

**City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting**  
**Agenda Item C**  
**October 28, 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**  
**Jackson Holmes**

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**Public Comment**

Mayor Lago: Moving on to Public Comment.

City Clerk Urquia: Yes, Mr. Mayor. First speaker this morning Mrs. 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. I have something else prepared but this morning I was a little concerned when the Invocation came up and I thought there was a Priest coming from St. Augustine, Florida because then I saw that it was Father Adam from St. Augustine's and I'm very grateful that Commissioner Lara knows the name of our parish and the name of the parish is St. Augustine's. St. Augustine is the name of the city up in what is in north whatever Florida. Okay. So, it was very nice to have Father Adam here and explain how great the things are going at St. Augustine's under Father Vigoa and I'm sorry but some of us will not be at the museum on the 7<sup>th</sup>

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because we have the Homecoming block party at St. Augustine's because it's Homecoming week at the University of Miami. So, all of you that are UM alums it's all free, fun. We have the Homecoming block party where they sponsor the food is cooked by the Knights of Columbus the CCW, the ladies group produces or brings the desserts and after we have fun and there are activities for the kids, we go and watch the fireworks. So, if you wish to come and join us, you're more than welcome.

Mayor Lago: Mr. Clerk.

City Clerk Urquia: Jackson Holmes.

Mayor Lago: Good morning.

Mr. Holmes: Greetings. My name is Jackson Holmes. I live at 35 Sedonia Avenue, Coral Gables. I want to mention something that I wasn't planning but it's just too striking to omit. While I was - the celebration of Nicholas Children's Hospital is very important, thank you, while I was talking with the fellow in the audience, this almost makes me want to cry, I asked him if Trump's Medicaid cuts and cuts to the Affordable Care Act will hurt Nicholas Children's Hospital financially and he told me yes. Moving on. I want to speak on behalf of Commissioner Castro's ethics ordinance. I may not be here later today, so I wanted to go ahead and address this in public comments. We have a new code that is basically censorship of public comments, so I'm like walking a thin line but I totally 100 percent support this ordinance, and I guess I talked too much, but I believe that there's the violations that she's trying to prohibit have been occurring and need to stop. Thank you.

Mayor Lago: Thank you, sir.

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

Mayor Lago: All right. Perfect.