

City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Agenda Item F-4
January 27, 2026
City Commission Chambers
405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, FL

City Commission

Mayor Vince Lago

Vice Mayor Rhonda Anderson

Commissioner Melissa Castro (Absent)

Commissioner Ariel Fernandez

Commissioner Richard D. Lara

City Staff

City Attorney, Cristina Suárez

City Manager, Peter Iglesias

City Clerk, Billy Urquia

Communications Director, Martha Pantin

Public Speaker(s)

Agenda Item F-4 [Start: 1:54 p.m.]

A Resolution of the City Commission recognizing the Holy Month of Ramadan and supporting a community Ramadan Observance in the City of Coral Gables.
(Sponsored by Vice Mayor Anderson)

Mayor Lago: We're going to start off with item F-4, correct?

Vice Mayor Anderson: Is Ms. Pantin available?

Mayor Lago: Will you join us, F-4?

City Attorney Suarez: F-4 is a resolution of the City Commission recognizing the Holy Month of Ramadan and supporting a community Ramadan Observance in the city of Coral Gables.

Vice Mayor Anderson: Well, this was an item I brought. And Ms. Pantin, I understand you've been working with the individuals that want to hold this event. Could you fill us in where you are at?

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Communications Director Pantin: So, we've been working with the people from the community that brought this up. We do have a tentative date. I know that they were very interested in having the Vice Mayor there. She is not available on that date. We need to do this because of breaking the fast. We need to do it before the time changes. And the time changes on March 8th. So, we're just waiting for a date. Michael, if you could show the tentative invitation, which they are fine. It's going to be at City Hall Courtyard. And we will have like a coffee cart or something similar like we had for the interfaith event.

Mayor Lago: Perfect. Look forward to it.

Vice Mayor Anderson: So, I will be flying back from Montana on the 19th.

Mayor Lago: I'll make sure to be there.

Vice Mayor Anderson: So, you can fill in my shoes. We do it vice versa.

Communications Director Pantin: Once I confirm with the two ladies today, I will make sure to send this to everyone here. And they are very grateful that the city is working with their community.

Commissioner Lara: So, through the Mayor.

Mayor Lago: Yep.

Commissioner Lara: Right. So, I have also been speaking with the community, with the residents on this issue as well. And I'm very pleased that the Vice Mayor brought the resolution. Should there be some conflict again arising that time, and assuming I'm not conflicted, I'd like to join the Mayor also as well and I'd like to make some remarks as well.

Mayor Lago: Perfect.

Vice Mayor Anderson: Thank you all. I'm going to move it.

Commissioner Lara: Second.

Mayor Lago: And if I may, I'm inclined if the Vice Mayor will allow me to, I'd love to co-sponsor this.

Vice Mayor Anderson: Absolutely.

Mayor Lago: And I think the Commission as-a-whole should co-sponsor it on this item.

Commissioner Lara: But I'd like that as well.

Commissioner Fernandez: I agree. Thank you.

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Mayor Lago: I know it's a vice Mayor's item. I don't like to step on anybody's toes, but I think that I think it's a good thing.

Vice Mayor Anderson: No toes. We're going to hold hands today.

Commissioner Fernandez: Yes.

Commissioner Lara: Yes.

Vice Mayor Anderson: Yes.

Mayor Lago: Yes.