

City of Coral Gables

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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 27, 2024

9:00 AM

City Hall, Commission Chambers

City Commission

Mayor Vince Lago
Vice Mayor Rhonda Anderson
Commissioner Melissa Castro
Commissioner Ariel Fernandez
Commissioner Kirk R. Menendez

Alberto N. Parjus, Interim City Manager
Cristina M. Suárez, City Attorney
Billy Y. Urquia, City Clerk

The City of Coral Gables will be holding its Regular Meeting on Tuesday, February 27, 2024 commencing at 9:00 a.m.

Members of the public may participate in person, but are also able to participate via the Zoom platform. Members of the public may join the meeting via Zoom at (<https://zoom.us/j/3054466800>). In addition, a dedicated phone line will be available so that any individual who does not wish (or is unable) to use Zoom may listen to and participate in the meeting by dialing: (305) 461-6769 Meeting ID: 3054466800. To speak prior to the City Commission taking action on an Agenda Item, please "Raise your Hand" or send a message to one of the meeting hosts using the Zoom Platform. If you joined the meeting via telephone, you can "Raise your Hand" by pressing *9.

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The Meeting will also be broadcasted live for members of the public to view on the City's website www.coralgables.com/cgtv) as well as Channel 77 on Comcast.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:06 a.m.

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

The following minutes summary includes all presentations made, and actions taken which is supplemented by the following exhibits on file in the Office of the City Clerk, and which are hereby made a part of the record herein: (a) Ordinance(s) adopted (Ordinance No. 2024-08 and Ordinance No. 2024-09) (b) Resolution(s) adopted (Resolution No. 2024-35 through Resolution No. 2024-44); (c) Video; (d) Audio Recording; (e) Minutes Folder with Agenda and background information, including items which were submitted at the meeting.

ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Vice Mayor Anderson, Commissioner Castro, Commissioner Fernandez, Commissioner Menendez and Mayor Lago

INVOCATION

Father Andrew Tomonto from St. Theresa Catholic Church gave the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Castro led the Pledge of Allegiance

A. PRESENTATIONS AND PROTOCOL DOCUMENTS

- A.-1. [24-6951](#) Congratulations to Keep Coral Gables Beautiful on receiving the 2023 Award for Innovative Impact from the Florida Recycling Partnership Foundation

Mayor Lago introduced Agenda Item A-1 Congratulations to Keep Coral Gables Beautiful on receiving the 2023 Award for Innovative Impact from the Florida Recycling Partnership Foundation. Solanch Lopez, Marketing Manager-Economic Development assisted by Matt Anderson, Asst. Director-Mobility and Sustainability-Parking Department spoke regarding the city's reverse vending machine reward incentive program which was housed at the War Memorial Youth Center in November 2022 through November 2023 which involved the collection of plastic bottles and cans for proper recycling. Mr. Anderson stated that they recycled over 18,000 containers and thanked Community Recreation Department, businesses, students at University of Miami and others who participated in making the program successful, the City Commission for their support and acknowledged Diego and Nicole who helped with the program. Ms. Lopez also thanked the six businesses who helped in providing the reward incentives. Mayor Lago thanked them all and was informed that April 1st would be the next event, and he encouraged his colleagues to participate in the event. The Vice Mayor also chimed in about the area around the Youth Center looking clean, the benefits of incentives and thanked them all.

This Presentation/Protocol Document was Discussed and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 1

Non [24-7169](#)
Agenda
Item

A Resolution of Condolence on behalf of the City of Coral Gables extending its heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family of the late Anne Slesnick Leidel.

Mayor Lago introduced and made the presentation of A Resolution of Condolence on behalf of the City of Coral Gables extending its heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family of the late Anne Slesnick Leidel. However, before doing so, he noted that the former Mayor Don Slesnick, has had a tough two years, having his wife Jeannette Slesnick and now his mother passing, but he has done it with a level of grace and dignity that is to be commended, and this is the way he has always conducted himself and he then read the Resolution which spoke of the life and service of Anne Slesnick Leidel. Mr. Slesnick thanked the City Commission for the recognition on behalf of his family, introduced his sister Luanne and stated that his mom would be buried the following day next to his father. He took a few moments to reflect on the life of his mother who was a single mother from humble beginnings, her love for the city and them being brought up by a traditional family and that upbringing is what made him and his sister the individuals they are today. He then recognized those who came to support him at the City Commission meeting and Luanne also thanked the City Commission. Mayor Lago thanked the Slesnicks for all they have done and continue to do for the city, and leaving a legacy that will be felt for generations to come.

This Presentation/Protocol Document was Presented and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 2

A.-2. [24-7089](#)

Congratulations to Sergeant Bo Williams, recipient of the City of Coral Gables "Officer of the Month Award," for December 2023.

Attachments: [Memo B. Williams](#)
 [Officer of the Month - Dec 2023 - B. Williams](#)

Mayor Lago introduced Agenda Item A-2 Congratulations to Sergeant Bo Williams, recipient of the City of Coral Gables "Officer of the Month Award," for December 2023 and Police Chief Hudak made the presentation. Sergeant Williams is being recognized for his role in the capture of four juveniles involved in a burglary on December 11, 2023. It is because of his quick response, keen observation, and decisive actions that he is being honored. Sergeant Williams thanked the Mayor and City Commission, Police Chief Hudak, and those who nominated him for the award and noted that it was a team effort, and he is proud he wears the City of Coral Gables badge and to know that they are backing him up. Mayor Lago congratulated him on being an amazing officer with a great demeanor and how highly he is spoken of by the residents. He also commended him on having a beautiful family.

This Presentation/Protocol Document was Presented and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 3

- A.-3. [24-7090](#) Congratulations to Sergeant Raiza Mardis, recipient of the City of Coral Gables “Officer of the Year Award,” for 2023.

Attachments: [Memo - R Mardis](#)
[Officer of the Year 2023 - R. Mardis](#)

Police Chief Hudak introduced the presentation of Agenda Item A-3: Congratulations to Sergeant Raiza Mardis, recipient of the City of Coral Gables “Officer of the Year Award. He stated that it was his pleasure to introduce their two-time recipient and Officer of the Year Award, Sergeant Mardis. He considers her one of his poster children because she continues to be an exemplary officer, detective, and supervisor. She has recently been promoted to Sergeant and continues to mentor the newest members within the department by imparting what she has learned and thanking her for what she does every night. In addition, she is being acknowledged for dismantling an organized South American Theft Group (SATG), responsible for various crimes and accomplishing this by working with various outside agencies. In 2021 she was awarded for being the first to identify individual(s) responsible for hate crimes in the city’s Jewish community and in 2023 was responsible for the capture of an individual walking away from a crime on the 1200 block of Douglas Road. It is because of her ever-present supervision and her demonstrating what a police officer personifies, that she is the Officer of the Year for 2023. Sergeant Mardis thanked the Mayor and City Commission, Police Chief Hudak for his kind words, her senior staff, the two nominators, Awards Selection Committee, Property and Crimes Unit, Crime Analyst, and all others, many of whom were present who were part of a 9-month investigation. She then thanked her family, acknowledged her husband, and stated that she never gives up or take no for an answer and is goal oriented. Additionally, she noted that cases take time away from family and her husband John, a fellow officer and thanked him for being very understanding of that over the years and closed by vowing to give them all 100 percent and thanked them. Mayor Lago congratulated her because her pride in her job is evident, and they are blessed to have her. He also commended her husband in the way he looked at her with pride. Sergeant Madis’s husband stated that he and his family are also proud of her, she does a great job, and they have a great working relationship. Vice Mayor Anderson in thanking her said that she can relate because without the teamwork at home they can’t shine on their own job. Commissioner Fernandez thanked and congratulated Sergeant Mardis and spoke on the importance of family in the life of an officer and commended her on being a great mother, and the shift she works isn’t easy and the city is protected and kept safe 24 hours a day because of dedicated people like her.

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City Clerk Item No. 4

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None

City Clerk Item No. 5

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

City Clerk Item No. 6

D. CONSENT AGENDA

Passed the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Commissioner Fernandez, seconded by Vice Mayor Anderson, to Adopt the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yeas : 5 - Vice Mayor Anderson, Commissioner Castro, Commissioner Fernandez, Commissioner Menendez and Mayor Lago

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-35

D.-1. 24-7054

A Resolution of the City Commission confirming the appointment of Lance Cambell (Nominated by Kings Bay Homeowners' Association) to serve as members of the South Waterways Homeowners' Associations Advisory Board, for a two (2) year term which began on June 1, 2023 and continues through May 31, 2025.

Attachments: [Draft Resolution + Kings Bay Cover Memo - South Waterways HOA Board - Kings Bay R-2024-35 - Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF LANCE CAMBELL (NOMINATED BY KINGS BAY HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION) TO SERVE AS MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH WATERWAYS HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATIONS ADVISORY BOARD, FOR A TWO (2) YEAR TERM WHICH BEGAN ON JUNE 1, 2023, AND CONTINUES THROUGH MAY 31, 2025.

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2024-35 on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 7

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-36**D.-3. [24-7085](#)**

A Resolution of the City Commission authorizing the execution of an agreement for sewer connection for property located outside the City's sewer district at 1231 Dickinson Drive, Coral Gables, Florida into the City of Coral Gables wastewater collection / transmission system, subject to the requirements of the Public Works Department, as provided under Chapters 62 and 78 of the City Code, Ordinance Nos. 2007-29 and 2009-39 and Resolution No. 2008-07; and provided that the executed agreement be made part of this resolution.

Attachments: [UM - Centennial Village 1231 Dickinson Dr -Outside Sewer Connection- RESOL](#)
[UM - Centennial Village 1231 Dickinson Dr -Outside Sewer Connection- COVER](#)
[2024-02-21 Letter to City, Centennial Village, corrected & approved](#)
[City Code 78-106](#)
[Ordinance No. 2007-29](#)
[Ordinance No. 2009-39](#)
[Resolution No. 2008-07](#)
[R-2024-36 - Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT FOR SEWER CONNECTION FOR PROPERTY LOCATED OUTSIDE THE CITY'S SEWER DISTRICT AT 1239 DICKINSON DRIVE, CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA INTO THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES WASTEWATER COLLECTION / TRANSMISSION SYSTEM, SUBJECT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, AS PROVIDED UNDER CHAPTERS 62 AND 78 OF THE CITY CODE, ORDINANCE NOS. 2007-29 AND 2009-39 AND RESOLUTION NO. 2008-07; AND PROVIDED THAT THE EXECUTED AGREEMENT BE MADE PART OF THIS RESOLUTION.

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2024-36 on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 8

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-37

- D.-5. [24-7091](#) A Resolution of the City Commission ("City") authorizing execution of an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement by and among the Miami-Dade County Office of the Property Appraiser ("Property Appraiser"), Miami-Dade County on behalf of the Tax Collector ("Tax Collector"), and the City regarding non-ad valorem assessments for the continued operation of the Gables By The Sea-Coral Gables Special Taxing District; and providing for an effective date.

Attachments: [Cover memo - Resolution - 2024 -XX - Approving Interlocal with Tax Collector and Intergovernmental Agreement Municipalities - 2024 Resolution - 2024 -XX - Approving Interlocal with Tax Collector and PA Gables by R-2024-37 - Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION ("CITY") AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT BY AND AMONG THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY OFFICE OF THE PROPERTY APPRAISER ("PROPERTY APPRAISER"), MIAMI-DADE COUNTY ON BEHALF OF THE TAX COLLECTOR ("TAX COLLECTOR"), AND THE CITY REGARDING NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENTS FOR THE CONTINUED OPERATION OF THE GABLES BY THE SEA-CORAL GABLES SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2024-37 on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 9

1. **Presentation of Boards and/or Committees minutes requesting no action from the City Commission:**

- 1.-1. [24-7055](#) Advisory Board on Disability Affairs Meeting of February 7, 2024.

Attachments: [Cover Ltr 02 07 24 Meeting](#)
[02 07 24 CITY CLERK OFC Attendance Form](#)
[ADA February 7, 2024 Agenda](#)
[02 07 24 Meeting Mins](#)

This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 10

- 1.-2. [24-7052](#) Budget Audit Advisory Board Meeting of January 24, 2024.

Attachments: [Budget Audit Board Minutes - 1.24.24 Board Approved -FINAL](#)

This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 11

- 1.-3. [24-7043](#) Coral Gables Golf and Country Club Advisory Board Meeting of December 20th, 2023.

Attachments: [Country Club Meeting Minutes 12.20.23](#)

This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 12

- 1.-4. [24-7042](#) Coral Gables Golf and Country Club Advisory Board Meeting of January 24th, 2024.

Attachments: [Country Club Minutes 1.24.24](#)

This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 13

- 1.-5. [24-6930](#) International Affairs Coordinating Council Meeting of November 27, 2023.

Attachments: [IACC Minutes 11-27-23 Fnl](#)

This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 14

- 1.-6. [24-7038](#) Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting of December 14th, 2023.

Attachments: [Parks Meeting Minutes 12.14.23](#)

This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 15

- 1.-7. [24-7039](#) Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting of January 11th, 2024.

Attachments: [Parks Meeting Minutes 1.11.24](#)

This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 16

- 1.-8. [24-7033](#) Parks and Recreation Youth Advisory Board Meeting of December 6, 2023.

Attachments: [Youth Minutes 12.6.23](#)

This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 17

- 1.-9. [24-7034](#) Parks and Recreation Youth Advisory Board Meeting of January 10, 2024.

Attachments: [Youth Minutes 1.10.24](#)

This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 18

- 1.-10. [24-7024](#) Retirement Board Meeting of January 11, 2024.

Attachments: [CC.01-11-2024 February 27, 2024 Minutes 01-11-2024](#)

This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 19

- 1.-11. [24-6988](#) School Community Relations Committee Meeting of January 12, 2024.

Attachments: [Draft Minutes - SCRC Jan. 12 Meeting Cover Memo](#)

This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 20

- 1.-12. [24-7036](#) Senior Citizens Advisory Board Meeting of January 11th, 2024.

Attachments: [Senior Minutes 1.11.24](#)

This Matter was approved on the Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Item No. 21

Pulled from Consent Agenda**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-38****D.-2. [24-7080](#)**

A Resolution of the City Commission authorizing an emergency purchase for the replacement of Trane Chiller No. 1's Adaptive Frequency Drive (AFD) power module component at the Public Safety Building (PSB), 2151 Salzedo Street, Coral Gables, FL 33134, pursuant to Section 2-690 Emergency Procurement, in the amount of \$141,094.

Attachments: [Proposal](#)
[Trane Chiller Emergency Repairs, PSB - COVER](#)
[Trane Chiller Emergency Repairs, PSB - RESOL](#)
[R-2024-38 - Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION AUTHORIZING AN EMERGENCY PURCHASE FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF TRANE CHILLER NO. 1'S ADAPTIVE FREQUENCY DRIVE (AFD) POWER MODULE COMPONENT AT THE PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING (PSB), 2151 SALZEDO STREET, PURSUANT TO SECTION 2-690 EMERGENCY PROCUREMENT, OF THE CITY'S PROCUREMENT CODE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$141,094.

A motion was made by Commissioner Fernandez, seconded by Vice Mayor Anderson, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2024-38. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas : 5 - Vice Mayor Anderson, Commissioner Castro, Commissioner Fernandez, Commissioner Menendez and Mayor Lago

City Clerk Item No. 22

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-39**D.-4. [24-7087](#)**

A Resolution of the City Commission approving "El Carnaval de Barranquilla USA" event as one of the five events of the International Cultural Events Initiative.

Attachments: [2.27.24 Carnaval de Barranquilla Special Events Permit](#)
[2.27.24 RESO_Carnaval de Barranquilla](#)
[International Cultural Events Initiative 2024](#)
[2.27.24 CVR_Carnaval de Barranquilla](#)
[R-2024-39 - Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION APPROVING THE "EL CARNAVAL DE BARRANQUILLA USA" EVENT AS ONE OF FIVE EVENTS OF THE INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL EVENTS INITIATIVE.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Anderson, seconded by Mayor Lago, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2024-39. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas : 5 - Commissioner Castro, Commissioner Fernandez, Commissioner Menendez, Vice Mayor Anderson and Mayor Lago

City Clerk Item No. 23

2. **Presentation of Boards and/or Committees draft/final minutes requesting action from the City Commission [Note: A vote to accept the minutes does not mean approval of the substance within the minutes]:**

Time Certain 12:00pm (Agenda Item 2-1)

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-40

- 2.-1. [24-7053](#) A Resolution of the Coral Gables Advisory Board on Disability Affairs requesting that the City of Coral Gables Commission reconsider the appointment of Justine Chichester to the Coral Gables Advisory Board on Disability Affairs.

Attachments: [Cover Memo - Reso J. Chichester](#)
[Final Resolution - Nomination J. Chichester](#)
[02 07 24 Meeting Mins](#)
[Speaker Cards 2-1](#)
[R-2024-40 Draft.doc](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION APPROVING THE REQUEST BY THE CORAL GABLES ADVISORY BOARD ON DISABILITY AFFAIRS TO RECONSIDER THE APPOINTMENT OF JUSTINE CHICHESTER TO THE CORAL GABLES ADVISORY BOARD ON DISABILITY AFFAIRS.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Fernandez, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2024-40. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas : 5 - Vice Mayor Anderson, Commissioner Castro, Commissioner Fernandez, Commissioner Menendez and Mayor Lago

City Clerk Item No. 27

Agenda Item 2-2 and G-1 are related

- 2.-2. [24-7077](#) A Resolution of the Coral Gables Retirement Board requesting that the Coral Gables City Commission waive the residency requirement of Qualified Members nominated for the Retirement Board so long as they work in the City of Coral Gables.

Attachments: [Draft Resolution Residency Requirement](#)
[Speaker Cards 2-1 and G-1](#)

This Resolution was Deferred

City Clerk Item No. 40

E. PUBLIC HEARINGS

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING

Time Certain 11:00am (Agenda Item E-1)

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-08

E.-1. [23-6360](#)

An Ordinance of the City Commission providing for text amendments to the City of Coral Gables Official Zoning Code, Article 2, "Zoning Districts," Section 2-403, "Giralda Plaza District Overlay;" by allowing a television screen on the inside of a window on the pedestrian street of Giralda Plaza; providing for severability clause, repealer provision, codification, and providing for an effective date. (10 11 23 PZB recommended approval, Vote 7-0)

(Sponsored by Commissioner Castro)

Attachments: [10 11 23 PZB Staff Report - Giralda TV Screens w attachments](#)
[02 27 24 CC Cover Memo - TV Screens Giralda - 2nd Reading](#)
[02 27 24 Exhibit A - Draft Ordinance](#)
[02 27 24 Exhibit B - 10 11 23 PZB Staff Report - Giralda TV Screens w attachments](#)
[02 27 24 Exhibit C - Excerpt of 10 11 23 PZB Meeting Minutes](#)
[Speaker Cards E-1](#)
[O-2024-08 - Signed](#)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION PROVIDING FOR TEXT AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES OFFICIAL ZONING CODE, ARTICLE 2, "ZONING DISTRICTS," SECTION 2-403, "GIRALDA PLAZA DISTRICT OVERLAY," BY ALLOWING A TELEVISION SCREEN ON THE INSIDE OF A WINDOW ON THE PEDESTRIAN STREET OF GIRALDA PLAZA; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, REPEALER, CODIFICATION, AND FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Item E-1 is available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk and in Legistar].

A motion was made by Commissioner Castro, seconded by Commissioner Fernandez, that this matter be adopted by Ordinance Number 2024-08. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas : 3 - Commissioner Menendez, Commissioner Castro and Commissioner Fernandez

Nays : 2 - Vice Mayor Anderson and Mayor Lago

City Clerk Item No. 26

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-09**E.-2. [23-6567](#)**

An Ordinance of the City Commission amending St. Philip's School site plan approved under Ordinance No. 3576 to replace an existing building with a new pre-K building located at 1109 Andalusia Avenue, Coral Gables, Florida; all other conditions of approval contained in Ordinance No. 3576 shall remain in effect; providing for severability clause, repealer provision, codification, and providing for an effective date (11 03 23 PZB recommended approval with conditions, Vote 7-0)

Lobbyist: Laura Russo

Attachments: [11 08 23 PZB Staff Report w attachments](#)
[01 09 24 Exhibit A - Applicant Submittal](#)
[01 09 24 Exhibit B - Draft Ordinance](#)
[01 09 24 Exhibit C - 11 08 23 PZB Staff Report w attachments](#)
[01 09 24 Exhibit D -Excerpt from 11 08 23 PZB Meeting Minutes](#)
[01 09 24 Exhibit E - Powerpoint Presentation](#)
[01 09 24 CC Cover Memo re St Philips - 1st Reading](#)
[Item E-4 Attachment](#)
[Item E-4 Submitted by Applicant](#)
[Item E-4 Submitted by Residents](#)
[Item E-4 Entered into the public record](#)
[Speaker Cards E-4](#)
[02 27 24 Exhibit A - Applicant Submittal](#)
[02 27 24 Exhibit B - Draft Ordinance](#)
[02 27 24 CC Cover Memo - St Philips - 2nd Reading](#)
[Speaker Cards E-2](#)
[O-2024-09 - Signed](#)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION AMENDING ST. PHILIP'S SCHOOL SITE PLAN APPROVED UNDER ORDINANCE NO. 3576 TO REPLACE AN EXISTING BUILDING WITH A NEW PRE-K BUILDING LOCATED AT 1109 ANDALUSIA AVENUE, CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA; ALL OTHER CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL CONTAINED IN ORDINANCE NO. 3576 SHALL REMAIN IN EFFECT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Item E-2 is available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk and in Legistar].

A motion was made by Commissioner Menendez, seconded by Vice Mayor Anderson, that this matter be adopted by Ordinance Number 2024-09. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas : 5 - Commissioner Castro, Commissioner Fernandez, Commissioner Menendez, Vice Mayor Anderson and Mayor Lago

City Clerk Item No. 28

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING**Time Certain 10:30am (Agenda Item E-3)**

- E.-3.** [23-6795](#) An Ordinance of the City Commission providing for a text amendment to Appendix A “Site Specific Zoning Regulations,” Section A-94 “Snapper Creek Lakes” of the City of Coral Gables Official Zoning Code to include all types of accessory uses in the rear yard ground coverage calculation, to remove outdated Section A-94-2, and to provide consistency with the Snapper Creek Lakes' protective covenants by increasing various setbacks; providing for severability clause, repealer provision, codification, and providing for an effective date. (01 10 24 PZB - Motion to approve as presented by the applicant, Vote 6-0)

Lobbyist: Laura Russo

Attachments: [01 10 24 - Staff Report - Snapper Creek w attachments B - D](#)
[01 10 24 Attachment A - Application Submittal Package](#)
[02 27 24 Exhibit A - Application Submittal Package](#)
[02 27 24 Exhibit B - Draft Ordinance - Snapper Creek](#)
[02 27 24 Exhibit C - 01 10 24 - Staff Report - Snapper Creek w attachments B - D](#)
[02 27 24 Exhibit D - Excerpt of 01 10 24 PZB Meeting Minutes](#)
[02 27 24 Exhibit E - Powerpoint Presentation - Snapper Creek](#)
[02 27 24 CC Cover Memo - Snapper Creek - 1st Reading](#)
[Attachment E-3 Entered into the record by Laura Russo](#)
[Speaker Cards E-3](#)

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Item E-3 is available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk and in Legistar].

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Fernandez, that this matter be approved as an Ordinance on First Reading. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas : 5 - Commissioner Fernandez, Commissioner Menendez, Vice Mayor Anderson, Commissioner Castro and Mayor Lago

City Clerk Item No. 25

F. CITY COMMISSION ITEMS

- F.-1.** [24-6935](#) Update on the Blue Road bridge.
(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)

Attachments: [Agenda Item F-1](#)

This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 29

- F.-2. [24-6974](#) Discussion regarding curb maintenance.
(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)

Attachments: [Picture](#)
[Speaker Cards F-3](#)

This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 30

- F.-3. [24-6975](#) Discussion regarding cleanliness on Ponce de Leon Boulevard, Alhambra Circle, and potential street sweeping on Alhambra Circle.
(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)

Attachments: [Ponce - Picture 1](#)
[Ponce - Picture 2](#)
[Ponce - Picture 3](#)
[Ponce - Picture 4](#)

This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 31

Time Certain 10:15am (Agenda Item F-4)

- F.-4. [24-7006](#) Update on the City's peafowl mitigation policy.
(Sponsored by Vice Mayor Anderson)

Attachments: [Speaker Cards F-13](#)

City Clerk Item No. 24

This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 24

- F.-5. [24-7007](#) Discussion regarding homelessness.
(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)

Attachments: [F.14 PHOTO 10](#)
[F.14 PHOTO 6](#)
[F.14 PHOTO 7](#)
[F.14 PHOTO 8](#)
[F.14 PHOTO 9](#)
[F.14 VIDEO](#)
[F.14 PHOTO 1](#)
[F.14 PHOTO 2](#)
[F.14 PHOTO 3](#)
[F.14 PHOTO 4](#)
[F.14 PHOTO 5](#)

This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 32

- F.-6. [24-7018](#) Update regarding Code Enforcement matters at 2915 Coconut Grove Drive.
(Sponsored by Commissioner Castro)
This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed
City Clerk Item No. 33
- F.-7. [24-7081](#) Discussion regarding e-bike safety.
(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)
This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed
City Clerk Item No. 34
- F.-8. [24-7086](#) Discussion promoting area schools through the city's website and offering afterschool programming such as music programs in conjunction with Miami-Dade County Public Schools.
(Sponsored by Commissioner Menendez)
(Co-Sponsored by Vice Mayor Anderson)
(Co-Sponsored by Commissioner Castro)
(Co-Sponsored by Commissioner Fernandez)
This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed
City Clerk Item No. 35

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-41

- F.-9. [24-6956](#) A Resolution of the City Commission adopting a maintenance schedule for the City's White Way lights.
(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)

Attachments: [Cover Memo White Way lights maintenance resolution](#)
[Whiteway Light Resolution 2-13-24](#)
[R-2024-41 - Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION ADOPTING A MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE FOR THE CITY'S WHITE WAY LIGHTS.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Castro, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2024-41. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas : 5 - Commissioner Fernandez, Commissioner Menendez, Vice Mayor Anderson, Commissioner Castro and Mayor Lago

City Clerk Item No. 36

F.-10. [24-7074](#)

A Resolution of the City Commission directing City staff to engage an executive search firm for search relating to City Manager position.
(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)
(Co-sponsored by Vice Mayor Anderson)

Attachments: [2-27-24 Cover Memo Resolution directing search firm CM](#)
[Reso engaging a recruiting firm to appoint CM](#)
[Speaker Cards F-10](#)

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Item F-10 is available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk and in Legistar].

A motion was made that this matter be Discussed and Filed. The motion passed by the following vote.

City Clerk Item No. 37

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-42**Non
Agenda
Item 24-7178**

A Resolution of the City Commission appointing Amos Rojas, Jr. as City Manager of the City of Coral Gables, Florida, effective February 28, 2024.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION APPOINTING AMOS ROJAS, JR. AS CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 28, 2024.

A motion was made by Commissioner Fernandez, seconded by Commissioner Castro, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2024-42. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas : 3 - Commissioner Menendez, Commissioner Castro and Commissioner Fernandez

Nays : 2 - Vice Mayor Anderson and Mayor Lago

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-43**F.-11. [24-7088](#)**

A Resolution of the City Commission directing the City Manager to work with City Staff to design and implement green and white bicycle lane markings for bicycle lanes throughout the City.

(Sponsored by Vice Mayor Anderson)

Attachments: [Cover memo - Resolution 2024 - Green and White Bike Lane Markings Throughout the City](#)
[Resolution 2024 - Green and White Bike Lane Markings Throughout the City R-2024-43 Draft.doc](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO WORK WITH CITY STAFF TO DESIGN AND IMPLEMENT GREEN AND WHITE BICYCLE LANE MARKINGS FOR BICYCLE LANES THROUGHOUT THE CITY.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Anderson, seconded by Mayor Lago, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2024-43. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas : 5 - Vice Mayor Anderson, Commissioner Castro, Commissioner Fernandez, Commissioner Menendez and Mayor Lago

City Clerk Item No. 38

F.-12. [24-7092](#)

A Resolution of the City Commission in support of the one-way conversion of Venetia Terrace between Columbus and Granada Boulevards to facilitate construction of a pedestrian facilities for improved pedestrian safety.

(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)

(Co-sponsored by Vice Mayor Anderson)

Attachments: [2-27-24 Cover Memo Resolution supporting one-way conversion of Venetia Terrace](#)
[Resolution supporting one-way conversion of Venetia Terrace](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION IN SUPPORT OF THE ONE-WAY CONVERSION OF VENETIA TERRACE BETWEEN COLUMBUS AND GRANADA BOULEVARDS TO FACILITATE CONSTRUCTION OF PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES FOR IMPROVED PEDESTRIAN SAFETY.

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Item F-12 is available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk and in Legistar].

This Resolution was Deferred

City Clerk Item No. 39

G. BOARDS/COMMITTEES ITEMS

Agenda Item 2-2 and G-1 are related

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-51

- G.-1. [24-7076](#)** A Resolution of the City Commission granting approval of a residential waiver (by a four-fifths vote of the City Commission) for James Gueits (Nominated by City Manager Rojas), in accordance with Section 2-52(b)(2) of the City Code, to serve as a member of the Coral Gables Retirement Board - General Employees, for a two (2) year term, which begins on June 1, 2023 and through May 31, 2025.

Attachments: [Cover Memo - Residency Waiver - James Gueits](#)
[Draft Resolution - Residency Waiver - James Gueits](#)
[Speaker Cards G-1](#)
[R-2024-51 - Signed](#)

This Resolution was Deferred

City Clerk Item No. 41

H. CITY MANAGER ITEMS

- H.-1. [24-7064](#)** A Resolution of the City Commission calling a Special Election on the proposed non-binding straw ballot question to be held on August 20, 2024; providing for submission of a non-binding straw ballot question to the electors related to the possible annexation of Little Gables; providing for requisite ballot language; providing for procedure for balloting; providing for notice; providing for related matters; and providing for an effective date.

Attachments: [Cover Memo for annexaton straw ballot](#)
[Resolution approving annexation straw ballot question](#)
[Speaker Cards H-1](#)

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Item H-1 is available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk and in Legistar].

This Resolution was Continued

City Clerk Item No. 42

I. CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS

None

City Clerk Item No. 43

J. CITY CLERK ITEMS

None

City Clerk Item No. 44

K. DISCUSSION ITEMS

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-44

Non [24-7172](#)
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A Resolution of the City Commission providing benefit package to City Manager, Amor Rojas, Jr.

Attachments: [R-2024-44 - Appointment of Amos Rojas, Jr. as City Manager](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION APPOINTING AMOS ROJAS, JR. AS CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES AND APPROVING A SALARY AND BENEFITS PACKAGE.

A motion was made by Commissioner Fernandez, seconded by Commissioner Menendez, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2024-44. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas : 3 - Commissioner Castro, Commissioner Fernandez and Commissioner Menendez

Nays : 2 - Vice Mayor Anderson and Mayor Lago

City Clerk Item No. 45

ADJOURNMENT

[Note for the Record: There being no further business on the Regular City Commission Meeting Agenda. The Commission of the City of Coral Gables adjourned its meeting at 6:19 p.m. The next Regular Meeting of the City Commission has been scheduled for Tuesday, March 12, 2024, beginning 9 a.m.]

Billy Y. Urquia
City Clerk