

City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Agenda Item F-4
May 19, 2026
Public Safety Building, CMR
2151 Salzedo Street, Coral Gables, FL

City Commission

Mayor Vince Lago

Vice Mayor Rhonda Anderson

Commissioner Melissa Castro

Commissioner Ariel Fernandez

Commissioner Richard D. Lara

City Staff

City Attorney, Cristina Suárez

City Manager, Peter Iglesias

City Clerk, Billy Urquia

Public Speaker(s)

Agenda Item F-4 [Start: 3:33 p.m.]

A Resolution of the City Commission directing the City Manager and City Clerk to ensure that all regular meetings of the City's boards and committees are recorded and made available for public viewing on the City's website. (Sponsored by Mayor Lago)

Mayor Lago: Moving on to item F-4.

City Attorney Suarez: F-4 is a resolution. Mayor, this is the one that you asked us to provide an updated version. So, if you'd like, I can read the updated title. This is a resolution of the City Commission of the City of Coral Gables, Florida, directing the City Manager and City Clerk to ensure that all regular meetings of the city boards and committees are recorded. And I have updated versions, Mayor, that I can provide.

Mayor Lago: Yes. The only item here that I wanted to make sure that we kept as a little kind of a window of opportunity for the Manager to address is certain potentially, you know, we have to be very thoughtful and careful in regard to people's private information. Like for example, if you may have a judge or you may have an elected official, or you may have a police officer or somebody

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who works or, you know, one of the large departments in the federal level where they're remodeling their home and you're potentially putting out their information. So, we have to look at, you know, for example, the BOA, code enforcement, maybe planning and zoning. Not really planning and zoning because they don't go into the plans, but I want to make sure that, you know, we're very careful and thoughtful on that front and that the manager has, you know, he has the standing to be able to make a decision on what is actually shown on TV. What I'm really looking forward to is having boards that don't have the videos up right now where people can see those videos transparently. But I want to avoid exposing somebody's personal life or putting somebody at harm. So, I don't know if anybody has any other concerns. It's just a pretty simple piece of legislation, more cleanup than anything else.

Vice Mayor Anderson: Mayor.

Mayor Lago: Yes.

Vice Mayor Anderson: I'm just going to ask you some questions whether or not you had thought about it. When we have, for instance, drawings of buildings and so forth, you have utility services, you have other types of services that run to those buildings. Ingress, egress, some of these things can impact the ability of an individual to, you know, be a burglar.

Mayor Lago: Yep.

Vice Mayor Anderson: These are some of my concerns because these drawings are put up at the board of architects. So is there a way to effectively carve out items like this where we're going to hand out on the public airwaves as opposed to having to make a public records request where you have to put up your name as opposed to just click on a video and be able to Mr. Mayor examine the buildings.

Mayor Lago: Yeah, that's what I discussed with the City Attorney yesterday that at least you have the one layer which is that individual or entity has to provide for a public records request and has to provide their information.

City Attorney Suarez: So, the revised version requires that all meetings be recorded, but not that all of them be posted. Of course, they would be subject to a public records request, but they would not all be posted.

Vice Mayor Anderson: Okay. As long as they're not posted for the public because there's very little written here. So, it wasn't self-evident.

City Attorney Suarez: That was the change. You previously had said that. And so now it just says recorded.

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Mayor Lago: Well, your changes is noted. And it's something that we talked about, and it was staff brought that up and it was a very good point. And I completely agree with what you're saying, Vice Mayor.

Vice Mayor Anderson: Okay, without change, I'll move it.

Commissioner Fernandez: I'll second. Through the Mayor.

Mayor Lago: Yes.

Commissioner Fernandez: I think this is a great idea. I think a lot of times we have questions that come up before us where there wasn't a recording of a specific meeting, and it would facilitate our ability to make a decision. So, my concern was also the public records, but it's been addressed. So, I think this is a great idea.

Mayor Lago: My issue is one of these: ensuring accountability and transparency. And that when board members are addressing a resident or they're addressing a colleague, they're ensuring that they're, again, being held to the highest standard, which is Coral Gable standard. So, like the Vice Mayor said, this is an opportunity to record. We will not put sensitive information out there. The Manager will have the ultimate discretion in regard to what is shown. But at the end of the day, I think it's important just to at least at a minimum, record these meetings for future austerity. So, do we have a motion?

Vice Mayor Anderson: We did.

Mayor Lago: Do we have a second?

City Clerk Urquia: Yes, sir.

Mayor Lago: All right, do we have any public comment?

City Clerk Urquia: No, Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Lago: All right.

Commissioner Castro: Yes.

Commissioner Fernandez: Yes.

Commissioner Lara: Yes.

Vice Mayor Anderson: Yes.

Mayor Lago: Yes.

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