

City of Coral Gables

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Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 12, 2024

5:01 PM

First Budget Hearing

City Hall, Commission Chambers

City Commission

*Mayor Vince Lago
Vice Mayor Rhonda Anderson
Commissioner Melissa Castro
Commissioner Ariel Fernandez
Commissioner Kirk R. Menendez*

*Amos Rojas, Jr., City Manager
Cristina M. Suárez, City Attorney
Billy Y. Urquia, City Clerk*

The City of Coral Gables will be holding its First Budget Hearing on Thursday, September 12, 2024,

commencing at 5:01 p.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

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you can "Raise your Hand" by pressing *9.

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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.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:31 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

1. [24-7975](#) Presentation of Proposed Fiscal Year 2024-2025 City Budget

This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 2

2. [24-7976](#) Public Hearing for obtaining comments relative to Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025.

This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 1

3. [24-7973](#) An Ordinance of the City Commission providing for the levy of taxes for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2024 and ending September 30, 2025; fixing the rate of such levy; providing for segregation and the application of the proceeds of such levy; providing for the separability of the provisions hereof; and providing that this ordinance shall become effective October 1, 2024.

Attachments: [FY25 Cover Letter - Adoption of Tax Levy - 1st Hearing](#)
[FY25 Ordinance for Levy of Taxes - 1st Hearing](#)
[FY25 Cover Letter - Adoption of Tax Levy - 2nd Hearing](#)
[FY25 Ordinance for Levy of Taxes - 2nd Hearing](#)
[R-2024-161 Signed](#)

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

Yeas : 4 - Commissioner Castro, Commissioner Fernandez, Commissioner Menendez and Vice Mayor Anderson

Absent : 1 - Mayor Lago

City Clerk Item No. 3

4. [24-7974](#) An Ordinance of the City Commission adopting the Annual Budget of Estimated Revenues and Expenditures for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2024 and ending September 30, 2025; providing for separability of the provisions hereof; and providing that this ordinance shall become effective October 1, 2024.

Attachments: [FY25 Cover Letter - Adoption of Annual Budget - 1st Hearing](#)
[FY25 Ordinance to approve Annual Budget - 1st Hearing](#)
[R-2024-161 Signed](#)
[Supporting Schedules - 1st Hearing 9-12-24](#)
[FY25 Cover Letter - Adoption of Annual Budget - 2nd Hearing](#)
[FY25 Ordinance to approve Annual Budget - 2nd Hearing](#)
[R-2024-161 Signed](#)
[Supporting Schedules - 2nd Hearing 9-24-24](#)

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

Yeas : 4 - Commissioner Fernandez, Commissioner Menendez, Vice Mayor Anderson and Commissioner Castro

Absent : 1 - Mayor Lago

City Clerk Item No. 4

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for this meeting is available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk and in Legistar].

ADJOURNMENT

[Note for the Record: There being no further business on the First Budget Hearing Agenda. The Commission of the City of Coral Gables adjourned its meeting at 6:29 p.m. The next Budget Hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, September 24, 2024, beginning 5:01 p.m.]

BILLY Y. URQUIA
CITY CLERK