



City of Coral Gables  
CITY COMMISSION MEETING  
August 24, 2021

**ITEM TITLE:**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK AND CITY MANAGER TO SET CERTAIN ITEMS, OF GREAT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE, TO BE HEARD NO EARLIER THAN 5:00 P.M.

(Sponsored by Commissioner Anderson)

(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)

**BRIEF HISTORY:**

The City of Coral Gables has historically held its regular City Commission meetings on Tuesdays, at approximately 9:00 A.M. The City has an established open public comment section at the beginning of each meeting as well as the public comments that occurs with particular agenda items. Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic the City Commission had established an avenue by which the public may comment virtually or by email. However, even with those avenues available many members of the public who may wish to 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.

The City Commission wishes to adopt objective guidelines for which items before the City Commission should be heard no earlier than 5:00 P.M. at least once before final action of this Commission. Adoption of these guidelines confers no additional jurisdiction to the City Commission and does not add additional requirements for items that do not regularly come before the City Commission.

If adopted the following items before the City Commission would be heard no earlier than 5:00 P.M. at least once prior to final action:

- 1) Ordinances amending the City Code deemed a matter of great public importance by a majority vote of the City Commission during first reading of the proposed Ordinance;
- 2) Ordinances amending the City's Zoning Code;
- 3) Amendments to the City's Comprehensive Plan and Land Use Map;
- 4) Legislation changing the land use or zoning of a particular parcel;
- 5) Any item related to the Transfer of Development Rights (TDRs);
- 6) Any item where an applicant is utilizing the Mediterranean Bonus structure outlined in the City's Zoning Code;
- 7) Mixed-use projects requiring City Commission approval, Planned Area Development (PAD) applications, or any project requiring Conditional Use approval, for projects located in the following areas of the City:
  - a. The Central Business District (CBD)
  - b. The Crafts Section

- c. The Biltmore Section
- d. Projects fronting U.S. 1, LeJeune Road, Douglas Road, Ponce DeLeon Boulevard, Salzedo Street, Galiano Street, Bird Road, Red Road, or S.W. 8th Street
- e. Projects within 1,000 feet of a historically designated property or a property with a pending application for designation review by City staff or the Historic Preservation Board;
  - 8) Mixed-use projects requiring City Commission approval, PAD applications, or any project requiring Conditional Use approval, for projects whose proposed plans require the removal of specimen trees as defined in the City Code;
  - 9) Amendments to developments, site plans, or PADs previously approved by the City Commission that seek variances, shared parking, decreased set-backs, step-backs or parking, or increased density, intensity or height;
  - 10) Amendments to developments, site plans, or PADs previously approved by the City Commission that decrease or alter conditions of approval, decrease impact fees, decrease public benefits, or decrease financial or in-kind contributions;
  - 11) Appeals of actions of the Historic Preservation Board;
  - 12) Increases to City fees where not already required by Florida State Statutes.

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

- 1. **Draft Resolution.**
- 2. **2021-06-06 Memo re Evening Meetings**