

CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION 2021-

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK AND CITY MANAGER TO SET ALTERNATING REGULARLY SCHEDULED CITY COMMISSION MEETINGS TO BEGIN AT 4:00 P.M.

WHEREAS, the City of Coral Gables City Commission sets its regularly scheduled Commission meetings in accordance with the City Charter and Section 2-30 of the City Code; and

WHEREAS, historically the City has held its meetings on Tuesdays, once or twice each month, with the meetings being called to order at approximately nine o'clock (9:00) A.M.; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the public comment that occurs as part of a particular agenda item, the City Commission agenda has an "Open Public Comment" section at the beginning of each City Commission meeting where members of the public may address the City Commission on any matter within the City Commission's jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, even prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, the City Commission had established an avenue by which the public may comment virtually or by email; and

WHEREAS, many members of the public who may wish to address the City Commission or speak on certain agenda items may be unable to attend the City Commission meetings in person or virtually as they are held during regular working hours; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission directs the City Manager and City Clerk that every other regular City Commission meeting shall begin no earlier than 4:00 P.M.; and

WHEREAS, when a regular City Commission meeting is scheduled to begin at 4:00 P.M. or later; and

WHEREAS, all presentation and protocol items, and other individual appearances should be scheduled for the alternating 9:00 A.M. meetings whenever possible; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission may, as outlined in the City Code, direct that certain items be heard at specific meetings, regardless of those directions detailed in this Resolution.

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

SECTION 1. The foregoing “Whereas” clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution upon adoption hereof.

SECTION 2. That the City Commission directs the City Clerk and City Manager to schedule every other regular City Commission to begin no earlier than 4:00 P.M., and continue to schedule the alternating meetings to begin at 9:00 A.M.

SECTION 3. That all efforts should be made to schedule presentations, protocol items, and other individual appearances for the regularly scheduled 9:00 A.M. meetings.

SECTION 4. That in accordance with Section 2-84 of the City Code no City Commission meeting shall be permitted to continue beyond 9:00 P.M. without the approval of the majority of the Commission.

SECTION 5. In accordance with the City Commission’s direction, the regular meetings of the City Commission for the remainder of 2021 are scheduled for the following dates and times:

Remaining 2021 City Commission Meetings		
Tuesday	August 24 – 9:00 A.M.	Commission Meeting
Monday	September 13 – 5:01 P.M.	First Budget Hearing
Tuesday	September 14 – 4:00 P.M.	Commission Meeting
Tuesday	September 14 – 3:00 P.M.	Special Assessment Hearing
Monday	September 27 – 5:01 P.M.	Second Budget Hearing
Tuesday	September 28 – 9:00 A.M.	Commission Meeting
Tuesday	October 12 – 4:00 P.M.	Commission Meeting
Tuesday	October 26 – 9:00 A. M.	Commission Meeting
Tuesday	November 9 – 4:00 P. M.	Commission Meeting
Tuesday	December 7 – 9:00 A.M.	Commission Meeting

SECTION 8. That failure to set a particular meeting beginning no earlier than 4:00 P.M. meeting shall in no way invalidate the action taken by the City Commission with regard to that item.

SECTION 9. That this Resolution shall become effective upon the date of its passage and adoption herein.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 24TH DAY OF AUGUST, A.D., 2021

(Moved:)

(Yeas:

(Majority : Vote:)

APPROVED:

VINCE LAGO
MAYOR

ATTEST:

BILLY Y. URQUIA
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

MIRIAM SOLER RAMOS
CITY ATTORNEY