

City of Coral Gables

*405 Biltmore Way
Coral Gables, FL 33134
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Agenda

Tuesday, January 11, 2022

9:00 AM

City Hall, Commission Chambers

City Commission

*Mayor Vince Lago
Vice Mayor Michael Mena
Commissioner Rhonda Anderson
Commissioner Jorge L. Fors, Jr.
Commissioner Kirk R. Menendez*

*Peter J. Iglesias, P.E., City Manager
Miriam Soler Ramos, City Attorney
Billy Y. Urquia, City Clerk*

The City of Coral Gables will be holding its Regular Meeting on Tuesday, January 11, 2022, commencing at 9:00 a.m.

While the City is back to live in-person meetings, 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.

INVOCATION**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE****A. PRESENTATIONS AND PROTOCOL DOCUMENTS**

- A.-1. [21-3523](#) Congratulations to the Keep Coral Gables Beautiful Downtown Community Cleanup-Holiday Edition Contest Winners.
- A.-2. [21-3504](#) Congratulations to Economic Development Director Julian Perez, recipient of the Gold Coast Section of the American Planning Association's Oliver Kerr Lifetime Achievement Award.
- A.-3. [21-3478](#) Congratulations to Martha S. Delgado who holds the title of Code Enforcement Officer, recipient of the "Employee of the Month Award," for the month of December 2021.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- B.-1. [21-3494](#) Regular City Commission Meeting of December 7, 2021.

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. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

- D.-1. [21-3398](#) Presentation by Miami Dolphins on the Dolphins Challenge Cancer.
- D.-2. [21-3399](#) Discussion regarding Wings for Wishes 2022.

E. 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.

- E.-1. [21-3499](#) A Resolution of the City Commission approving entering into an agreement with Adwave Signs to design, fabricate, and install signage for public artworks throughout the City; and authorizing an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Adopted Budget to transfer up to \$80,000 from the Art in Public Places fund balance and appropriating such funds to cover contract fees and reimbursable expenses.
- E.-2. [21-3358](#) A Resolution of the City Commission approving the concept of installing artwork and using a direct selection of an artist as the selection method for future artwork at 427 Biltmore Way.
- E.-3. [21-3530](#) A Resolution of the City Commission amending the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 amended budget to recognize as revenue a transfer from the City Clerk Special Reserve, and to appropriate such funds to put toward an audio/visual enhancement for the Police and Fire Headquarters Community Meeting Room; and providing an effective date.
- E.-4. [21-3532](#) A Resolution of the City Commission accepting the recommendation of the Chief Procurement Officer to approve a contract extension to RFP 2016.04.YG External Auditing Services provided by RSM US LLP for annual examinations of the financial statements and records of the City pursuant to Section 2-764(b), approval of change orders and contract modifications of the Procurement Code.
- E.-5. [21-3540](#) A Resolution of the City Commission appointing Jorge Arguelles (Nominated by Mayor Lago) to serve as a member of the Pinewood Cemetery Advisory Board, for the remainder of a two (2) year term, which began on June 1, 2021 and continues through May 31, 2023.
- E.-6. [21-3543](#) A Resolution of the City Commission appointing Blanca Tomas Famadas (Nominated by Commissioner Anderson) to serve as a member of the Parking Advisory Board, for the remainder of a two (2) year term, which began on June 1, 2021 and continues through May 31, 2023.
- E.-7. [21-3544](#) A Resolution of the City Commission appointing Nicolas Cabrera (Nominated by Vice Mayor Mena) to serve as a member of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, for the remainder of a two (2) year term, which began on June 1, 2021 and continues through May 31, 2023.

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

- 1.-1. [21-3471](#) Advisory Board on Disability Affairs Meeting November 3, 2021.
- 1.-2. [21-3484](#) Arts Advisory Panel Meeting of November 10, 2021.
- 1.-3. [21-3464](#) Budget Audit / Advisory Board Meeting of November 17, 2021.
- 1.-4. [21-3493](#) Cultural Development Board Meeting of November 16, 2021.
- 1.-5. [21-3500](#) Economic Development Board Meeting of November 3, 2021.
- 1.-6. [21-3473](#) Insurance and Risk Management Advisory Board Meeting of November 15, 2021.
- 1.-7. [21-3482](#) International Affairs Coordinating Council Meeting of November 15, 2021.
- 1.-8. [21-3503](#) Library Advisory Board Meeting of October 13, 2021.
- 1.-9. [21-3408](#) Parking Advisory Board Meeting of October 27, 2021.
- 1.-10. [21-3512](#) Parking Advisory Board Meeting of November 17, 2021.
- 1.-11. [21-3501](#) Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting of November 18, 2021.
- 1.-12. [21-3509](#) Parks and Recreation Youth Advisory Board Meeting of November 18, 2021.
- 1.-13. [21-3468](#) Senior Citizens Advisory Board Meeting of November 4, 2021.
- 1.-14. [21-3521](#) Senior Citizens Advisory Board Meeting of December 2, 2021.
- 1.-15. [21-3480](#) School Community Relations Committee Meeting of November 19, 2021.
- 1.-16. [21-3460](#) Transportation Advisory Board Meeting of November 18, 2021.

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]:

- 2.-1. [21-3510](#) 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 800 Coral Way, a Contributing Resource within the Coral Way Historic District, legally described as Lots 9 and 10, Block 1, Coral Gables Section "A," according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 5, Page 102 of the public records of Miami-Dade County, Florida. (Historic Preservation Board Meeting of November 17, 2021, Vote: 8-0, one member absent).
- 2.-2. [21-3526](#) A Resolution of the Senior Citizens Advisory Board requesting that the City Commission support Senate Bill 1022 "Preemption of the Regulation of Tobacco and Nicotine Products" and House Bill 6081 "Preemption of the Regulation of Tobacco and Nicotine Products" as introduced in the State Legislature.
- 2.-3. [21-3525](#) A Resolution of the Senior Citizens Advisory Board requesting that the City Commission support House Bill 105 "Regulation of Smoking by Counties and Municipalities" and Senate Bill 224 "Regulation of Smoking in Public Places" as introduced in to the State Legislature.

F. 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 SECOND READING

- F.-1. [21-3179](#) An Ordinance of the City Commission providing for a text amendment to the City of Coral Gables Official Zoning Code by amending Article 1, "General Provisions" Section 1-109, "Construction Rules" to clarify that where the provisions of this Zoning Code vary from the applicable requirements of any law, statute, rule, regulation, ordinance, or code, the most restrictive provisions which shall be deemed to be the higher standard of zoning shall govern, including provisions of zoning within the Miami-Dade County Rapid Transit Zone; providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, codification and providing for an effective date.
(Sponsored by Vice Mayor Mena)
(Sponsored by Commissioner Fors)

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

- F.-2. [21-3341](#) An Ordinance of the City Commission amending Chapter 1, "General Provisions", Section 1-2, "Definitions and Rules and Construction" by designating Juneteenth, June 19th as an official City holiday; Providing for severability clause, repealer provision, codification, and providing for an effective date.
- F.-3. [21-3294](#) An Ordinance of the City Commission providing for text amendments to the City of Coral Gables Official Zoning Code, Article 4, "Zoning Districts," Section 2-100, "Residential Districts" and Article 5, "Architecture," Section 5-200, "Mediterranean Standards;" to remove the Mediterranean Bonus of height for Multi-Family 4 (MF4) properties south of Biltmore Way; providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, codification and providing for an effective date. (12 08 2021 PZB recommended approval with recommendations, Vote 7-0)
(Sponsored by Commissioner Anderson)
- F.-4. [21-3041](#) An Ordinance of the City Commission providing for a text amendment to the City of Coral Gables Official Zoning Code by amending Article 3, "Uses," Section 3-206, "Home Office," to provide additional requirements and allowances for a Home Office consistent with the requirements of Chapter 2021-202, Laws of Florida; providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, codification and providing for an effective date. (12 08 2021 PZB recommended denial, Vote 7-0)
- F.-5. [21-3254](#) An Ordinance of the City Commission granting approval of proposed amendments to the text of the City of Coral Gables Comprehensive Plan, pursuant to expedited state review procedures (S.163.3184, Florida Statutes) and Zoning Code Article 14, "Process," Section 14-213, "Comprehensive Plan Text and Map Amendments;" to provide for a Property Rights Element with Goals, Objectives, and Policies; providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, and providing for an effective date. (LPA Review) (12 08 2021 PZB recommended approval, Vote 7-0)
- F.-6. [21-3290](#) An Ordinance of the City Commission granting approval of proposed amendments to the text and maps of the City of Coral Gables Comprehensive Plan, pursuant to expedited state review procedures (S.163.3184, Florida Statutes) and Zoning Code Article 14, "Process," Section 14-213, "Comprehensive Plan Text and Map Amendments;" to provide updates and clarifications to the Recreation and Open Space Element, Capital Improvements Element, and all corresponding map series; providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, and providing for an effective date. (LPA Review) (12 08 2021 PZB recommended approval, Vote 6-0)

- F.-7. [21-3293](#) An Ordinance of the City Commission granting approval of proposed amendments to the Mixed-Use Overlay District Map of the City of Coral Gables Comprehensive Plan, pursuant to expedited state review procedures (S.163.3184, Florida Statutes) and Zoning Code Article 14, "Process," Section 14-213, "Comprehensive Plan Text and Map Amendments;" to update the Mixed-Use Overlay District Map (FLU-2) to be consistent with the Future Land Use Map; providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, and providing for an effective date. (12 08 2021 PZB recommended approval, Vote 7-0)

Agenda Items F-8 and F-9 are related

- F.-8. [21-3533](#) An Ordinance of the City Commission granting approval of proposed amendments to the text of the City of Coral Gables Comprehensive Plan, pursuant to expedited state review procedures (S.163.3184, Florida Statutes) and Zoning Code Article 14, "Process," Section 14-213, "Comprehensive Plan Text and Map Amendments;" to provide that the maximum number of floors in the Comprehensive Plan shall not apply to any Planned Area Development (PAD) upon City Commission approval, and to allow an additional height bonus in return for limiting density for qualifying PADs within the Central Business District (CBD); providing for a severability clause, repealer provision, and providing for an effective date. (On 12 08 2021, PZB deferred this item to January's meeting.)
(Sponsored by Commissioner Anderson)
(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)
- F.-9. [21-3534](#) An Ordinance of the City Commission providing for text amendments to the City of Coral Gables Official Zoning Code, Article 2, "Zoning Districts" Section 2-500 "Planned Area Development," (PAD) to provide that upon City Commission approval, the maximum number of stories in any PAD shall not apply; and to create a "Height Bonus to PAD Minimum Development Standards in the Central Business District (CBD)" providing additional height with a limit of density for qualifying properties upon City Commission approval; providing for severability clause, repealer provision, codification, and providing for an effective date.
(Sponsored by Commissioner Anderson)
(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)

RESOLUTIONS

- F.-10. [21-3495](#) A Resolution of the City Commission extending through May 31, 2022 the authority granted to the City Manager to relax current standards for outdoor/open-air dining and signage in order to provide for expanded outdoor seating opportunities at restaurants and suspending all applicable fees.
(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)
(Sponsored by Commissioner Anderson)

G. CITY COMMISSION ITEMS

- G.-1. [21-3381](#) Discussion regarding "CodeMania I" a high school coding competition hosted by the City of Coral Gables in partnership with the University of Miami.
(Sponsored by Commissioner Menendez)
- G.-2. [21-3389](#) Discussion regarding existing signage on privately owned public surface parking lots.
(Sponsored by Vice Mayor Mena)
- G.-3. [21-3496](#) Discussion regarding the Coral Gables Merrick House.
(Sponsored by Commissioner Menendez)
- G.-4. [21-3515](#) Discussion regarding metal roofs in Coral Gables.
(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)

Agenda Items G-5 and I-1 are related

- G.-5. [21-3536](#) Discussion regarding expanding traffic calming funding sources.
(Sponsored by Commissioner Anderson)
- G.-6. [21-3537](#) Discussion regarding the 2021-2022 January 8th Kick-off of the Coral Gables Garden Club/Keep Coral Gables Beautiful Red Mangrove Propagation Project.
(Sponsored by Commissioner Anderson)
- G.-7. [21-3542](#) Discussion regarding enforcement of Downtown clean-up and Code Enforcement.
(Sponsored by Commissioner Anderson)
(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)
- G.-8. [21-3497](#) A Resolution of the City Commission supporting the concept of Youth Zones and directing the City Manager to take appropriate action to implement the concept.
(Sponsored by Commissioner Fors, Jr.)

H. BOARDS/COMMITTEES ITEMS

- H.-1. [21-3359](#) A Resolution of the City Commission approving the development of public art opportunities at the new Mobility Hub, approving minimum funding of 1.5% of the building project budget per code toward the artist and artwork selection process, public art acquisition and installation, education, and outreach. (unanimously recommended by the Cultural Development Board approval/denial vote: 6 to 0).

- H.-2. [21-3319](#) A Resolution of the City Commission authorizing development of a public art project of artistically designed storefront window coverings for use by businesses within Coral Gables in partnership with the Business Improvement District; allowing for staff to draft and execute a call for artists to develop proposed designs; and allowing use of Art in Public Places funds up to ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) toward artist fees associated with the project. (Unanimously recommended by the Cultural Development Board approval/denial vote: 6 to 0).

I. CITY MANAGER ITEMS

Time Certain 10:00am (Agenda Item I-1)
Agenda Items G-5 and I-1 are related

- I.-1. [21-3516](#) Discussion regarding the Parks Master Plan Bond referendum.
- I.-2. [21-3382](#) Update and discussion on the status of the City's plans on underground utilities.
- I.-3. [21-3524](#) Keep Coral Gables Beautiful Program Update.
- I.-4. [21-3520](#) A Resolution of the City Commission authorizing temporary encroachments into the public right-of-way relating to the Mobility Hub project consisting of the installation of two (2) FPL vault rooms to be located at the alley next to 245 Andalusia Avenue, described as Coral Gables Craft Section, Lot 43, BLK 2 PB 10-40, vacated with Ordinance No. 516, subject to requirements of the Public Works Department.
- I.-5. [21-3531](#) A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Coral Gables, Florida, authorizing City staff to negotiate and execute a month-to-month extension on the contract with Freebee to continue the current on-demand public transportation services.

J. CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS

- J.-1. [22-3560](#) Attorney-Client Executive/Shade session closed to the public for the purpose of discussing the litigation styled Gables Accountability Project, Inc., et al. v. City of Coral Gables, et al., Case No. 2021-001892-CA-01. This meeting will take place on Tuesday, January 11, 2022, at City Hall, located at 405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, FL 33134. This session may be attended by the following individuals: Mayor Vince Lago, Vice Mayor Michael Mena, Commissioner Jorge Fors, Jr., Commissioner Rhonda Anderson, Commissioner Kirk Menendez, City Manager Peter Iglesias, City Attorney Miriam Soler Ramos, Deputy City Attorney Cristina M. Suarez, Special Counsel Annie Gamez, and Frances de la Guardia. A certified court reporter will be present to ensure that the session is fully transcribed, and the transcript will be made available to the public upon the conclusion of the above-styled litigation. At the conclusion of the attorney-client session, the public meeting will be reopened, and termination of the attorney-client session will be announced.

K. CITY CLERK ITEMS

- K.-1. [21-3528](#) A Resolution of the City Commission confirming the nomination of Christopher Challenger, who ran unopposed to the City of Coral Gables Retirement Board, At-Large participating Regular Full-Time Employee Representative Seat and Joshua Nunez, who ran unopposed for the Police Officer Representative Seat, both for a two-year term beginning January 1, 2022 through December 21, 2023.
- K.-2. [22-3546](#) A Resolution of the City Commission amending Resolution No. 2021-359, and in accordance with Section 2-30 of the City Code, entitled "Regular Meetings, Special Meetings" setting forth the revised meeting dates for 2022; more specifically, changing the February 8, 2022 City Commission Meeting.

L. 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.

**Billy Y. Urquia
City Clerk**