

City of Coral Gables

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Coral Gables, FL 33134
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Agenda - Final Revised

Tuesday, December 10, 2024

9:00 AM

**This Meeting will be held at the Police and Fire Headquarters -
Community Meeting Room**

2151 Salzedo Street, Coral Gables, FL 33134

City Commission

*Mayor Vince Lago
Vice Mayor Rhonda Anderson
Commissioner Melissa Castro
Commissioner Ariel Fernandez
Commissioner Kirk R. Menendez*

*Amos Rojas, Jr., City Manager
Cristina M. Suárez, City Attorney
Billy Y. Urquia, City Clerk*

The City of Coral Gables will be holding its Regular Meeting on December 10, 2024 commencing at 9:00 a.m. Members of the public may participate in person, but are also able to participate via the Zoom platform. Members of the public may join the meeting via Zoom at (<https://zoom.us/j/3054466800>). In addition, a dedicated phone line will be available so that any individual who does not wish (or is unable) to use Zoom may listen to and participate in the meeting by dialing: (305) 461-6769 Meeting ID: 3054466800. To speak prior to the City Commission taking action on an Agenda Item, please "Raise your Hand" or send a message to one of the meeting hosts using the Zoom Platform. If you joined the meeting via telephone, you can "Raise your Hand" by pressing *9. The public may comment on an item on the agenda using the City's already-established e-comment function which may be found on the City's website at: www.coralgables.com/commissionmeetings) once the meeting's agenda is published or by sending an email to cityclerk@coralgables.com prior to the start of the meeting. The Meeting will also be broadcasted live for members of the public to view on the City's website www.coralgables.com/cgvtv) as well as Channel 77 on Comcast.

CALL TO ORDER

INVOCATION

Pastor Richard Kwiatkowski - St. Mark's Lutheran Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A. PRESENTATIONS AND PROTOCOL DOCUMENTS

- A.-1. [24-7954](#) Presentation of a Resolution of Condolence to School Board Chair and District 6 Representative Mari Tere Rojas on her mother's passing.
(Sponsored by Commissioner Fernandez)
- A.-2. [24-8358](#) Congratulations to the City of Coral Gables on receiving the 2024 Clean Community Award from Keep Florida Beautiful.
- A.-3. [24-8328](#) Congratulations to Captain Gregory Atwood recipient of the City of Coral Gables "Firefighter of the Month Award," for the month of October 2024.
- A.-4. [24-8329](#) Congratulations to Captain Kyle Durham recipient of the City of Coral Gables "Firefighter of the Month Award," for the month of November 2024.
- A.-5. [24-8380](#) Congratulations to Sergeant Brad Baena, recipient of the City of Coral Gables "Detective of the Quarter," for the third quarter of 2024.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

During this portion of the meeting, an individual may address the City Commission on an item that is on the agenda or on a matter which is not on the agenda, but within the scope of the City Commission's jurisdiction. If the individual wishes to address the City Commission on an item that is on the agenda, the individual shall not be given an opportunity to speak again once the item is called. An individual who wishes to speak during a public hearing where the City Commission is sitting in a quasi-judicial capacity, must speak during the public hearing for that item.

Individuals who speak during the open public comment portion of the meeting shall be given three (3) minutes during which to address the City Commission. At the conclusion of one (1) hour, if the open public comment section of the meeting has not ended, it shall end automatically, in order to proceed with the rest of the agenda.

D. CONSENT AGENDA

All items listed within this section entitled "Consent Agenda" are considered to be self-explanatory and are not expected to require additional review or discussion, unless a member of the City Commission or a citizen so requests, in which case, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered along with the regular order of business. Hearing no objections to the items listed under the "Consent Agenda", a vote on the adoption of the Consent Agenda will be taken.

- D.-1. [24-8366](#) A Resolution of the City Commission confirming the re-election of Troy Easley, who ran unopposed for the City of Coral Gables Retirement Board, Firefighter Employee Representative Sear, for a two-year term beginning January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2026.
- D.-2. [24-8379](#) A Resolution of the City Commission accepting a recommendation to waive the competitive process of the Procurement Code and renew the Parking and Revenue Control Systems (PARCS) maintenance service agreement as a "Sole Source Procurement", pursuant to Section 2-689.
- Lobbyist: N/A
- D.-3. [24-8375](#) A Resolution of the City Commission accepting the recommendation of the Police Department of a First Amendment to the lease with Peterson's Harley-Davidson of Miami, LLC. for the addition of four (4) Harley-Davidson FLHP Motorcycles.
- Lobbyist: N/A
- D.-4. [24-8376](#) A Resolution of the City Commission authorizing an expenditure in the amount of \$100,000 from Federal Forfeited Asset Fund (F.A.F.) moneys for law enforcement operations and equipment for Shepherd AI Proof of Concept.
- D.-5. [24-8371](#) A Resolution of the City Commission authorizing the accepting a \$20,000 grant from the Villagers for the installation of solar panels on the roof of the Granada Diner located at 2001 Granada Blvd; authorizing the City Manager to execute the grant agreement with the Villagers; and authorizing an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Annual Budget to recognize the funds as revenue and appropriate such funds towards the cost of the program.
- D.-6. [24-8382](#) A Resolution of the City Commission appointing Ignacio Alvarez (Nominated by Commissioner Castro) to serve as a member of the Board of Adjustment, for the remainder of an unexpired term, which began on June 1, 2023 and continues through May 31, 2025.

1. Presentation of Boards and/or Committees minutes requesting no action from the City Commission:

- 1.-1. [24-8322](#) Advisory Board on Disability Affairs Meeting of November 6, 2024.
- 1.-2. [24-8323](#) Communications Committee Meeting of September 12, 2024.
- 1.-3. [24-8356](#) Coral Gables Golf and Country Club Advisory Board Meeting of October 30, 2024.
- 1.-4. [24-8361](#) Coral Gables Golf and Country Club Advisory Board Meeting of November 20, 2024.
- 1.-5. [24-8369](#) Economic Development Board Meeting of November 6, 2024.
- 1.-6. [24-8320](#) International Affairs Coordinating Council Meeting of October 21, 2024.
- 1.-7. [24-8362](#) Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting of November 14, 2024.
- 1.-8. [24-8034](#) Planning and Zoning Board Meeting of September 11, 2024.
- 1.-9. [24-8293](#) Planning and Zoning Board Meeting of October 29, 2024.
- 1.-10. [24-8363](#) Retirement Board Meeting of October 25, 2024.
- 1.-11. [24-8365](#) Retirement Board/City Commission Joint Workshop of October 25, 2024.
- 1.-12. [24-8357](#) Senior Citizens Advisory Board Meeting of November 14, 2024.
- 1.-13. [24-8368](#) Waterway Advisory Board Meeting of November 6, 2024.

2. **Presentation of Boards and/or Committees draft/final minutes requesting action from the City Commission. [Note: A vote to accept the minutes does not mean approval of the substance within the minutes]**

Time Certain 12:30pm (Agenda Item 2-1)

- 2.-1. [24-8208](#) A Resolution of the Transportation Advisory Board requesting that the City Commission require development applications to address certain items and areas of concern in development application presentations.

Time Certain 3:00pm (Agenda Items 2-2 and F-1 are related)

- 2.-2. [24-8386](#) A Resolution of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board requesting that the City Commission fund a planning study maximizing pickleball courts at the Biltmore Tennis Center without the loss of tennis courts, and ensuring the study also includes review by the Historic Preservation Board.

E. PUBLIC HEARINGS

All Individuals testifying in a quasi-judicial proceeding shall be sworn in.

Presentations made to the City Commission are subject to the City's False Claims Ordinance, Ch. 39 of the City of Coral Gables Code.

APPEALS

Agenda Item E-1 has been deferred to the January 14, 2025 City Commission Meeting

- E.-1. [24-8230](#) An Appeal to the Coral Gables City Commission from the decision of the Historic Preservation Board on October 16, 2024, to designate the property located at 1414 Galiano Street, legally described as Lot 12 & E15ft, Lot 13, Block 32, Coral Gables Douglas Section, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 69, at Page 25, of the Public Records of Miami-Dade County, Florida, as a Local Historic Landmark.

Lobbyist: Mario Garcia-Serra

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING

- E.-2. [24-8057](#) An Ordinance of the City Commission providing for text amendments to the City of Coral Gables official Zoning Code Article 12, "Ambience Standards," Section 12-100, "Lighting," and Article 16, "Definitions," to provide for illumination standards and definitions; providing for repealer provision, severability clause, codification, and providing for an effective date. (11 13 24 PZB approved as amended, Vote 6-1)
(Sponsored by Vice Mayor Anderson)

- E.-3. [24-8231](#) An Ordinance of the City Commission, amending the City of Coral Gables Code, Chapter 10 "Animals", to modify bird sanctuary protections by excluding pigeons, chickens, ducks, roosters, and other domestic fowl.
(Sponsored by Commissioner Castro)

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

Time Certain 10:00am (Agenda Item E-4)

- E.-4. [24-7517](#) An Ordinance of the City Commission providing for text amendments to the City of Coral Gables Official Zoning Code, Article 5, "Architecture," Section 5-200, "Mediterranean Standards;" Article 3, "Uses," Section 3-402, "Restrictions related to location;" and Article 16, "Definitions;" to enhance the quality of Coral Gables Mediterranean design by requiring a conceptual design review; removing duplicative criteria; relocating inapplicable standards; supplementing existing criteria; and including additional Mediterranean building examples; providing for severability, repealer, codification, and for an effective date. (09 26 24 PZB continued, Vote 5-0; 09 11 24 PZB deferred, Vote 7-0; 08 14 24 PZB continued, Vote 6-0; 07 10 24 PZB deferred, Vote 5-0; 06 12 24 PZB deferred, Vote 6-1) (10 29 24 PZB approved the proposed legislation, as amended, Vote: 6-1)
(Sponsored by Vice Mayor Anderson)
- E.-5. [24-8360](#) An Ordinance of the City Commission, amending Chapter 46 of the "Code of the City of Coral Gables," entitled "Pensions," amending Section 46-26, Compulsory Participation; amending Section 46-27, Purchase of Credited Service; and providing for severability clause, repealer provision, codification, and providing for an effective date.

F. CITY COMMISSION ITEMS

Time Certain 3:00pm (Agenda Items 2-2 and F-1 are related)

- F.-1. [24-8384](#) A Resolution of the City Commission directing the City Manager to expedite installation of temporary pickleball courts and the development of potential designs for the addition of dedicated pickleball courts at the William H. Kerdyk Biltmore Tennis Center.
(Sponsored by Vice Mayor Anderson)
(Co-Sponsored by Mayor Lago)
(Co-Sponsored by Commissioner Fernandez)
- F.-2. [24-8385](#) A Resolution of the City Commission directing the City staff and the Planning and Zoning Board to explore additional conceptual reviews for certain projects.
(Sponsored by Vice Mayor Anderson)

- F.-3. [24-8393](#) A Resolution of the City Commission designating the seasonal tree installed annually outside of City Hall during the month of December as the City “Christmas Tree” and the seasonal park installed at Merrick Park the “Holiday Park.”
(Sponsored by Commissioner Menendez)

Time Certain 1:30pm (Agenda Item F-4)

- F.-4. [24-8283](#) Update and possible action regarding alterations at the Biltmore Hotel.
(Sponsored by Commissioner Fernandez)

Time Certain 9:45am (Agenda Item F-5)

- F.-5. [24-8388](#) Presentation on boater safety issues and options by William Baline.
(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)
- F.-6. [24-8387](#) Update regarding the following State legislative priorities, and draft statutory amendments, to date:
- (1) Amendments addressing public and private school bus safety requirements.
 - (2) Amendments prohibiting and penalizing cyber stalking and vicarious stalking of victims. (S.B. 54).
 - (3) Amendments prohibiting and penalizing operating a vessel while intoxicated. (S.B. 58).
 - (4) Amendments prohibiting the use of false and fraudulent statements to support removal of trees and requiring a permit for stump grinding to avoid impacting gas, electrical, communication, and water and sewer lines.
 - (5) Amendments to the Florida Building Code necessary to reduce future insurance costs in Florida and requiring insurance discounts for property owners that have hardened their building or home to meet higher windstorm ratings.
 - (6) Amendment to the Live Local Act to require notice to neighboring municipalities and cities regarding projects with a prescribed radius.
 - (7) Amendment to the definition of “Recovered Materials” in Florida Statutes to allow for composting and reuse of plant and tree materials and pre- and post-consumer food waste.
 - (8) Amendment to develop design guidelines for nature-based methods for improving coastal resilience (S.B. 50).
- (Sponsored by Vice Mayor Anderson)

G. BOARDS/COMMITTEES ITEMS

None

H. CITY MANAGER ITEMS

- H.-1. [24-8326](#) A Resolution of the City Commission accepting the recommendation of the Chief Procurement Officer to award RFQ 2024-008 for Assessment and Design Services for the City Hall Restoration and Renovation and negotiate a Professional Services Agreement (“Agreement”) with R.J. Heisenbottle Architects, P.A., the highest ranked responsive-responsible proposer, pursuant to Section 2-763 of the procurement code entitled “contract award” and Florida Statute 287.055, known as the “Consultants Competitive Negotiation Act”.

Lobbyist: N/A

- H.-2. [24-8337](#) A Resolution of the City Commission accepting a recommendation to waive the competitive process of the Procurement Code and purchase the SCBA Equipment as a “Piggyback Contract”, pursuant to Section 2-945 of the City’s Procurement Code.

Lobbyist: N/A

- H.-3. [24-8370](#) A Resolution of the City Commission accepting a grant from the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) for on-demand transit service funding in the amount of \$255,185 and authorizing the City Manager to execute agreement no. FM 456073-1-84-01 upon receipt, and authorizing an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Annual Budget to recognize the funds as revenue and to appropriate such funds to put towards the cost of the program.

- H.-4. [24-8372](#) A Resolution of the City Commission authorizing the acceptance of a second amendment to Grant Agreement No. 23h.sc.900.154 with the State of Florida, Department of State (DOS), Division of Historical Resources, to extend the agreement period six months from December 31, 2024, to June 30, 2025, for the restoration of the historic gondola building, and authorizing the City Manager to execute the amendment.

- H.-5. [24-8389](#) A Resolution of the City Commission amending Resolution No. 2024-233 and updating the City’s 2025 Legislative Agenda.

- H.-6. [24-8394](#) Update on City Hall.

I. CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS

None

J. CITY CLERK ITEMS

- J.-1. [24-8367](#) A Resolution of the City Commission in accordance with Section 2-30 of the City Code, entitled "Regular Meetings, Special Meetings," setting forth the City Commission Meeting dates through December 2025.
- J.-2. [24-8397](#) A Resolution of the City Commission making provisions for holding a General Biennial election on April 8, 2025, for the election of candidates for the office(s) of Mayor and two City Commissioners; further designating and appointing the City Clerk as the official representative of the City Commission, with respect to the supervision of said General Biennial election; further directing the City Clerk to give notice by publication of the adoption of this Resolution and the provisions hereof.
- J.-3. [24-8398](#) A Resolution of the City Commission granting permission to the City Clerk to proceed with preparation of the Municipal Election Order Form in conjunction with Miami-Dade County Elections Department for services, materials and support to be rendered, in connection with the Coral Gables General Biennial Election of April 8, 2025, to procure the necessary ballots and other forms, to arrange for the use of voting machines, provide appropriate absentee ballot request policy (In those instances wherein Miami-Dade County manages the distribution of absentee ballots) and canvass of returns from our designated precincts within the City of Coral Gables.

K. DISCUSSION ITEMS

This time is for informal discussion among the City Commissioners, the City Manager and the City Attorney

ADJOURNMENT

NOTE

Any person who acts as a lobbyist pursuant to the City of Coral Gables Ordinance No. 2006-11, must register with the City Clerk, prior to engaging in lobbying activities before city staff, boards, committees and/or the City Commission. A copy of the Ordinance is available in the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall.

Any person, or persons, wishing to appeal any decision made by the City Commission with respect to any matter considered at this meeting or hearing, will require a verbatim record of the proceeding upon which the appeal is based. Interested persons should, therefore, take the necessary steps to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made which contains the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is based.

Any person making impertinent or slanderous remarks or who become boisterous while addressing the Commission, shall be barred from further audience before the Commission by the Chair, unless permission to continue or again address the Commission is granted by the majority vote of the Commission Members present. Clapping, applauding, heckling or verbal outbursts or any remarks in support or opposition to a speaker shall be prohibited. Signs or placards shall not be permitted in Commission Chambers.

Any person who needs assistance in another language in order to speak during the public hearing or public comment portion of the meeting should contact the City 's ADA Coordinator Raquel Elejabarrieta, Esq., Director of Labor Relations and Risk Management (E-mail: relejabarrieta@coralgables.com, Telephone: 305-722-8686, TTY/TDD: 305-442-1600), at least three (3) business days before the meeting.

Billy Y. Urquia
City Clerk