

City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Agenda Item F-8
September 25, 2025
City Commission Chambers
405 Biltmore Way, 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-8 [Start: 1:05 p.m.]

A Resolution of the City Commission adopting Mayor Lago's 2025-2027 Strategic Priorities Plan. (Sponsored by Mayor Lago)

Mayor Lago: Moving on to item F-8.

City Attorney Suarez: F-8 is a resolution. Sorry. Give me one second. I need my glasses. F-8 is a resolution of the City Commission adopting Mayor Lago's 2025 to 2027 strategic priorities plan.

Mayor Lago: So, this should be brief. I hope that everybody had a chance to take a look at it. It's pretty simple. Again, it's from the Mayor's Council. I would like for you to take a look at it if you haven't gone in depth. This should be the embodiment of what we want our city to be. Everything here is positive. Everything here is about solutions. Everything here is about maintaining the City Beautiful, about elevating the City Beautiful, about making this, if we're not already, even though we all think we're the best on the block, just to continue to get better. It talks about everything from sidewalks to culture to government engagement, street improvements, mobility, parking, trolley services, Freebie. Everything here is just a breakdown in an effort to try to meet these issues, to push the city forward, to get engagement. I wanted to bring Sergio here not only to talk about the

City Commission Meeting
September 25, 2025

project that he's been working on with the Mayor's Council, but I wanted you to really meet an individual who loves the city, who's engaged in the city, who wants to, you know, take the bull by the horns and deliver on amazing, amazing things. For example, the app that we did two years ago, that, thank God to the Clerk, funded it. So, there's environmental stewardship, there's footprint, there's energy usage, there's issues of beautification, there's issues of public safety. So, the intent is, if you want to add to this, this is a constantly living, breathing document, and I'd love to have your input and your guidance. Madam Vice Mayor.

Vice Mayor Anderson: So, on that note, I wanted to ask for you to consider on trolley service the next steps. I've been meeting with the CITT, South Miami, our DCM has been going to the meetings as well regarding establishing a TMA, Transportation Management Agreement, between the city of South Miami, other stakeholders, University of Miami has been in attendance, the Underline has had representation on it, and the idea is forward looking to build out a trolley service that connects the two cities together and also services the University of Miami and services the Biltmore Hotel and other, you know, as we design it going forward. The Manager has been involved as well. Manager you can fill us in as to where you are right now on the next steps in the TMA process, so at least it's in the public, and so the Mayor's Advisory Council consider this as well, and as our new appointee to TPO can be brought up to speed on some of the work that we've been doing for roughly over a year now, trying to get this TMA off the ground.

City Manager Iglesias: Through the Mayor. Vice Mayor, we can certainly put all this information out, we're looking very much to our new trial of going to west to the University of Miami, which is as big as South Miami, and so we are looking at that, we are looking at that northern commercial area, southern commercial area adjacent to South Miami, and we will be trying to work with them with their new project coming up and see how we can improve 57th Avenue and improve connectivity to what is a major project coming at Sunset Place.

Vice Mayor Anderson: Yeah, and I'm just going to, Mayor, add to that that, you know, a new trolley study is part of that, and trying to determine where we need service the most, what are the best routes to use for servicing more people in our city. So, I would just say we need a next step provision under mobility and consider putting that in there.

Mayor Lago: So, listen, if you're willing to adopt this and say in the next Commission meeting we're going to bring you 10 ideas, I don't have a problem deferring it, and say I'm going to bring you, I'm going to look at this, I'm going to review it, I'm going to give you five ideas, whatever that may be. This is a document that I wanted, this is the Mayor's Council, doesn't mean it's the Mayor's Council, it can be anybody's, okay, and it can be our document, and I think that if you look at it, it's pretty benign in the sense of it's just all good things for the city.

Commissioner Fernandez: So just, I honestly did not have a chance to fully review it, and I was going to ask you for a deferral. I appreciate the openness to add to it as well. I think I would be

*City Commission Meeting
September 25, 2025*

prepared to maybe make some recommendations, and I appreciate the openness to work together on a plan that we can work on as a Commission moving forward.

Mayor Lago: These guys work, when I say guys, I mean guys and gals, the entire Mayor's Council worked very hard on this. This is something that we've been working on now for four years, hadn't been adopted before. It had been adopted I think three years ago, and the first year, the second year, and I think that this is just an opportunity to be a beacon, a beacon of something to strive for, and you know, when we do a report card, we say we got to 75 percent, we got to 80 percent like we've done in the past. We're never going to get to 100 percent, but the idea is, you know, this is aspirational in a way that we can really get things done. So, what I'll do is I'll defer Mr. Clerk for the next Commission meeting, and I'd like to have my colleagues receive a copy of this via email, Mr. Manager, so they can review it. It's a pretty lengthy document, and just give me their comments, and not to me, obviously, but they can put it in an email and copy the Clerk so we can have it for the next Commission meeting, and we can adopt those and go over it and hopefully ratify this priorities plan.

City Manager Iglesias: Yes, Mayor.

Mayor Lago: Okay, thank you.