

**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 26<sup>th</sup> to January 1<sup>st</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> through January 1<sup>st</sup> 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.