

# **City of Coral Gables**

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

**Wednesday, September 13, 2023**

**5:01 PM**

**First Budget Hearing**

**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 First Budget Hearing on Wednesday, September 13, 2023, commencing at 5:01 p.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

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you can "Raise your Hand" by pressing \*9.

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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

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Meeting was called to order at 5:45 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

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

1. [23-6289](#) Second Budget Hearing 2023-2024 Presentation

**Attachments:** [FY24 Budget Presentation - 1ST Hearing 9-13-23 R](#)  
[FY24 Budget Presentation - 2nd Hearing](#)

**This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed**

City Clerk Item No. 1

2. [23-6290](#) Public Hearing for obtaining comments relative to Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

**This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed**

City Clerk Item No. 2

3. [23-6291](#) An Ordinance of the City Commission providing for the levy of taxes for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2023 and ending September 30, 2024; fixing the rate of such levy; providing for segregation and the application of the proceeds of such levy; providing for the separability of the provisions hereof; and providing that this ordinance shall become effective October 1, 2023.

**Attachments:** [FY24 Cover Letter - Adoption of Tax Levy - 1st Hearing](#)  
[FY24 Ordinance for Levy of Taxes - 1st Hearing](#)  
[R-2023-208 - Signed FY 24 Tentative Millage](#)  
[FY24 Cover Letter - Adoption of Tax Levy - 2nd Hearing](#)  
[FY24 Ordinance for Levy of Taxes - 2nd Hearing](#)  
[R-2023-208 - Signed FY 24 Tentative Millage-2nd Budget Hearing](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Menendez, seconded by Commissioner Castro, that this matter be approved as an Ordinance on First Reading. The motion passed by the following vote.**

**Yeas :** 4 - Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Castro, Commissioner Fernandez and Commissioner Menendez

**Nays :** 1 - Mayor Lago

City Clerk Item No. 3

- 4. [23-6292](#) An Ordinance of the City Commission adopting the Annual Budget of Estimated Revenues and Expenditures for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2023 and ending September 30, 2024; providing for separability of the provisions hereof; and providing that this ordinance shall become effective October 1, 2023.

**Attachments:** [FY24 Cover Letter - Adoption of Annual Budget - 1st Hearing](#)  
[FY24 Ordinance to approve Annual Budget - 1st Hearing](#)  
[FY24 Supporting Schedules for 1st Hearing](#)  
[R-2023-208 - Signed FY 24 Tentative Millage](#)  
[FY24 Cover Letter - Adoption of Annual Budget - 2nd Hearing](#)  
[FY24 Ordinance to approve Annual Budget - 2nd Hearing](#)  
[FY24 Supporting Schedules for 2nd Hearing](#)  
[R-2023-208 - Signed FY 24 Tentative Millage-2nd Hearing](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Menendez, seconded by Commissioner Castro, that this matter be approved as an Ordinance on First Reading. The motion passed by the following vote.

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


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

City Clerk Item No. 4

**[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for this meeting is available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk and in Legistar].**

**ADJOURNMENT**

[Note for the Record: There being no further business on the First Budget Hearing Agenda. The Commission of the City of Coral Gables adjourned its meeting at 8:15 p.m. The next Budget Hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, September 26, 2023, beginning 5:01 p.m.]

  
BILLY Y. URQUIA  
CITY CLERK