

City of Coral Gables

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Coral Gables, FL 33134
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Agenda

Tuesday, February 23, 2021

9:00 AM

City Hall, Commission Chambers

City Commission

Mayor Raul J. Valdes-Fauli

Vice Mayor Vince Lago

Commissioner Jorge L. Fors, Jr.

Commissioner Patricia Keon

Commissioner Michael Mena

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, February 23, 2021, commencing at 9:00 a.m.

While the City is back to live in-person meetings, members of the public are still required 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/cgvtv) as well as Channel 77 on Comcast.

INVOCATION

Rev. Roger Tobin, St. Philip's Episcopal Church

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

- A.-1. [21-2057](#) Congratulations to Captain Daniel Amador recipient of the City of Coral Gables "Firefighter of the Month Award," for the month of January 2021.
- A.-2. [21-2058](#) Congratulations to Firefighter Christopher Ayala recipient of the City of Coral Gables "Firefighter of the Month Award," for the month of February 2021.
- A.-3. [21-2013](#) Congratulations to Sergeant Jesus Rodriguez, recipient of the City of Coral Gables "Officer of the Month Award," for the month of December 2020.
- A.-4. [21-2052](#) Congratulations to Lawanda "Candace" Isaac, recipient of the City of Coral Gables "Operator of the Year Award," for 2020.
- A.-5. [21-2051](#) Congratulations to Sergeant Cuong "Ted" Nguyen, recipient of the City of Coral Gables "Officer of the Year Award," for 2020.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None

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

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. [21-2053](#)** A Resolution of the City Commission authorizing the acceptance and execution of grant funds in the amount of \$10,000 allocated to the Coral Gables Police Department from the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program; and authorizing an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Annual Budget to recognize the \$10,000 grant funds as revenue and to appropriate such funds to cover the grant expenditures.
- E.-2. [21-2054](#)** A Resolution of the City Commission authorizing the acceptance and execution of grant funds in the amount of \$5,439 allocated to the Coral Gables Police Department from the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program; and authorizing an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Annual Budget to recognize the \$5,439 grant funds as revenue and to appropriate such funds to cover the grant expenditures.
- E.-3. [21-2033](#)** A Resolution of the City Commission authorizing the write-off of the receivable for defaulted rent (\$174,689.55) as uncollectable and the payment of the past-due Business Improvement District (BID) tax assessment liability (\$4,319.86) to the BID with regard to the City-owned property located at 278 Miracle Mile, Coral Gables, Florida.
- E.-4. [21-2081](#)** A Resolution of the City Commission urging the United States Congress to enact the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act.

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

- 1.-1. [21-2095](#)** Arts Advisory Panel Meeting of September 23, 2020.
- 1.-2. [21-2071](#)** Code Enforcement Board Meeting of January 20, 2021.
- 1.-3. [21-2094](#)** Cultural Development Board Meeting of September 30, 2020.
- 1.-4. [21-2078](#)** Historic Preservation Board Meeting of October 21, 2020.
- 1.-5. [21-2079](#)** Historic Preservation Board Meeting of December 16, 2020.

1.-6. [21-2049](#) Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Virtual Meeting of January 14,2021.

1.-7. [21-2089](#) Waterways Advisory Board Meeting of January 6, 2021.

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

Time Certain 10:30am (Agenda Item F.-1)

F.-1. [19-9181](#) An Ordinance of the City of Coral Gables, Florida, amending the City of Coral Gables Code by creating Section 82-8 "Application of Fertilizer" in Chapter 82- Vegetation, Article 1- in General; providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, codification, enforceability, and providing for an effective date.
(Sponsored by Commissioner Keon)

G. CITY COMMISSION ITEMS

Time Certain 9:30am (Agenda Item G.-1.)

G.-1. [21-2110](#) Appearance by Hugo V. Alvarez, President of the Coral Gables Bar Association, regarding creation of an Ex-Officio Board Member for sitting member of Coral Gables City Commission in the spirit of increasing collaboration between the City and the Bar for the benefit of the community, and appointment of Commissioner Jorge L. Fors, Jr. to the position.
(Sponsored by Commissioner Jorge L. Fors, Jr.)

G.-2. [21-2107](#) A discussion regarding the enforcement efforts of the City's waterways and how to improve them.
(Sponsored by Commissioner Mena)

G.-3. [21-2109](#) A discussion regarding the term of the Miracle Theater lease agreement between the City of Coral Gables and Actor's Playhouse Productions, Inc.
(Sponsored by Commissioner Jorge L. Fors, Jr.)

Time Certain 10:00am (Agenda Item G.-4)

G.-4. [21-2070](#) Update on the Coral Gables Waterway Assessment.
(Sponsored by Commissioner Keon)

H. BOARDS/COMMITTEES ITEMS

None

I. CITY MANAGER ITEMS

- I.-1. [21-2068](#) Floodplain Management Plan Progress Report.
- I.-2. [21-2091](#) Update on Stormwater filters and purification program for the Riviera outfall upstream drainage system.

J. CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS

None

K. CITY CLERK ITEMS

- K.-1. [21-2080](#) A Resolution of the City Commission appointing members of the Canvassing Board for the upcoming General Biennial Election of Tuesday, April 13, 2021 and any subsequent run-off election, namely, the Honorable Carlos Gamez, County Court Judge, 11th Judicial Circuit; the Honorable Carlos Guzman, County Court Judge, 11th Judicial Circuit; the Honorable Christine Bandin, (Alternate), County Court Judge, 11th Judicial Circuit and City Clerk, Billy Y. Urquia for the purpose of canvassing absentee ballots and precinct returns; further authorizing said board to certify the results of said election.

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**