

# **City of Coral Gables**

*405 Biltmore Way  
Coral Gables, FL 33134  
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## **Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, February 13, 2024**

**9:00 AM**

**City Hall, Commission Chambers**

### **City Commission**

*Mayor Vince Lago  
Vice Mayor Rhonda Anderson  
Commissioner Melissa Castro  
Commissioner Ariel Fernandez  
Commissioner Kirk R. Menendez*

*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 Tuesday, February 13, 2024 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/cgty](http://www.coralgables.com/cgty)) as well as Channel 77 on Comcast.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 9:08 a.m.

**LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**

The following minutes summary includes all presentations made, and actions taken which is supplemented by the following exhibits on file in the Office of the City Clerk, and which are hereby made a part of the record herein: (a) Ordinance(s) adopted (Ordinance No. 2024-05 through Ordinance No. 2024-07) (b) Resolution(s) adopted (Resolution No. 2024-19 through Resolution No. 2024-34); (c) Video; (d) Audio Recording; (e) Minutes Folder with Agenda and background information, including items which were submitted at the meeting.

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:** 5 - Vice Mayor Anderson, Commissioner Castro, Commissioner Fernandez, Commissioner Menendez and Mayor Lago

**INVOCATION**

Reverend, Melanie Marsh from Riviera Presbyterian Church gave the Invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

City Manager, Peter Iglesias led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**A. PRESENTATIONS AND PROTOCOL DOCUMENTS**

- A.-1. [24-6954](#) Presentation of a Proclamation declaring February 2024 as "Black History Month" in Coral Gables.

Mayor Lago introduced Agenda Item A-1 and accepting the proclamation declaring February 2024 as "Black History Month" in Coral Gables was Clarice Cooper, daughter of the late social activist Leona Cooper and William Alexander Cooper. She thanked the City Commission for graciously allowing her and Carl Prime, son of Carl and Edwina Prime, the opportunity to receive the proclamation. She continued by speaking in depth about the work her parents did pertaining to the quality of life and improvements in the preservation of two historically black neighborhoods, namely, the Golden Gates Subdivision and McFarlane Homestead. She also delivered greetings from her aunt Leona Cooper, and Carl Prime who accompanied her thanked the city for publicly acknowledging their historic designated neighborhoods and he is proud of the work that his late parents and Ms. Copper's late parents have done to allow them to receive that designation. Mayor Lago spoke of spending time with the late Ms. Cooper and Ms. Prime who he considers to be the salt of the earth and visionaries who were entrenched in recognizing the history of these communities. He then read the proclamation.

**This Presentation/Protocol Document was Presented and Filed**

City Clerk Item No. 2

- A.-2. [23-6821](#) Congratulations to Driver Engineer David Hill recipient of the City of Coral Gables "Firefighter of the Month Award," for the month of February 2024.

**Attachments:** [Cover Memo, FF of the Month, February 2024 \(1\)](#)  
[FF of the month Feb ltr](#)

Mayor Lago introduced Agenda Item A-2: Congratulations to Driver Engineer David Hill recipient of the City of Coral Gables "Firefighter of the Month Award," for the month of February 2024 and Fire Chief de la Rosa made the presentation stating that Driver Engineer Hill was nominated by the people who he rescued. The incident occurred on his day off when he rescued elderly who were riding their bicycles from stray dogs and called fire rescue while they were riding their bicycles. The gentleman he rescued was later found to be a retired Broward County Fire Rescue Firefighter. It is for Driver Engineer Hill's actions on and off the job, he is the Firefighter of the Month". Driver Engineer Hill, in accepting his award thanked the Mayor and City Commission, Fire Chief de la Rosa and said he saw someone in need, pulled over and assisted them. Mayor Lago on behalf of the City Commission thanked and congratulated him for his service to the residents.

**This Presentation/Protocol Document was Presented and Filed**

City Clerk Item No. 1

- A.-3. [24-6978](#) Congratulations to Officer Eduardo Castaneda, recipient of the 2023 Robert DeKorte

Memorial Award.

**Attachments:** [Castaneda DeKorte Letter](#)

Mayor Lago introduced Agenda Item A-3: Congratulations to Officer Eduardo Castaneda, recipient of the 2023 Robert DeKorte Memorial Award and Christopher Challenger, President-Fraternal Order of Police-Lodge 7 made the presentation and spoke about the background of the DeKorte Memorial Award and the reason why Officer Eduardo Castaneda was selected to receive it. He stated that Police Officer Castaneda is the embodiment of courage, commitment, and the spirit of Coral Gables Police Department. FOP President Challenger continued by listing the exemplary achievements of Officer Castaneda who has been employed by the Coral Gables Police Department for eight years. In accepting his award, Officer Castaneda thanked the City Commission, his friends and family for their support, compassion and understanding throughout his journey in law enforcement and who have played pivotal roles in shaping his path. He additionally thanked Police Chief Hudak, FOP current board members and those responsible for his nomination and he is honored, blessed, and humbled by it. He then read his eloquent and heartfelt speech of what it means to be a police officer and ended with a quote from Dr. Martin Luther King... "the ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy". Mayor Lago, on behalf of the City Commission congratulated Officer Castaneda and again asked his parents to join him at the podium.

**This Presentation/Protocol Document was Presented and Filed**

City Clerk Item No. 3

**A.-4.** [24-6962](#)

Congratulations to Carlos Pichardo, Community Recreation Department, recipient of "Employee of the Month Award", for the month of November 2023.

Mayor Lago introduced Agenda Item A-4: Congratulations to Carlos Pichardo, Community Recreation Department, recipient of "Employee of the Month Award", for the month of November 2023 and Raquel Elejabarrieta, Human Resources Director and Fred Couceyro-Director -Community Recreation Department made the presentation. Director Elejabarrieta stated that Mr. Pichardo has served the city in the Community Recreation Department for 24 years moving through the ranks serving in various positions and now in his current position as Youth Center Supervisor where he works daily providing a fun, safe and inspiring environment for patrons of the Youth Center. Director Couceyro stated that he is happy to honor Carlos who has performed in every classification in the Youth Center beginning as a part-timer to a full-timer. Currently, Carlos has started a program from the ground up -- the girls volleyball program which has been successful, he works hard, and he is proud of him. Carlos thanked Director Couceyro and his fellow employees and thanked the Mayor and City Commission for the honor. Mayor Lago also thanked Carlos as well as his department, saying that 24 years is a big accomplishment, and they look forward to his service for as long as they can have him. Commissioner Menendez also spoke

about his experience with Carlos, knowing him from kindergarten and participating in every program and has grown with the program and thanked him for his service because the Youth Center is a jewel of the community. Commissioner Fernandez stated that Carlos always has a smile on his face regardless as well as his team and he considers the Community Recreation Department the shining star of the city, and it is appreciated. Vice Mayor Anderson thanked and commended him of his exemplary leadership whereby people can emulate what he has done. Commissioner Castro thanked Carlos and said that he is a great person, and they need more people like him.

**This Presentation/Protocol Document was Presented and Filed**

City Clerk Item No. 4

**B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

B.-1. [24-6927](#) Regular City Commission Meeting of January 9, 2024.

**Attachments:** [CCMTG Jan 9 2024 - Agenda Item C - Public Comment](#)  
[CCMTg Jan 9 2024 - Agenda Item E-4 - Ordinance amending St. Philips School sit](#)  
[CCMTG Jan 9 2024 - Agenda Item E-5 - Ordinance providing for text amendment:](#)  
[CCMTG Jan 9 2024 - Agenda Item E-7 - Ordinance providing for a text amendme](#)  
[CCMTg Jan 9 2024 - Agenda Item E-8 - Ordinance providing for a text amendment](#)  
[CCMTG Jan 9 2024 - Agenda Item F-2 - Update regarding Pittman Park](#)  
[CCMTG Jan 9 2024 - Agenda Item F-5 - Discussion regarding the Christmas decc](#)  
[CCMTG Jan 9 2024 - Agenda Item F-6 - Discussion regarding the tree canopy req](#)  
[CCMTG Jan 9 2024 - Agenda Item F-10 - Resolution directing the City Clerk and \(](#)  
[Meeting Minutes January 9, 2024](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Fernandez, seconded by Vice Mayor Anderson, that this motion be approved. The motion passed by unanimous vote.**

**Yeas :** 5 - Vice Mayor Anderson, Commissioner Castro, Commissioner Fernandez, Commissioner Menendez and Mayor Lago

City Clerk Item No. 5

B.-2. [24-7011](#) Regular City Commission Meeting of January 23, 2024.

**Attachments:** [CCMTG Jan 23 2024 - Agenda Item C - Public Comment](#)  
[CCMTG Jan 23 2024 - Agenda Item E-5 - Resolution granting conditional use app](#)  
[CCMTG Jan 23 2024 - Agenda Item F-1 - Discussion regarding MetroConnect](#)  
[CCMtg Jan 23 2024 - Agenda Item F-5 - Discussion regarding Fritz and Franz](#)  
[CCMTG Jan 23 2024 - Agenda Item F-7 - Discussion regarding city P-Cards credi](#)  
[CCMTG Jan 23 2024 - Agenda Item H-1 - Presentation on city lighting](#)  
[CCMtg Jan 23 2024 - Agenda Items E-3 and E-4 are related - Ordinance approv](#)  
[Meeting Minutes](#)

**A motion was made by Vice Mayor Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Fernandez, that this motion be approved . The motion passed by unanimous vote.**

**Yeas :** 5 - Vice Mayor Anderson, Commissioner Castro, Commissioner Fernandez, Commissioner Menendez and Mayor Lago

City Clerk Item No. 6

**C. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Item Public Comments available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk and in Legistar].

City Clerk Item No. 7

**D. CONSENT AGENDA**

**Passed the Consent Agenda**

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Fernandez to Approve the Consent Agenda a motion was to Approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Yeas : 5 - Vice Mayor Anderson, Commissioner Castro, Commissioner Fernandez, Commissioner Menendez and Mayor Lago

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-19**

**D.-1. [24-6957](#)**

A Resolution of the City Commission accepting a recommendation of the City Manager to waive the competitive process of the Procurement Code for the purchase of six (6) Sanitary Submersible Pumps from Xylem Water Solutions Inc. in the estimated amount of \$139,665 as a "Sole Source Procurement", pursuant to Section 2-689 of the City's Procurement Code.

**Attachments:** [Pumps Purchase, Xylem Sole Source - RESOL Request for Sole Source Procurement](#)  
[Xylem Sole Source Letter](#)  
[Xylem Proposal](#)  
[Pumps Purchase, Xylem Sole Source - COVER R-2024-19 Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION ACCEPTING A RECOMMENDATION OF THE CITY MANAGER TO WAIVE THE COMPETITIVE PROCESS OF THE PROCUREMENT CODE FOR THE PURCHASE SIX (6) SANITARY PUMPS FROM XYLEM WATER SOLUTIONS INC. IN THE ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$139,655 AS A "SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT", PURSUANT TO SECTION 2-689 OF THE CITY'S PROCUREMENT CODE.

City Clerk Item No. 8



**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-20**

- D.-2. [24-6996](#) A Resolution of the City Commission rescinding Resolution 2023-68 and authorizing the donation of a 1998 Pierce ladder truck, a designated surplus item, to the fire department of Asuncion, Paraguay.

**Attachments:** [2.13.24 CM Fire Truck Donation Paraguay](#)  
[2.13.24 Reso Fire Truck Donation Paraguay](#)  
[FireTruck](#)  
[R-2024-20 Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 2023-68 AND AUTHORIZING THE DONATION OF A 1998 PIERCE LADDER TRUCK, A DESIGNATED SURPLUS ITEM, TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT OF ASUNCION, PARAGUAY.

**This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2024-20 BY VOICE VOTE**

City Clerk Item No. 9

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-21**

- D.-3. [24-6995](#) A Resolution of the City Commission confirming the appointment of David Kutner (Nominated by the Deering Bay Master Property Owners' Association) and Aimee Davis (Sunrise Harbour Homeowners' Association) to serve as members of the South Waterways Homeowners' Associations Advisory Board, for a two (2) year term which began on June 1, 2023 and continues through May 31, 2025.

**Attachments:** [Draft Resolution - South Waterway HOA Board Nomination](#)  
[Cover Memo - South Waterways HOA Board Nomination](#)  
[R-2024-21 Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF DAVID KUTNER (NOMINATED BY THE DEERING BAY MASTER PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION) AND AIMEE DAVIS (SUNRISE HARBOUR HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION) TO SERVE AS MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH WATERWAYS HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATIONS ADVISORY BOARD, FOR A TWO (2) YEAR TERM WHICH BEGAN ON JUNE 1, 2023, AND CONTINUES THROUGH MAY 31, 2025.

**This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2024-21 BY VOICE VOTE**

City Clerk Item No. 10

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-22**

- D.-4. [24-7014](#) A Resolution of the City Commission appointing Albert Menendez (Nominated by Vice Mayor Anderson) to serve as a member of the Landmarks Advisory Board, for the remainder of an unexpired term, which began on June 1, 2023 and continues through May 31, 2025.

**Attachments:** [Draft Resolution - Albert Menendez - Landmarks Board](#)  
[Cover Memo - Albert Menendez - Landmarks Board](#)  
[R-2024-22 Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION APPOINTING ALBERT MENENDEZ (NOMINATED BY VICE MAYOR ANDERSON) TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE LANDMARKS ADVISORY BOARD, FOR THE REMAINDER OF AN UNEXPIRED TERM, WHICH BEGAN ON JUNE 1, 2023, AND CONTINUES THROUGH MAY 31, 2025.

**This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2024-22 BY VOICE VOTE**

City Clerk Item No. 11

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-23**

- D.-5. [24-7015](#) A Resolution of the City Commission appointing Alberto Perez (Nominated by Vice Mayor Anderson) to serve as a member of the Board of Adjustment, for the remainder of an unexpired term, which began on June 1, 2023 and continues through May 31, 2025.

**Attachments:** [Draft Resolution - Alberto Perez - Board of Adjustment](#)  
[Cover Memo - Alberto Perez - Board of Adjustment](#)  
[R-2024-23 Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION APPOINTING ALBERTO PEREZ (NOMINATED BY VICE MAYOR ANDERSON) TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT, FOR THE REMAINDER OF AN UNEXPIRED TERM, WHICH BEGAN ON JUNE 1, 2023, AND CONTINUES THROUGH MAY 31, 2025.

**This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2024-23 BY VOICE VOTE**

City Clerk Item No. 12

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-24**

- D.-6. [24-7016](#) A Resolution of the City Commission confirming the appointment of Nicole A. Hoover (Nominated by the Board-As-A-Whole) to serve as a member of the Parks and Recreation Youth Advisory Board, for the remainder of an unexpired term, which began on June 1, 2023 and continues through May 31, 2025.

**Attachments:** [Draft Resolution - Nicole Hoover - Youth Board](#)  
[Cover Memo - Nicole Hoover - Youth Board](#)  
[R-2024-24 Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF NICOLE A. HOOVER (NOMINATED BY THE BOARD-AS-A-WHOLE) TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD, FOR THE REMAINDER OF AN UNEXPIRED TERM, WHICH BEGAN ON JUNE 1, 2023, AND CONTINUES THROUGH MAY 31, 2025.

**This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2024-24 BY VOICE VOTE**

City Clerk Item No. 13

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-25**

- D.-7. [24-7019](#) A Resolution of the City Commission confirming the appointment of Donna Heisenbottle (Nominated by Board-As-A-Whole) to serve as a member of the Landmarks Advisory Board, for a two (2) year term which began on June 1, 2023 and continues through May 31, 2025.

**Attachments:** [Draft Resolution - Board As A Whole - Landmarks Board](#)  
[Cover Memo - Board-As-A-Whole - Landmarks Board](#)  
[R-2024-25 Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF DONNA HEISENBOTTLE (NOMINATED BY BOARD-AS-A-WHOLE) TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE LANDMARKS ADVISORY BOARD, FOR A TWO (2) YEAR TERM WHICH BEGAN ON JUNE 1, 2023, AND CONTINUES THROUGH MAY 31, 2025.

**This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2024-25 BY VOICE VOTE**

City Clerk Item No. 14

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

1.-1. [24-6977](#) Economic Development Board Meeting of January 10, 2024.

**Attachments:** [1-10-24 EDB Meeting Minutes DRAFT](#)

**This Matter was approved BY VOICE VOTE**

City Clerk Item No. 15

1.-2. [24-7017](#) Landmark Advisory Board Meeting of October 16, 2023.

**Attachments:** [Landmark Advisory Board Meeting Minutes October 16, 2023](#)

**This Matter was approved BY VOICE VOTE**

City Clerk Item No. 16

1.-3. [24-6953](#) Landscape Beautification Advisory Board Meeting of January 11, 2024.

**Attachments:** [011124-LBAB Minutes - 24-6953](#)

**This Matter was approved BY VOICE VOTE**

City Clerk Item No. 17

1.-4. [24-6950](#) Sustainability Advisory Board Meeting of December 11, 2023.

**Attachments:** [Cover Page of 12/11/2023 Meeting](#)  
[Meeting Minutes of 12/11/2023 Meeting](#)

**This Matter was approved BY VOICE VOTE**

City Clerk Item No. 18

1.-5. [24-6952](#) Waterway Advisory Board Meeting of January 3, 2024.

**Attachments:** [Wab Cover Memo Template- 1-3-2024](#)  
[1-3-24 Minutes](#)

**This Matter was approved BY VOICE VOTE**

City Clerk Item No. 19

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-26**

**Non  
agenda  
Item**     **24-7048**

A Resolution of the City Commission confirming the appointment of Sherry Celesia by Vice Mayor Anderson to the Coral Gables Golf and County Club Advisory Board.

**Attachments:**   [R-2024-26 Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF SHERRY CELESIA (NOMINATED BY VICE MAYOR ANDERSON) TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE CORAL GABLES GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB ADVISORY BOARD, FOR A TWO (2) YEAR TERM WHICH BEGAN ON JUNE 1, 2023, AND CONTINUES THROUGH MAY 31, 2025.

**This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2024-26 BY VOICE VOTE**

City Clerk Item No. 20

**E. PUBLIC HEARINGS****ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING****ORDINANCE NO. 2024-05**

**E.-1.**     [23-6727](#)

An Ordinance of the City Commission amending Section 14-103.3. "Meeting; Panel Review; Full by Full Board; Conflict Resolution Meeting; Special Master Quasi-Judicial Hearing" in order to amend certain procedures related to the conflict resolution and Special Master Quasi-Judicial Process for appeals of decisions by the Board of Architects; providing for repealer provision, severability clause, codification, enforceability, and providing for an effective date. (01 10 24 PZB - Motion to approve in part, Vote 4-2)

(Sponsored by Vice Mayor Anderson)

**Attachments:**   [01 10 24 - PZB Staff Report - BOA Appeals w attachments](#)  
[02 13 24 Exhibit B - 01 10 24 - PZB Staff Report - BOA Appeals w attachments](#)  
[02 13 24 Exhibit C - 01 10 24 PZB MINUTES](#)  
[02 13 24 CC - BOA Appeals - 2nd Reading-revised 2-5](#)  
[Exhibit A - Draft Ordinance - BOA Appeals-revised 2-5](#)  
[O-2024-05 Signed](#)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION AMENDING SECTION 14-103.3. "MEETING; PANEL REVIEW; FULL BY FULL BOARD; CONFLICT RESOLUTION MEETING; SPECIAL MASTER QUASI-JUDICIAL HEARING" IN ORDER TO AMEND CERTAIN PROCEDURES RELATED TO THE CONFLICT RESOLUTION AND SPECIAL MASTER QUASI-JUDICIAL PROCESS FOR APPEALS OF DECISIONS BY THE BOARD OF ARCHITECTS; PROVIDING FOR REPEALER, SEVERABILITY, CODIFICATION, ENFORCEABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**A motion was made by Vice Mayor Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Fernandez, that this matter be adopted by Ordinance Number 2024-05. The motion passed by the following vote.**

**Yeas :** 5 - Commissioner Fernandez, Commissioner Menendez, Vice Mayor Anderson, Commissioner Castro and Mayor Lago

City Clerk Item No. 26

**ORDINANCE NO. 2024-06****E.-2. [23-6733](#)**

An Ordinance of the City Commission providing for text amendments to the City of Coral Gables Official Zoning Code Article 15, "Notices," Section 15-102, "Notice," to amend requirement for the Applicants Required Public Information Meeting to occur prior to review by the Board of Architects and to require additional registration information for future notifications to be included in meeting notice, providing for repealer provision, severability clause, codification, and providing for an effective date. (01 10 24 PZB - Motion to approve with conditions, Vote 4-2)

(Sponsored by Commissioner Menendez)

(Co-sponsored by Vice Mayor Anderson)

**Attachments:** [01 10 24 PZB Staff Report - BOA Neighborhood Meeting w attachment](#)  
[02 13 24 CC Cover Memo - BOA Neighborhood Mtg - 2nd Reading](#)  
[02 13 24 Exhibit A - Draft Zoning Code Text Amendment - BOA neighborhood Me](#)  
[02 13 24 Exhibit B - 01 10 24 PZB Staff Report - BOA Neighborhood Meeting w at](#)  
[02 13 24 Exhibit C - Excerpt of 01 10 24 PZB Meeting Minutes](#)  
[O-2024-06 - Signed](#)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION PROVIDING FOR TEXT AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES OFFICIAL ZONING CODE PURSUANT TO ZONING CODE ARTICLE 15, "NOTICES," SECTION 15-102, "NOTICE," TO AMEND REQUIREMENT FOR THE APPLICANTS REQUIRED PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING TO OCCUR PRIOR TO REVIEW BY THE BOARD OF ARCHITECTS, PROVIDING FOR REPEALER PROVISION, SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, CODIFICATION, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Menendez, seconded by Vice Mayor Anderson, that this matter be adopted by Ordinance Number 2024-06. The motion passed by the following vote.**

**Yeas :** 5 - Commissioner Menendez, Vice Mayor Anderson, Commissioner Castro, Commissioner Fernandez and Mayor Lago

City Clerk Item No. 27

**ORDINANCE NO. 2024-07**

E.-3. [23-6579](#)

An Ordinance of the City Commission approving and granting to Pivotal Utility Holdings, Inc. d/b/a Florida City Gas, its successors and assigns, a non-exclusive gas franchise, imposing provisions and conditions relating thereto; providing for monthly payment of a franchise fee to the City; providing for adoption of representations; repealing all ordinances in conflict; providing a severability clause; and providing for an effective date.

**Attachments:** [Cover Memo Franchise Agreement with FCG First Reading 1-23-24](#)  
[Franchise Agreement with Florida City Gas City First Reading 1-23-24](#)  
[Cover Memo Franchise Agreement with FCG Second reading 2-13-24](#)  
[Franchise Agreement with Florida City Gas City Second Reading 2-23-24](#)  
[R-2024-07 Signed](#)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION APPROVING AND GRANTING TO PIVOTAL UTILITY HOLDINGS, INC. D/B/A FLORIDA CITY GAS, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, A NON-EXCLUSIVE GAS FRANCHISE, IMPOSING PROVISIONS AND CONDITIONS RELATING THERETO; PROVIDING FOR MONTHLY PAYMENT OF A FRANCHISE FEE TO THE CITY; PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Menendez, seconded by Vice Mayor Anderson, that this matter be adopted by Ordinance Number 2024-07. The motion passed by the following vote.**

**Yeas :** 5 - Vice Mayor Anderson, Commissioner Castro, Commissioner Fernandez, Commissioner Menendez and Mayor Lago

City Clerk Item No. 28



**ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING****Agenda Item E-4 has been deferred and will be heard at the February 27, 2024 City Commission Meeting**

- E.-4.**     [23-6795](#)     An Ordinance of the City Commission providing for a text amendment to Appendix A "Site Specific Zoning Regulations," Section A-94 "Snapper Creek Lakes" of the City of Coral Gables Official Zoning Code to include all types of accessory uses in the rear yard ground coverage calculation, to remove outdated Section A-94-2, and to provide consistency with the Snapper Creek Lakes' protective covenants by increasing various setbacks; providing for severability clause, repealer provision, codification, and providing for an effective date. (01 10 24 PZB - Motion to approve as presented by the applicant, Vote 6-0)

Lobbyist: Laura Russo

**Attachments:**   [01 10 24 - Staff Report - Snapper Creek w attachments B - D](#)  
[01 10 24 Attachment A - Application Submittal Package](#)  
[02 27 24 Exhibit A - Application Submittal Package](#)  
[02 27 24 Exhibit B - Draft Ordinance - Snapper Creek](#)  
[02 27 24 Exhibit C - 01 10 24 - Staff Report - Snapper Creek w attachments B - D](#)  
[02 27 24 Exhibit D - Excerpt of 01 10 24 PZB Meeting Minutes](#)  
[02 27 24 Exhibit E - Powerpoint Presentation - Snapper Creek](#)  
[02 27 24 CC Cover Memo - Snapper Creek - 1st Reading](#)

**This Ordinance was Deferred**

City Clerk Item No. 28

**F.     CITY COMMISSION ITEMS**

- F.-1.**     [24-6935](#)     Update on the Blue Road bridge.  
(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)
- Attachments:**   [Agenda Item F-1](#)
- This Agenda Item was Deferred**
- City Clerk Item No. 36
- F.-2.**     [24-6955](#)     Discussion regarding valet parking.  
(Sponsored by Commissioner Fernandez)

**This Agenda Item was Deferred**

City Clerk Item No. 37

- F.-3. [24-6974](#) Discussion regarding curb maintenance.  
(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)

**Attachments:** [Picture](#)  
[Speaker Cards F-3](#)

**This Agenda Item was Deferred**

City Clerk Item No. 38

- F.-4. [24-6975](#) Discussion regarding cleanliness on Ponce de Leon Boulevard, Alhambra Circle, and potential street sweeping on Alhambra Circle. .  
(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)

**Attachments:** [Ponce - Picture 1](#)  
[Ponce - Picture 2](#)  
[Ponce - Picture 3](#)  
[Ponce - Picture 4](#)

**This Agenda Item was Deferred**

City Clerk Item No. 39

- F.-5. [24-6981](#) Update on Board of Architects nominations.  
(Sponsored by Commissioner Fernandez)

**Attachments:** [Board of Architects -Rev. Update \(002\) App](#)

**This Agenda Item was Deferred**

City Clerk Item No. 40

- F.-6. [24-6982](#) Update on Le Parc Cafe.  
(Sponsored by Commissioner Fernandez)

**This Agenda Item was Deferred**

City Clerk Item No. 41

- F.-7. [24-6960](#) Presentation on contingency amounts of City projects for the past five years.  
(Sponsored by Commissioner Fernandez)

**Attachments:** [Contingency Update Final](#)  
[Speaker Cards F-7](#)

**This Agenda Item was Deferred**

City Clerk Item No. 42

- F.-8. [24-6994](#) Discussion regarding the tree trimming around newly installed FPL light poles.  
(Sponsored by Commissioner Fernandez)

**This Agenda Item was Deferred**

City Clerk Item No. 43

- F.-9. [24-7003](#) Discussion regarding street markers.  
(Sponsored by Commissioner Fernandez)

**This Agenda Item was Deferred**

City Clerk Item No. 44

- F.-10. [24-7004](#) Update on pickleball courts in Parking Garage 4.  
(Sponsored by Commissioner Fernandez)

**Attachments:** [Rooftop Pickleball Feasibility Study Presentation 2-8-24](#)  
[Rooftop Pickleball Feasibility Study Presentation 2-12-24](#)

**This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed**

City Clerk Item No. 35

- F.-11. [24-7005](#) Discussion regarding potholes throughout the City.  
(Sponsored by Commissioner Fernandez)

**This Agenda Item was Deferred**

City Clerk Item No. 45

**Time Certain 10:00am (Agenda Item F-12)**

- F.-12. [24-7002](#) City Manager succession plan.  
(Sponsored by Commissioner Fernandez)

**Attachments:** [2024-02-05 - Memo - City Manager Succession F-12 Entered by Mayor Lago](#)  
[F-12 Entered by Vice Mayor Anderson](#)  
[Speaker Cards F-12](#)

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Item F-12 is available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk and in Legistar].

**This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed**

City Clerk Item No. 23

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-27**

- F-12.1 [24-7049](#) A Resolution of the City Commission removing the City Manager and authorizing discussions with a potential candidate for appointment as the next City Manager.

**Attachments:** [R-2024-27 Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION REMOVING THE CITY MANAGER AND AUTHORIZING DISCUSSIONS WITH A POTENTIAL CANDIDATE FOR THE APPOINTMENT AS THE NEXT CITY MANAGER.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Fernandez, seconded by Commissioner Castro, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2024-27. The motion passed by the following vote.**

**Yeas :** 3 - Commissioner Castro, Commissioner Fernandez and Commissioner Menendez

**Nays :** 2 - Vice Mayor Anderson and Mayor Lago

City Clerk Item No. 24

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-28**

F-12.2 [24-7050](#) A Resolution of the City Commission appointing Alberto Parjus as interim City Manager.

**Attachments:** [R-2024-28 - Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION APPOINTING ALBERTO PARJUS AS INTERIM CITY MANAGER.

**A motion was made by Mayor Lago, seconded by Vice Mayor Anderson, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2024-28. The motion passed by the following vote.**

**Yeas :** 5 - Commissioner Castro, Commissioner Fernandez, Commissioner Menendez, Vice Mayor Anderson and Mayor Lago

City Clerk Item No. 25

**Time Certain 2:00pm (Agenda Item F-13)**

F.-13. [24-7006](#) Update on the City's peafowl mitigation policy.  
(Sponsored by Vice Mayor Anderson)

**Attachments:** [Speaker Cards F-13](#)

**This Agenda Item was Deferred**

City Clerk Item No. 46

F.-14. [24-7007](#) Discussion regarding homelessness.  
(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)

**Attachments:** [F.14 PHOTO 10](#)  
[F.14 PHOTO 6](#)  
[F.14 PHOTO 7](#)  
[F.14 PHOTO 8](#)  
[F.14 PHOTO 9](#)  
[F.14 VIDEO](#)  
[F.14 PHOTO 1](#)  
[F.14 PHOTO 2](#)  
[F.14 PHOTO 3](#)  
[F.14 PHOTO 4](#)  
[F.14 PHOTO 5](#)

**This Agenda Item was Deferred**

City Clerk Item No. 47

F.-15. [24-7018](#) Update regarding Code Enforcement matters at 2915 Coconut Grove Drive.  
(Sponsored by Commissioner Castro)

**This Agenda Item was Deferred**

City Clerk Item No. 48

- F.-16. [24-6956](#) A Resolution of the City Commission adopting a maintenance schedule for the City's White Way lights.  
(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)

**Attachments:** [Cover Memo White Way lights maintenance resolution](#)  
[Whiteway Light Resoultion 2-13-24](#)

**This Resolution was Deferred**

City Clerk Item No. 49

### **RESOLUTION NO. 2024-33**

- F.-17. [24-7000](#) A Resolution of the City Commission supporting House Memorial 517 and Senate Memorial 800 urging Congress to support solutions that examine the pollution differential between the United States and other countries that hold foreign polluters accountable for their pollution.  
(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)  
(Co-sponsored by Vice Mayor Anderson)

**Attachments:** [Cover Memo for House Memorials](#)  
[HM 517](#)  
[Resolution supporting HM 517 and SM 800](#)  
[SM 800](#)  
[R-2024-33 Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION SUPPORTING HOUSE MEMORIAL 517 AND SENATE MEMORIAL 800 URGING CONGRESS TO SUPPORT SOLUTIONS THAT EXAMINE THE POLLUTION DIFFERENTIAL BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND OTHER COUNTRIES AND THAT HOLD FOREIGN POLLUTERS ACCOUNTABLE FOR THEIR POLLUTION.

**A motion was made by Vice Mayor Anderson, seconded by Mayor Lago, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2024-33. The motion passed by the following vote.**

**Yeas :** 5 - Commissioner Fernandez, Commissioner Menendez, Vice Mayor Anderson, Commissioner Castro and Mayor Lago

City Clerk Item No. 34

**Time Certain 12:00pm (Agenda Item F-18)**

**F.-18.**    [24-7001](#)

A Resolution of the City Commission directing the reallocation of funds in the 2024-2028 five year Capital Improvement Plan to create a conceptual design for potential improvements, including outdoor community recreation spaces, to the Coral Gables Senior High School athletic complex.  
(Sponsored by Commissioner Menendez)

**Attachments:**    [CGSHS Conceptual Design Resolution - final 2-5-24](#)  
[Cover Memo CGSHS Conceptual Design Resolution](#)  
[Speaker Cards F-18](#)

**This Resolution was Deferred**

City Clerk Item No. 22

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-34**

**Non  
agenda  
item**    [24-7051](#)

A Resolution of the City Commission providing benefit package to Interim City Manager, Alberto Parjus.

**Attachments:**    [R-2024-34 Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION APPOINTING ALBERTO PARJUS AS INTERIM CITY MANAGER AND APPROVING A SALARY AND BENEFITS PACKAGE.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Fernandez, seconded by Commissioner Menendez, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2024-34. The motion passed by the following vote.**

**Yeas :** 5 - Commissioner Menendez, Vice Mayor Anderson, Commissioner Castro, Commissioner Fernandez and Mayor Lago

City Clerk Item No. 50

**G. BOARDS/COMMITTEES ITEMS**

None

**G. CITY MANAGER ITEMS**

- G.-1. [24-6971](#) A Resolution of the City Commission opposing the State preemptions in Senate Bill 1084 and House Bill 1071, on electric vehicle charging infrastructure.

**Attachments:** [Resolution opposing SB 1084 EV Charging](#)  
[Cover Memo for Resolution Opposing SB 1084 and HB 1071](#)

**A motion was made by Vice Mayor Anderson, seconded by Mayor Lago, that this matter be Failed. The motion failed by the following vote.**

**Yeas :** 2 - Vice Mayor Anderson and Mayor Lago

**Nays :** 3 - Commissioner Castro, Commissioner Fernandez and Commissioner Menendez

City Clerk Item No. 29



**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-29****G.-2. [24-6959](#)**

A Resolution of the City Commission opposing Senate Bill 1526 and House Bill 1647, which would limit a local government's ability to preserve certain historic structures that are located seaward of the coastal construction control line established by Section 161.0553 Florida Statutes.

**Attachments:** [Cover Memo for Resolution Opposing SB 1526 and HB 1647](#)  
[Resolution opposing SB 1526 HB 1647 demolition of historic landmarks R-2024-29 Signed](#)  
[Speaker Cards G-2](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OPPOSING SENATE BILL 1526 AND HOUSE BILL 1647, WHICH WOULD LIMIT A LOCAL GOVERNMENT'S ABILITY TO PRESERVE CERTAIN HISTORIC STRUCTURES THAT ARE LOCATED SEAWARD OF THE COASTAL CONSTRUCTION CONTROL LINE ESTABLISHED BY SECTION 161.0553 FLORIDA STATUTES.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Castro, seconded by Vice Mayor Anderson, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2024-29. The motion passed by the following vote.**

**Yeas :** 5 - Commissioner Fernandez, Commissioner Menendez, Vice Mayor Anderson, Commissioner Castro and Mayor Lago

City Clerk Item No. 30

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-30****G.-3. [24-6993](#)**

A Resolution of the City Commission authorizing the City Staff to negotiate and execute a contract with Freebee to provide on demand public transportation services for one-year with two one-year options, at an amount not to exceed \$520,785 annually pursuant to Section 2-607 (17) of the Procurement Code entitled "Exemptions" (Purchase of Public Transportation Services).

**Attachments:** [Cover Memo Freebee Contract Resolution 2024 Resolution Freebee Transportation Services R-2024-30 Signed Speaker Cards G-3](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION AUTHORIZING CITY STAFF TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH FREEBEE TO PROVIDE ON-DEMAND PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SERVICES FOR ONE (1) YEAR WITH TWO (2) ONE YEAR OPTIONS, AT AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$520,785 ANNUALLY PURSUANT TO SECTION 2-607(17) OF THE PROCUREMENT CODE ENTITLED "EXEMPTIONS (PURCHASE OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SERVICES)".

**A motion was made by Commissioner Castro, seconded by Vice Mayor Anderson, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2024-30. The motion passed by the following vote.**

**Yeas :** 5 - Commissioner Menendez, Vice Mayor Anderson, Commissioner Castro, Commissioner Fernandez and Mayor Lago

City Clerk Item No. 31

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-31****G.-4. [24-7013](#)**

A Resolution of the City Commission extending the time for continued negotiations regarding a potential lease renewal with the tenant of 60 Merrick Way, operating as Fritz and Franz Bierhaus, prior to the next Commission meeting.

**Attachments:** [February 13 2024-Commission Cover Memo-Resolution extending time for Fritz a Resolution re Fritz and Franz extending negotiations through February 27 R-2024-31 Signed Speaker Cards G-4](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION EXTENDING THE TIME FOR CONTINUED NEGOTIATIONS REGARDING A POTENTIAL LEASE RENEWAL WITH THE TENANT OF 60 MERRICK WAY, OPERATING AS FRITZ AND FRANZ BIERHAUS, PRIOR TO THE NEXT COMMISSION MEETING.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Fernandez, seconded by Commissioner Castro, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2024-31. The motion passed by the following vote.**

**Yeas :** 5 - Vice Mayor Anderson, Commissioner Castro, Commissioner Fernandez, Commissioner Menendez and Mayor Lago

City Clerk Item No. 32

**H. CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-32 (As Amended)**

H.-1. [24-7012](#) A Resolution of the City Commission approving a Stipulated Settlement Agreement between the City of Coral Gables and Business Improvement District of Coral Gables, Inc..

**Attachments:** [February 13 2024-Commission Cover Memo-Resolution approving Stipulated Sett February 13, 2024-Resolution approving settlement with Business Improvement D R-2024-32 Signed](#)  
[H-1 Entered into the record](#)  
[Speaker Cards H-1](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION APPROVING A STIPULATED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES AND THE BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT OF CORAL GABLES, INC.

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Item F-1 is available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk and in Legistar].

**A motion was made by Vice Mayor Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Fernandez, that this matter be adopted as amended by Resolution Number 2024-32. The motion passed by the following vote.**

**Yeas :** 5 - Commissioner Castro, Commissioner Fernandez, Commissioner Menendez, Mayor Lago and Vice Mayor Anderson

City Clerk Item No. 33

**I. CITY CLERK ITEMS**

**None**

**J. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

[Note for the Record: There being no further business on the Regular City Commission Meeting Agenda. The Commission of the City of Coral Gables adjourned its meeting at 6:11 p.m. The next Regular Meeting of the City Commission has been scheduled for Tuesday, February 27, 2024, beginning 9 a.m.]

**NOTE**

**Billy Y. Urquia**  
**City Clerk**