

CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-__

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, AMENDING CITY CODE CHAPTER 2, “ADMINISTRATION,” ARTICLE II “CITY COMMISSION,” SECTION 2-28 “MAYOR; DUTIES AND POWERS,” TO CLARIFY THE MAYOR’S ABILITY TO DESIGNATE CITY REPRESENTATIVES FOR CITY DELEGATIONS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, REPEALER, CODIFICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the City Code currently provides that the mayor has the authority to represent the City Commission in negotiations, meetings, and functions; and

WHEREAS, the mayor also has the authority to designate other commissioners to represent the City Commission in those negotiations, meetings, and function, except as otherwise designated by the Commission as a whole; and

WHEREAS, the proposed ordinance clarifies that the mayor’s authority to represent the City Commission and designate Commissioners to represent the City also extends to those official city delegations, including delegations for lobbying at the state and federal level;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. That the foregoing “**WHEREAS**” clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a specific part of this Ordinance upon adoption hereof.

SECTION 2. That the City Commission does hereby amend Chapter 2 “Administration,” Article II “City Commission,” Section 2-28 “Mayor; Duties and Powers,” as follows¹:

Sec. 2-28. Mayor; duties and powers.

(a) **Function.** Section 6 of the city Charter vests the mayor with the authority to preside over meetings of the commission and to generally perform duties consistent with his or her office. This section specifies the mayor's duties and powers.

(b) **Duties.** The mayor shall have the following authority:

¹ Deletions are indicated by ~~strikethrough~~. Insertions are indicated by underline.

- (1) To serve as chair of the city commission including the authority to procedurally manage and administer commission meetings and ruling on points of order which are final unless overridden by the city commission.
- (2) To establish time limits for speakers.
- (3) To represent the city commission in negotiations, meetings, city delegations, and functions.
- (4) To designate other commissioners to represent the city commission in negotiations, meetings, city delegations (including delegations for lobbying at the state and federal level) and functions except as otherwise designated by the city commission. When designating commissioners to represent the city in official city delegations, the mayor shall only designate other commissioners during a public meeting.
- (5) To have the chairpersons of boards or committees report to him or her on matters of procedure.
- (6) To issue procedural orders in quasi-judicial matters.
- (7) To rule on procedural motions by parties to quasi-judicial matters.
- (8) To approve requests for time-certain matters.
- (9) To appoint the vice-mayor.
- (10) To call special meetings of the city commission consistent with section 2-30.
- (11) To exercise all other authority otherwise provided in the city Charter and/or city Code.
- (c) The mayor's authority relating to procedural matters is subject to review by the city commission.
- (d) Any proposed agreements that result from the mayor's authority to negotiate on behalf of the city commission are subject to review by the city commission.
- (e) The mayor may call on the parliamentarian to assist him or her on procedural matters including providing rulings on matters of parliamentary law.
- (f) If the mayor wishes to move an item, he or she must turn the gavel over to the vice-mayor. If the vice-mayor is absent or has recused himself or herself from the item, he or she may turn the gavel over to a designated commissioner. The mayor may second motions.

SECTION 3. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. If any section, part of section, paragraph, clause, phrase, or word of this Ordinance is declared invalid, the remaining provisions of this Ordinance shall not be affected.

SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Commission of the City of Coral Gables, Florida, that the provisions of this Ordinance shall become and be made part of the City Code and that the sections of this “ordinance” may be changed to “section”, “article”, or such other appropriate word or phrase in order to accomplish such intentions.

SECTION 6. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon passage.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, A.D. 2025.

APPROVED:

VINCE LAGO

MAYOR

ATTEST:

BILLY Y. URQUIA

CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

CRISTINA M. SUÁREZ
CITY ATTORNEY

