



City of Coral Gables
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
June 13, 2017

ITEM TITLE:

Ordinance on First Reading. An Ordinance of the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida, identifying the duties and powers of the Mayor, consistent with Section 6 of the City Charter, creating Section 2-28 of the Code of the City of Coral Gables entitled "Mayor; Duties and Powers" establishing the function, duties, and responsibilities of the Office of the Mayor; providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, codification, and an effective date. (Sponsored by Mayor Valdes-Fauli)

BRIEF HISTORY:

The Mayor is and has always been the ceremonial head of the City and, as such, serves as the City Commission's traditional representative in negotiations, meetings and functions. Further, the Mayor serves at the Chair of the City Commission and performs many other functions consistent with the Office of the Mayor.

Section 6 of the City Charter, provides that the Mayor presides at meetings of the City Commission and performs duties consistent with his or her office and the Charter as may be imposed by the Commission. Section 6 of the City Charter also provides that the Mayor shall be recognized as the official head of the city for all ceremonial purposes, by the courts for the purpose of serving civil processes and by the Governor for military purposes.

While, the Mayor has customarily exercised the authority of the Office of Mayor, it would be useful to codify this authority to provide clarity on the particular scope of that authority.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. **Draft Ordinance**