars](#)
[02 15 2022 Exhibit A - Draft Ordinance re Alcohol and liquors in bars](#)
[03 08 22 CC Cover Memo - Alcohol and liquors in bars - 2nd Reading](#)
[03 08 22 Exhibit A - Draft Ordinance Alcohol and liquors in bars](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Menendez, that this matter be approved as an Ordinance on First Reading. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas : 5 - Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Fors, Jr., Vice Mayor Mena, Commissioner Menendez and Mayor Lago

City Clerk Item No. 47

G. CITY COMMISSION ITEMS

- G.-1.** [21-3389](#) Discussion regarding existing signage on privately owned public surface parking lots. (Sponsored by Vice Mayor Mena)

Attachments: [Surface Parking Lot Signage](#)

This Agenda Item was Withdrawn

City Clerk Item No. 15

- G.-2.** [22-3598](#) Discussion regarding the possible temporary art installation to Downtown Coral Gables in order to raise awareness for Developmental Disabilities Month this March (in partnership with The Wow Center and Representative Demi Busatta Cabrera). (Sponsored by Commissioner Fors)

This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 50

- G.-3.** [22-3663](#) Discussion regarding a pop-up beer garden at Farmer's Market. (Sponsored by Commissioner Fors)

This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 51

- G.-4.** [22-3666](#) Discussion to review the technical performance of the Zoom platform as it is being implemented to facilitate remote appearances at public meetings, including resident boards.
(Sponsored by Commissioner Fors)
This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 52
- G.-5.** [22-3667](#) Discussion regarding audit practices and procedures for city-owned properties.
(Sponsored by Commissioner Fors)
This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 14
- G.-6.** [22-3705](#) Discussion regarding potential updates to landscaper education procedures in connection with landscaper permits.
(Sponsored by Commissioner Fors)
This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 54
- G.-7.** [22-3703](#) Discussion regarding payment of surface parking fees at the Biltmore Hotel.
(Sponsored by Commissioner Anderson)
This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 55
- G.-8.** [22-3715](#) Discussion regarding the donation of a drone and punching bag.
(Sponsored by Commissioner Fors)
This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 56
- G.-9.** [22-3674](#) An update from staff on stormwater catch basins and grates.
(Sponsored by Mayor Lago).
This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 57

Time Certain 10:30am (Agenda Item 2-1)

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-45

- G.-10. [22-3577](#) A Resolution of the City Commission adopting a policy regarding City Commission review of renovations to existing City owned and/or operated surface parking lots and review of proposed construction of new City owned and/or operated surface parking lots. (Sponsored by Commissioner Anderson)

Attachments: [Cover Memo Parking Lot Policy 2-3-22](#)
[Draft Resolution Parking Lot Policy 1-20-22](#)
[Draft exhibit parking lot policy 2-3-22](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION ADOPTING A POLICY REGARDING CITY COMMISSION REVIEW OF RENOVATIONS TO EXISTING CITY-OWNED AND/OR OPERATED SURFACE PARKING LOTS AND REVIEW OF PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF NEW CITY-OWNED AND/OR OPERATED SURFACE PARKING LOTS.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Menendez, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2022-45. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas : 5 - Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Fors, Jr., Vice Mayor Mena, Commissioner Menendez and Mayor Lago

City Clerk Item No. 58

H. BOARDS/COMMITTEES ITEMS

None

City Clerk Item No. 59

I. CITY MANAGER ITEMS

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-44

- I.-1. [22-3706](#) A Resolution of the City Commission authorizing staff to negotiate with TD Bank, N.A. or the lender that offers the next lowest rate to provide a loan for the refinancing of the City's loans from the Sunshine State Governmental Financing Commission dated April 28, 2016; providing certain other matters in connection therewith; and providing for an effective date.

Lobbyist: N/A

Attachments: [Agenda Cover Memo- Refinance SSGFC](#)
[Exhibit A PFM Recommendation Memo 2022 SSGFC Refunding](#)
[Resolution-Taxable 2016 Refunding \(02079082-2\)](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION AUTHORIZING STAFF TO

NEGOTIATE WITH TD BANK, N.A. OR THE LENDER THAT OFFERS THE NEXT LOWEST RATE TO PROVIDE A LOAN FOR THE REFINANCING OF THE CITY'S LOANS FROM THE SUNSHINE STATE GOVERNMENTAL FINANCING COMMISSION DATED APRIL 28, 2016; PROVIDING CERTAIN OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

A motion was made by Commissioner Menendez, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2022-44. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas : 5 - Vice Mayor Mena, Commissioner Menendez, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Fors, Jr. and Mayor Lago

City Clerk Item No. 53

Time Certain 11:15am (Agenda Item I-2)

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-46

I.-2. 22-3717

A Resolution of the City Commission accepting the recommendation to begin the Country Club employee hiring process and to waive the competitive process of the procurement code for all purchases related to the Coral Gables country Club as Special Procurement/Bid Waiver, pursuant to Section 2-691 of the City's Procurement Code.

Attachments: [country club bid waiver cover page](#)
[Agenda Reso - BW 2022-0xx Country Club-CMS edits](#)
[Country Club Presentation Final 2-15-22](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION TO BEGIN THE COUNTRY CLUB EMPLOYEE HIRING PROCESS AND TO WAIVE THE COMPETITIVE PROCESS OF THE PROCUREMENT CODE FOR ALL PURCHASES RELATED TO THE CORAL GABLES COUNTRY CLUB AS SPECIAL PROCUREMENT/BID WAIVER, PURSUANT TO SECTION 2-691 OF THE CITY'S PROCUREMENT CODE.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Menendez, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2022-46. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas : 5 - Commissioner Fors, Jr., Vice Mayor Mena, Commissioner Menendez, Commissioner Anderson and Mayor Lago

City Clerk Item No. 60

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-42

- I.-3. [22-3699](#) A Resolution of the City Commission authorizing a change order to RFQ 2021-010 mobility Hub Pre-Construction & Construction CMR Services for the new state of the art Mobility Hub with the Weitz Company, LLC, pursuant to section 2-764 (b), approval of change orders and contract modifications, of the City's Procurement Code in estimated amount of \$1,500,000 for additional work to be performed.

Lobbyist: N/A

Attachments: [Agenda Reso - Mobility Hub Modification](#)
[Agenda Cover Memo- RFQ 2021-010 Mobility Hub Mod](#)
[Speaker Card](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION AUTHORIZING A CHANGE ORDER TO RFQ 2021-010 MOBILITY HUB PRE-CONSTRUCTION & CONSTRUCTION CMR SERVICES OF THE NEW STATE OF THE ART MOBILITY HUB WITH THE WEITZ COMPANY, LLC, PURSUANT TO SECTION 2-764 (B), APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDERS AND CONTRACT MODIFICATIONS, OF THE CITY'S PROCUREMENT CODE IN ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$1,500,000 FOR ADDITIONAL WORK TO BE PERFORMED.

A motion was made by Commissioner Fors, Jr., seconded by Vice Mayor Mena, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2022-42. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas : 5 - Commissioner Fors, Jr., Vice Mayor Mena, Commissioner Menendez, Commissioner Anderson and Mayor Lago

City Clerk Item No. 48

J. CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-43**

- J.-1. [22-3640](#) Discussion regarding the City's potential involvement in a class action suit relating to the increased price of Insulin.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES TO JOIN A CLASS ACTION LAWSUIT AGAINST CERTAIN PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANIES WITH REGARD TO THE INCREASED PRICE OF INSULINS.

A motion was made by Commissioner Menendez, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2022-43. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas : 4 - Commissioner Menendez, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Fors, Jr. and Mayor Lago

Absent : 1 - Vice Mayor Mena

City Clerk Item No. 49

K. CITY CLERK ITEMS**None**

City Clerk Item No. 61

L. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Mayor Lago: Commissioner.

Commissioner Anderson: I have a couple of things to follow up with you guys on. The agenda for the Green Corridor. PACE District came out yesterday, so this is why is not an agenda item, but I wanted to make you aware that they are considering adding back pre-payment penalties for businesses, commercial properties, but not for residential. We just had a beautiful presentation where we're leading by example, and I urge you all if you have businesses that are going to be impacted by this to have them participate in tomorrow's meeting at 10 o'clock at the - it's going to be right here in the City of Coral Gables at our CMR Building and there is a Zoom link available. Anybody wants to participate they may. I also forwarded to you all the insulation program for the PACE District. If you know of any residents that would qualify for that grant, I can communicate with the City Manager, they'll get me the list and I'll submit it for approval through the PACE Program. Lastly, I sent you a photo. It's really a bigger problem. City Manager has already taken care of this particular instance where there was a commercial washing machine put on our city trash pile by an apartment building, but this is a bigger problem than I think - and I'd like, if you can, put it on the March agenda and have a discussion about what we are doing with Waste Management about locating places where they are going to have their residents put their bedding, their boxes, their cardboard, and not be burdening our city trash pile with commercial property waste. It happens in the duplexes, it happens in apartment buildings, all up and down Segovia.

City Manager Iglesias: They were cited, as you know Commissioner.

Commissioner Anderson: Yes, I know, but I think it's a contractual problem, because when I go and I discuss with the folks that do the pickup for Waste Management, where do you have your folks put this bulky waste? There is no place. There is no practice and procedure. There is no routine where you call for a special pickup. There is nothing in place right now.

Mayor Lago: I'm happy you brought that up and I'm happy you put it on the next agenda, because it's an issue that I've been wanting to address for some time now. Commissioner Fors.

Commissioner Fors: No. I'm happy to up by my office, north Gables, receive a lot of

that when people move out. To Public Works credit, they always address it immediately when I call them and sometimes even before I call them, but really the problem coming out of really the transient residents coming in and out and moving and throwing out half their stuff.

City Manager Iglesias: And those are commercial areas.

Commissioner Anderson: Yes.

City Manager Iglesias: And that building should not be throwing any bulk out. They should have a company remove that, and so that's really the trash and so forth doesn't mean that you can throw construction bulk and all kinds of issues like that out there. That should be removed, and we are citing it.

Commissioner Anderson: We should look at that spot as an example, because its right next to a tree, they damage the tree...even look at having that relocated so it's very clear to that apartment building that it's not their trash pile.

City Manager Iglesias: And we've had construction debris, remodeling debris, things like this, those have to be taken out. That's not a Waste Management issue and we are making sure that through Code Enforcement that that happens.

Commissioner Anderson: Thank you.

Mayor Lago: Commissioner Menendez anything else. Vice Mayor.

Vice Mayor Mena: Really briefly. I brought up at a prior meeting the issue that there are certain of the new 25 miles per hour speed limit signs that are pretty faded pretty quickly.

Mayor Lago: Yes.

Vice Mayor Mena: I had some examples at the time. I know they are still in that condition today. I suspect there are others, because they are made together. I haven't heard back on that. If you have an answer now, great, but if you don't.

Public Works Director Diaz: Well, the answer I have is unfortunately the warranty expired, so we don't have the ability to get that, so we are actually getting quotes.

Vice Mayor Mena: This is a constant frustration I have with our city's contracts which is, typically things are warranted.

Public Works Director Diaz: A year.

Vice Mayor Mena: So, the expectation when we purchase brand new speed limit signs for the entire city was that they would last a year?

Public Works Director Diaz: No. Certainly not the expectation that they were going to go bad, and we wanted to make sure whatever we purchase the next time, and we are looking to make sure that we look at the specs of the purchase. What was provided was what we expect, maybe we want to go a little higher now, something a little better so this doesn't happen.

Vice Mayor Mena: We've seen this happen in other areas, whether it be fountains, whether it be crosswalks, whether it be signage. The notion that the manufacturer and/or producer of a product that we are buying needs to warrant that its fit for the purpose which we are buying it for needs to be a bigger factor in contracts that we enter into, because to me it's ludicrous that speed limit signs that we know are going to be out in the sun are faded in less than a year, sorry, in just over a year, and therefore out of warranty.

Public Works Director Diaz: Inaudible.

Vice Mayor Mena: Okay. Well, I don't know how long they've been faded, but we know that's going to be an issue. Same thing with the fountains. Again, I would ask that as we move forward with any contracts, whether it be through a bidding process or otherwise, that that factor of the manufacturer warranting the product be an issue of importance, so that we don't continue to get caught with things that don't work for their intended purpose.

City Manager Iglesias: It is an important issue and we'll be looking; we'll make sure that we have a second look at that.

Commissioner Anderson: I would think that hand quality. If you put paint on a boat that...paint, that stuff lasts for decades.

Mayor Lago: Just to add a little bit more to your comment. I sent over to staff - if you look at the trolley signs on Ponce, if you look at the fire hydrants in the downtown, if you look at the bus stops, they are all faded. These are all county signs. They are absolutely faded. If you look where the Commissioners and Vice Mayor and the Mayor parks, those are city signs, they are faded also.

Public Works Director Diaz: I've asked for those to be fixed up.

Mayor Lago: We also need to do - we are going to drive, we are going to take a drive, that's my other point that I'm going to make now, and I'm going to point out a

lot of things to you that maybe you don't pick up or you are going to see things that don't belong in Coral Gables, shouldn't be, and one of those is the county has to refresh their signage. It's been there for 30-40 years, 20 years they haven't done anything. Do you have anything else you want to add or no?

Vice Mayor Mena: No, no, no. I think it's what you're saying. Look, if you tell me that that just is what it is and that's the expected lifespan for certain types of products, I'll live with that, but what I want to make sure is that, if there is a better product out there even if it's a little more expensive on the front end, but it's a better product it's going to last that we consider it.

Public Works Director Diaz: As we are replacing that, that's what we are going to be looking at.

Mayor Lago: So, I have a few things that I want to mention. I want to remind the residents that today at 5:30 we have a Sunshine meeting for the purpose of discussing the MF4 Zoning District, including height, floor area ratio, and the Mediterranean Bonus. We have submitted this via two notifications to a radius of 1,500 feet. We have submitted this along with the Zoom link via e-mail. We have put this on all our social media. We have done everything we can. We have exhausted all channels in an effort to be as transparent as possible and ensure that everyone could attend the 5:30 meeting today. Want to make sure that we put that on the record.

City Manager Iglesias: Mayor, I just want to say that we sent 1,728 notices twice.

Mayor Lago: Yes.

City Manager Iglesias: A total of 3,496 notices. The City Clerk posted online on February 9th, on the city calendar on February 9th; appeared on E-NEWS February 9th; e-mails were sent to the HOA's; e-mails were sent to important members.

Mayor Lago: Last night we sent another 30,000 e-mails in an effort to make sure that everybody had the Zoom link. So, I want to make sure that we thank staff for their efforts because they tirelessly attempted to do their best in an effort to get as many people's eyes and ears engaged in the 5:30 discussion Sunshine meeting that we are having today.

City Manager Iglesias: And this Mayor, the Sunshine meeting does not require this kind of notice.

Mayor Lago: We went above and beyond.

Commissioner Fors: And it's here, not at the CMR.

Mayor Lago: I have a few more things I wanted to mention. I think Commissioner Anderson also had this issue, but she may have forgotten to bring it up. I want to make sure that our staff is not picking up cardboard that is in the trash pit. I've seen it in my neighborhood where there is cardboard, I drive out of work, drive to work, somebody has put cardboard in the pit. I come back for something else and its gone. I want to make sure that our employees are leaving the cardboard that's in the trash pits so that Code Enforcement can address it. We've seen a lot of progress. We are diverting a lot of the cardboard from the trash pits into the recycling, which is going to save us a lot of money, but I want to make sure that staff understands do not pick up the cardboard if it's in the trash pits, okay. Number three, we are having a field trip, going to have a trolley, it's going to be exciting. I've been looking forward to this for a long time. Everybody is invited. We are going to Sunshine the meeting. The Clerk's having a heart attack because it's a moving Sunshine meeting. The purpose of this trip, this field trip, excuse me, is going to be to drive up and down our city to see areas where development agreements are not being followed. Let me give you an example. Look at Merrick Park. Look at all the landscaping on Merrick Park - all dead. Look at the fountain circle - all dead. The hedges that have grown to four and five feet are not meant to be four and five feet. Number one, it's a nuisance for people crossing the street, it's an accident waiting to happen and that goes to show you that those are hedges that have been there for 10 or 15 years that have not been replaced. Let me give you an example of something that, again, upholds the standards of the City Beautiful. On the corner of Ponce and Miracle Mile, you have Crema where everybody goes to get coffee. For three months we've been trying for them to plant something on the swale. Finally, this week something was planted. I know that the city went over there at one point and put some mulch down to appease me, but I'm not sure who planted those trees. Now, but those trees you have some green island fichus that have been planted there now, so it looks a lot better. Think about going through Christmas on Main and Main in your main street and not having any type of landscaping, just dirt. For a building of a size of that building, you know we expect more. The purpose of the trip is to go up and down and acknowledge areas that are troublesome in the city, especially in the North Gables that are unkept. They deserve the same standards as we do. The city has not refreshed any of the landscaping on Ponce and the main streets for many, many years. There's a lot of garbage in the landscaping. There's a lot of things that need to be taken care of, and the field trip is to show that. Also, the signage in Merrick Park is rusted, the signs have fallen off. Its time, it's time for people to be held accountable to the same standards that the City of Coral Gables hold itself and that we hold our residents to. That's going to be coming up. Do you know what date that is, or no? I don't remember, but it's coming up.

City Manager Iglesias: It's in our calendar.

Mayor Lago: Yes. So, it's coming up and I welcome everyone to join us. It will be

two hours; it should be a great time. The final point that I want to make is, I imagine that my colleagues are also getting this notification from residents who are in high traffic areas where they can't keep their landscaping or their grass in one piece, because you have the mailman that comes by and tears up all the grass, or delivery drivers who park themselves on the grass and destroy the grass. I'm going to give you two examples here that I have pictures of. I have many more, but I forgot them.

City Clerk Urquia: Mr. Mayor its March 7th.

Mayor Lago: March 7th is our field trip. Looking forward to anyone who wants to attend. This is important also. This is a home that I was going to talk about also that's been vacant and abandoned here in the city, and I want to understand how is it that this home still is in this position, and it has not been addressed.

City Attorney Ramos: Mayor, if you'll provide us with the address, we can give you an update.

Mayor Lago: Yes. It's a bank foreclosure in the North Gables and it's gotten to the point where it's unacceptable. Do you have the other pictures of the swale? So, my point is that those weren't the photos, my point is that you're starting to see a lot of residents start to put a trim on their swale, of like crushed granite - 6 inches, 8 inches, a foot, and many people are starting to ask me, why isn't that allowed throughout the City of Coral Gables, like a trim around the swale in an effort to try to keep their grass in one piece. I'll include the pictures in the next Commission meeting, but I think that we need to figure something out, because you're starting to see a proliferation of this aisle of barrier being put all over the city; and it's not allowed by code. Here you go, here's an example. This is on San Amaro, excuse me, this is on Alhambra, I apologize, this is one of my neighbors.

City Manager Iglesias: And Mayor, we have the swale package.

Mayor Lago: Yes.

City Manager Iglesias: The swale package is available; Deena is very good at that. We are looking at what you're talking about now, and whether how that's going to work out, but we do have a swale package, but that is something different, I think.

Mayor Lago: So, this individual, this individual here, I drive by his house every single day. Many people here know who this is on the Commission, and he has replaced his grass probably 30 or 40 times, and this is right on Alhambra, a block away from Blue Road, and he's says Vince, I've gotten to the point where I'm tired of putting the grass down. I don't know what else to do. I can't keep this going every month, replacing the grass, removing the grass. If it's not the mail man, its somebody.

City Manager Iglesias: Mayor that is outrageous.

Mayor Lago: Its constant.

City Manager Iglesias: It's outrageous.

Mayor Lago: And then I have another picture that I put there.

City Manager Iglesias: That's really not parking, that's damaging the swale.

Mayor Lago: I see that constantly by my neighborhood. By the way, this is my street. This is my driveway. I cannot get that small patch - why can't I get drivers, for some reason they can't stay on the street, so what they do, they go on that patch there. What recourse do I have? I've already replaced that patch of grass maybe a dozen times. I don't know what else to do, and I don't want to put rocks there because I know the rocks aren't allowed.

City Manager Iglesias: We do have these swale package, but those swale packages are more for areas that you want to maybe have some parking. So are actually discussing this situation now to see how we can tweak that, to how we can take care of some of these areas. That's in discussion right now. It can change the whole character.

Mayor Lago: I just want to bring it to your attention.

City Manager Iglesias: So, we just have to be careful with that.

Mayor Lago: That I'm dealing with this along with several of my neighbors, we are dealing with this. Again, every Saturday and Sunday I go, I pick it all up, put it together. I push back the soil. I compact it. Monday or Tuesday I wake up and its basically like this.

Public Works Director Diaz: And what we've been looking at is potentially applying that very same treatment that you use for parking on the swales, where you can do that trimming using that very same material, its already allowed for parking. Just one of the things that we are looking to amend that swale package to allow for that.

City Manager Iglesias: We are working that out with Deena. We need to look at that carefully, because if you allow it, then you are changing the character.

Mayor Lago: But it has to be something that is uniform. So, if it's going to be an 8-inch lip or a 10-inch lip or a 6-inch lip, obviously its good for water percolation, but

it also when a person drives over it, it will serve as a notice that they are off the road. Here, that area is very moist, and they just tear up - I get it fixed probably on a monthly basis, but its up to the point where I don't know what else to do.

Commissioner Anderson: I notice that some plants are more variegated, drivers see them more. Just one last final note. Hopefully by the time we have our field trip, the sidewalk issue that I discussed with the City Manager across from the Police Station is all resolved.

City Manager Iglesias: That has gone to the Code Enforcement Board. There are fines being assessed and the Public Works Director is looking at the options with the City Attorney's office that we have on the trees and the sidewalk.

Mayor Lago: So, Commissioner, I brought that up to the Manager, probably about six or eight months ago, and we started fining them in regard to that sidewalk. Our hands are tied. It only infuriates me more when you see it on Tweeter or on social media, and they make an example of us saying that we're not being thoughtful enough in regard to the disabled community, because we take great care in that, and we are very thoughtful. Outside of just going and ripping it out and doing it ourselves, what other options do we have? We've gone the fine route. We have a lien. The property owner does not want to comply. Can we just take corrective measures?

City Manager Iglesias: That's what the Public Works Director is working with the City Attorney's office to make sure that we correctly replace the sidewalk. Remember the trees are also an issue, trees are on private property, those stones need to be removed. So, we are working on those corrective measures just to take care of it.

Mayor Lago: So, when do you think you'll be ready to discuss the issue of the swale package of that trim.

Public Works Director Diaz: April.

Mayor Lago: Alright. Mr. Clerk, I'd like in April to have a discussion, and I'll get more photos, especially in my neighborhood, addressing the issue of the trim on the swales and to see if its even a viable option, and if we can offer it as one of the swale packages.

City Manager Iglesias: It's been interesting, we just have to look at that because it's a big change.

Mayor Lago: It is a big change.

City Manager Iglesias: So, we need to assess it.

Mayor Lago: It is a big change, but what looks better; a small little piece of gravel that's tastefully manicured or mud up and down the block. I just don't know.

City Manager Iglesias: What we are looking at Mayor, is maybe doing it in those areas that need to have it done, that are highly affected, maybe corners, intersections, things like that. That person went two feet off into the right-of-way - amazing. Almost like lost control of the car.

Vice Mayor Mena: That happens everywhere though.

Mayor Lago: That's constant though.

Vice Mayor Mena: It happens everywhere.

Commissioner Anderson: It does. It doesn't have to be a corner.

Vice Mayor Mena: Yes, it doesn't. Its usually a mailman, frankly, and it's usually where you have the water sort of coming off the street, coming off the yard and its extra moist in those places.

Commissioner Anderson: Tears it up.

Mayor Lago: That's it. You have a catch basin right there. Alright. Well, thank you staff, thank you Mr. Manager. Madam City Attorney congratulations once again.

City Attorney Ramos: Thank you Mayor.

Mayor Lago: Thank you to everyone who attended and your comments. Hope you have a wonderful day. Meeting adjourned.

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ADJOURNMENT

[Note for the Record: There being no further business on the Regular City Commission Meeting Agenda. The Commission of the City of Coral Gables adjourned its meeting at 2:47 p.m. The next Regular Meeting of the City Commission has been scheduled for Tuesday, March 8, 2022, beginning 9 a.m.]

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