



**City of Coral Gables
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
May 9, 2023**

ITEM TITLE:

Ordinance on First Reading. An Ordinance of the City Commission of the City of Coral Gables, Florida, adjusting the date of the Run-Off Election from two weeks after the General Election to three weeks after the General Election and adjusting all other dates related thereto, including the date the Mayor and Commissioners shall take office, and amending Chapter 18 "Elections," Section 18-2 "Canvass of Returns; Duty of Commission; Declaration of Results," of the City Code to adjust the date of the Run-Off Election and all other dates related thereto commencing with the General Biennial Election to be held on April 8, 2025; providing for severability, repealer, codification, and an effective date. (Sponsored by Commissioner Menendez)

BRIEF HISTORY:

The City Charter and City Code currently provide that if a majority of the vote is not received by a candidate of a group, a run-off between the two candidates receiving the most votes in the respective group shall be held two weeks after the general election, on a Tuesday. The City Charter provides that the run-off and all dates related thereto may be adjusted by Ordinance. Further, pursuant to state law, the City Commission may, by ordinance, change the dates of the election of its members and provide for the orderly transition of office resulting from such date changes.

The proposed Ordinance adjusts the date of the run-off election from two weeks to three weeks after the general election. It further adjusts the date the mayor and commissioners shall take office, consistent with such change.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Draft Ordinance