

**CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA**

**RESOLUTION 2021-**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, DIRECTING THAT CERTAIN CITY COMMISSION AGENDA ITEMS BE HEARD NO EARLIER THAN 5:00 P.M.

**WHEREAS**, the City of Coral Gables City Commission sets its regularly scheduled Commission meetings in accordance with the City Charter and Section 2-30 of the City Code; and

**WHEREAS**, historically, the City has held its meetings on Tuesdays, once or twice each month, with the meetings being called to order at approximately nine o'clock (9:00) A.M.; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to the public comment that occurs as part of a particular agenda item, the City Commission agenda has an "Open Public Comment" section at the beginning of each City Commission meeting where members of the public may address the City Commission on any matter within the City Commission's jurisdiction; and

**WHEREAS**, even prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, the City Commission had established an avenue by which the public may comment virtually or by email; and

**WHEREAS**, many members of the public who may wish to address the City Commission or speak on certain agenda items may be unable to attend the City Commission meetings in person or virtually as they are held during regular working hours; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission finds that given the public interest and desire to more fully participate in certain agenda items, particular items should be heard no earlier than 5:00 P.M. regardless of the start time of the regularly scheduled City Commission meeting;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES:**

**SECTION 1.** The foregoing "Whereas" clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution upon adoption hereof.

**SECTION 2.** That the City Clerk and City Manager ensure that the following City Commission agenda items be heard no earlier than 5:00 P.M., regardless of the start time of the City Commission meeting, at least once before final action of this Commission:

- 1) Planning and Zoning Items as listed below:
  - a. Ordinances amending the City’s Zoning Code;
  - b. Amendments to the City’s Comprehensive Plan or Land Use Map; and
  - c. Mixed-Use projects requiring City Commission approval, Planned Area Development (PAD) applications, any project requiring Conditional Use Approval, Amendments to developments, site plans, or PAD’s previously approved by the City Commission that require Commission approval.
- 2) Procurement Awards for contracted goods and services over \$5 million.

**SECTION 3.** That in accordance with Section 2-84 of the City Code no City Commission meeting shall be permitted to continue beyond 9:00 P.M. without the approval of the majority of the Commission.

**SECTION 4.** That failure to hear a particular item at or after 5:00 P.M. shall in no way invalidate the action taken by the City Commission with regard to that item.

**SECTION 5.** That this Resolution shall become effective upon the date of its passage and adoption herein.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS FOURTEENTH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, A.D.,  
2021

(Moved: )  
(Yeas:  
(Majority : Vote:)

APPROVED:

VINCE LAGO  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

BILLY Y. URQUIA  
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND  
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

MIRIAM SOLER RAMOS  
CITY ATTORNEY