

City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Agenda Item F-6
January 13, 2026
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

Deputy City Attorney, Stephanie Throckmorton

Public Speaker(s)

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A Resolution of the City Commission amending Resolution No. 2025-87 to change the date of the Special Election and calling for a Special Election on the proposed ballot question and City Charter Amendment to be held on April 21, 2026; providing for submission to the electors for approval or disapproval of a ballot question asking whether the City Charter should be amended to require the convening of a Charter Review Committee every ten years and outlining the composition of that committee; providing for a Mail Ballot Election; providing for notice; providing for inclusion in the City Charter; providing for related matters; and providing for an effective date. (Sponsored by Mayor Lago)

Mayor Lago: F-6.

City Attorney Christina Suarez: F-6 is a Resolution of the City Commission amending Resolution number 2025-87 to change the date of the Special Election and calling for a Special Election on the proposed ballot question and City Charter Amendment to be held on April 21st,

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2026, providing for submission to the electors for approval or disapproval of a ballot question asking whether the City Charter should be amended to require the convening of a Charter Review Committee every 10 years and outlining the composition of that committee, providing for a mail ballot election, providing for notice, providing for inclusion in the City Charter, providing for related matters, and providing for an effective date.

Mayor Lago: Madam City Attorney.

Deputy City Attorney Throckmorton: There have been no changes to this question. As a reminder, this is a question about putting in the Charter the requirement for a Charter Review Committee every 10 years and the composition of that Charter Review Committee. The only changes are to move this question from the November 3, 2026, general election to the April 21, 2026, Special Mail Ballot Election.

Mayor Lago: Thank you. May I have a motion?

Vice Mayor Anderson: I'll move it.

Commissioner Lara: Second.

Mayor Lago: Mr. Clerk, any public comment?

City Clerk Urquia: No, Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Lago: Close the public comment. Commissioner Castro.

Commissioner Castro: Stephanie, what was the recommendation of the Charter Committee regarding this question?

Deputy City Attorney Throckmorton: Mr. Mayor, there was no official recommendation of the Charter Review Committee. As Mayor Selesnick mentioned, they discussed whether or not the City Attorney's appointee should or should not be a resident. As noted, our current City Attorney appointee is a resident. The discussion was about whether or not that be required in the Charter that the City Attorney's appointee be a resident or merely, not merely, or a City Attorney or former City Attorney or County Attorney. Always, the anticipation is that if there is a resident, it would be a resident. But the discussion is about whether or not that needs to be required in the Charter. But there was no formal recommendation. That was just the discussion of the Charter Review.

Commissioner Castro: So, I would move to offer a friendly amendment to please consider the recommendation of the Charter Review Committee.

Mayor Lago: Vice Mayor, do you support that friendly amendment?

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Vice Mayor Anderson: No.

Mayor Lago: Perfect. Moving on to Commissioner Fernandez.

Commissioner Fernandez: Ready to vote.

Mayor Lago: Commissioner Lara.

Commissioner Lara: Ready to vote.

Mayor Lago: Vice Mayor.

Vice Mayor Anderson: Ready to vote.

Mayor Lago: Call the roll.

Commissioner Fernandez: Yes.

Commissioner Lara: Yes.

Vice Mayor Anderson: Yes.

Commissioner Castro: Yes.

Mayor Lago: Yes.

Mayor Lago: This item was placed on the agenda after we jumped the gun and we, over two and a half, three years ahead of schedule, to call a special, obviously a new Charter Review, which the standard protocol, from my understanding, was that we had done it every 10 years. And it was done like that way for the last 30 years, from my understanding. So, again, this will hopefully solidify with the voters.