

City of Coral Gables

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Agenda - Final Revised

Wednesday, September 13, 2023

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 Wednesday, September 13, 2023, 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 once the meeting's agenda is published or by sending an email to 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/cgtv as well as Channel 77 on Comcast.

INVOCATION

Chaplain and Leadership Coach Jason Burris, University of Miami

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**A. PRESENTATIONS AND PROTOCOL DOCUMENTS****Time Certain 10:00am (Agenda Item A-1)**

- A.-1. [23-6166](#) Presentation of a check by Florida State Senator Ileana Garcia.
- A.-2. [23-6205](#) Presentation to honor Ellen Uguccioni, first Director of the Office of Historic Preservation of the City of Coral Gables.
- A.-3. [23-6248](#) Congratulations to Fiola on receiving the Keep Coral Gables Beautiful 2023 Commercial Beautification Award.
- A.-4. [23-6229](#) Presentation of a Proclamation declaring September 17 - 23, 2023 as "Constitution Week" in Coral Gables.
- A.-5. [23-6309](#) Presentation of a Proclamation declaring September 2023 as "Hunger Action Month" in Coral Gables.
- A.-6. [23-6326](#) Recognition of the Venetian Pool Lifeguards for their life saving efforts.
- A.-7. [23-5880](#) Congratulations to Lieutenant Christopher Ayala recipient of the City of Coral Gables " Firefighter of the Month Award" for September 2023.
- A.-8. [23-6285](#) Congratulations to Coral Gables Police Department sworn personnel on their Jiu-Jitsu awards.
- A.-9. [23-6287](#) Congratulations to Detective Emir Moises recipient of the City of Coral Gables "Detective of the Quarter," for the second quarter of 2023.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

During this portion of the meeting, an individual may address the City Commission on an item that is on the agenda or on a matter which is not on the agenda, but within the scope of the City Commission's jurisdiction. If the individual wishes to address the City Commission on an item that is on the agenda, the individual shall not be given an opportunity to speak again once the item is called. An individual who wishes to speak during a public hearing where the City Commission is sitting in a quasi-judicial capacity, must speak during the public hearing for that item.

Individuals who speak during the open public comment portion of the meeting shall be given three (3) minutes during which to address the City Commission. At the conclusion of one (1) hour, if the open public comment section of the meeting has not ended, it shall end automatically, in order to proceed with the rest of the agenda.

D. CONSENT AGENDA

All items listed within this section entitled "Consent Agenda" are considered to be self-explanatory and are not expected to require additional review or discussion, unless a member of the City Commission or a citizen so requests, in which case, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered along with the regular order of business. Hearing no objections to the items listed under the "Consent Agenda", a vote on the adoption of the Consent Agenda will be taken.

- D.-1. [23-6304](#) A Resolution of the City Commission confirming the University of Miami appointments of Niles Niseem Boyd (Student Government President), Justin Tulloch (Inter-Fraternity Council President), David Rivero (Public Safety Director), Maite Alvarez (Executive to the President) and Patricia Whitely (Vice President of Student Affairs) to serve as members of the City of Coral Gables/University of Miami Community Relations Committee, for remainder of the current term, which began on June 1, 2023 and continues through May 31, 2025.
- D.-2. [23-6306](#) A Resolution of the City Commission confirming the appointments of Cecilia Slesnick and Sharon Watson (Nominated by Board-As-A-Whole) to serve as members of the School Community Relations Committee, for a two (2) year term which began on June 1, 2023 and continues through May 31, 2025.
- D.-3. [23-6307](#) A Resolution of the City Commission confirming the appointment of Leticia Milian (Nominated by Board-As-A-Whole) to serve as a member of the Library Advisory Board, for a two (2) year term which began on June 1, 2023 and continues through May 31, 2025.
- D.-4. [23-6324](#) A Resolution of the City Commission confirming the appointment of Thad Adams (Nominated by the Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce) to serve as a member of the Economic Development Board, for the remainder of a two (2) year term which began on June 1, 2023 and continues through May 31, 2025.

- D.-5. [23-6325](#) A Resolution of the City Commission confirming the appointment of Anabella Smith (Nominated by the Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce) to serve as a member of the Sustainability Advisory Board, for the remainder of a two (2) year term which began on June 1, 2023 and continues through May 31, 2025.

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

- 1.-1. [23-6164](#) Advisory Board on Disability Affairs July 5, 2023 Meeting
- 1.-2. [23-5862](#) Arts Advisory Panel Meeting of May 3, 2023.
- 1.-3. [23-5887](#) Cultural Development Board Meeting of June 14, 2023.
- 1.-4. [23-6298](#) Cultural Development Board Meeting of July 18, 2023.
- 1.-5. [23-6283](#) Economic Development Board Meeting of August 2, 2023.

E. PUBLIC HEARINGS

All Individuals testifying in a quasi-judicial proceeding shall be sworn in.

Presentations made to the City Commission are subject to the City's False Claims Ordinance, Ch. 39 of the City of Coral Gables Code.

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING

- E.-1. [23-5814](#) An Ordinance of the City Commission granting Conditional Use for a Building Site Determination approval pursuant to Zoning Code Article 14, "Process", Section 14-202.6, "Building Site Determination" and Section 14-203, "Conditional Uses" to separate two (2) single-family building sites on the property zoned Single-Family Residential (SFR) District, legally described as Lots 21 and 22, Block 3, Coral Estates (631 Zamora Avenue), Coral Gables, Florida; one (1) building site consisting of Lot 21 (east parcel), and the other (1) building site consisting of Lot 22 (west parcel); including required conditions; providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, and providing for an effective date. (07 12 23 PZB recommended approval, Vote 5-0)

Lobbyist: Andre Vazquez

- E.-2. [23-5978](#) An Ordinance of the City Commission amending Ordinance No. 2014-05 to increase the maximum student enrollment from 140 to 195 students at the Margaux Early Childhood School at Temple Judea located at 5500 Granada Boulevard, Coral Gables, Florida; all other conditions of approval contained in Ordinance No. 2014-05 shall remain in effect; providing for repealer provision, severability clause, codification, and providing for an effective date. (07 12 23 PZB recommended approval, Vote 5-0)

Lobbyist: Zeke Guilford

Time Certain 9:30am (Agenda Item E-3)

- E.-3. [23-6188](#) An Ordinance of the City Commission amending Section 1- "Creation, Composition, Election, Terms, Vacancies, Qualifications" and Section 1.1 "Run-Off Election" of Article 1 "City Commission and Mayor" of the City Charter to change the date of the General Election from April 08, 2025 to November 05, 2024 and to change the date of all subsequent elections; providing for a four (4) month reduction of existing terms of office; moving the Run-Off Election to four (4) weeks after the General Election and moving the Swearing-In date to five (5) weeks after the General Election; amending Section 3 "Election to Office; Commission As Judge of Qualifications, Requirements, Ballots, Canvassing, and Qualifying Periods" amending the qualifying period; adopting such Charter Amendments pursuant to Section 100.3605, 101.75, and 166.021(4), Florida Statutes; providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, codification, and providing for an effective date.

(Sponsored by Vice Mayor Anderson)

(Co-Sponsored by Mayor Lago)

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

- E.-4. [23-5916](#) An Ordinance of the City Commission amending the Chapter 82 Vegetation of the City Code in order to clarify tree protection provisions and associated code enforcement actions and fines, providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, codification, and providing for an effective date.

(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)

F. CITY COMMISSION ITEMS

- F.-1. [23-6130](#) Discussion regarding the installation of the F.P. Journe clock in the city center.
(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)
- F.-2. [23-6213](#) Discussion regarding protocol for honoring members of the City Commission who have passed.
(Sponsored by Commissioner Fernandez)
- F.-3. [23-6218](#) Discussion regarding sponsorship for the play "The Placemaker Poet".
(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)

- F.-4. [23-6219](#) Discussion regarding outdoor patio and alleyway business landscaping.
(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)
- F.-5. [23-6245](#) Update regarding the Coral Gables Courthouse.
(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)
- F.-6. [23-6303](#) Discussion reminding business owners on Ponce that the maintenance of landscaping in front and back of the property, including alleyways, are the business owner's responsibility.
(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)
- F.-7. [23-6308](#) Discussion considering the naming of a City Park after Sallye Jude and Mayor Dorothy Thomson.
(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)
- F.-8. [23-6310](#) Discussion regarding assessed property values.
(Sponsored by Commissioner Castro)
- F.-9. [23-6311](#) Discussion regarding number of properties in the City with assessed value over \$1 million.
(Sponsored by Commissioner Castro)
- F.-10. [23-6312](#) Discussion regarding acknowledgment of elected officials at events.
(Sponsored by Commissioner Castro)
- F.-11. [23-6313](#) Discussion regarding memorandum on proposed change of date of municipal elections from April of odd-numbered years to November of even-numbered years.
(Sponsored by Commissioner Castro)
- F.-12. [23-6340](#) Discussion regarding Annexation.
(Sponsored by Commissioner Fernandez)
- F.-13. [23-6341](#) Discussion regarding Biltmore Way Streetscape.
(Sponsored by Commissioner Fernandez)
- F.-14. [23-6343](#) Discussion regarding the process of placing items on the Commission Agenda.
(Sponsored by Commissioner Fernandez)
- F.-15. [23-6342](#) Presentation regarding Waste Management Recycling Program.
(Sponsored by Commissioner Fernandez)

F.-16. [23-6314](#) A Resolution of the City Commission authorizing the City to be a Silver Eagle Sponsor of the Coral Gables Preparatory Academy Centennial Gala.
(Sponsored by Commissioner Menendez)

F.-17. [23-6339](#) A Resolution of the City Commission creating a Charter Review Committee.
(Sponsored by Commissioner Fernandez)

G. BOARDS/COMMITTEES ITEMS

G.-1. [23-6266](#) A Resolution of the City Commission approving artists to submit proposals for a commemorative public artwork aligned with the city's centennial honoring Bahamian and Black residents; and authorize an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Operating Budget to recognize the transfer of funds from the Art in Public Places Reserve and to appropriate such funds to put towards the cost of the proposal process and artwork.

H. CITY MANAGER ITEMS

H.-1. [23-6301](#) A Resolution of the City Commission authorizing the City Manager to execute a Certificate and Plan of Termination of 427 Biltmore Way Condominium on behalf of the City as Termination Trustee and as the Sole Unit Owner and the final Warranty Deed as Termination Trustee.

H.-2. [23-6246](#) A Resolution of the City Commission with attachments, ratifying the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Coral Gables and the International Association of Fire Fighters, Local 1210, for the period Of October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2026.

I. CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS

None

J. CITY CLERK ITEMS

J.-1. [23-6330](#) A Resolution of the City Commission amending Resolution No. 2023-305, and in Accordance with Section 2-30 of the City Code, entitled "Regular Meetings, Special Meetings" setting forth the revised Meeting Dates for 2023; more specifically, changing the previously scheduled Tuesday, December 5, 2023 City Commission Meeting to Wednesday, December 6, 2023.

K. DISCUSSION ITEMS

This time is for informal discussion among the City Commissioners, the City Manager and the City Attorney

ADJOURNMENT

NOTE

Any person who acts as a lobbyist pursuant to the City of Coral Gables Ordinance No. 2006-11, must register with the City Clerk, prior to engaging in lobbying activities before city staff, boards, committees and/or the City Commission. A copy of the Ordinance is available in the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall.

Any person, or persons, wishing to appeal any decision made by the City Commission with respect to any matter considered at this meeting or hearing, will require a verbatim record of the proceeding upon which the appeal is based. Interested persons should, therefore, take the necessary steps to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made which contains the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is based.

Any person making impertinent or slanderous remarks or who become boisterous while addressing the Commission, shall be barred from further audience before the Commission by the Chair, unless permission to continue or again address the Commission is granted by the majority vote of the Commission Members present. Clapping, applauding, heckling or verbal outbursts or any remarks in support or opposition to a speaker shall be prohibited. Signs or placards shall not be permitted in Commission Chambers.

Any person who needs assistance in another language in order to speak during the public hearing or public comment portion of the meeting should contact the City 's ADA Coordinator Raquel Elejabarrieta, Esq., Director of Labor Relations and Risk Management (E-mail: relejabarrieta@coralgables.com, Telephone: 305-722-8686, TTY/TDD: 305-442-1600), at least three (3) business days before the meeting.

Billy Y. Urquia
City Clerk