

City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Agenda Item C
December 9, 2025
City Commission Chambers
405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, FL

City Commission

Mayor Vince Lago
Vice Mayor Rhonda Anderson
Commissioner Melissa Castro
Commissioner Ariel Fernandez
Commissioner Richard D. Lara

City Staff

City Attorney, Cristina Suárez
City Manager, Peter Iglesias
City Clerk, Billy Urquia

Public Speaker(s)

Maria Cruz

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Public Comment

Mayor Lago: Public Comment.

City Clerk Urquia: Yes, Mr. Mayor. First speaker this morning is Maria Cruz.

Mrs. Cruz: Good morning, Mrs. Maria Cruz, 1447 Miller Road. This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it. In December, we have several holidays and in this era of transparency and inclusivity, I thought that maybe it would be appropriate for me to remind you all that from December 26th to January 1st there is a holiday that is important for some of the people and we are very pleased that we have a Menorah, I am very happy that we have a Nativity Scene, but I haven't heard anything about Quanza and I have to remind you and I looked it up. This is a tradition that celebrates African heritage, community and culture, and each day focuses on seven principles; first day is unity, second day is self-determination, third is collective worker responsibility, fourth is cooperative economics, fifth is purpose, sixth is creativity, and seventh is

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faith. And I was wondering since it goes from December 26th through January 1st and the Commission will not meet before that, perhaps we could be creative and maybe have the lights that cover City Hall to show that it means something, and we appreciate the fact that some of our people will be celebrating like we celebrate other holidays. Thank you.

Mayor Lago: Mr. Clerk.

City Clerk Urquia: That's it, Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Lago: Alright. Perfect. We'll be closing that item, public comment. We have a time certain for 11 o'clock, but first I want to hear quickly item E-12.