

**City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting**  
**Agenda Item L**  
**May 31, 2022**  
**City Commission Chambers**  
**405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, FL**

**City Commission**

**Mayor Vince Lago**

**Vice Mayor Michael Mena**

**Commissioner Rhonda Anderson**

**Commissioner Jorge Fors, Jr.**

**Commissioner Kirk Menendez**

**City Staff**

**City Manager, Peter Iglesias**

**City Attorney, Miriam Ramos**

**City Clerk, Billy Urquia**

**Public Speaker(s)**

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Mayor Lago: Commissioner, any final thoughts?

Commissioner Anderson: Final thoughts. I handed out to you an air potato.

Mayor Lago: I saw that.

Vice Mayor Mena: I can't tell if that really happened or I'm just tired.

Commissioner Anderson: Yes, it really did happen. So, I've been working with Solanch and Solanch is going to be working in the fall to do a more formal project on the air potato removal. So, during this literacy festival, I thought I would have some fun with the kids and ask them if they wanted to help the environment, and I challenged them to collect three pounds and they would get a free book from a list that I'm going to provide to them by e-mail. I got two and-a-half pages of volunteers. Their parents signed them up.

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Mayor Lago: I have a perfect place where we can start, there's a bunch of air potatoes and I'll join you.

Commissioner Anderson: Yes. I'm starting to mark the maps when I go out biking.

Vice Mayor Mena: I don't even know what an air potato is, honestly.

Mayor Lago: It's an invasive vine.

Commissioner Anderson: Its an invasive vine. Its right out in our city parking lot, by the way. So, I just want to let you all know that.

Mayor Lago: Love it.

Commissioner Fors: They smell bad too. They don't smell great. They look very edible, but apparently, they're not.

Mayor Lago: Commissioner, any final thoughts?

Commissioner Fors: No. I have nothing else.

Mayor Lago: Commissioner Menendez.

Commissioner Menendez: Just since a lot of people say some of our meetings are for the birds. I want to announce and remind everybody, this Sunday at 1 pm, Alfred Hitchcock, The Birds. Free movie, free popcorn, free soda, free refreshments and free beer at the Gables Art Cinema. I'm posting it. It's a great movie. The Birds are big, scary, you'll enjoy it. So, by all means, you can go on playables, city's website and get your free tickets if you're a resident, 40 and older. I brought the age down, because a lot of people in that age range wanted to see the movie.

Mayor Lago: So, Vice Mayor, I have one comment or at least a request. I leave for Washington with Naomi and staff in an effort to find some money for the mobility hub. We are going to bring back some money. Just like we are going to be successful with huge numbers in Tallahassee, which hopefully the budget will be signed June 2<sup>nd</sup>, that would be another reason to celebrate. I ask for your input. A lot of you have contacts in Washington on both sides of the isle. Don't be shy. If you have somebody over there that you think is worth meeting in regard to the mobility hub, looking for funding, we are going there for three days to shake the trees. We are going to meet with elected officials, and we are going to go to a flood coalition symposium, which is happening one and-a-half days. So, I ask you to please, get in touch with the Manager, any ideas, all ideas are welcome. I don't care on what side of the isle the person's on or what their views are, we need to meet with them because we need to find money for the mobility hub. So, just putting it out there. Thank you. I hope everybody has a great summer. God bless. Take care.