

City of Coral Gables

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Agenda - Final

Thursday, September 25, 2025

9:00 AM

City Hall, Commission Chambers

City Commission

*Mayor Vince Lago
Vice Mayor Rhonda Anderson
Commissioner Melissa Castro
Commissioner Ariel Fernandez
Commissioner Richard D. Lara*

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

CALL TO ORDER**ROLL CALL****INVOCATION****PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE****MERRICK MOMENT****A. PRESENTATIONS AND PROTOCOL DOCUMENTS**

- A.-1. [25-9754](#) Presentation of a Proclamation declaring September 25, 2025 as "La Flor Dominicana Day" in Coral Gables.
- A.-2. [25-9619](#) Presentation of a Proclamation declaring September 2025 as "World Alzheimer's Awareness Month" in Coral Gables.
- A.-3. [25-9761](#) Congratulations to Captain Jader Tobon, recipient of the City of Coral Gables "Firefighter of the Month Award," for the month of August 2025.
- A.-4. [25-9733](#) Congratulations to Carlos Gutierrez, Parking Department recipient of the "Employee of the Month Award", for July 2025.
- A.-5. [25-9734](#) Congratulations to Susan Lainfiesta, Community Recreation Department recipient of the "Employee of the Month Award", for August 2025.
- A.-6. [25-9735](#) Congratulations to Norman Clark, Human Resources & Risk Management Department recipient of the "Employee of the Month Award", for September 2025.
- A.-7. [25-9736](#) Congratulations to Marilyn Vazquez - Almedo, Human resources & Risk Management Department recipient of the "Part- Time Employee of the 3rd Quarter Award".
- A.-8. [25-9804](#) Farewell to Human Resources Director Raquel Elejabarrieta.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- B.-1. [25-9793](#) Special Assessment Hearing of September 12, 2025.
- B.-2. [25-9794](#) First Budget Hearing of September 12, 2025.

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. [25-9729](#)

A Resolution of the City Commission authorizing the acceptance and execution of the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Emergency Medical Services (EMS) County Grant #C1013 Letter of Understanding and Agreement from the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners and the State of Florida Department of Health, and authorizing an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Annual Budget to recognize the \$2,961.47 grant as revenue and to appropriate such funds to cover the grant expenditures.

D.-2. [25-9759](#)

A Resolution of the City Commission confirming the appointment of Anabella Smith (Nominated by the Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce) to serve as a member of the Sustainability Advisory Board, for the remainder of a two (2) year term which began on June 1, 2025 and continues through May 31, 2027.

D.-3. [25-9765](#)

A Resolution of the City Commission accepting the recommendation of the Chief Procurement Officer to modify the contract for Fuel Station and Storage Facility Maintenance IFB 2020-016 with Advanced Petroleum Systems, pursuant to Section 2-764 of the Procurement Code entitled "Approval of Change Orders and Contract Modifications".

Lobbyist: N/A

- D.-4. [25-9774](#) A Resolution of the City Commission accepting a recommendation of the Police Department to authorize the award of a purchase and service agreement with Earth Power Solutions, Inc. as a Sole Source procurement in an estimated amount of \$104,776, pursuant to Section 2-689 of the City's Procurement Code.
- Lobbyist: N/A
- D.-5. [25-9777](#) A Resolution of the City Commission authorizing the acceptance of Grant Agreement No. G3G23 with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) in the amount of \$196,000 to be put towards the inception of the Coral Gables Trolley Southern Loop Service; authorizing the City Manager to execute the grant agreement for said financial assistance.
- D.-6. [25-9783](#) A Resolution of the City Commission confirming the appointment of Ignacio Alvarez (Nominated by the Commissioner Castro) to serve as a member of the Planning and Zoning Board, for the remainder of a two (2) year term which began on June 1, 2025 and continues through May 31, 2027.
- D.-7. [25-9784](#) A Resolution of the City Commission authorizing a contract modification to Gavarrete Inc.'s Contract No. IFB 2024-031 pursuant to Section 2-764 of the Procurement Code entitled "Approval of Change Orders and Contract Modifications", to allow for a contract modification in an amount estimated at \$20,000 or not to exceed the available budget, for the Parking Lot 8 and 17 Improvements project.
- Lobbyist: N/A
- D.-8. [25-9786](#) A Resolution of the City Commission authorizing a contract modification to Commercial Interior Contractors, Corp's contract No. IFB 2024-037 pursuant to Section 2-764 of the Procurement Code entitled "Approval of Change Orders and Contract Modifications", to allow for a contract modification in an amount estimated at \$40,000 or not to exceed the available budget, for the Youth Center Gym Floor Renovations project.
- Lobbyist: N/A
- D.-9. [25-9787](#) A Resolution of the City Commission appointing Mayor Lago to serve as a voting member on the Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Board.
- D.-10. [25-9790](#) A Resolution of the City Commission confirming the appointment of Martin Pinilla (Nominated by Mayor Lago) to serve as a member of the City of Coral Gables/ University of Miami Community Relations Committee, for the remainder of a two (2) year term which began on June 1, 2025 and continues through May 31, 2027.

- D.-11. [25-9813](#) A Resolution of the City Commission to authorize a Bid Waiver for the professional services of the construction and preparation of the seasonal Holiday Park, Santa House, and the installation and breakdown of the City's holiday Christmas tree, and authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Plant Professionals, Inc., pursuant to Section 2-691, Special Procurement/Bid Waiver of the Procurement Code, in an estimated amount of \$150,000.00 not to exceed the available budget, for a period of one year.

Lobbyist: N/A

- D.-12. [25-9772](#) A Resolution of the City Commission amending Ordinance No. 2015-17, as amended, to add fees by the Historic and Cultural Arts department, Development Services Department, and the Community Recreation Department; providing for severability, and providing for an effective date.

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

- 1.-1. [25-9327](#) Advisory Board on Disability Affairs Meeting of August 6, 2025.
- 1.-2. [25-9180](#) Arts Advisory Panel Meeting of July 2, 2025.
- 1.-3. [25-9653](#) Arts Advisory Panel Meeting of August 6, 2025.
- 1.-4. [25-9560](#) Cultural Development Board Meeting of July 15, 2025.
- 1.-5. [25-9762](#) Cultural Development Board Meeting of August 19, 2025.
- 1.-6. [25-9788](#) International Affairs Coordinating Council of August 18, 2025
- 1.-7. [25-9782](#) Retirement Board Meeting of August 22, 2025.
- 1.-8. [25-9789](#) Waterway Advisory Board Meeting of August 6, 2025.

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 12:00pm (Agenda Items 2-1 and E-3 are related)

- 2.-1. [25-9810](#) A Resolution of the Historic Preservation Board requesting that the City Commission consider the Historic Preservation Board's previous discussions regarding the location of the Gondola Building as well as the previously issued Certificate of Appropriateness for the reconstruction and location of The Gondola Building prior to approving the proposed new location and proceeding pursuant to Section 1-104 of the City Zoning Code.
- 2.-2. [25-8776](#) A Resolution of the Historic Preservation Board requesting that the City Commission adopt a Resolution authorizing Ad Valorem tax relief for the property located at 717 North Greenway Drive, a Contributing Resource within the "Country Club of Coral Gables Historic District." legally described as Lots 23 and 24, Block 23, Coral Gables Section "B," according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 5, at Page 111 of the Public Records of Miami-Dade County, Florida. (Historic Preservation Board Meeting of March 13, 2025, Vote: 8-0 (one member abstaining).

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 FIRST READING

- E.-1. [25-9791](#) An Ordinance of the City Commission providing for a Text Amendment to the City of Coral Gables Official Zoning Code by amending Appendix A, "Site Specific Zoning Regulations," Section A-67, "Mahi Canal," requiring additional review and approval for all mooring piles, docks, wharves, davits, boat lifts, and similar structures located in MF and MX Districts that abut the Mahi Canal, providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, codification, and providing for an effective date.
- E.-2. [25-9800](#) An Ordinance of the City Commission amending City Code Chapter 2, "Administration," Article III "Boards, Commission, Committees," Section 2-83 "Citizen Input; Addressing the City Commission," to add additional rules of decorum for public meetings; providing for severability clause, repealer provision, codification, and providing for an effective date. (Sponsored by Mayor Lago)

RESOLUTIONS**Time Certain 12:00pm (Agenda Items 2-1 and E-3 are related)**

- E.-3. [25-9780](#) A Resolution of the City Commission pursuant to Zoning Code Article 1, "General Provisions," Section 1-104 "Jurisdiction and applicability," approving the location of the Gondola Building, located at the site of Biltmore Hotel Golf Course, Coral Gables, Florida; a lengthy legal description is on file; providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, and providing for an effective date.

F. CITY COMMISSION ITEMS**Time Certain 11:00am (Agenda Item F-1)**

- F.-1. [25-9660](#) Swale Package Update.
(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)
- F.-2. [25-9655](#) Update regarding the Art Cinema Expansion timeline.
(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)
- F.-3. [25-9758](#) Update on Youth Center conceptual design.
(Sponsored by Commissioner Castro)
- F.-4. [25-9818](#) Update regarding FDOT projects in response to April 21, 2025 requests.
(Sponsored by Vice Mayor Anderson)
- F.-5. [25-9796](#) A Resolution of the City Commission establishing a Senior Relief Grant Fund for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 and directing City staff to identify a source of funding.
(Sponsored by Commissioner Fernandez)
- F.-6. [25-9797](#) A Resolution of the City Commission establishing a Veterans with Disabilities Relief Grant Fund for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 and directing City staff to identify a source of funding.
(Sponsored by Commissioner Fernandez)

Time Certain 11:30am (Agenda Item F-7)

- F.-7. [25-9798](#) A Resolution of the City Commission co-designating Indian Mound Trail as "St. Theresa's Little Way" in honor of the Centennial Celebration of the Church of the Little Flower and St. Theresa Catholic School.
(Sponsored by Commissioner Fernandez)

F.-8. [25-9801](#) A Resolution of the City Commission adopting Mayor Lago's 2025-2027 Strategic Priorities Plan.
(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)

F.-9. [25-9746](#) A Resolution of the City Commission directing the raising of the Flag of the State of Israel at City Hall on October 7, 2025 in mourning and honor of the victims of the October 7, 2023 terrorist attack on Israel.
(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)

G. BOARDS/COMMITTEES ITEMS

G.-1. [25-9764](#) A Resolution of the City Commission amending the Art in Public Places Program: Funding, Goals, and Implementation Guidelines to align with the updated Art in Public Places Zoning Code (recommended by the Cultural Development Board approval/denial vote: 6 to 0).

H. CITY MANAGER ITEMS

H.-1. [25-9814](#) Centennial Concert Update.

H.-2. [25-9775](#) A Resolution of the City Commission accepting the recommendation of the Chief Procurement Officer to award Storm Water System Cleaning to Flotech Environmental, LLC, as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder in an amount not to exceed budgeted funds, pursuant to Invitation for Bids (IFB) 2025-020 and Section 2-763 of the City's Procurement Code entitled "Contract Award".

Lobbyist: N/A

H.-3. [25-9792](#) A Resolution of the City Commission authorizing the acceptance of Amendment No. 2 to Grant Agreement No. LPA0271 with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) in the amount of \$500,000, providing for an extension to the Coral Gables Storm Water Master Plan Project from October 2025 to March 2027; authorizing the City Manager to execute the amendment to this agreement with FDEP, for said financial assistance.

Lobbyist: N/A

H.-4. [25-9795](#) A Resolution of the City Commission approving a Parking Management Agreement between The Biltmore Hotel Limited Partnership and the City of Coral Gables to allow the operator of the Biltmore Hotel to implement and manage a paid parking system at the West Parking Lot.

H.-5. [25-9616](#) A Resolution of the City Commission approving the City's 2026 Legislative Priorities in substantially the attached form.

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, Telephone: 305-722-8686, TTY/TDD: 305-442-1600), at least three (3) business days before the meeting.