

City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Agenda Item L
January 25, 2022
City Commission Chambers
405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, FL

City Commission

Mayor Vince Lago

Vice Mayor Michael Mena

Commissioner Rhonda Anderson

Commissioner Jorge Fors

Commissioner Kirk Menendez

City Staff

City Manager, Peter Iglesias

City Attorney, Miriam Ramos

City Clerk, Billy Urquia

Public Speaker(s)

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Discussion Items

Mayor Lago: I have three things really quick. Number one, as many of you may know, our City Attorney's mother passed away and I want to make sure we give her, and we send her our condolences and you are in our prayers. I know you suffered some tough moments over the last few months with your mother, but we are blessed to have you back. Second, I want to tell the community that this Commission will be going to Tallahassee, February 7th through the 9th, for a third trip to Tallahassee in our efforts to hopefully bring home some of our bacon that we send to Tallahassee, bring it back to the City of Coral Gables, as a result of a litany of projects that we're undertaking and hopefully we can get state funding for. So, we'll be making a third trip to Tallahassee in the first week of February. And the third thing, after a long day of discussions, some contentious some not. I always want to remind myself and if you can learn from this moment that there is always a silver lining. That there is always a lot of beauty and there is a lot of good by being involved in the City of Coral Gables, and sometimes I realize that as I drive through the city and I just remark at the beauty of the privilege it is to serve as the Mayor and as Commissioner, as the City Manager, City Attorney, City Clerk, director, employee, resident, business owner. But it really hit home yesterday when I was sitting at a dinner table with a client last night and I had a resident send me the following photo that I want to show you. This is Miracle Mile; this is our
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great Fire Department. I don't know the story behind the photo, but obviously you have two elderly individuals who were probably waiting for transportation of some sort, and these two gentlemen or three gentlemen, I think, there are three of them, stood there to ensure that not only were they safe, but that they boarded the transportation and that they were not cold, as we had one of those rare winter moments here in the City of Coral Gables or in South Florida. So, I wanted to share this picture with you, because you never know when there is an opportunity to help somebody, and you never know when there is an opportunity to be grateful for everything that we have. So, thank you. God bless and have a wonderful day.