City of Coral Gables

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Meeting Minutes

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

The meeting was called to order at 9:04 a.m.

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) Resolution(s) adopted (Resolution No. 2025-362 through Resolution No. 2025-385); (b) Video; (c) Audio Recording; (d) Minutes Folder with Agenda and background information, including items which were submitted at the meeting.

ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Mayor Lago, Vice Mayor Anderson, Commissioner Castro, Commissioner Fernandez and Commissioner Lara

INVOCATION

Deputy City Clerk Yolande A. Davis gave the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

City Clerk Urquia led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MERRICK MOMENT

Joanne Meagher led the Merrick Moment.

A. PRESENTATIONS AND PROTOCOL DOCUMENTS

A.-1. Presentation of a Proclamation declaring September 25, 2025 as "La Flor Dominicana Day" in Coral Gables.

Vice Mayor presented a proclamation recognizing La Flor Dominicana, a globally respected premium cigar company founded by Lito and Inez Gomez. proclamation celebrated the companies over 30-year legacy craftsmanship, innovation, and commitment to family values, which have significantly contributed to the global cigar industry. Coral Gables has proudly served as the company's headquarters, and its international acclaim continues to elevate the city's profile. The city officially declared September 25, 2025, as La Flor Dominicana Day. Mr. Gomez, in his remarks, expressed deep gratitude for the honor, reflecting on the company's humble beginnings, its growth into a global brand, and the joy their products bring to people during life's celebratory moments. He also emphasized the couple's pride in being long-time residents and business owners in Coral Gables.

This Presentation/Protocol Document was Presented and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 1

A.-2. 25-9619

Presentation of a Proclamation declaring September 2025 as "World Alzheimer's Awareness Month" in Coral Gables.

Commissioner Lara introduced a proclamation declaring September 2025 as World Alzheimer's Awareness Month in Coral Gables. The proclamation highlighted the devastating impact of Alzheimer's disease, particularly in Miami-Dade County, which has the highest prevalence of the disease in the nation among residents aged 65 and older. It emphasized the emotional, physical, and financial toll on families and caregivers, noting that Alzheimer's is the only leading cause of death in the U.S. that cannot be prevented, cured, or slowed. The proclamation also recognized the tireless efforts of caregivers and the importance of continued research and advocacy. Commissioner Lara, who serves as Chair of Development for Easterseals South Florida, underscored the city's commitment to supporting affected individuals and encouraged residents to participate in awareness and fundraising efforts.

This Presentation/Protocol Document was Presented and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 2

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.

Attachments: Cover Memo, FF of the Month, August 2025
August 2025 FF of the Month ltr

Fire Chief de la Rosa acknowledged Captain Jader Tobon as the Firefighter of the Month, commending his exemplary leadership, professionalism, and mentorship within the Coral Gables Fire Department. Captain Tobon, a senior officer with 18 years of service, was praised for his role in shaping the careers of younger firefighters and for being a consistent and positive influence at the station level. The Chief emphasized that captains like Tobon are often the most impactful figures in a firefighter's career. In his remarks, Captain Tobon expressed heartfelt appreciation for the recognition, stating that his work never feels like a job due to his passion for serving the community and working alongside a dedicated team.

This Presentation/Protocol Document was Presented and Filed

A.-4. 25-9733

Congratulations to Carlos Gutierrez, Parking Department recipient of the "Employee of the Month Award", for July 2025.

Attachments: Employee Nomination - Carlos Gutierrez

Carlos Gutierrez, Parking Supervisor, was honored as the Employee of the Month for July 2025, and presenting the award was Jose Rodriguez-Assistant HR Director and Monica Beltran Director of the Parking Department. Carlos was recognized for his outstanding leadership, particularly in boosting team morale and productivity. He was credited with fostering a positive work environment, encouraging healthy habits among his team, and significantly reducing complaints from the public. Carlos was also acknowledged for his personal commitment to wellness, having lost 70 pounds, which inspired his team to adopt healthier lifestyles. In his remarks, Carlos expressed gratitude to his officers, attributing his success to their hard work and dedication. He also celebrated his 20-year milestone with the city, describing Coral Gables as a family-oriented and fulfilling place to work.

This Presentation/Protocol Document was Presented and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 4

A.-5. 25-9734

Congratulations to Susan Lainfiesta, Community Recreation Department recipient of the "Employee of the Month Award", for August 2025.

Attachments: Employee Nomination - Susan Lainfiesta

Susan Lainfiesta, Special Events Manager in the Community Recreation Department, was named Employee of the Month for August 2025. She was recognized for her exceptional leadership by Fred Couceyro-Community Recreation Department in planning and executing major city events such as the Fourth of July celebration, the Pumpkin Patch, and the Christmas Tree Lighting. Her ability to coordinate across multiple departments and her commitment delivering high-quality, community-focused events were highly praised. Susan delivered an emotional and heartfelt speech, thanking her mentors, colleagues, and family for their support. City officials commended her humility, tireless work ethic, and dedication to excellence, noting that she consistently puts the city and its residents first. Her behind-the-scenes efforts were described as instrumental in making city events successful and memorable.

This Presentation/Protocol Document was Presented and Filed

A.-6. 25-9735

Congratulations to Norman Clark, Human Resources & Risk Management Department recipient of the "Employee of the Month Award", for September 2025.

<u>Attachments:</u> Employee of the Month Nomination Form - Norman Clark

Norman Clark Jr. and Marilyn, both from the Human Resources Department, were jointly recognized for their outstanding contributions to public safety hiring. Norman was named Employee of the Month for September 2025, and Marilyn was honored as Part-Time Employee of the Quarter. Together, they processed thousands of applications for police officers, firefighters, and emergency dispatchers, providing a high level of personalized support to candidates. Their work was described as meticulous, timely, and essential to maintaining the City's high standards for public safety personnel. In his remarks, Norman expressed deep appreciation for the support of the HR team, the police and fire departments, and his leadership. He also praised Marilyn for her dedication and partnership. Marilyn echoed his sentiments, thanking the recruitment team and expressing gratitude for the opportunity to contribute meaningfully to the City's mission.

This Presentation/Protocol Document was Presented and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 6

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".

Attachments: PT Nomination Form - Marilyn Vazquez-Almedo

Norman Clark Jr. and Marilyn, both from the Human Resources Department, were jointly recognized for their outstanding contributions to public safety hiring. Norman was named Employee of the Month for September 2025, and Marilyn was honored as Part-Time Employee of the Quarter. Together, they processed thousands of applications for police officers, firefighters, and emergency dispatchers, providing a high level of personalized support to candidates. Their work was described as meticulous, timely, and essential to maintaining the City's high standards for public safety personnel. In his remarks, Norman expressed deep appreciation for the support of the HR team, the police and fire departments, and his leadership. He also praised Marilyn for her dedication and partnership. Marilyn echoed his sentiments, thanking the recruitment team and expressing gratitude for the opportunity to contribute meaningfully to the City's mission.

This Minutes was Presented and Filed

A.-8. 25-9804 Farewell to Human Resources Director Raquel Elejabarrieta.

The City Manager and members of the commission honored Raquel Elejabarrieta, Director of Human Resources and Risk Management, as she prepared to transition to a new role in the private sector. Raquel was praised for her exceptional leadership, strategic vision, and unwavering commitment to the City's workforce. She played a pivotal role in labor negotiations, policy development, and employee support initiatives, including disability affairs. In her farewell remarks, Raquel expressed profound gratitude to the City Manager for his mentorship and trust, to her HR team for their professionalism and dedication, and to her fellow directors for their collaboration and camaraderie. She reflected on her nine-year journey with the City, describing it as both challenging and deeply rewarding. City officials acknowledged her legacy of service and expressed their appreciation for her lasting impact on the organization.

This Presentation/Protocol Document was Presented and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 8

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

B.-1. 25-9793 Special Assessment Hearing of September 12, 2025.

Attachments: Special assessment meeting

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

Yeas: 5 - Vice Mayor Anderson, Commissioner Castro, Commissioner Fernandez, Commissioner Lara and Mayor Lago

City Clerk Item No. 9

B.-2. 25-9794 First Budget Hearing of September 12, 2025.

Attachments: First Budget Meeting

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

Yeas: 5 - Commissioner Castro, Commissioner Fernandez, Commissioner Lara, Vice Mayor Anderson and Mayor Lago

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

City Clerk Item No. 11

D. CONSENT AGENDA

Passed the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Castro to Approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Yeas: 5 - Vice Mayor Anderson, Commissioner Castro, Commissioner Fernandez, Commissioner Lara and Mayor Lago

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-362

D.-1. <u>25-9729</u>

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.

Attachments: Cover Memo - EMS Grant 2025-2026

Draft Resolution - EMS Grant 2025

2025 EMS Agreement

EMS Allocation

2025 EMS County Disbursement

R-2025-362 - Signed

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION **AUTHORIZING** THE ACCEPTANCE AND EXECUTION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 MEDICAL **EMERGENCY** 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.

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2025-362 BY VOICE VOTE

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.

Attachments: Cover Memo - Anabella Smith - Sustainability

Draft Resolution - Anabella Smith - Sustainability

R-2025-363 - Signed

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT ANABELLA OF 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.

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2025-363 BY VOICE VOTE

City Clerk Item No. 13

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-364

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

<u>Attachments:</u> Contract Supplemental - Executed Agreement

Contract Supplemental - Pricing

Draft Agenda Cover Memo - IFB 2020-016 - Amendment 1

Resolution - IFB 2020-016 AMENDMENT 1 - Executed R-2025-364 - Signed

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSION CITY **ACCEPTING** THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER MODIFY THE CONTRACT FOR FUEL STATION AND STORAGE FACILITY **IFB** 2020-016 WITH ADVANCED PETROLEUM MAINTENANCE SYSTEMS, PURSUANT TO SECTION 2-764 OF THE PROCUREMENT CODE ENTITLED "APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDERS AND CONTRACT MODIFICATIONS," ON A MONTH-TO-MONTH BASIS NOT TO EXCEED THE AVAILABLE BUDGET.

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2025-364 BY VOICE VOTE

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

<u>Attachments:</u> DRAFT-2025-UPS Maintenance Batteries-Agenda Cover Memo-DRAFT-2025-09-

DRAFT-2025-City Resolution - 2025-Police UPS Maintenance Contract.docx

SS 2025-142 UPS Batteries.pdf

R-2025-365 - Signed

RESOLUTION OF Α THE CITY COMMISSION ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION TO AUTHORIZE THE **AWARD** OF Α **PURCHASE** SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH EARTH POWER SOLUTIONS, INC., IN AN **ESTIMATED** OF \$104,776 AS "SOLE SOURCE AMOUNT Α PROCUREMENT," **PURSUANT** TO SECTION 2-689 OF THE CITY'S PROCUREMENT CODE.

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2025-365 BY VOICE VOTE

City Clerk Item No. 15

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-366

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.

Attachments: G3G23 - Trolley Southern Loop

Reso - Trolley Southern Loop
Cover Memo - Trolley Southern Loop

R-2025-366 - Signed

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION **AUTHORIZING** THE ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT AGREEMENT NO. G3G23 WITH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT) IN THE **AMOUNT** \$196,000 TO BE PUT TOWARDS THE INCEPTION OF THE CORAL GABLES TROLLEY SOUTHERN LOOP SERVICE; AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE GRANT AGREEMENT FOR SAID FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2025-366 BY VOICE VOTE

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.

Attachments: Draft Resolution - Ignacio Alvarez - Planning

Cover Memo - Ignacio Alvarez - Planning

R-2025-367 - Signed

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.

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2025-367 BY VOICE VOTE

City Clerk Item No. 17

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-368

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

Attachments:

AGENDA ITEM Agenda Cover Memo - Parking Lots 8 and 17 Improvements

AGENDA ITEM Resol - Parking Lots 8 and 17 Improvements

R-2025-368 - Signed

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.

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2025-368 BY VOICE VOTE

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

Attachments: AGENDA ITEM Agenda Cover Memo - Youth Center Gymnasium Flooring Reno

AGENDA ITEM Resol - Youth Center Gymnasium Flooring Renovations

R-2025-369 - Signed

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT MODIFICATION TO COMMERCIAL INTERIOR CONTRACTORS. CONTRACT NO. IFB 2024-037 PURSUANT TO SECTION 2-764 OF THE PROCUREMENT CODE ENTITLED APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDERS AND MODIFICATIONS", TO **ALLOW** FOR Α CONTRACT MODIFICATION IN AN AMOUNT **ESTIMATED** \$40,000 OR ΑT NOT EXCEED THE AVAILABLE BUDGET, FOR THE YOUTH CENTER GYM FLOOR RENOVATIONS PROJECT.

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2025-369 BY VOICE VOTE

City Clerk Item No. 19

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-370

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.

<u>Attachments:</u> TPO welcoming letter to Coral Gables 2025

2025- Resolution TPO Membership and Appointment SMT

Cover Memo TPO Resolution

R-2025-370 - Signed

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, APPOINTING MAYOR VINCE LAGO TO SERVE AS THE CITY'S VOTING MEMBER ON THE MIAMI-DADE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION ("TPO"); PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2025-370 BY VOICE VOTE

D.-10. <u>25-9790</u>

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.

Attachments: Draft Resolution - Martin Pinilla

Cover Memo - Martin Pinilla - UM Board

R-2025-371 - Signed

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.

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2025-371 BY VOICE VOTE

D.-11. <u>25-9813</u>

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

Attachments: Holiday Park Cover Memo Bid Waiver 2025-2026 Season revised CV

Holiday Park Resolution 2025-2026 Season revised CV

R-2025-372 - Signed

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION AUTHORIZING A BID WAIVER **FOR** THE **PROFESSIONAL SERVICES ASSOCIATED** WITH THE CONSTRUCTION AND PREPARATION OF THE SEASONAL HOLIDAY PARK AND SANTA HOUSE, AS WELL AS THE INSTALLATION AND BREAKDOWN OF THE CITY'S CHRISTMAS TREE: AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A ONE-YEAR CONTRACT WITH PLANT PROFESSIONALS, INC., PURSUANT TO SECTION 2-691, SPECIAL PROCUREMENT/BID WAIVER THE **PROCUREMENT** CODE, IN AN **ESTIMATED AMOUNT** \$150,000.00 NOT TO EXCEED THE AVAILABLE BUDGET.

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2025-372 BY VOICE VOTE

City Clerk Item No. 22

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-373

D.-12. <u>25-9772</u>

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.

Attachments: Agenda Cover - Fee Schedule Changes Sept 25 2025

Agenda Reso- Fee Schedule Changes Sept 25 2025
Proposed Fee Schedule for 10-1-2025 with 9.2025 Changes

R-2025-373 - Signed

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 AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2025-373 BY VOICE VOTE

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

1.-1. 25-9327 Advisory Board on Disability Affairs Meeting of August 6, 2025.

Attachments: Cover Ltr 08 06 25 Meeting

ADA August 6, 2025 Agenda

08 06 25 CITY CLERK OFC Attendance Form

08 06 25 Meeting Minutes

This Matter was approved BY VOICE VOTE

City Clerk Item No. 24

1.-2. 25-9180 Arts Advisory Panel Meeting of July 2, 2025.

Attachments: AAP MeetingMinutes 02 July 2025 DRAFT

This Matter was approved BY VOICE VOTE

City Clerk Item No. 25

1.-3. 25-9653 Arts Advisory Panel Meeting of August 6, 2025.

<u>Attachments:</u> AAP MeetingMinutes 06 August 2025 DRAFT

This Matter was approved BY VOICE VOTE

City Clerk Item No. 26

1.-4. 25-9560 Cultural Development Board Meeting of July 15, 2025.

Attachments: CDB Minutes July 15, 2025 Draft CC

This Matter was approved BY VOICE VOTE

City Clerk Item No. 27

1.-5. 25-9762 Cultural Development Board Meeting of August 19, 2025.

<u>Attachments:</u> CDB Minutes August 19, 2025 Draft CC

This Matter was approved BY VOICE VOTE

City Clerk Item No. 28

1.-6. 25-9788 International Affairs Coordinating Council Meeting of August 18, 2025.

Attachments: IACC Minutes 08-18-2025 BP

This Matter was approved BY VOICE VOTE

1.-7. 25-9782 Retirement Board Meeting of August 22, 2025.

Attachments: CC.08-22-2025 September 25, 2025

Minutes 08-22-2025

This Matter was approved BY VOICE VOTE

City Clerk Item No. 30

1.-8. 25-9789 Waterway Advisory Board Meeting of August 6, 2025.

Attachments: WAB Cover Memo Template

Minutes 8-6-25

This Matter was approved BY VOICE VOTE

City Clerk Item No. 31

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-374

Non <u>25-9831</u> Agenda Item Naming of the Blue Road Open Space.

"A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA RENAMING THE BLUE ROAD OPEN SPACE IN HONOR OF DAVID LAWRENCE JR., AND NAMING THE PLAYGROUND LOCATED AT THE BLUE ROAD OPEN SPACE IN HONOR OF HANNA AND REBECCA LAWRENCE."

A motion was made by Mayor Lago, seconded by Commissioner Fernandez, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2025-374. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas: 5 - Vice Mayor Anderson, Commissioner Castro, Commissioner Fernandez, Commissioner Lara and Mayor Lago

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.

Attachments: COA(SP)2024-035 Memo

HP Gondola Site Photos

HPB Resolution re Gondola Building 8-14-25 meeting

HPB Minutes 12092024

COA Report - SP2024-035 1200 Anastasia Avenue

COA(SP)2024-035Certificate

8-14-25 PW Gondola Building PowerPoint

<u>HPB Minutes 08142025</u> HPB Minutes 07172024

HPB Gondola Building Relocation Cover Memo - 092525

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Item 2-1 is available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk and in Legistar].

This Resolution was Discussed and Filed

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).

Attachments: Before and After Overall Photos

Part Two Application

COA(ST)2019-014 - Letter & Certificate

COA Report - SP2019-014 717 N Greenway Dr.

Part One Application

Part Two Additional Work Photos 1

Part Two Additional Work Photos 2

Part Two Additional Work Photos 3

Part Two Additional Work Photos 4

Part Two Exterior Photos

Part Two Interior Photos 1

MARLIN ARCHITECTURAL SET

Part One Interior Photos

Part One Exterior Photos

AV2020-001 Report

ActionCover-717 N Greenway Drive Ad Valorem

AV2020-001 717 N Greenway Drive AV Resolution Draft

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION GRANTING AD VALOREM TAX EXEMPTION FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO 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 & 24, BLOCK 23, CORAL GABLES SECTION "B," ACCORD- ING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 5, AT PAGE 111, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Fernandez, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2025-378. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas: 5 - Commissioner Fernandez, Commissioner Lara, Vice Mayor Anderson, Commissioner Castro and Mayor Lago

E. PUBLIC HEARINGS

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.

<u>Attachments:</u> 09 25 25 CC - Mahi Canal docks

09 25 25 Exhibit A - Draft Ordinance - Mahi Canal docks

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

Yeas: 5 - Commissioner Castro, Commissioner Fernandez, Commissioner Lara, Vice Mayor Anderson and Mayor Lago

City Clerk Item No. 33

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-29 (As Amended)

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)

Attachments:

Cover Memo- Frist Reading Amending 2-83 Citizen Input Decorum- Mayor Lago 9
Ordinance First Reading Amending 2-83 Citizen Input Decorum- Mayor Lago
Cover Memo- Second Reading Amending 2-83 Citizen Input Decorum- Mayor Lago
Ordinance Second Reading Amending 2-83 Citizen Input Decorum- Mayor Lago
O-2025-29 - Signed

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Item E-2 is available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk and in Legistar].

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

Yeas: 5 - Commissioner Fernandez, Commissioner Lara, Vice Mayor Anderson, Commissioner Castro and Mayor Lago

RESOLUTIONS

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-376 (As Amended)

E.-3. <u>25-9780</u>

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.

Attachments: Agenda Cover Memo Gondola Building Location

Exhibit A DRAFT Resolution Gondola Building Location

Exhibit B Proposed Location

Gondola Building PowerPoint for Commission 09-25-25-FINAL

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.

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Item E-3 is available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk and in Legistar].

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Fernandez, that this matter be adopted as amended by Resolution Number 2025-376. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas: 5 - Vice Mayor Anderson, Commissioner Castro, Commissioner Fernandez, Commissioner Lara and Mayor Lago

City Clerk Item No. 39

F. CITY COMMISSION ITEMS

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

F.-1. 25-9660 Swale Package Update.

(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)

Attachments: SWALE PERMIT REVISION

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Item F-1 is available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk and in Legistar].

This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed

F.-2. <u>25-9655</u> Update regarding the Art Cinema Expansion timeline.

(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Item F-2 is available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk and in Legistar].

This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 37

F.-3. <u>25-9758</u> Update on Youth Center conceptual design.

(Sponsored by Commissioner Castro)

This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 46

F.-4. <u>25-9818</u> Update regarding FDOT projects in response to April 21, 2025 requests.

(Sponsored by Vice Mayor Anderson)

<u>Attachments:</u> Response to Pedestrian Safety and Street Improvement Initiatives.docx

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Item F-4 is available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk and in Legistar].

This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 47

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-382

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)

Attachments: Cover memo-September 25 2025-senior relief fund

September 25 2025 Resolution 24-25 senior relief grant fund

R-2025-382 - Signed

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.

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Item F-5 is available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk and in Legistar].

A motion was made by Commissioner Fernandez, seconded by Commissioner Castro, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2025-382. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas: 5 - Commissioner Fernandez, Commissioner Lara, Vice Mayor Anderson, Commissioner Castro and Mayor Lago

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)

Attachments: Cover memo-September 25-veterans with disabilities relief fund

September 25 2025 Resolution 24-25 veterans with disabilities relief grant

R-2025-383 - Signed

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.

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Item F-6 is available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk and in Legistar].

A motion was made by Commissioner Fernandez, seconded by Vice Mayor Anderson, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2025-383. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas: 5 - Commissioner Lara, Vice Mayor Anderson, Commissioner Castro, Commissioner Fernandez and Mayor Lago

City Clerk Item No. 49

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-375

F.-7. <u>25-9798</u>

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)

Attachments: Cover memo-September 25 2025-Saint Theresas Little Way

September 25 2025 Resolution codesignation St Theresa Little Way

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION DESIGNATING INDIAND MOUND TRAIL AS "SAINT THERESA'S LITTLE WAY" IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF THE CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION OF THE CHURCH OF THE LITTLE FLOWER AND SAINT THERESA CATHOLIC SCHOOL.

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Item F-7 is available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk and in Legistar].

A motion was made by Commissioner Fernandez, seconded by Commissioner Castro, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2025-375. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas: 5 - Commissioner Lara, Vice Mayor Anderson, Commissioner Castro, Commissioner Fernandez and Mayor Lago

F.-8. <u>25-9801</u> A Resolution of the City Commission adopting Mayor Lago's 2025-2027 Strategic Priorities Plan.

(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)

Attachments: Cover Memo- Resolution- Adoption of Mayors strategic priorties Plan - Mayor Lag-

Mayors Strategic Plan 2025 - 2027

Resolution Adoption of Mayors Strategic Priorities Plan 2025-2027

10-14-25 Resolution Adoption of Mayors Strategic Priorities Plan 2025-2027
10-14-25 Cover Memo- Resolution- Adoption of Mayors strategic priorities Plan - N

R-2025-401 - Signed

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Item F-8 is available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk and in Legistar].

This Resolution was Deferred

City Clerk Item No. 45

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-385

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)

<u>Attachments:</u> Cover memo-September 10-flag of Israel

Sept 25 2025 Resolution to display Israeli flag

R-2025-385 - Signed

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION DIRECTING THAT CITY HALL BE ILLUMINATED IN BLUE AND WHITE, THAT A PEACE BANNER BE PLACED ON CITY HALL, AND THAT CITY STAFF ORGANIZE AN INCLUSIVE INTERFAITH EVENT TO HONOR THOSE WHO LOST THEIR LIVES IN THE OCTOBER 7TH ATTACKS.

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Item F-9 is available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk and in Legistar].

A motion was made by Mayor Lago, seconded by Commissioner Fernandez, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2025-385. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas: 5 - Commissioner Castro, Commissioner Fernandez, Commissioner Lara, Vice Mayor Anderson and Mayor Lago

F.-9.

25-9746

G. BOARDS/COMMITTEES ITEMS

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-377

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).

Attachments: CC AiPP Guidelines Amend 1

R-Draft-AiPP Guidelines Amend 1

Exhibit A Guidelines Amend 2025 DRAFT Clean

Guidelines Amend 2025 DRAFT Redline

R-2025-377 with Exhibit - Signed

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION AMENDING THE ART IN PUBLIC PLACES PROGRAM: FUNDING, GOALS, AND IMPLEMENTATION GUIDELINES TO ALIGN WITH THE UP- DATED ART IN PUBLIC PLACES ZONING CODE (RECOM- MENDED BY THE CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD AP- PROVAL/DENIAL VOTE: 6 TO 0).

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Castro, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2025-377. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas: 5 - Commissioner Castro, Commissioner Fernandez, Commissioner Lara, Vice Mayor Anderson and Mayor Lago

City Clerk Item No. 40

H. CITY MANAGER ITEMS

H.-1. 25-9814 Centennial Concert Update.

This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed

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

Attachments: Bid Tabulation - IFB 2025-020 - Voluntary Price Reduction

City Manager Intent to Award Memo - IFB 2025-020

Bid Response - Flotech

<u>Agenda Cover Memo - IFB 2025-020</u> IFB 2025-020 Stormwater System Cleaning

ACCEPTING RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE **CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER** TO **STORMWATER** SYSTEM **FLOTECH AWARD CLEANING** TO ENVIRONMENTAL. LLC. AS THE LOWEST RESPONSIVE AND RESPONSIBLE BIDDER IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED BUDGETED TO INVITATION FOR FUNDS, **PURSUANT** BIDS (IFB) 2025-020 AND SECTION 2-763 OF THE CITY'S **PROCUREMENT** CODE **ENTITLED** "CONTRACT AWARD".

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Fernandez, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2025-379. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas: 5 - Commissioner Lara, Vice Mayor Anderson, Commissioner Castro, Commissioner Fernandez and Mayor Lago

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

Attachments: Resolution - Amendment No. 2 LPA0271

<u>LPA0271 Amendment 2 - For Grantee Signature</u> <u>Cover Memo - Amendment No. 2 LPA0271</u>

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION THE **AUTHORIZING** ACCEPTANCE OF **AMENDMENT** NO. 2 TO GRANT **AGREEMENT** NO. **DEPARTMENT** LPA0271 WITH THE FLORIDA OF **ENVIRON-MENTAL** PROTECTION (DEP) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$500,000, PROVIDING FOR AN EXTENSION TO THE CORAL **GABLES** STORMWATER MASTER PROJECT FROM OCTOBER 2025 TO MARCH 2027; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXE- CUTE THE AMENDMENT TO THIS AGREEMENT WITH FDEP, FOR SAID FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Castro, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2025-380. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas: 5 - Vice Mayor Anderson, Commissioner Castro, Commissioner Fernandez, Commissioner Lara and Mayor Lago

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.

Attachments: CLEAN Parking Management Agreement - West Parking Lot - Biltmore - City of Co

Cover Memo September 25 Biltmore West Parking Lot

Resolution -Biltmore West Parking Lot Parking Management Agreement

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.

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Item H-4 is available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk and in Legistar].

A motion was made by Commissioner Castro, seconded by Vice Mayor Anderson, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2025-381. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas: 4 - Commissioner Castro, Commissioner Lara, Vice Mayor Anderson and

Mayor Lago

Nays: 1 - Commissioner Fernandez

City Clerk Item No. 44

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-384

H.-5. 25-9616

A Resolution of the City Commission approving the City's 2026 Legislative Priorities in substantially the attached form.

Attachments: Cover Memo Template

Reso Template

<u>Legislative policy priorities Draft</u> 2026 Legislative Priorities PPT

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE CITY'S 2026 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE ATTACHED FORM.

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Item H-6 is available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk and in Legistar].

A motion was made by Commissioner Castro, seconded by Commissioner Fernandez, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2025-384. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas: 5 - Vice Mayor Anderson, Commissioner Castro, Commissioner Fernandez, Commissioner Lara and Mayor Lago

City Clerk Item No. 50

I. CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS

None

City Clerk Item No. 51

J. CITY CLERK ITEMS

None

City Clerk Item No. 52

K. DISCUSSION ITEMS

City Clerk Item No. 53

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 3:04 p.m. The next Regular Meeting of the City Commission has been scheduled for Tuesday, October 14, 2025, beginning 9 a.m.]

Billy Y. Urquia City Clerk