

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 ALL REGULARLY SCHEDULED CITY COMMISSION MEETINGS TO BEGIN AT 1:00 P.M. WHEN THE CITY WILL BE HOLDING MORE THAN ONE REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING THAT MONTH, DIRECTING THAT CERTAIN AGENDA ITEMS BE HEARD NO EARLIER THAN 4:00 P.M., AND OUTLINING ADDITIONAL PROCEDURES FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

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 regular City Commission meeting shall begin at 1:00 P.M., however, in months where the City has only scheduled one regular City Commission meeting, that meeting shall begin at 9:00 A.M.; and

WHEREAS, when a regular City Commission meeting is scheduled to begin at 9:00 A.M., 1:00 P.M. or any other time, certain items, including various planning and zoning items, should be heard no earlier than 4:00 P.M.; and

WHEREAS, in order to keep a well-paced and productive meeting the open public comment section outlined in the City Code, and comments made during non-quasi-judicial agenda items should be limited to 3 minutes per speaker in order to conduct a more efficient meeting; and

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 regular City Commission to begin no earlier than 1:00 P.M. except that in those months when the City has scheduled only one regular City Commission meeting, that sole meeting shall begin at 9:00 A.M.

SECTION 3. That all efforts should be made to schedule the following items to be heard no earlier than 4:00 P.M. and that best efforts should be made so that these items be heard no earlier than 4:00 P.M. at least once before final action of this Commission:

- 1) Planning and Zoning Items as listed below
 - a. Ordinances amending the City’s Zoning Code
 - b. Amendments to the City’s Comprehensive Plan or Land Use Map
 - c. Mixed-Use projects requiring City Commission approval, Planned Area Development (PAD) applications
- 2) Any other items as directed by a majority of the City Commission

SECTION 4. That all efforts should be made to end meetings prior to 7:00 P.M., and 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. That to conduct a more efficient Open Public Comment section at the beginning of each City Commission meeting, and public comment for non-quasi judicial items, the following guidelines shall apply:

- 1) In accordance with Section 2-79(e) of the City Code speakers registered with the City Clerk to speak during the Open Public Comment section shall have 3 minutes to address the City Commission
- 2) In accordance with Section 2-79 (f) of the City Code, speakers registered with the City Clerk to speak on a non-quasi-judicial public hearing item shall have 3 minutes to address the City Commission.

3) The City Clerk will utilize an audible and visual signal to publicly notify the speaker and Chair of the meeting that the speaker has reached their allotted time. Once the public comment for a particular agenda item has been closed by the chair of the meeting no further speakers shall be heard on a particular item without further action of the chair or City Commission.

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SECTION 6. That failure to set a meeting to begin at 9:00 A.M. or 1:00 P.M. or failure to hear a particular item at or after 4:00 P.M. shall in no way invalidate the action taken by the City Commission with regard to that item.

SECTION 7. 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 – 1:00 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 – 1:00 P.M.	Commission Meeting
Tuesday	October 12 – 1:00 P.M.	Commission Meeting
Tuesday	October 26 – 1:00 P. M.	Commission Meeting
Tuesday	November 9 – 9:00 A. M.	Commission Meeting
Tuesday	December 7 – 9:00 A.M.	Commission Meeting

SECTION 8. 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