

City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Agenda Item H-1
November 18, 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 H-1 [Start: 9:06 a.m.]

A Resolution of the City Commission authorizing a contract modification to FG Construction, LLC. Contract No. 20681 Median Improvements - Ponce de Leon - Phase 3 Project, pursuant to Section 2-764 (b) "Approval of Change Orders and Contract Modifications", in the amount of \$500,000 to cover unforeseen items.

Mayor Lago: You want to do City Manager items, Mr. Manager.

City Manager Iglesias: Yes Mayor.

Mayor Lago: Let's do City Manager items, if we can. They're pretty standard.

City Attorney Suarez: So, I'll read H-1, Mayor, into the record.

Mayor Lago: Yes.

City Attorney Suarez: H-1 is a Resolution of the City Commission authorizing a contract modification to FG Construction, LLC. Contract No. 20681 Median Improvements - Ponce de

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Leon - Phase 3 Project, pursuant to Section 2-764 (b) "Approval of Change Orders and Contract Modifications", in the amount of \$500,000 to cover unforeseen items.

City Manager Iglesias: Through the Mayor.

Mayor Lago: Yes sir.

City Manager Iglesias: Mr. Mayor, Commissioners, this is just an added contingency to the Ponce de Leon Project.

Vice Mayor Anderson: I'll move it.

Mayor Lago: Just for the record, at the end of the day, the contingency is not used, it goes back to the General Fund, correct.

City Manager Iglesias: That is correct, Mayor.

Mayor Lago: Okay. We have a motion and a second. Any public comment?

City Clerk Urquia: No, Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Lago: Alright.

Vice Mayor Anderson: Yes

Commissioner Castro: Yes

Commissioner Fernandez: Yes

Commissioner Lara: Yes

Mayor Lago: Yes

(Vote: 5-0)

Mayor Lago: Again, just for the record, this is something that we've been working on for almost a decade and I'm really blessed and happy to see, on behalf of the Commission. Thank you to Hermes, thank you to the Procurement Department, thank you to the DCM, ACM, City Manager. Again, just like City Hall, this is finally coming to fruition, and I want to thank all our employees for their hard work. Thank you very much. And by the way, another thing too, bear with us, that whole area, you've been asking for a beautification project, you've been asking for landscaping, you've been asking for shade, you've been asking for a median, you've been asking for better roads, sidewalks in certain cases they are going to be replaced and corrected. All we ask you on behalf of the Commission is just patients, because these projects you've got to break a few eggs to

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make a beautiful omelet. And we're going to break a lot of eggs. It's going to be a lot of dust and we're trying to do our best to minimize that, but we have to be honest with ourselves. So, I apologize. That's not a very good analogy, but it kind of is a very good analogy.

Vice Mayor Anderson: Through the Mayor.

Mayor Lago: Yes.

Vice Mayor Anderson: During the last septic to sewer meeting, I did bring up the fact that there's nothing going to be pretty either replacing your septic tank, your drain field, or going septic to sewer. There's no pretty way to do this stuff, but it will be pretty when it's done.

Mayor Lago: Yes ma'am.