

City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Agenda Item F-2
February 25, 2025
Police and Fire Headquarters
2151 Salzedo Street, Coral Gables, FL

City Commission

Mayor Vince Lago

Vice Mayor Rhonda Anderson

Commissioner Melissa Castro

Commissioner Ariel Fernandez

Commissioner Kirk Menendez

City Staff

City Attorney, Cristina Suárez

City Manager, Alberto Parjus

City Clerk, Billy Urquia

Public Speaker(s)

Agenda Item F-2 [1:00 p.m.]

Discussion regarding City Hall landscaping for the Centennial
(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)

Mayor Lago: Moving onto item F-2. This is a simple item, discussion regarding City Hall landscaping for the centennial. Mr. Clerk, would you put up a quick picture. I had this brought to my attention by Dariel, who came to visit me at a meeting in my office hours, I think a month and-a-half ago, two months ago, and talked to be about this opportunity. I thought it was something interesting. I think it would be just another, like we mentioned, with the score, just another layer that again, highlights the beauty of the centennial and why we're celebrating 100 years of the City Beautiful. So, something simple.

City Clerk Urquia: Not sure if cable TV has the photo ready.

Vice Mayor Anderson: A photo is worth a thousand words.

City Clerk Urquia: Mr. Mayor, move onto the next item and then I'll have the picture brought up.

[Note for the Record] The Mayor moved onto F-3 and H-3, which were taken together. F-2 was resumed]

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City Clerk Urquia: Mr. Mayor, before you move on, I have your photo ready to be shared.

Mayor Lago: Perfect. We'll move onto the next item. We'll come back to item F-2, take two seconds. So again, like I said before, Dariel came to visit me in office hours, talked to me a little bit about certain things for the centennial, and this is one of the items that he brought to my attention. Beautiful, simple, and I don't think it will cost too much money, and again, its just another layer on top of layer, on top of layer, of our centennial celebrations and it will get more people engaged as they drive by thousands and thousands of people drive by through the city, so hopefully its another opportunity just to draw more eyes on the centennial and get people engaged. I'd love the support of the Commission in regard to this. I'd like to make a motion in support of this so that the Manager has some direction moving forward.

Commissioner Fernandez: Well, I appreciate your support on this. This is something Deena and I started working on in July when Dariel came to see me. What they've been trying to figure out is a way to elevate it. The flower bed at the time was a little more elevated than it is today, today its kind of flat. So, they've been working on some sort of way to elevate it so it can be visible from the street, but I'll be happy to second, so that we can have official direction for staff to continue to work on it.

Vice Mayor Anderson: I did speak with Deena about it, and it is feasible, just have to start working on it.

Mayor Lago: Just put some potting soil, elevate it, pretty easy.

Vice Mayor Anderson: Yes.

Mayor Lago: Alright. We have a motion and a second.

City Clerk Urquia: All in favor.

All: Aye.

Mayor Lago: Thank you.

Vice Mayor Anderson: No pain.

Mayor Lago: It's great.