

# City of Coral Gables

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## Agenda - Final Revised

Tuesday, May 5, 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 May 5, 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](http://www.coralgables.com/commissionmeetings)) once the meeting's agenda is published or by sending an email to [cityclerk@coralgables.com](mailto: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](http://www.coralgables.com/cgvtv)) as well as Channel 77 on Comcast.

## CALL TO ORDER

## INVOCATION

*Chaplain Andrew Fernandez - Baptist Collegiate Ministry at the University of Miami*

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

*Coral Gables Resident Daisy Baez*

*Daisy Baez is a U.S. Army veteran and longtime Coral Gables resident who served as a preventive medicine specialist with the 15th Medical Battalion, earning multiple commendations. She is a healthcare administrator and consultant, an active leader with American Legion Post 98, and a dedicated member of the local community.*

## AMERICA'S SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL MOMENT

*Ponce de Leon Middle School Student Maykel Cutino's Essay "Remembering the Past, Building the Future."*

## A. PRESENTATIONS AND PROTOCOL DOCUMENTS

### Time Certain 9:30am (Agenda Items A-1 and F-12)

- A.-1. [26-1483](#) Presentation of Certificate of Appreciation:  
Lucy Lopez - For Permit Processing Notes  
Dayron Garcia - For Permit Processing Notes  
Joanne Meagher - For Merrick Moments  
(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)
- A.-2. [26-1448](#) Presentation of a Proclamation declaring May 3-9, 2026 as "National Travel and Tourism Week" in Coral Gables.
- A.-3. [26-1505](#) Presentation of a Proclamation declaring May 5, 2026 as "Cielo Tejido Day" in Coral Gables.
- A.-4. [26-1392](#) Presentation of a Proclamation declaring May 6, 2026 as "The Villagers Day" in Coral Gables.
- A.-5. [26-1390](#) Presentation of a Proclamation declaring May 2026 as "Historic Preservation Month" in Coral Gables.
- A.-6. [26-1395](#) Presentation by the Historic Preservation Board on the State of Historic Preservation in Coral Gables.
- A.-7. [26-1502](#) Presentation by the Pinewood Cemetery Advisory Board on The Pinewood Cemetery, a historic landmark.

- A.-8. [26-1496](#) Presentation of a Proclamation declaring April 12-18, 2026 as "National Public Telecommunications Week" in Coral Gables.
- A.-9. [26-1493](#) Presentation of a Proclamation declaring May 11-17, 2026, as "National Police Week" in Coral Gables.
- A.-10. [26-1361](#) Congratulations to Driver Engineer Kristina Bolanos, recipient of the City of Coral Gables "Firefighter of the Month Award," for the month of May 2026.
- A.-11. [26-1271](#) Congratulations to Officer Alexander Rodriguez, recipient of the 2025 Robert DeKorte Memorial Award.
- A.-12. [26-1202](#) Congratulations to the Innovation and Technology Department recipient of the 2026 Smart 20 Award for "Transformative Work in Smart Cities" and their "Smart City Research Lab and Gables TechTank Incubator" initiatives.

## B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- B.-1. [26-1454](#) Regular City Commission Meeting of March 10, 2026.

## 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. [26-1457](#)** A Resolution of the City Commission accepting the recommendation of the Chief Procurement Officer to award RFP 2026-003 City Decorating Services to Joy By, LLC, the highest ranked responsive and responsible proposer, pursuant to section 2-763 of the Procurement Code entitled "contract award" and request for proposal (RFP) 2026-003.

Lobbyist: N/A

- D.-2. [26-1458](#)** A Resolution of the City Commission accepting the recommendation of the Chief Procurement Officer to award fountain and swimming pool maintenance to Gables Pool & Spa, Inc. as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, in an estimated annual amount of \$115,400.00 and not to exceed budgeted funds, pursuant to Invitation for Bids (IFB) 2026-004 and Section 2-763 of the City's Procurement Code entitled "Contract Award".

Lobbyist: N/A

- D.-3. [26-1461](#)** A Resolution of the City Commission accepting the recommendation of the Chief Procurement Officer to award Street End Improvements Project contract in the estimated amount of \$70,813.00 to HG Construction Development and Investment, Inc., the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, pursuant to Invitation for Bids (IFB) 2026-007 and Section 2-763 of the City's Procurement Code entitled "Contract Award".

Lobbyist: N/A

- D.-4. [26-1478](#)** A Resolution of the City Commission accepting the recommendation of the Chief Procurement Officer to extend contract no. RFP 2018-009A with Ashbritt, Inc., RFP 2018-009B with Phillips Heavy, Inc., and RFP 2018-009C with Ceres Environmental Services, Inc. for Disaster Debris Removal Services, pursuant to Section 2-764 of the City's Procurement Code entitled "Approval of Change Orders and Contract Modifications."

Lobbyist: N/A

- D.-5. [26-1497](#)** A Resolution of the City Commission confirming the appointment of Dawn Adels Fine (nominated by Commissioner Castro) to serve as a member of the Emergency Management Division, for the remainder of a two (2) year term which began on June 1, 2025 and continues through May 31, 2027.

- D.-6. [26-1501](#) A Resolution of the City Commission accepting the recommendation of the Police Department to waive the competitive bid process of the procurement code as a "Special Procurement/Bid Waiver" with Saferwatch, LLC. for the continuation of services, in an estimated amount of \$142,500.00 for a three (3) year term pursuant to Section 2-691 of the City's Procurement Code.

Lobbyist: N/A

- D.-7. [26-1503](#) A Resolution of the City Commission designating the City office space located at 234 Minorca Avenue as the future location of the Innovation and Technology Smart City Research Laboratory and its Workforce Development and Community Innovation Programs with student interns and research partners, after the return of the City Commission back to its permanent, restored Chambers and Offices at City Hall.

- D.-8. [26-1512](#) A Resolution of the City Commission confirming the appointment of Shane McGlashen (nominated by Vice Mayor Anderson) to serve as a member of the Planning and Zoning Board, for the remainder of a two (2) year term which began on June 1, 2025 and continues through May 31, 2027.

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

- 1.-1. [26-1479](#) Economic Development Board Meeting of March 4, 2026.
- 1.-2. [26-1368](#) Planning and Zoning Board Meeting of February 11, 2026.
- 1.-3. [26-1500](#) Sustainability Advisory Board Meeting of February 25, 2026.

**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. [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)

Lobbyist: Laura Russo

**Agenda Items E-2 and E-6 are related**

- E.-2. [26-1440](#) An Ordinance of the City Commission amending Ordinance No. 2022-32, as Amended, which approved a Planned Area Development for the property known as "Regency Parc" and legally described as Lots 1-12 and Lots 35-46, including the public alleyway lying in between, Block 10 and Lots 1-4, Block 15, Coral Gables Crafts Section (290, 272, 250, 244 Valencia Avenue, 247, 297 Almeria Avenue, and 2701 Salzedo Street), Coral Gables, Florida, to allow for the issuance of a Temporary Certificate of Occupancy prior to completion and conveyance of the public park to the City, subject to the terms and conditions of a Performance Bond or Letter or Credit Agreement, as approved by the City Manager and City Attorney.

Lobbyist: Joe Jimenez

**Agenda Items E-3 and E-7 are related**

- E.-3. [26-1441](#) An Ordinance of the City Commission amending Ordinance No. 2024-11 which approved a Planned Area Development for a proposed Publix Grocery Store and Liquor Store on the Property Legally Described as Lots 1 Through 48, Block 8, Coral Gables Crafts Section (2551 Le Jeune Rd), Coral Gables, Florida to modify certain conditions of approval due to revisions necessitated by flood zone requirements; to modify timing of completion for conditions relating to certain offsite traffic improvements and bicycle lanes; and to modify condition requiring conveyance of Salzedo Park to address development rights.

Lobbyist: Mario Garcia-Serra

**ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING**

- E.-4. [26-1132](#) An Ordinance of the City Commission providing for text amendments to the City of Coral Gables Official Zoning Code by amending Article 5, "Architecture," Section 5-500, "Roofs," to clarify roof design standards including the intent to incorporate a combination of pitched and flat roof forms and to establish that roof designs proposed as entirely flat require review and approval by the Full Board of Architects; to remove Sections 5-503 and 5-504 and renumber subsequent sections; to delete outdated parapet height provisions in flood hazard districts; and providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, codification, and providing for an effective date.
- E.-5. [26-1515](#) An Ordinance of the City Commission amending Chapter 2 "Administration", Article I- "In General" to create Section 2-6 "Registered Agent" in order to codify the Mayor's designation of the City Attorney as the City's Registered Agent for Service of Process for purposes of Chapter 48, Florida Statutes; providing for severability clause, repealer provision, codification, and providing for an effective date.  
(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)

**RESOLUTIONS****Agenda Items E-2 and E-6 are related**

- E.-6. [26-1439](#) A Resolution of the City Commission amending Resolution No. 2022-170 as Amended, which approved a Mixed Use Site Plan for the property known as "Regency Parc" and legally described as Lots 1-12 and Lots 35-46, including the public alleyway lying in between, Block 10 and Lots 1-4, Block 15, Coral Gables Crafts Section (290, 272, 250, 244 Valencia Avenue, 247, 297 Almeria Avenue, and 2701 Salzedo Street), Coral Gables, Florida, to allow for the issuance of a Temporary Certificate of Occupancy Prior to completion and conveyance of the Public Park to the City, subject to the terms and conditions of a Performance Bond or Letter of Credit Agreement, as approved by the City Manager and City Attorney.

Lobbyist: Joe Jimenez

**Agenda Items E-3 and E-7 are related**

- E.-7. [26-1442](#) A Resolution of the City Commission amending Resolution No. 2024-59 which approved a site plan for a proposed Publix Grocery Store and Liquor Store on the property legally described as Lots 1 Through 48, Block 8, Coral Gables Crafts Section (2551 Le Jeune Rd), Coral Gables, Florida to modify certain conditions of approval due to revisions necessitated by flood zone requirements; to modify timing of completion for conditions relating to certain offsite traffic improvements and bicycle lanes; and to modify condition requiring conveyance of Salzedo Park to address development rights.

Lobbyist: Mario Garcia-Serra

**F. CITY COMMISSION ITEMS**

- F.-1. [26-1425](#) A Resolution of the City Commission supporting the Matheson Hammock Market and supporting their efforts to employ individuals on the autism spectrum and those within the special needs community.  
(Sponsored by Commissioner Castro)

**Time Certain 11:00am (Agenda Items F-2 to F-7)**

- F.-2. [26-1402](#) A Resolution of the City Commission directing staff to explore a league-based discount structure comparable to that of other golf facilities.  
(Sponsored by Commissioner Castro)
- F.-3. [26-1435](#) A Resolution of the City Commission formally recognizing the City's ongoing relations with the Greenway Women's Golf Association, Inc. and the Coral Gables Women's Golf and Bridge Association, Inc. and directing staff to continue to set aside certain tee-times for members of those associations.  
(Sponsored by Commissioner Castro)
- F.-4. [26-1436](#) A Resolution of the City Commission amending the Community Recreation Fee Schedule to provide for a Coral Gables Resident Senior Discount at Granada Golf Course.  
(Sponsored by Commissioner Castro)
- F.-5. [26-1438](#) A Resolution of the City Commission amending the Community Recreation Fee Schedule to provide for a one-year Transition and Evaluation Program allowing the continuation of Annual Golf Memberships at the Granada Golf Course in place as of March 10, 2026; providing for updated rates; and providing for reporting of data at the conclusion of the one-year period.  
(Sponsored by Commissioner Castro)

- F.-6. [26-1489](#) A Resolution of the City Commission urging Miami-Dade County to expedite review and approval of a uniform traffic signal priority and/or preemption system for use by municipalities, including for fire rescue, police, and transit/trolley operations, and to complete such approval before the end of 2026; providing for transmittal; and providing for an effective date.  
(Sponsored by Vice Mayor Anderson)
- F.-7. [26-1506](#) A Resolution of the City Commission recognizing the City's longstanding relationship with the Granada Golf Association, Inc., Greenway Women's Golf Association, Inc., and the Coral Gables Women's Golf and Bridge Association, Inc.; authorizing the continued administrative reservation of certain tee time blocks for existing members of such associations, subject to applicable legal, operational, and financial requirements established by the City; and directing staff to work with the existing associations under those conditions.  
(Sponsored by Vice Mayor Anderson)

**Time Certain 12:00pm (Agenda Item F-8)**

- F.-8. [26-1490](#) A Resolution of the City Commission authorizing funding in the additional amount of \$100,000.00 to the Coral Gables Cinematheque for the expansion of the Coral Gables Art Cinema at the city-owned property 240-260 Aragon Avenue, Coral Gables, Florida, with certain conditions.  
(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)
- F.-9. [26-1507](#) A Resolution of the City Commission condemning the use of fictitious organizational identities and deceptive digital interfaces to conduct anonymous political intelligence-gathering operations against Coral Gables voters and to subvert the city's public records infrastructure; calling upon state and federal authorities to investigate; directing the City Attorney to pursue all available legal remedies including recovery of diverted public records; and providing for an effective date.  
(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)
- F.-10. [26-1510](#) A Resolution of the City Commission directing city staff to review, develop, and implement a process for the installation of rumble strips, tactile edge treatments, or other appropriate protective safety measures along the edges of existing and future bicycle lanes within the city, where feasible and consistent with applicable engineering, safety, and regulatory standards, in order to provide additional protection for cyclists; and providing for an effective date.  
(Sponsored by Vice Mayor Anderson)
- F.-11. [26-1514](#) A Resolution of the City Commission authorizing the design and construction of sidewalks and bicycle lanes along Riviera Drive from Bird Road to Ponce de Leon Boulevard.  
(Sponsored by Vice Mayor Anderson)

**Time Certain 9:30am (Agenda Items A-1 and F-12)**

- F.-12. [26-1487](#) Discussion regarding Permit Processing Improvements.  
(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)
- F.-13. [26-1427](#) Presentation of the Florida League of Cities Home Rule Hero Award.  
(Sponsored by Commissioner Castro)
- F.-14. [26-1486](#) Discussion regarding election results and next steps.  
(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)
- F.-15. [26-1484](#) Discussion regarding the Youth Center Association.  
(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)
- F.-16. [26-1491](#) Discussion regarding AEDs in city parks.  
(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)

**G. BOARDS/COMMITTEES ITEMS**

None

**H. CITY MANAGER ITEMS**

- H.-1. [26-1373](#) A Resolution of the City Commission accepting the recommendation of the Chief Procurement Officer to award RFP 2026-001 for Soccer Program Management Services to US Champions Soccer Academy, LLC, the highest ranked responsive-responsible proposer, pursuant to Section 2-763 of the Procurement Code entitled "Contract Award".  
  
Lobbyist: Leslie E. Pantin
- H.-2. [26-1459](#) A Resolution of the City Commission accepting the recommendation of the Chief Procurement Officer to award the Sanitary Sewer Submersible Electrical Control Panel Installation to Coreland Construction Corp., the most responsive and responsible bidder in the estimated amount of \$829,898.94, pursuant to Section 2-763 of the Procurement Code entitled "Contract Award" and Invitation for Bid (IFB) 2026-005.  
  
Lobbyist: N/A
- H.-3. [26-1482](#) A Resolution of the City Commission authorizing Satchmo Blues Bar and Grill, Inc. D/B/A Fritz & Franz Bierhaus to utilize the public space and maintain a temporary soccer watch party set up at the Bierhaus Plaza located at 60 Merrick Way from June 11, 2026, through July 19, 2026, in connection with the 2026 Fifa World Cup.

- H.-4. [26-1504](#) A Resolution of the City Commission to provide staff with direction for the development of a Landscape & Maintenance Assessment Program.
- H.-5. [26-1494](#) Update on Development Services.
- H.-6. [26-1495](#) Presentation on AI Summit and the new Coral Gables Center of Excellence Program.
- H.-7. [26-1498](#) Phillips Park Project Update.

## I. CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS

None

## J. CITY CLERK ITEMS

- J.-1. [26-1530](#) A Resolution of the City Commission officially accepting the City Clerk's Certification and Declaration of the Results of the City of Coral Gables Special Referendum Election, which was held on April 21, 2026, wherein voters approved Referendum 1- amending the Charter to change the City's election date to coincide with national elections.
- J.-2. [26-1531](#) A Resolution of the City Commission officially accepting the City Clerk's Certification and Declaration of the Results of the City of Coral Gables Special Referendum Election, which was held on April 21, 2026, wherein voters approved Referendum 2- Amending the Charter to prohibit further changes to the Election Date via Ordinance.
- J.-3. [26-1532](#) A Resolution of the City Commission officially accepting the City Clerk's Certification and Declaration of the Results of the City of Coral Gables Special Referendum Election, which was held on April 21, 2026, wherein voters disapproved Referendum 3- Allowing Commissioners or Officials to remove board members prior to the expiration of their term.
- J.-4. [26-1533](#) A Resolution of the City Commission officially accepting the City Clerk's Certification and Declaration of the Results of the City of Coral Gables Special Referendum Election, which was held on April 21, 2026, wherein voters approved Referendum 4- Requiring a decennial review of the City Charter.
- J.-5. [26-1534](#) A Resolution of the City Commission officially accepting the City Clerk's Certification and Declaration of the Results of the City of Coral Gables Special Referendum Election, which was held on April 21, 2026, wherein voters approved Referendum 5 - Authorizing a contracted inspector general as needed for the City of Coral Gables.

- J.-6. [26-1535](#) A Resolution of the City Commission officially accepting the City Clerk's Certification and Declaration of the Results of the City of Coral Gables Special Referendum Election, which was held on April 21, 2026, wherein voters approved Referendum 6 - Requiring a vote of the electors prior to changing the compensation of City elected officials.
- J.-7. [26-1536](#) A Resolution of the City Commission officially accepting the City Clerk's Certification and Declaration of the Results of the City of Coral Gables Special Referendum Election, which was held on April 21, 2026, wherein voters disapproved Referendum 7- An amendment eliminating the runoff election in City Commission and Mayoral races.
- J.-8. [26-1537](#) A Resolution of the City Commission officially accepting the City Clerk's Certification and Declaration of the Results of the City of Coral Gables Special Referendum Election, which was held on April 21, 2026, wherein voters approved Referendum 8 - Fund Reserves Policy and Expenditure of General Fund Reserves.

## 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.*