

City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Agenda Item K
March 11, 2025
Police and Fire Headquarters
2151 Salzedo Street, Coral Gables, FL

City Commission

Mayor Vince Lago

Vice Mayor Rhonda Anderson

Commissioner Melissa Castro

Commissioner Ariel Fernandez

Commissioner Kirk Menendez

City Staff

City Attorney, Cristina Suárez

City Manager, Alberto Parjus

City Clerk, Billy Urquia

Public Speaker(s)

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Mayor Lago: Madam Vice Mayor, have anything else for the good of the order.

Vice Mayor Anderson: Well, just to alert you all that staff is going to be doing as part of the funding that we received on the septic to sewer conceptual plan. They are going to have a number of meetings basin by basin throughout the month of March and April. I'm going to ask the City Manager to share the list of dates with you all, so that you have information on when staff plans on doing it. This is just a preliminary presentation. What happens after that, as I've explained to many residents, is, we will take the next phase on whether they want to move forward with going to sewer or remain and have to put in the more expensive septic tanks, OSTDs in the future if the state mandates it or they have to do replacements. From what I've seen on the State Statutes for other areas in Florida, once the sewer line is down, even if you do have the more expensive septic tank, what the state has required is that you still have to hook up to sewer. So, it's typical, if you have a sewer line, you are going to have to hook up. If you don't have a sewer line, you are going to have to go to the more expensive septic tank, there are going to be two choices. It's going to be

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an expensive project. Its not going to be a sexy project, but its not sexy to have the toxins that we do in our waterway right now, because human people count there in our waterway.

Commissioner Castro: I'm very excited. This is a big win for Coral Gables, the new resolution for the dog park and the registration process for parking. Thank you again, Monica Beltran, great, great news. I'm pretty sure the whole community is very, very happy now. Today is the last Commission meeting we have before the election, that means that the next Commission meeting will be in May and there's a high probability that the Commission, let's be positive, there's a probability that maybe we'll keep the same people or maybe we won't, right.

City Clerk Urquia: There's a zero chance.

Commissioner Castro: I guess there's a zero chance. I just got corrected. Okay. I wish all of you the best of luck and let good things come.

Commissioner Menendez: I just have two things. I spoke earlier with Chief Hudak and I'm asking the City Manager and his team to work with Chief Hudak in reaching out to the county to get two stop signs added to that intersection right there. While we were talking outside, cars believe it's a four-way, so they stop and it creates confusion, the cross traffic. One car stops, the next car doesn't stop. It's just because of the way it was designed. We have the same issue with North Greenway and Granada, but here, in front of our Public Safety Building, we should have safety at least. So, he said he was having a difficult time getting the county to respond or react to our needs. The other one has to do with my movie poster. Next movie is, I think its April 26th, 11 a.m. It's a free movie, free popcorn, free soda, and it's the Wizard of Oz. Why the Wizard of Oz was selected, because former Mayor Dorothy Thomson, Dorothy requested it. So, we're bringing back a classic 1939 with Judy Garland and it's free to everybody.

Mayor Lago: Commissioner Fernandez.

Commissioner Fernandez: Just wanted to wish our residents safe Ramadan, Passover, Lent, and Easter. To those of you running for office, wish you the best of luck. Look forward to being back here on May 20th with whoever the residents of this city elect and look forward to hearing the will of the voters.

Mayor Lago: In closing, I want to thank staff, it's been a long day. Thank you for all your hard work, it's 7 o'clock, we've been here for ten hours. So, thank you for your hard work. Thank you for the residents who were here today, the business leaders, thank you for helping us get to the finish line today. God bless all of you. Happy Lent, Ramadan, Passover. May God illuminate your life. God bless all of you. Thank you.