

City of Coral Gables

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Coral Gables, FL 33134
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Agenda

Tuesday, March 10, 2026

9:00 AM

2151 Salzedo Street, Coral Gables, FL 33134

Police and Fire Headquarters, Community Meeting Room

City Commission

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

Peter J. Iglesias, P.E., City Manager
Cristina M. Suárez, City Attorney
Billy Y. Urquia, City Clerk

The City of Coral Gables will be holding its Regular Meeting on March 10, 2026 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

Sufian Bhatti - University of Miami

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Don Slesnick

Former Mayor of Coral Gables (2001–2011) and a retired Lieutenant Colonel in the United States Army, where he served for 27 years including duty in Vietnam and leadership roles in civil affairs. A longtime community leader, he has remained actively engaged in supporting veterans and military service members in South Florida.

MERRICK MOMENT

A. PRESENTATIONS AND PROTOCOL DOCUMENTS

- A.-1. [26-1301](#) Presentation of a Proclamation declaring March 2026 as "Women's History Month" in Coral Gables.
- A.-2. [26-1296](#) Presentation of State of Florida certificates recognizing the Granada and Biltmore Golf Courses as part of the Florida Historic Golf Trail.
- A.-3. [26-1300](#) Presentation of a Proclamation declaring March 7, 2026 as "Suddenly Sleepy Saturday" in Coral Gables.

Agenda Items A-4 and H-1 are related

- A.-4. [26-1187](#) Presentation of a Proclamation declaring April 2026 as "Autism Acceptance Month" in Coral Gables.
- A.-5. [26-1254](#) Presentation of a Proclamation declaring April 2026 as "Earth Month" in Coral Gables.
- A.-6. [26-1311](#) Recognition of Keep Coral Gables Beautiful: recipient of the 2025 Keep America Beautiful National Innovation Award.
- A.-7. [26-1278](#) Recognition of the Coral Gables Police Department for earning Reaccreditation with Excellence from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies on November 15, 2025, marking the department's tenth accreditation award...
- A.-8. [26-1075](#) Congratulations to Emergency Dispatcher Audrey Miranda, recipient of the City of Coral Gables "Emergency Dispatcher of the Quarter," for the 3rd Quarter of 2025.

- A.-9. [26-1283](#) Congratulations to Officer Breyllis Garcia, recipient of the City of Coral Gables "Officer of the Month," for the month of October 2025.
- A.-10. [26-1284](#) Congratulations to Officers Bryan Pita and Rafael Villanueva, recipient of the City of Coral Gables "Officer of the Month," for the month of January 2026.

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, if approved by the chairperson, so requests, in which case, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered along with the regular order of business. Items placed on the Consent Agenda shall conform to the limitations of Section 2-79 of the City Code. 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. [26-1198](#) A Resolution of the City Commission authorizing the execution of an agreement for sewer connection for property located outside the City's sewer district at 5851 San Amaro Drive, Coral Gables, Florida into the City of Coral Gables wastewater collection / transmission system, subject to the requirements of the Public Works Department, as provided under Chapters 62 and 78 of the City Code, Ordinance Nos. 2007-29 and 2009-39 and Resolution No. 2008-07; and provided that the executed agreement be made part of this Resolution.
- D.-2. [26-1265](#) A Resolution of the City Commission approving the "Carnaval de Barranquilla" events as one of five events of the International Cultural Events Program.

- D.-3. [26-1277](#) A Resolution of the City Commission accepting the recommendation of the Police Department to authorize the purchase of ammunition from Florida Bullet Inc. as a "Sole Source Procurement," in an estimated amount of \$55,000.00 pursuant to Section 2-689 of the City's Procurement Code.

Lobbyist: N/A

- D.-4. [26-1267](#) A Resolution of the City Commission authorizing the City Manager to apply for financial assistance from the Florida InLand Navigation District (FIND) Waterways Assistance Program for the David Lawrence Jr. and Family Park (Blue Road Park) Phase II Project.

- D.-5. [26-1280](#) A Resolution of the City Commission authorizing an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Annual Budget to recognize as revenue \$103,340.00 and to appropriate \$103,340.00 towards opioid and substance abuse education, treatment, prevention and other related programs and services, pursuant to the Florida opioid allocation and statewide response agreement.

- D.-6. [26-1264](#) A Resolution of the City Commission authorizing the adoption of the Miami-Dade County 2025 Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS).

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

- 1.-1. [26-1134](#) Arts Advisory Panel Meeting of January 7, 2026.
- 1.-2. [26-1204](#) Advisory Board on Disability Affairs Meeting of February 4, 2026.
- 1.-3. [26-1269](#) Budget Audit Advisory Board Meeting of February 18, 2026.
- 1.-4. [26-1242](#) Code Enforcement Board Meeting of February 11, 2026.
- 1.-5. [26-1268](#) Country Club Advisory Board Meeting of January 28, 2026.
- 1.-6. [26-1135](#) Cultural Development Board Meeting of January 20, 2026.
- 1.-7. [26-1294](#) Economic Development Board Meeting of January 7, 2026.
- 1.-8. [26-1249](#) Economic Development Board Meeting of February 4, 2026.

- 1.-9. [26-1243](#) Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting of January 8, 2026.
- 1.-10. [26-1276](#) Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting of February 12, 2026.
- 1.-11. [26-1244](#) Parks and Recreation Youth Advisory Board Meeting of February 4, 2026.
- 1.-12. [26-1078](#) Planning and Zoning Board Meeting of December 10, 2025.
- 1.-13. [26-1274](#) Parking Advisory Board Meeting of January 15, 2026.
- 1.-14. [26-1266](#) Senior Citizen Advisory Board Meeting of February 5, 2026.
- 1.-15. [26-1275](#) Sustainability Advisory Board Meeting of January 14, 2026.
- 1.-16. [26-1297](#) Transportation Advisory Board Meeting of December 16, 2025.

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.

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING

- E.-1. [25-1264](#) An Ordinance of the City Commission amending Chapter 74, "Traffic and Vehicles," of the City Code, creating Article X - "Golf Carts"; authorizing and regulating the operation of golf carts on designated city streets; providing for severability clause, repealer provision, codification, and providing for an effective date.
(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING**Agenda Item E-2 has been deferred. It will be heard at a future Commission Meeting.**

- E.-2. [24-7193](#) An Ordinance of the City Commission approving the vacation of a public alleyway pursuant to Zoning Code Article 14, "Process," Section 14-211, "Abandonment and Vacations" and City Code Chapter 62, Article 8 "Vacation, abandonment and closure of streets, easements and alleys by private owners and the city; application process," providing for the vacation of the forty-five (45) foot wide alley which is approximately one hundred twenty-five (125) feet in length lying between Tract A and Lots 27 through 31, Block 156, Riviera Section Part 8 (1250 S Dixie Highway), Coral Gables, Florida; providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, and providing for an effective date (Legal description on file). (02 11 26 PZB recommended approval, Vote: 5-0)

Agenda Items E-3 and E-4 are related

- E.-3. [26-1144](#) An Ordinance of the City Commission approving amendments to the text and maps of the City of Coral Gables Comprehensive Plan pursuant to small-scale amendment procedures (Section 163.3187, Florida Statutes), and Zoning Code Article 14, "Process," Section 14-213, "Comprehensive Plan Text and Map Amendments," to 1) modify the required Multi-Family densities and height to allow higher intensity within the "University Station Rapid Transit District Overlay," and to allow Multi-Family High Density within the Mixed-Use Overlay Districts located within the "University Station Rapid Transit District Overlay," 2) include additional properties (6100 Caballero Blvd) within the "University Station Rapid Transit District Overlay" on the Mixed-Use Overlay Districts Map, and 3) amend the Future Land Use Map from "Commercial Low-Rise Intensity" to "Multi Family High Density" for Lots 1&2, Block 5 and Lots 1 thru 3, Block 6, Riviera Waterways Section, Track "K", Addition to Riviera Waterways Section, and Lot 8, Block 208, Riviera Section 14; from "Multi Family Low Density" to "Multi Family High Density" for Lots 3&4, Block 5, Riviera Waterways Section; from "Multi Family Duplex Density" to "Multi Family Low Density" for Lot 5, Block 5 and the southern portion of Lot 5, Block 6, Singer Subdivision; from "Commercial Low-Rise Intensity" to "Multi Family Medium Density" for Lot 4, Block 6, Riviera Waterways Section; and from "Multi Family Duplex Density" to "Multi Family Medium Density" for Lot 5-A and the northern portion of Lot 5, Block 6, Singer Subdivision; providing for a repealer provision, providing for a severability clause, and providing for an effective date. (Legal description on file) (02 11 26 PZB recommended approval, Vote: 5-0)

Lobbyist: Mario Garcia-Serra

- E.-4. [26-1145](#) An Ordinance of the City Commission providing for map and text amendments to the City of Coral Gables Official Zoning Code pursuant to Zoning Code Article 14, "Process," Section 14-212, "Zoning Code Text and Map Amendments," by 1) amending Article 2, "Zoning Districts," Section 2-408, "University Station Rapid Transit District Overlay" to a) include requirements for multi-family development and provide regulations for modification and development agreements within the district; b) add additional properties (6100 Caballero Boulevard) to the boundary of the "University Station Rapid Transit District Overlay", 2) amending Appendix A, "Site Specific Zoning Regulations," to remove inconsistent Site Specifics, 3) amending Article 14, "Process," Section 14-204, "Transfer of Development Rights," to expand Transfer of Development Rights (TDRs) receiving sites within the "University Station Rapid Transit District Overlay," and 4) amend the Zoning Map from "Mixed-Use 1 (MX1)" to "Multi Family 4 (MF4)", for Lots 1&2, Block 5 and Lots 1 thru 3, Block 6, Riviera Waterways Section, Track "K", Addition to Riviera Waterways Section, and Lot 8, Block 208, Riviera Section 14, from "Multi Family 3 (MF3)" to "Multi Family 4 (MF4)" for Lots 3&4, Block 5, Riviera Waterways Section; from "Multi Family 1 (MF1)" to "Multi Family 3 (MF3)" for Lot 5, Block 5 and the southern portion of Lot 5, Block 6, Singer Subdivision; from "Mixed-Use 1 (MX1)" to "Multi Family 2 (MF2)" for Lot 4, Block 6, Riviera Waterways Section; and from "Multi Family 1 (MF1)" to "Multi Family 2 (MF2)" for Lot 5-A and the northern portion of Lot 5, Block 6, Singer Subdivision; providing for repealer provision, severability clause, codification, and providing for an effective date. (Legal description on file) (02 11 26 PZB recommended approval, Vote: 5-0)

Lobbyist: Mario Garcia-Serra

F. CITY COMMISSION ITEMS

- F.-1. [26-1295](#) A Resolution of the City Commission expressing support for Senate Bill 302, relating to Coastal Resiliency and Aquatic Preserves, sponsored by Senator Ileana Garcia and co-introduced by Senator Bryan Ávila and Senator Barbara Sharief; and Senate Bill 1422, relating to Coral Reef Protection and the designation of coral reefs as critical natural infrastructure, sponsored by Senator Ileana Garcia and co-sponsored by Senator Shevrin Jones; affirming that such legislation is consistent with and incorporated into the City's 2026 Legislative Priorities; authorizing advocacy for passage during the 2026 Legislative Session; and providing for an effective date.
(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)
- F.-2. [26-1303](#) A Resolution of the City Commission affirming the City's commitment to human trafficking prevention through community outreach, education, and interagency coordination; and directing the City Manager to conduct public awareness and educational programs in anticipation of large-scale international events including the 2026 FIFA World Cup.
(Sponsored by Vice Mayor Anderson)
- F.-3. [26-1312](#) A Resolution of the City Commission urging Miami-Dade County to amend Section 31-107 "Vehicle Standards" of the Miami-Dade County Code to allow for use of certain passenger motor carrier vehicles for up to twenty model years of age, or 350,000 Miles of usage.
(Sponsored by Vice Mayor Anderson)

- F.-4. [26-1314](#) A Resolution of the City Commission directing the City Manager to review and expand the accessible/disability resources page on the City's official website; providing for the identification and inclusion of community resources, programs, and information regarding accessible and inclusive amenities; and providing for an effective date.
(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)
- F.-5. [26-1273](#) A Resolution of the City Commission requesting a proposal for artwork at the Mobility Hub from artist Hernan Bas with an all-inclusive budget of \$1,000,000.00; further approving funding of \$5,000.00 from the Art Fund toward the proposal; and authorizing an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2026 Operating Budget to recognize the transfer of funds from the Art in Public Places Reserve and to appropriate such funds toward the cost of the project.
(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)
- F.-6. [25-1262](#) Discussion regarding newspaper stands.
(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)

Time Certain 3:00pm (Agenda Item F-7)

- F.-7. [26-1281](#) Update regarding Little Library from High School Student Gianna Figueroa.
(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)
- F.-8. [26-1282](#) Discussion regarding a second Augustin Cardenas art piece.
(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)

Agenda Items H-3, H-4 and F-9 are related

- F.-9. [26-1286](#) Presentation on the Granada Golf Course and phase two of the Coral Gables Golf and Country Club.
(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)
- F.-10. [26-1291](#) Discussion regarding assessment for commercial property owners for beautification.
(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)

G. BOARDS/COMMITTEES ITEMS

None

H. CITY MANAGER ITEMS**Agenda Items A-4 and H-1 are related**

- H.-1. [26-1298](#) A Resolution of the City Commission declaring Principles of Inclusion for individuals with Autism and other special needs, and urging action by National, State, and Local Governments, Businesses, and Residential Communities Consistent with these Principles.
- H.-2. [26-1279](#) A Resolution of the City Commission authorizing the acceptance of Grant Agreement No. VW403 with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection providing for the purchase of three garbage trucks in the amount of \$1,053,522; authorizing an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget to recognize grant funds as revenue; and appropriate said funds to the cost of the program.

Agenda Items H-3, H-4 and F-9 are related

- H.-3. [26-1270](#) A Resolution of the City Commission amending the Community Recreation fee schedule pursuant to the City's established five-year fee planning structure; continuing the five-year fee cycle through Fiscal Years 2027-2031; providing for structured fee adjustments; establishing a veterans and active military discount at the Granada Golf Course; providing for severability; and providing for an effective date.
- H.-4. [26-1285](#) A Resolution of the City Commission accepting the recommendation of the City Manager to authorize a bid waiver for Granada Golf Course maintenance services and authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Bright View Holdings LLC for a period of one year in the estimated amount of \$969,478.00, pursuant to section 2-691 of the City's Procurement Code.
- Lobbyist: N/A
- H.-5. [26-1313](#) A Resolution of the City Commission approving a First Amendment to the Lease/Use Agreement Between the City of Coral Gables (Lessor) and (Lessee) Miami-Dade County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, for the property located at: 2900 SW 72nd Avenue, Miami, Florida 33155, identified by Folio Number: 30-4014-010-0010, comprising of approximately 4.466 Acres of Land for an additional one-year term (03/14/2026-03/13/2027) for the continued utilization by the County's Department of Solid Waste as a Solid Waste Trash Transfer Station.

Agenda Items H-6 and H-7 are related

- H.-6. [26-1292](#) A presentation of the Giralda Sky Project consisting of two overhead installations.
- H.-7. [26-1293](#) A Resolution of the City Commission to authorize a Bid Waiver for the rental and installation of a temporary truss system and installation of overhead art on Giralda Plaza, and authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Aver Productions for a period of 6 months in the estimated amount of \$183,829.40 as a "Special Procurement/Bid Waiver," pursuant to section 2-691 of the Procurement Code.

I. CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS

None

J. CITY CLERK ITEMS

None

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 with a disability requiring communication assistance (such as a sign language interpreter or other auxiliary aide or service) in order to attend or participate in the meeting should contact the City's ADA Coordinator, Clifford R. Friedman, Director of Human Resources & Risk Management (E-mail: cfriedman@coralgables.com, Telephone: 305-722-8686, TTY/TDD: 305-442-1600), at least three (3) business days before the meeting.

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, Clifford R. Friedman, Director of Human Resources & Risk Management (E-mail: cfriedman@coralgables.com, Telephone: 305-722-8686, TTY/TDD: 305-442-1600), at least three (3) business days before the meeting.