

CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION 2021-

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK AND CITY MANAGER TO SET CERTAIN ITEMS, OF GREAT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE, TO BE HEARD NO EARLIER THAN 5:00 P.M.

WHEREAS, the City of Coral Gables City Commission sets its regularly scheduled Commission meetings in accordance with the City Charter and Section 2-30 of the City Code; and

WHEREAS, historically the City has held its meetings on Tuesdays, once or twice each month, with the meetings being called to order at approximately nine o'clock (9:00) A.M.; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the public comment that occurs as part of a particular agenda item, the City Commission agenda has an "Open Public Comment" section at the beginning of each City Commission meeting where members of the public may address the City Commission on any matter within the City Commission's jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, even prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, the City Commission had established an avenue by which the public may comment virtually or by email; and

WHEREAS, many members of the public who may wish to speak on certain agenda items may be unable to attend the City Commission meetings in person or virtually as they are held during regular working hours; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission wishes to adopt objective guidelines for which items before the City Commission should be heard no earlier than 5:00 P.M. at least once before final action of this Commission; and

WHEREAS, adoption of these guidelines confers no additional jurisdiction to the City Commission and does not add additional requirements for items that do not regularly come before the City Commission;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES:

SECTION 1. The foregoing "Whereas" clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution upon adoption hereof.

SECTION 2. That the City Commission directs the City Clerk and City Manager to schedule the following items to be heard no earlier than 5:00 P.M. at least once before final action of this Commission:

- 1) Ordinances amending the City Code deemed a matter of great public importance by a majority vote of the City Commission during first reading of the proposed Ordinance;
- 2) Ordinances amending the City's Zoning Code;
- 3) Amendments to the City's Comprehensive Plan and Land Use Map;
- 4) Legislation changing the land use or zoning of a particular parcel;
- 5) Any item related to the Transfer of Development Rights (TDRs);
- 6) Any item where an applicant is utilizing the Mediterranean Bonus structure outlined in the City's Zoning Code;
- 7) Mixed-use projects requiring City Commission approval, Planned Area Development (PAD) applications, or any project requiring Conditional Use approval, for projects located in the following areas of the City:
 - a. The Central Business District (CBD)
 - b. The Crafts Section
 - c. The Biltmore Section
 - d. Projects fronting U.S. 1, LeJeune Road, Douglas Road, Ponce DeLeon Boulevard, Salzedo Street, Galiano Street, Bird Road, Red Road, or S.W. 8th Street
 - e. Projects within 1,000 feet of a historically designated property or a property with a pending application for designation review by City staff or the Historic Preservation Board;
- 8) Mixed-use projects requiring City Commission approval, PAD applications, or any project requiring Conditional Use approval, for projects whose proposed plans require the removal of specimen trees as defined in the City Code;
- 9) Amendments to developments, site plans, or PADs previously approved by the City Commission that seek variances, shared parking, decreased set-backs, step-backs or parking, or increased density, intensity or height;
- 10) Amendments to developments, site plans, or PADs previously approved by the City Commission that decrease or alter conditions of approval, decrease impact fees, decrease public benefits, or decrease financial or in-kind contributions;
- 11) Appeals of actions of the Historic Preservation Board;
- 12) Increases to City fees where not already required by Florida State Statutes.

SECTION 3. That adoption of this Resolution and guidelines confers no additional jurisdiction to the City Commission and in no way alters the notice or other requirements set forth in the City Code or Zoning Code.

SECTION 4. That failure to set a particular item for a 5:00 P.M. meeting shall in no way invalidate the action taken by the City Commission with regard to that item.

SECTION 5. That this Resolution shall become effective upon the date of its passage and adoption herein.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS ____ DAY OF AUGUST , A.D., 2021

(Moved:)

(Yeas:

(Majority : Vote:)

APPROVED:

VINCE LAGO

MAYOR

ATTEST:

BILLY Y. URQUIA

CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

MIRIAM SOLER RAMOS

CITY ATTORNEY