

City of Coral Gables

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Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 25, 2025

5:01 PM

Second Budget Hearing

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*

The City of Coral Gables will be holding its Second Budget Hearing on Thursday, September 25, 2025,

commencing at 5:01 p.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) once the meeting's agenda is published or by sending an email to 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) as well as Channel 77 on Comcast.

CALL TO ORDER

The Meeting was called to order at 5:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

1. [25-9815](#) Second Budget Hearing 2025-2026 Presentation.

Attachments: [FY 25-26 Budget Presentation - Sept. 25 2nd Hearing](#)

This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 1

2. [25-9816](#) Public Hearing for obtaining comments relative to Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 2

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-27

3. [25-9529](#) An Ordinance of the City Commission providing for the levy of taxes for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2025, and ending September 30, 2026; fixing the rate of such levy; providing for the segregation and the application of the proceeds of such levy; providing for the separability of the provisions hereof; and providing that this ordinance shall become effective October 1, 2025.

Attachments: [R-2025-265 - Signed - Tentative Millage 7-2-2025](#)
[FY26 Ordinance for Levy of Taxes - 2nd Hearing](#)
[FY26 Cover Letter - Adoption of Tax Levy - 2nd Hearing](#)
[O-2025-27 - Signed](#)

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY OF TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2025 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2026; FIXING THE RATE OF SUCH LEVY; PROVIDING FOR THE SEGREGATION AND THE APPLICATION OF THE PROCEEDS OF SUCH LEVY; PROVIDING FOR THE SEPARABILITY OF THE PROVISIONS HEREOF; AND PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lara, seconded by Vice Mayor Anderson, that this matter be adopted by Ordinance Number 2025-27. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas : 4 - Vice Mayor Anderson, Commissioner Fernandez, Commissioner Lara and Mayor Lago

Nays : 1 - Commissioner Castro

City Clerk Item No. 3

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-28**4. 25-9530**

An Ordinance of the City Commission adopting the Annual Budget of estimated revenues and expenditures for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2025, and ending September 30, 2026; providing for the separability of the provisions hereof; and providing that this Ordinance shall become effective October 1, 2025.

Attachments: [R-2025-265 - Signed - Tentative Millage 7-2-2025](#)
[FY26 Cover Letter - Adoption of Annual Budget - 2nd Hearing](#)
[FY26 Ordinance to approve Annual Budget - 2nd Hearing](#)
[Supporting Schedules - 2nd Hearing 9-25-25](#)
[O-2025-28 - Signed](#)

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF ESTIMATED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2025, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2026; PROVIDING FOR THE SEPARABILITY OF THE PROVISIONS HEREOF; AND PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Lara, that this matter be adopted by Ordinance Number 2025-28. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas : 4 - Commissioner Fernandez, Commissioner Lara, Vice Mayor Anderson and Mayor Lago

Nays : 1 - Commissioner Castro

City Clerk Item No. 4

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-386**5. 25-9817**

A Resolution of the City Commission adopting the Capital Improvement Program for the Fiscal Years 2026 to 2030.

Attachments: [FY26 Resolution to approve FY26-30 Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan](#)
[FY26 Cover Letter - Capital Improvement Program](#)
[FY26-30 CIP - Draft for Budget Hearing Schedule](#)
[R-2025-386 - Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE FIVE FISCAL YEARS FROM 2026 TO 2030.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Fernandez, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2025-386. The motion passed by the following vote.

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

City Clerk Item No. 5

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for this meeting is available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk and in Legistar.]

ADJOURNMENT

[Note for the Record: There being no further business on the Second Budget Hearing Agenda. The Commission of the City of Coral Gables adjourned its meeting at 5:45 p.m.]

Billy Y. Urquia
City Clerk