

CITY OF CORAL GABLES

--MEMORANDUM--



The City Beautiful

TO: Mayor Lago, Vice Mayor Mena and Commissioners Fors and Menendez
FROM: Commissioner Anderson
DATE: June 6, 2021
SUBJECT: Evening Commission Meetings

The draft resolution for Item G-3 on the June 8, 2021 Agenda provides for evening meetings commencing at 5:00 p.m. for certain zoning issues and other issues of great public importance. Our city is largely comprised of working families who are unable to take off work to attend commission meetings. Aside from Coral Gables, out of the 33 other municipalities, only four (4) do not hold evening meetings: Miami, Miami Beach, Doral (zoning items are scheduled in the evening), and Indian Creek (population of 86, including 4 of the Forbes 500 richest people in America. Below are the regular commission meeting times for the remaining 30 cities:

6:00 p.m.	6:30 p.m.	7:00 p.m.	7:30 pm	8:00 pm
Aventura	Bal Harbor	Bay Harbor Islands	Florida City	Sweetwater
Doral - zoning	Miami Lakes	Biscayne Park	Hialeah Gardens	
Homestead	Miami Shores	Cutler Bay	West Miami	
Key Biscayne	N. Bay Village	El Portal		
N. Miami Beach	Sunny Isles Beach	Golden Beach		
Pinecrest	Virginia Gardens	Hialeah		
		Medley		
		Miami Gardens		
		Miami Springs		
		North Miami		
		Opa-locka		
		Palmetto Bay		
		South Miami		
		Surfside		

Consistent with our discussions during the last commission meeting, the current draft ordinance provides for an evening meeting time of 5:00 p.m. However, to accommodate more residents who work until 5:00 p.m., it is respectfully suggested that we begin our evening meetings at 6:00 p.m. – the same time that the residents are accustomed to for the Planning and Zoning Board meetings and the earliest meeting time the cities listed above observe. It is further respectfully suggested that meetings adjourn by 9:00 p.m. unless extended by a motion approved by a majority of the Commission, which is consistent with the practice of our Planning and Zoning Board.