

# **City of Coral Gables**

*405 Biltmore Way  
Coral Gables, FL 33134  
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## **Agenda - Final Revised**

**Tuesday, October 10, 2023**

**9:00 AM**

**City Hall, Commission Chambers**

### **City Commission**

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

*Peter J. Iglesias, P.E., City Manager  
Cristina M. Suárez, City Attorney  
Billy Y. Urquia, City Clerk*

The City of Coral Gables will be holding its Regular Meeting on Tuesday, October 10, 2023, 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](http://www.coralgables.com/commissionmeetings)) once the meeting's agenda is published or by sending an email to [cityclerk@coralgables.com](mailto: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/cgtv](http://www.coralgables.com/cgtv)) as well as Channel 77 on Comcast.

**INVOCATION**

*Rev. Timothy Fleck - St. Thomas Episcopal Church*

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

- A.-1. [23-6383](#) Presentation of a Proclamation declaring October 10, 2023 as "Commissioner Maria Anderson Day" in Coral Gables.
- A.-2. [23-6472](#) Presentation of a Proclamation declaring October 14, 2023 as "E-Waste Day" in Coral Gables.
- A.-3. [23-6494](#) Presentation of a Proclamation declaring September 15, 2023 to October 15, 2023 as "Hispanic Heritage Month" in Coral Gables.
- A.-4. [23-6428](#) Presentation of a Proclamation declaring October 2023 as "Disability Acceptance Month" in Coral Gables.
- A.-5. [23-6427](#) Presentation of a Proclamation declaring October 2023 as "Breast Cancer Awareness Month" in Coral Gables.
- A.-6. [23-5880](#) Congratulations to Lieutenant Christopher Ayala recipient of the City of Coral Gables "Firefighter of the Month Award" for September 2023.
- A.-7. [23-6366](#) Congratulations to Firefighter Norman Angel recipient of the City of Coral Gables "Firefighter of the Month Award," for the month of October 2023.
- A.-8. [23-6470](#) Congratulations to Officer Alejandro Pino-Perez, recipient of the City of Coral Gables "Officer of the Month Award," for August 2023.

**B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- B.-1. [23-6477](#) First Budget Hearing of September 13, 2023.
- B.-2. [23-6478](#) Second Budget Hearing of September 26, 2023.

## 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. [23-6404](#) A Resolution of the City Commission authorizing Saint Theresa Catholic School to sell alcoholic beverages as part of the Annual Parish School Fair on the school's grounds at 2701 Indian Mound Trail on Friday, December 1, 2023, from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.; on Saturday, December 2, 2023, from 12:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.; and on Sunday, December 3, 2023 from 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., subject to Florida Department of Professional Regulation Requirements.
- D.-2. [23-6419](#) A Resolution of the City Commission granting permission to the Coral Gables Firefighter's Benevolent Association to sell Christmas trees, install a temporary chain link fence, and display an inflatable Santa Claus on the Coral Gables Baptist Church property, located at 5501 Granada Boulevard, starting on or about November 18, 2023 through December 24, 2023.
- D.-3. [22-4948](#) A Resolution of the City Commission authorizing the execution of an agreement for sewer connection for property located outside the City's sewer district at 3991 SW 14th Street, Miami, Florida into the City of Coral Gables wastewater collection / transmission system, subject to the requirements of the Public Works Department, as provided under Chapters 62 and 78 of the City Code, Ordinance Nos. 2007-29 and 2009-39 and Resolution No. 2008-07; and provided that the executed agreement be made part of this resolution.

- D.-4. [23-6354](#) 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 March 9th, 2024 beginning at 11:30 a.m. until 4:00 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.
- D.-5. [23-6423](#) A Resolution of the City Commission authorizing the suspension of vehicular traffic on the 100 Block of Giralda Avenue for an additional two-year period.
- D.-6. [23-6425](#) A Resolution of the City Commission confirming the appointments of Joseph Fadel (Nominated by the Board As A Whole) and Gabriela M McGrath Moreira (Nominated by the Board As A Whole as the High School Representative) to serve as members of the Sustainability Advisory Board, for the remainder of a two (2) year term which began on June 1, 2023 and continues through May 31, 2025.
- D.-7. [23-6488](#) A Resolution of the City Commission confirming the appointment of Richard Bennett (Nominated by City Manager Iglesias) to serve as a member of the Pinewood Cemetery Advisory Board, for remainder of the current term, which began on June 1, 2023 and continues through May 31, 2025.
- D.-8. [23-6493](#) A Resolution of the City Commission appointing Antonio Gonzalez (Nominated by Commissioner Castro) to serve as a member of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, for a two (2) year term which began on June 1, 2023 and continues through May 31, 2025.
- 1. Presentation of Boards and/or Committees minutes requesting no action from the City Commission:**
- 1.-1. [23-6426](#) Budget Audit Advisory Board Meeting of September 6, 2023.
- 1.-2. [23-6406](#) Construction Regulation Board Meeting of September 11, 2023.
- 1.-3. [23-6403](#) Economic Development Board Meeting of September 6, 2023.
- 1.-4. [23-6490](#) Landscape Beautification Advisory Board Meeting of September 14, 2023.
- 1.-5. [23-6476](#) Mayor’s Advisory Council Meeting of August 29, 2023.

1.-6. [23-6421](#) Pinewood Cemetery Board Meeting of May 1, 2023.

1.-7. [23-6405](#) Waterway Advisory Board Meeting of September 6, 2023.

## 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. [23-6397](#) An Ordinance of the City Commission approving the Purchase and Sale Agreement between the City of Coral Gables, a municipal corporation existing under the laws of the State of Florida and C/LeJeune, LLC, a Florida Limited Liability Company, for the Transfer of Development Rights, as defined in Article 16 and Sections 8-114 and 14-204 of the Zoning Code, from the Coral Gables Museum Property, located at 285 Aragon Avenue, Coral Gables, Florida 33134 directing that all proceeds from the Transfer of the Development Rights be placed in the City's Historic Building Fund; and providing for a repealer provision, severability clause and providing for an effective date.

Lobbyist: Jose M. Jimenez

### ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

E.-2. [23-6276](#) An Ordinance of the City Commission providing for text amendments to the City of Coral Gables Official Zoning Code by amending Article 3, "Uses," Section 3-315, "Restaurant, open air dining at ground level and other location," to provide a minimum clear distance for pedestrian traffic within any arcade or loggia that has outdoor seating, providing for repealer provision, severability clause, codification, and providing for an effective date.  
(09 21 23 PZB recommended approval, Vote 6-1)  
(Sponsored by Vice Mayor Anderson)

- E.-3. [23-6473](#) An Ordinance of the City Commission providing for text amendments to the City of Coral Gables Official Zoning Code pursuant to Zoning Code Article 14, "Process," Section 14-212, "Zoning Code Text and Map Amendments," to create carbon concrete requirements, a review procedure, and an appeal process that reduce greenhouse gas emissions, providing for repealer provision, severability clause, codification, and providing for an effective date.  
(Sponsored by Vice Mayor Anderson)
- E.-4. [23-5973](#) An Ordinance of the City Commission providing for text amendments to the City of Coral Gables Official Zoning Code pursuant to Zoning Code Article 14, "Process," Section 14-212, "Zoning Code Text and Map Amendments," to create an open space incentive program within the Central Business District (CBD) to incentivize additional open space by allowing a maximum building height of one hundred and thirty-seven feet and six inches, providing for repealer provision, severability clause, codification, and providing for an effective date. (07 12 23 PZB made no recommendation, Vote 3-2)  
(Sponsored by Commissioner Menendez)
- E.-5. [23-6424](#) An Ordinance of the City Commission amending City Code Chapter 2 "Administration," Article II "City Commission," Section 2-29 "Compensation of Mayor, Commissioners, Travel Allowance, Office Expense, Car Allowance," to adjust the compensation and expense allowance of Mayor and Vice Mayor and to eliminate the car allowance for Mayor and Vice Mayor and providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, and an effective date. (Sponsored by Mayor Lago) (Co-Sponsored by Vice Mayor Anderson)

## F. CITY COMMISSION ITEMS

- F.-1. [23-6368](#) Discussion regarding businesses on Giralda Avenue.  
(Sponsored by Commissioner Castro)
- F.-2. [23-6475](#) Update on the number of petitions received regarding annexation.  
(Sponsored by Commissioner Fernandez)
- F.-3. [23-6487](#) Discussion regarding signs in parking garages for Freebee.  
(Sponsored by Vice Mayor Anderson)
- F.-4. [23-6356](#) A Resolution of the City Commission establishing a protocol for honoring members and former members of the City Commission who have passed.  
(Sponsored by Commissioner Fernandez)
- F.-5. [23-6373](#) A Resolution of the City Commission repealing Resolution No. 2023-203 to allow public comment on all Commission discussion items.  
(Sponsored by Commissioner Castro)

- F.-6. [23-6379](#) A Resolution of the City Commission directing the City Attorney to prepare proposed legislation prohibiting City Commissioners from engaging in business transactions with City employees and with other members of the City Commission.  
(Sponsored by Commissioner Castro)
- F.-7. [23-6468](#) A Resolution of the City Commission directing City Staff to create an income-based sewer assessment grant program, contingent on the receipt of state or federal funding, to provide financial assistance to qualified individuals to pay the special assessment associated with a septic-to-sewer conversion.  
(Sponsored by Vice Mayor Anderson)
- F.-8. [23-6474](#) A Resolution of the City Commission directing City Staff to develop a cost based pilot program to divert green yard waste to more sustainable uses.  
(Sponsored by Vice Mayor Anderson).
- F.-9. [23-6492](#) A Resolution of the City Commission declaring that Coral Gables is a Green Light for Veterans City and directing the City Manager to illuminate City Hall with visible green lighting in observance of Operation Green Light for Veterans and encouraging all residents and business owners to participate in Operation Green Light for Veterans.  
(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)

## G. BOARDS/COMMITTEES ITEMS

None

## H. CITY MANAGER ITEMS

- H.-1. [23-6467](#) A Resolution of the City Commission declaring Principles of Inclusion for all individuals with disabilities, and urging action by national, state and local governments, businesses and residential communities consistent with these principles.
- H.-2. [23-6489](#) A Resolution of the City Commission waiving the competitive process of the Procurement Code, and authorizing the City Manager and City Attorney to negotiate a 90-day license agreement, with a 90-day extension option, to engage a licensee for the operation of the cafe space at the Coral Gables Golf and Country Club.

## I. CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS

None



**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](mailto: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**