

City of Coral Gables

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Coral Gables, FL 33134
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Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 13, 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 Wednesday, September 13, 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.

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The Meeting will also be broadcasted live for members of the public to view on the City's website www.coralgables.com/cgty) as well as Channel 77 on Comcast.

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

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

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) Ordinance(s) adopted (Ordinance No. 2023-25 and Ordinance No. 2023-26) (b) Resolution(s) adopted (Resolution No. 2023-209 through Resolution No. 2023-238); (c) Video; (d) Audio Recording; (e) Minutes Folder with Agenda and background information, including items which were submitted at the meeting.

INVOCATION

Jason Burris, Chaplain and Leadership Coach from the University of Miami gave the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Castro led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A. PRESENTATIONS AND PROTOCOL DOCUMENTS

Time Certain 10:00am (Agenda Item A-1)

- A.-1. [23-6166](#) Presentation of a check by Florida State Senator Ileana Garcia.

Mayor Lago introduced Agenda Item A-1 Presentation of a check by Florida State Senator Ileana Garcia. Mayor Lago welcomed and thanked Senator Garcia for two years of bringing record breaking appropriation packages and for advocating for the city. Senator Garcia thanked him and recapped the accomplishments and issues affecting the city and state. She extended an invitation for individuals having problems with Homeowners Insurance to contact her office. Additionally, she is working on property tax reliefs and establishing policies in making the city better. At the end of her presentation, as a thank you gesture Senator Garcia was presented with a portrait to hang in her office as a thank you gesture on behalf of the Mayor and City Commission and the city. Senator Garcia thanked the Mayor and City Commission and stated that she be returning to the city with Senator Alexis Calatayud to present the 1.2-million-dollar check.

This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 1

- A.-2. [23-6205](#) Presentation to honor Ellen Uguccioni, first Director of the Office of Historic Preservation of the City of Coral Gables.

Attachments: [Certificate](#)

Mayor Lago read Agenda Item A-2 and the proclamation into the record honoring Ellen Uguccioni, first Director of the Office of Historic Preservation of the City of Coral Gables. He then requested that former Mayor Dorothy Thomson and Ms. Uguccioni stand at the podium. Ms. Uguccioni thanked Mayor Lago and the City Commission and former Mayor Thomson spoke of the significance of Ms. Uguccioni history with the city, their lifelong relationship, and the book she has written regarding the Biltmore Hotel. Elvis Fuentes, Executive Director of the Coral Gables Museum thanked them both for the memorabilia they donated to the museum and for elected officials who listens to experts finding the synergy and connection regarding the preservation, aesthetics, the quality of life the residents have today and for the amazing work she has done for so many years. Mayor Lago thanked her for her contributions in making Coral Gables a Mediterranean paradise, she will be missed, but know that she will only be a phone call away for future endeavors. Commissioner Menendez spoke of when Ellen first came to the City and they learned so much about historic preservation, the value of their landmarks, and thanked her for the wealth of education he received whenever she spoke. Vice Mayor Anderson also thanked Ellen for all she has done.

This Presentation/Protocol Document was Presented and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 37

- A.-3. [23-6248](#) Congratulations to Fiola on receiving the Keep Coral Gables Beautiful 2023 Commercial Beautification Award.

This Presentation/Protocol Document was Deferred

City Clerk Item No. 10

- A.-4. [23-6229](#) Presentation of a Proclamation declaring September 17 - 23, 2023 as "Constitution Week" in Coral Gables.

Attachments: [Proclamation](#)

Mayor Lago introduced Agenda Item A-4 Presentation of a Proclamation declaring September 17-23, 2023 as "Constitution Week" in Coral Gables and Vice Mayor Anderson read the proclamation. Mayor Lago then acknowledged former Mayors Jim Cason, Dorothy Thomson, and former Commissioner Wayne "Chip" Withers. Both former mayors accepted the proclamation. Former Mayor Thomson thanked the Mayor and City Commission for the proclamation and gave the history of the achievements of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR). She also

mentioned that the plaque regarding DAR at Merrick House was stolen to which the Mayor stated that they will replace it. Former Mayor Cason said that he recognizes the importance of the American Constitution and defending it, and thanked the City Commission for recognizing it because it is the basis of their democracy. Former Mayor Thomson thanked the City Commission for their service.

This Presentation/Protocol Document was Presented and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 2

- A.-5. [23-6309](#) Presentation of a Proclamation declaring September 2023 as "Hunger Action Month" in Coral Gables.

This Presentation/Protocol Document was Deferred

City Clerk Item No. 9

- A.-6. [23-6326](#) Recognition of the Venetian Pool Lifeguards for their life saving efforts.

Attachments: [Venetian Pool Item 09.13.2023](#)
[Venetian Pool Item 09.13.2023](#)

Mayor Lago introduced Agenda Item A-6 Recognition of the Venetian Pool Lifeguards for their life saving efforts. Raquel Elejabarrieta, Human Resources, Labor Relations & Risk Management Director stated that the recognition is to recognize the dedicated employees committed to service in the city who work as Venetian Pool Lifeguards and particularly the 10 lifeguards who on August 13th because of their quick thinking saved a life. Their names were then read into the record, and she thanked them for a job well done. Carolina Vester, Deputy Community Recreation Director introduced the Aquatic Supervisor Jose Villa who is essential to the leadership of the team. She stated that she has much love and respect for the team, and it is where she started her career and knows how difficult the job is. Aquatic Supervisor Villa stressed that the situation could have been worse but because of the training and the standard they hold themselves up to they are able to prevent tragedies. Their quick response during the incident was over in two minutes. He also commended the leadership of their department and the great job the city does in protecting its residents. Deputy Director Vester recognized, in his absence, Daren Gilman, Supervisor/leader, of the team on site that day and she thanked him for his service. Mayor Lago on behalf of the City Commission thanked them all for their service to the city.

This Presentation/Protocol Document was Presented and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 3

- A.-7. [23-5880](#) Congratulations to Lieutenant Christopher Ayala recipient of the City of Coral Gables "Firefighter of the Month Award" for September 2023.

Attachments: [Cover Memo, FF of the Month, September 2023](#)
[FF of the month ltr - September 2023](#)

This Presentation/Protocol Document was Deferred

City Clerk Item No. 6

- A.-8. [23-6285](#) Congratulations to Coral Gables Police Department sworn personnel on their Jiu-Jitsu awards.

Attachments: [COMMISSION COVER MEMO - JIU-JITSU AWARDS](#)

Mayor Lago introduced Agenda Item A-8 and Police Chief Hudak made the presentation regarding the Coral Gables Police Department sworn personnel on their Jiu-Jitsu awards. Police Chief Hudak stated that the program was started to get new officers in the police department out on the street. They have since revised their FTO Program in 2014 and in other areas which he elaborated on and found that the training that an officer receives when in Jiu-Jitsu is beneficial when dealing hands on with subjects in trying to control them. The program isn't mandated and in requiring the best for the residents, they contracted the Valente Brothers, who are considered the best of the best. He thanked the Mayor and City Commission and the Manager for allocating the monies for the program and then read the names of the officers who completed the program. Mayor Lago thanked Police Chief Hudak, City Manager Iglesias, instructors, and the officers for raising the bar in the city in addition to recognizing former City Commissioner Fors, who is to be credited for drafting the legislation for the program. City Manager Iglesias also chimed in with his approval of the program and the benefits to the city's residents.

This Presentation/Protocol Document was Presented and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 7

- A.-9. [23-6287](#) Congratulations to Detective Emir Moises recipient of the City of Coral Gables "Detective of the Quarter," for the second quarter of 2023.

Attachments: [COMMISSION COVER MEMO - DETECTIVE OF THE 2ND QUARTER EMIR MC Detective of the 2nd Quarter 2023 Emir Moises](#)

Police Chief Hudak introduced Detective Emir Moises recipient of the City of Coral Gables "Detective of the Quarter," for the second quarter of 2023. He stated that Detective Moises is being recognized for a case which began in 2017 leading to the capture of Jorge Montero, a violent subject who victimized a resident and during the prosecution of his case, had individuals witness tamper, and threatened the residents who were victimized by the subject. It is because of Detective Moises diligence and dedication to this case, on May 16, 2023 the subject was found guilty, prosecuted, sentenced to 20 years in federal prison and the case was closed. Detective Moises upon receiving his award, thanked the Mayor and City Commission, Police Chief Hudak, and his colleagues for their support in assisting him with the case and noted that it was a team effort. Police Chief Hudak congratulated him and told him that they were proud of him. Mayor Lago thanked them all for all they do for the residents.

This Presentation/Protocol Document was Presented and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 8

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None

City Clerk Item No. 11

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

City Clerk Item No. 12

D. CONSENT AGENDA

Passed the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Commissioner Menendez, seconded by Commissioner Fernandez to Approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-239

D.-1. 23-6304

A Resolution of the City Commission confirming the University of Miami appointments of Niles Niseem Boyd (Student Government President), Justin Tulloch (Inter-Fraternity Council President), David Rivero (Public Safety Director), Maite Alvarez (Executive to the President) and Patricia Whitely (Vice President of Student Affairs) to serve as members of the City of Coral Gables/University of Miami Community Relations Committee, for remainder of the current term, which began on June 1, 2023 and continues through May 31, 2025.

Attachments: [Draft Resolution - University of Miami Community Relations Committee - Numerous Cover Memo - University of Miami Community Relations Committee - Numerous R-2023-239 -Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION CONFIRMING THE UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI APPOINTMENTS OF NILES NISEEM BOYD (STUDENT GOVERNMENT PRESIDENT), JUSTIN TULLOCH (INTER-FRATERNITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT), DAVID RIVERO (PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR), MAITE ALVAREZ (EXECUTIVE TO THE PRESIDENT) AND PATRICIA WHITELY (VICE PRESIDENT OF STUDENT AFFAIRS) TO SERVE AS MEMBERS OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES/UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE, FOR REMAINDER OF THE CURRENT TERM, WHICH BEGAN ON JUNE 1, 2023 AND CONTINUES THROUGH MAY 31, 2025.

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2023-239 BY VOICE VOTE

City Clerk Item No. 13

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-240**D.-2. [23-6306](#)**

A Resolution of the City Commission confirming the appointments of Cecilia Slesnick and Sharon Watson (Nominated by Board-As-A-Whole) to serve as members of the School Community Relations Committee, for a two (2) year term which began on June 1, 2023 and continues through May 31, 2025.

Attachments: [Cover Memo - Board-As-A-Whole - SCRC](#)
[Draft Resolution - Board As A Whole - SCRC](#)
[R-2023-240 -Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENTS OF CECILIA SLESNICK AND SHARON WATSON (APPOINTED BY BOARD-AS-A-WHOLE) TO SERVE AS MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE, FOR A TWO (2) YEAR TERM WHICH BEGAN ON JUNE 1, 2023 AND CONTINUES THROUGH MAY 31, 2025.

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2023-240 BY VOICE VOTE

City Clerk Item No. 14

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-241**D.-3. [23-6307](#)**

A Resolution of the City Commission confirming the appointment of Leticia Milian (Nominated by Board-As-A-Whole) to serve as a member of the Library Advisory Board, for a two (2) year term which began on June 1, 2023 and continues through May 31, 2025.

Attachments: [Draft Resolution - Board As A Whole - Library Board](#)
[Cover Memo - Board-As-A-Whole - Library Board](#)
[R-2023-241- Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF LETICIA MILIAN (NOMINATED BY BOARD-AS-A-WHOLE) TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD, FOR A TWO (2) YEAR TERM WHICH BEGAN ON JUNE 1, 2023 AND CONTINUES THROUGH MAY 31, 2025.

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2023-241 BY VOICE VOTE

City Clerk Item No. 15

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-242**D.-4. [23-6324](#)**

A Resolution of the City Commission confirming the appointment of Thad Adams (Nominated by the Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce) to serve as a member of the Economic Development Board, for the remainder of a two (2) year term which began on June 1, 2023 and continues through May 31, 2025.

Attachments: [Draft Resolution - Thad Adams - Economic Cover Memo - Thad Adams - Economic R-2023-242 -Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF THAD ADAMS (NOMINATED BY THE CORAL GABLES CHAMBER OF COMMERCE) TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD, FOR THE REMAINDER OF A TWO (2) YEAR TERM WHICH BEGAN ON JUNE 1, 2023 AND CONTINUES THROUGH MAY 31, 2025.

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2023-242 BY VOICE VOTE

City Clerk Item No. 16

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-243**D.-5. [23-6325](#)**

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, 2023 and continues through May 31, 2025.

Attachments: [Draft Resolution - Anabella Smith - Sustainability Cover Memo - Anabella Smith - Sustainability R-2023-243 -Signed](#)

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, 2023 AND CONTINUES THROUGH MAY 31, 2025.

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2023-243 BY VOICE VOTE

City Clerk Item No. 17

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

- 1.-1. [23-6164](#) Advisory Board on Disability Affairs July 5, 2023 Meeting

Attachments: [07 05 23 Meeting Mins](#)
[07 05 23 CITY CLERK OFC Attendance Form](#)
[ADA July 5, 2023 Agenda](#)
[Cover Ltr 07 05 23 Meeting](#)

This Matter was approved BY VOICE VOTE

City Clerk Item No. 18

- 1.-2. [23-5862](#) Arts Advisory Panel Meeting of May 3, 2023.

Attachments: [AAP Meeting May 3 2023](#)
[05.03.2023.MinutesforCC09.13.2023](#)

This Matter was approved BY VOICE VOTE

City Clerk Item No. 19

- 1.-3. [23-5887](#) Cultural Development Board Meeting of June 14, 2023.

Attachments: [06.14.2023 MinutesforCC09.13.2023](#)
[CDB Minutes June 14, 2023](#)

This Matter was approved BY VOICE VOTE

City Clerk Item No. 20

- 1.-4. [23-6298](#) Cultural Development Board Meeting of July 18, 2023.

Attachments: [07.18.2023 MinutesforCC09.13.2023](#)
[CDB Minutes July 18, 2023](#)

This Matter was approved BY VOICE VOTE

City Clerk Item No. 21

- 1.-5. [23-6283](#) Economic Development Board Meeting of August 2, 2023.

Attachments: [8-2-23 EDB Meeting Minutes DRAFT](#)

This Matter was approved BY VOICE VOTE

City Clerk Item No. 22

E. PUBLIC HEARINGS

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-27

E.-1. [23-5814](#)

An Ordinance of the City Commission granting Conditional Use for a Building Site Determination approval pursuant to Zoning Code Article 14, "Process", Section 14-202.6, "Building Site Determination" and Section 14-203, "Conditional Uses" to separate two (2) single-family building sites on the property zoned Single-Family Residential (SFR) District, legally described as Lots 21 and 22, Block 3, Coral Estates (631 Zamora Avenue), Coral Gables, Florida; one (1) building site consisting of Lot 21 (east parcel), and the other (1) building site consisting of Lot 22 (west parcel); including required conditions; providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, and providing for an effective date. (07 12 23 PZB recommended approval, Vote 5-0)

Lobbyist: Andre Vazquez

Attachments: [07 12 2023 PZB Staff Report - 631 Zamora w Attachments B - E](#)
[08 22 23 Exhibit A - Application Submittal Package](#)
[08 22 23 Exhibit C - 07 12 2023 PZB Staff Report w attachments](#)
[08 22 23 Exhibit D - Excerpts of 07 12 23 PZB Meeting Minutes](#)
[08 22 23 Exhibit E - 08 22 23 CC Staff Powerpoint](#)
[08 22 23 CC Cover Memo - 631 Zamora Ave Lot Split - 1st Reading](#)
[08 22 23 Exhibit B - Draft Ordinance](#)
[09 13 23 Exhibit A - Application Submittal Package](#)
[09 13 23 Exhibit B - Draft Ordinance](#)
[09 13 23 CC Cover Memo - 631 Zamora Ave Lot Split - 2nd Reading](#)
[O-2023-27 - Signed](#)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION GRANTING CONDITIONAL USE FOR A BUILDING SITE DETERMINATION APPROVAL PURSUANT TO ZONING CODE ARTICLE 14, "PROCESS", SECTION 14-202.6, "BUILDING SITE DETERMINATION" AND SECTION 14-203, "CONDITIONAL USES" TO SEPARATE TWO (2) SINGLE-FAMILY BUILDING SITES ON THE PROPERTY ZONED SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (SFR) DISTRICT, LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS LOTS 21 AND 22, BLOCK 3, CORAL ESTATES (631 ZAMORA AVENUE), CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA; ONE (1) BUILDING SITE CONSISTING OF LOT 21 (EAST PARCEL), AND THE OTHER (1) BUILDING SITE CONSISTING OF LOT 22 (WEST PARCEL); INCLUDING REQUIRED CONDITIONS; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER PROVISION, SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Menendez, that this matter be adopted by Ordinance Number 2023-27. The motion passed by the following vote.

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

City Clerk Item No. 23

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-28**E.-2. [23-5978](#)**

An Ordinance of the City Commission amending Ordinance No. 2014-05 to increase the maximum student enrollment from 140 to 195 students at the Margaux Early Childhood School at Temple Judea located at 5500 Granada Boulevard, Coral Gables, Florida; all other conditions of approval contained in Ordinance No. 2014-05 shall remain in effect; providing for repealer provision, severability clause, codification, and providing for an effective date. (07 12 23 PZB recommended approval, Vote 5-0)

Lobbyist: Zeke Guilford

Attachments: [07 12 23 PZB Staff Report - Temple Judea w attachments](#)
[08 22 23 CC - Temple Judea - 1st Reading](#)
[08 22 23 Exhibit A - Applicant Submittal](#)
[08 22 23 Exhibit B - Draft Ordinance](#)
[08 22 23 Exhibit C - 07 12 23 PZB Staff Report](#)
[08 22 23 Exhibit D - Excerpts of 07 12 23 PZB Meeting Minutes](#)
[08 22 23 Exhibit E - 08 22 23 CC Staff Powerpoint](#)
[09 13 23 CC Cover Memo - Temple Judea - 2nd Reading](#)
[09 13 23 Exhibit A - Applicant Submittal](#)
[09 13 23 Exhibit B - Draft Ordinance](#)
[O-2023-28 - Signed](#)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2014-05 TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM STUDENT ENROLLMENT FROM 140 TO 195 STUDENTS AT THE MARGAUX EARLY CHILDHOOD SCHOOL AT TEMPLE JUDEA LOCATED AT 5500 GRANADA BOULEVARD, CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA; ALL OTHER CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL CONTAINED IN ORDINANCE NO. 2014-05 SHALL REMAIN IN EFFECT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Fernandez, that this matter be adopted by Ordinance Number 2023-28. The motion passed by the following vote.

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

City Clerk Item No. 24

Time Certain 9:30am (Agenda Item E-3)

- E.-3.** **23-6188** An Ordinance of the City Commission amending Section 1- “Creation, Composition, Election, Terms, Vacancies, Qualifications” and Section 1.1 “Run-Off Election” of Article 1 “City Commission and Mayor” of the City Charter to change the date of the General Election from April 08, 2025 to November 05, 2024 and to change the date of all subsequent elections; providing for a four (4) month reduction of existing terms of office; moving the Run-Off Election to four (4) weeks after the General Election and moving the Swearing-In date to five (5) weeks after the General Election; amending Section 3 “Election to Office; Commission As Judge of Qualifications, Requirements, Ballots, Canvassing, and Qualifying Periods” amending the qualifying period; adopting such Charter Amendments pursuant to Section 100.3605, 101.75, and 166.021(4), Florida Statutes; providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, codification, and providing for an effective date.
- (Sponsored by Vice Mayor Anderson)
(Co-Sponsored by Mayor Lago)

Attachments: [Cover Memo- Ordinance First Reading Election November 2024](#)
[Election Date Change Draft November 2024 Election](#)
[Election Options 8-22-23 Final 8-21](#)
[Speaker Cards E-6 and E-7 and E-8 and E-9](#)
[Speaker Cards E-8 and E-9](#)
[Speaker Cards E-8](#)
[Cover Memo- Second Reading Election November 2024 - September 13 CC](#)
[Election Date Change Draft November 2024 Election- Second Reading September](#)
[Speaker Cards E-3](#)
[E-3 Attachment added by Commissioner Castro \(2\)](#)
[E-3 Attachment added by Vice Mayor Anderson](#)
[E-3 Attachment added by Commissioner Castro \(1\)](#)

[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 Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Mayor Lago, that this matter be adopted. The motion failed by the following vote.

Yeas : 2 - Commissioner Anderson and Mayor Lago

Nays : 3 - Commissioner Castro, Commissioner Fernandez and Commissioner Menendez

City Clerk Item No. 5

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

- E.-4. [23-5916](#) An Ordinance of the City Commission amending the Chapter 82 Vegetation of the City Code in order to clarify tree protection provisions and associated code enforcement actions and fines, providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, codification, and providing for an effective date.
(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)

Attachments: [Ordinance - Chapter 82 - Vegetation - Tree Protection Exhibit A - Chapter 82 Amendment - GJC 2](#)
[Cover Memo - Ordinance - Amending Chapter 82 - Vegetation - Tree Protection](#)
[Cover Memo - Ordinance - Amending Chapter 82 - Vegetation - Tree Protection - Ordinance - Chapter 82 - Vegetation - Tree Protection - 2nd Reading No Changes](#)
[Speaker Cards E-1](#)

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

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

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

City Clerk Item No. 25

F. CITY COMMISSION ITEMS

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-248

- F.-1. [23-6130](#) Discussion regarding the installation of the F.P. Journe clock in the city center.
(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)

Attachments: [IMG_0663](#)
[Speaker Cards F-2](#)

[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].

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Menendez, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2023-248. The motion passed by the following vote.

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

City Clerk Item No. 30

- F.-2.** [23-6213](#) Discussion regarding protocol for honoring members of the City Commission who have passed.
(Sponsored by Commissioner Fernandez)
- [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 Resolution was Discussed and Filed**
- City Clerk Item No. 31
- F.-3.** [23-6218](#) Discussion regarding sponsorship for the play "The Placemaker Poet".
(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)
- This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed**
- City Clerk Item No. 32
- F.-4.** [23-6219](#) Discussion regarding outdoor patio and alleyway business landscaping.
(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)
- [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. 33
- F.-5.** [23-6245](#) Update regarding the Coral Gables Courthouse.
(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)
- Attachments:** [CGCH](#)
- [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].
- This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed**
- City Clerk Item No. 4
- F.-6.** [23-6303](#) Discussion reminding business owners on Ponce that the maintenance of landscaping in front and back of the property, including alleyways, are the business owner's responsibility.
(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)
- This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed**
- City Clerk Item No. 34

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-265

- F.-7. [23-6308](#) Discussion considering the naming of a City Park after Sallye Jude and Mayor Dorothy Thomson.
(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)

Attachments: [R-2023-265 Signed](#)

[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 Menendez, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2023-265. The motion passed by the following vote.

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

City Clerk Item No. 35

- F.-8. [23-6310](#) Discussion regarding assessed property values.
(Sponsored by Commissioner Castro)

This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 36

- F.-9. [23-6311](#) Discussion regarding number of properties in the City with assessed value over \$1 million.
(Sponsored by Commissioner Castro)

This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 38

- F.-10. [23-6312](#) Discussion regarding acknowledgment of elected officials at events.
(Sponsored by Commissioner Castro)

This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 39

- F.-11. [23-6313](#) Discussion regarding memorandum on proposed change of date of municipal elections from April of odd-numbered years to November of even-numbered years.
(Sponsored by Commissioner Castro)

Attachments: [Memo Regarding How Changing Elections to November Supports Overdevelopment](#)

This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 40

- F.-12. [23-6340](#) Discussion regarding Annexation.
(Sponsored by Commissioner Fernandez)

Attachments: [City Commission annexation update 9.12.23](#)
[Speaker Cards F-12](#)
[F-12 Preservation of Little Gables](#)

This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 41

- F.-13. [23-6341](#) Discussion regarding Biltmore Way Streetscape.
(Sponsored by Commissioner Fernandez)

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Item F-13 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. 42

- F.-14. [23-6343](#) Discussion regarding the process of placing items on the Commission Agenda.
(Sponsored by Commissioner Fernandez)

This Agenda Item was Deferred

City Clerk Item No. 44

- F.-15. [23-6342](#) Presentation regarding Waste Management Recycling Program.
(Sponsored by Commissioner Fernandez)

Attachments: [original-2A677DBA-B66D-4202-9306-074EB346A060](#)
[original-2B966214-7187-41C7-BC4C-60DD23719F40](#)
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[original-9D473DB5-9B3E-49E4-8BF3-C1AC2FEEF205](#)
[original-57BA8412-0D70-4E1D-8665-AF6C0F3C91FE](#)
[original-63CB8A82-F990-40C9-890D-12C5A244FB04](#)
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This Agenda Item was Deferred

City Clerk Item No. 45

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-266**F.-16. [23-6314](#)**

A Resolution of the City Commission authorizing the City to be a Silver Eagle Sponsor of the Coral Gables Preparatory Academy Centennial Gala.
(Sponsored by Commissioner Menendez)

Attachments: [Centennial Gala Resolution 2023](#)
[CGPA ENF Centennial Gala Sponsorship Deck 5.23](#)
[Cover Memo - Centennial Gala](#)
[R-2023-266 -Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO BE A SILVER EAGLE SPONSOR OF THE CORAL GABLES PREPARATORY ACADEMY CENTENNIAL GALA.

A motion was made by Commissioner Menendez, seconded by Commissioner Fernandez, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2023-266. The motion passed by the following vote.

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

City Clerk Item No. 43

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-267 (As Amended)**F.-17. [23-6339](#)**

A Resolution of the City Commission creating a Charter Review Committee.
(Sponsored by Commissioner Fernandez)

Attachments: [Resolution Creating Charter Review Committee](#)
[Speaker Cards F-17](#)
[F-17 Attachment added by Vice Mayor Anderson](#)
[R-2023-267 -Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION CREATING THE CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE.

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Item F-17 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 as amended by Resolution Number 2023-267. The motion passed by the following vote.

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

City Clerk Item No. 46

G. BOARDS/COMMITTEES ITEMS

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-244

- G.-1. [23-6266](#) A Resolution of the City Commission approving artists to submit proposals for a commemorative public artwork aligned with the city's centennial honoring Bahamian and Black residents; and authorize an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Operating Budget to recognize the transfer of funds from the Art in Public Places Reserve and to appropriate such funds to put towards the cost of the proposal process and artwork.
(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)

Attachments: [Res. Centennial Commemorative Public Artwork - Proposal Artists DRAFT CC Centennial Commemorative Public Art - Proposal Artists.doc R-2023-244 -Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION APPROVING ARTISTS TO SUBMIT PROPOSALS FOR A COMMEMORATIVE PUBLIC ARTWORK ALIGNED WITH THE CITY'S CENTENNIAL HONORING BAHAMIAN AND BLACK RESIDENTS; AND AUTHORIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 OPERATING BUDGET TO RECOGNIZE THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM THE ART IN PUBLIC PLACES RESERVE AND TO APPROPRIATE SUCH FUNDS TO PUT TOWARDS THE COST OF THE PROPOSAL PROCESS AND ARTWORK.

A motion was made by Commissioner Menendez, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2023-244. The motion passed by the following vote.

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

City Clerk Item No. 26

H. CITY MANAGER ITEMS

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-245

- H.-1. [23-6301](#) A Resolution of the City Commission authorizing the City Manager to execute a Certificate and Plan of Termination of 427 Biltmore Way Condominium on behalf of the City as Termination Trustee and as the Sole Unit Owner and the final Warranty Deed as Termination Trustee.

Attachments: [Draft Resolution authorizing City Manager to sign termination of 427 Biltmore Way Plan of Termination - 427 Biltmore Way Condominium\(198744031.5\) September 13 2023 Cover Memo-Resolution Authorizing Termination of 427 Biltm Warranty Deed\(225201546.3\) R-2023-245 -Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CERTIFICATE AND PLAN OF TERMINATION OF 427 BILTMORE WAY CONDOMINIUM ON BEHALF OF THE CITY AS TERMINATION TRUSTEE AND AS THE SOLE UNIT OWNER AND THE FINAL WARRANTY DEED AS TERMINATION TRUSTEE.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Fernandez, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2023-245. The motion passed by the following vote.

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

City Clerk Item No. 27

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-247

H.-2. [23-6246](#)

A Resolution of the City Commission with attachments, ratifying the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Coral Gables and the International Association of Fire Fighters, Local 1210, for the period Of October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2026.

Attachments: [Final Resolution Approving 2020-2026 IAFF CBA](#)
[Final IAFF 2020-2026 Clean Version CBA](#)
[Final IAFF 2020-2026 Red-Line CBA](#)
[Cover Memo 2020-2026](#)
[R-2023-247 -Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION, WITH ATTACHMENTS, RATIFYING THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES AND THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIRE FIGHTERS, LOCAL 1210, FOR THE PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 2020 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2026.

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Item H-2 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 2023-247. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas : 3 - Commissioner Castro, Commissioner Fernandez and Commissioner Menendez

Nays : 2 - Commissioner Anderson and Mayor Lago

City Clerk Item No. 29

I. CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS

None

City Clerk Item No. 47

J. CITY CLERK ITEMS**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-246**

- J.-1. [23-6330](#) A Resolution of the City Commission amending Resolution No. 2023-305, and in Accordance with Section 2-30 of the City Code, entitled “Regular Meetings, Special Meetings” setting forth the revised Meeting Dates for 2023; more specifically, changing the previously scheduled Tuesday, December 5, 2023 City Commission Meeting to Wednesday, December 6, 2023.

Attachments: [Cover Memo - Meeting Date Change](#)
[Draft Resolution - Meeting Date Change](#)
[R-2023-246 -Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2023-305, AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 2-30 OF THE CITY CODE, ENTITLED “REGULAR MEETINGS, SPECIAL MEETINGS” SETTING FORTH THE REVISED MEETING DATES FOR 2023; MORE SPECIFICALLY, CHANGING THE PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2023 CITY COMMISSION MEETING TO TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2023.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Menendez, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2023-246. The motion passed by the following vote.

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

City Clerk Item No. 28

K. DISCUSSION ITEMS

City Clerk Item No. 48

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 5:30 p.m. The next Regular Meeting of the City Commission has been scheduled for Tuesday, September 26, 2023, beginning 9 a.m.]

BILLY Y. URQUIA
CITY CLERK