

# **City of Coral Gables**

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## **Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, October 14, 2025**

**9:00 AM**

**City Hall, Commission Chambers**

### **City Commission**

*Mayor Vince Lago  
Vice Mayor Rhonda Anderson  
Commissioner Melissa Castro  
Commissioner Ariel Fernandez  
Commissioner Richard D. Lara*

*Peter J. Iglesias, P.E., City Manager  
Cristina M. Suárez, City Attorney  
Billy Y. Urquia, City Clerk*

The City of Coral Gables will be holding its Regular Meeting on October 14, 2025 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. The public may comment on an item on the agenda using the City's already-established e-comment function which may be found on the City's website at: [www.coralgables.com/commissionmeetings](http://www.coralgables.com/commissionmeetings)) once the meeting's agenda is published or by sending an email to [cityclerk@coralgables.com](mailto:cityclerk@coralgables.com) prior to the start of the meeting. The Meeting will also be broadcasted live for members of the public to view on the City's website [www.coralgables.com/cgtv](http://www.coralgables.com/cgtv)) as well as Channel 77 on Comcast.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 9:07 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. 2025-29) (b) Resolution(s) adopted (Resolution No. 2025-387 through Resolution No. 2025-404); (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 - Mayor Lago, Vice Mayor Anderson, Commissioner Castro, Commissioner Fernandez and Commissioner Lara

**INVOCATION**

Executive Pastor, from Granada Presbyterian Church gave the Invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Fernandez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MERRICK MOMENT**

**A. PRESENTATIONS AND PROTOCOL DOCUMENTS**

- A.-1.**     [25-9838](#)     Presentation of a Certificate of Condolence to the bereaved family of Betsy Adams.

Mayor Vince Lago introduced a resolution honoring the life and legacy of Betsy Adams, a Coral Gables resident who passed away at the age of 96. The mayor read a formal resolution into the record, highlighting Adams' six decades of civic service, particularly through her leadership in the Coral Gables Garden Club. Her contributions included beautification projects such as the city's entranceways, the George and Althea Merrick statues, and the establishment of the Betsy Adams and Coral Gables Garden Club Park. Family members Ron and Thad Adams spoke emotionally about their mother's humility, faith, and lifelong dedication to community service, emphasizing the partnership between Betsy and her late husband Larry Adams. Mayor Lago and commissioners reflected on Betsy's impact, noting her embodiment of service and her lasting influence on the city's identity. A commemorative video featuring Betsy Adams was played, showcasing her voice and reflections on her work with the Garden Club and her love for Coral Gables.

**This Presentation/Protocol Document was Presented and Filed**

City Clerk Item No. 1

- A.-2.**     [25-9043](#)     Presentation of a Proclamation declaring October 14, 2025 as "Junior League of Miami Day" in Coral Gables.

Vice Mayor Rhonda Anderson presented a proclamation declaring October 14, 2025, as Junior League of Miami Day in Coral Gables, in recognition of the organization's centennial anniversary. The proclamation acknowledged the League's century-long commitment to advancing women's leadership and addressing community needs, including food insecurity and educational initiatives. League President Michelle Vidal and past president Cecilia Slesnick addressed the commission, expressing gratitude and emphasizing the League's deep roots in Coral Gables. They highlighted the organization's historic headquarters on Biltmore Way and its legacy of civic engagement. A video presentation featured Ava Habeef, the 99th president, who detailed the League's history, mission, and notable members from Coral Gables. Commissioners praised the League's leadership development and community impact.

**This Presentation/Protocol Document was Presented and Filed**

City Clerk Item No. 2

**A.-3. [25-9755](#)**

Presentation of a Proclamation declaring October 15, 2025 as "Murnor Studio Day" in Coral Gables.

Commissioner Fernandez introduced a proclamation recognizing October 15, 2025, as Merner Studio Day, celebrating the studio's 100 years of continuous operation in Coral Gables. The studio, founded in 1925, has been family-owned for three generations and is known for its portrait photography, including work for local officials and dignitaries. Mary Ann Murray Hull, the current owner and granddaughter of the founders, accepted the proclamation and expressed her gratitude. She reflected on the studio's legacy and its role in documenting the lives of Coral Gables residents. Commissioners and the Mayor commended the studio's longevity and cultural contribution, suggesting further recognition of centennial businesses in the city.

**This Presentation/Protocol Document was Presented and Filed.**

City Clerk Item No. 3

**A.-4. [25-9756](#)**

Presentation of a Proclamation declaring October 2025 as "Kiwanis of Little Havana Month" in Coral Gables.

Commissioner Ariel Fernandez presented a proclamation declaring October 2025 as Kiwanis Club of Little Havana Month in Coral Gables, in honor of the organization's 50 years of service. The proclamation highlighted the club's signature event, Carnival on the Mile, and its broader charitable work, including scholarships, youth programs, and holiday gift drives. Thomas Falcón, current president, and other members of the Kiwanis Club were present. Falcón shared the history of Carnival on the Mile and the club's evolution. A video presentation detailed the origins and growth of the event. The mayor and commissioners praised the club's impact, noting its alignment with the city's value of service and community engagement. A commemorative book chronicling the club's history was also presented.

**This Presentation/Protocol Document was deferred by Resolution No Number Assigned**

City Clerk Item No. 5

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-387****Non  
Agenda  
Item**      **25-1088**

A Resolution of the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida directing City Staff to develop a program to highlight and recognize Businesses and Organizations celebrating their Centennial Anniversary, including but not limited to the creation of Commemorative Markers and promotional features in City publications, providing for an effective date.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Fernandez, seconded by Vice Mayor Anderson, that this motion be adopted by Resolution Number 2025-387. The motion passed by unanimous vote.**

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

City Clerk Item No. 4

**Agenda Items A-5 and H-1 are related****A.-5.**      **25-9853**

Presentation of a Proclamation declaring October 2025 as "Disability Acceptance Month" in Coral Gables.

**Attachments:**    [IMG 5507](#)  
[Summer Of Success \(46\)](#)  
[Summer Of Success \(56\)](#)  
[Summer Of Success \(57\)](#)  
[Summer Of Success \(75\)](#)

Commissioner Melissa Castro introduced a proclamation declaring October 2025 as Disability Acceptance Month in Coral Gables. The proclamation emphasized the city's commitment to accessibility, inclusion, and equity for individuals with disabilities. A video presentation highlighted Coral Gables' leadership in disability advocacy, including early adoption of accessibility ordinances and innovative programs like sensory-friendly events and the Wallet Card Program. Eddie Martinez, founder of the Summer of Success program and a member of the Disability Affairs Board, was honored for his work empowering neurodivergent youth through job training and community engagement. Board Chair Justine and other members spoke about the importance of diverse representation and lived experience in shaping inclusive policies. Commissioners shared personal stories and reaffirmed their support for disability rights. A resolution (H1) was unanimously adopted, declaring principles of inclusion for individuals with disabilities.

**This Presentation/Protocol Document was Presented and Filed**

City Clerk Item No. 6

- A.-6. [25-9908](#) Presentation of a Proclamation declaring October 2025 as "Italian-American Heritage Month" in Coral Gables.

Mayor Lago presented a proclamation declaring October 2025 as Italian American Heritage Month in Coral Gables. This marked the first time the city formally recognized the contributions of the Italian American community. The proclamation acknowledged the cultural, economic, and civic impact of Italian Americans and celebrated the presence of the Italian Consulate in Coral Gables.

The Consul General of Italy expressed deep appreciation for the recognition and emphasized the shared values between Italy and the United States, including democracy, freedom, and cultural exchange. Commissioners reflected on the Italian influence in Coral Gables' architecture and community life. The Mayor and commission expressed pride in hosting the consulate and reaffirmed their commitment to international friendship.

**This Presentation/Protocol Document was Presented and Filed**

City Clerk Item No. 8

- A.-7. [25-9893](#) Congratulations to Detective Casey Rivera, recipient of the City of Coral Gables "Detective of the Quarter," for the 2nd quarter of 2025.

**Attachments:** [Detective of the 2nd Qtr C. Rivera](#)

Chief of Police presented awards to three officers for exemplary service:

**Detective Casey Rivera** was named Detective of the Quarter for her work in identifying and apprehending juveniles involved in a construction site theft, demonstrating compassion and effectiveness in juvenile justice.

**Officer Melanie Alzate** received Officer of the Month for April 2025 for locating a missing nonverbal autistic student during inclement weather, using intuition and coordination with multiple agencies.

**Detective Dashed Garcia** was recognized as Officer of the Month for May 2025 for solving a fatal hit-and-run case through meticulous investigation and interagency collaboration.

Each officer spoke briefly, expressing gratitude and commitment to public service. The Mayor and commissioners praised their professionalism and reaffirmed the city's unwavering support for law enforcement.

**This Presentation/Protocol Document was Presented and Filed**

City Clerk Item No. 9

**A.-8. [25-9895](#)**

Congratulations to Officer Melenni Alzate, recipient of the City of Coral Gables "Officer of the Month," for the month of April 2025.

**Attachments:** [Officer of the Month - April - M. Alzate](#)

Chief of Police presented awards to three officers for exemplary service:

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**Detective Dasher Garcia** was recognized as Officer of the Month for May 2025 for solving a fatal hit-and-run case through meticulous investigation and interagency collaboration.

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City Clerk Item No. 10

**A.-9. [25-9904](#)**

Congratulations to Officer Dashiell Garcia, recipient of the City of Coral Gables "Officer of the Month," for the month of May 2025.

Chief of Police presented awards to three officers for exemplary service:

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City Clerk Item No. 11



**B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**B.-1.**     [25-9767](#)     Regular City Commission Meeting of August 26, 2025.

**Attachments:**     [CCMtg Aug 26 2025 - Agenda Item C - Public Comment](#)  
[CCMtg Aug 26 2025 - Agenda Item E-4 - Ordinance amending Chapter 86 of the c](#)  
[CCMtg Aug 26 2025 - Agenda Item E-6 - Ordinance providing for text amendment](#)  
[CCMtg Aug 26 2025 - Agenda Item F-1 - Update regarding Youth Center Property](#)  
[CCMtg Aug 26 2025 - Agenda Item F-3 - Update regarding the Art Cinema expans](#)  
[CCMtg Aug 26 2025 - Agenda Item F-5 - Discussion regarding study opportunities](#)  
[CCMtg Aug 26 2025 - Agenda Item F-6 - Discussion regarding the gifted murals fr](#)  
[CCMtg Aug 26 2025 - Agenda Item F-18 - Resolution calling a Special Election on](#)  
[CCMtg Aug 26 2025 - Agenda Item F-19 - Resolution rescinding Resolution No. 2](#)  
[CCMtg Aug 26 2025 - Agenda Item F-20 - Resolution rescinding Resolution No. 2](#)  
[CCMtg Aug 26 2025 - Agenda Item F-29 - Resolution formalizing a Permitting Ass](#)  
[CCMtg Aug 26 2025 - Agenda Item G-3 - Resolution approving the concept and c](#)  
[CCMtg Aug 26 2025 - Agenda Item H-4 - Resolution providing direction to the City](#)  
[CCMtg Aug 26 2025 - Agenda Item H-15 - Resolution pursuant to Section 26 of th](#)  
[CCMtg Aug 26 2025 - Agenda Items A-2 F-15 F-16 and F-30 - Presentations by S](#)  
[CCMtg Aug 26 2025 - Agenda Items E-5 - Lot Split](#)  
[CCMtg Aug 26 2025 - Agenda Items F-26 and F-27 - Rapid Transit Zone District](#)  
[CCMtg Aug 26 2025 - Agenda Items H-1 - Waste Diversion Presentation](#)  
[Meeting Minutes](#)

**A motion was made by Vice Mayor Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Lara, that this motion be approved . The motion passed by unanimous vote.**

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

City Clerk Item No. 12

- B.-2. [25-9906](#) Regular Commission Meeting of September 10, 2025.

**Attachments:** [CCMtg Sept 10 2025 - Agenda Item 2-2 - Resolution of the Historic Preservation E](#)  
[CCMtg Sept 10 2025 - Agenda Item C - Public Comment](#)  
[CCMtg Sept 10 2025 - Agenda Item D-6-Excerpt - Resolution confirming the appo](#)  
[CCMtg Sept 10 2025 - Agenda Item E-7 - Ordinance repealing Ordinance No. 202](#)  
[CCMtg Sept 10 2025 - Agenda Item E-9 - Resolution approving the Final Plat entit](#)  
[CCMtg Sept 10 2025 - Agenda Item F-2 - Discussion regarding the Live Local Act](#)  
[CCMtg Sept 10 2025 - Agenda Item F-3 - Discussion regarding permit fees](#)  
[CCMtg Sept 10 2025 - Agenda Item F-4 - Discussion regarding safety regulations](#)  
[CCMtg Sept 10 2025 - Agenda Item F-6 - Discussion regarding rules of decorum](#)  
[CCMtg Sept 10 2025 - Agenda Item F-8 - Discussion regarding the Mobility Hub](#)  
[CCMtg Sept 10 2025 - Agenda Item F-10 - Resolution rescinding Resolution No. 1](#)  
[CCMtg Sept 10 2025 - Agenda Item F-11 - Resolution directing city staff to prepar](#)  
[CCMtg Sept 10 2025 - Agenda Item F-12 - Resolution rescinding Resolution No. 2](#)  
[CCMtg Sept 10 2025 - Agenda Item F-14 - Resolution directing city staff to establi](#)  
[CCMtg Sept 10 2025 - Agenda Item F-15 - Resolution urging the Florida Legislatu](#)  
[CCMtg Sept 10 2025 - Agenda Item F-17 - Resolution directing the raising of the f](#)  
[CCMtg Sept 10 2025 - Agenda Item H-3 - Resolution to authorize a bid waiver for](#)  
[CCMtg Sept 10 2025 - Agenda Items E-1 and E-8 - Ordinance granting conditiona](#)  
[Minutes](#)

**A motion was made by Vice Mayor Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Lara, that this motion be approved . The motion passed by unanimous vote.**

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

City Clerk Item No. 13

- B.-3. [25-9907](#) Second Budget Hearing of September 25, 2025.

**Attachments:** [Second Budget Hearing Transcript 09-25-2025](#)  
[Meeting Minutes](#)

**A motion was made by Vice Mayor Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Castro, that this motion be approved . The motion passed by unanimous vote.**

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

City Clerk Item No. 14

## C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

City Clerk Item No. 15

**D. CONSENT AGENDA****Passed the Consent Agenda**

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Fernandez to Approve the Consent Agenda. A motion was to Approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-389****D.-1. 25-9840**

A Resolution of the City Commission confirming the appointments of Ivana Liberatore (Student Government President), Bartu Sevil (Interfraternity Council President), Chief Trevor Shinn (Police Chief), Patricia Whitely (VP of Student Affairs), and Maite Alvarez (VP of Government Relations) all nominated by the University of Miami, to serve as members of the City of Coral Gables/University of Miami Community Relations Committee, for a two (2) year term which began on June 1, 2025 and continues through May 31, 2027.

**Attachments:** [Draft Resolution - University of Miami Board](#)  
[Cover Memo -University of Miami Board](#)  
[R-2025-389 - Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENTS OF IVANA LIBERATORE (STUDENT GOVERNMENT PRESIDENT), BARTU SEVIL (INTERFRATERNITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT), AND CHIEF TREVOR SHINN (POLICE CHIEF), PATRICIA WHITELY (VP OF STUDENT AFFAIRS), AND MAITE ALVAREZ (VP OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS) ALL NOMINATED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI, TO SERVE AS MEMBERS OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES/UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE, FOR A TWO (2) YEAR TERM WHICH BEGAN ON JUNE 1, 2025 AND CONTINUES THROUGH MAY 31, 2027.

City Clerk Item No. 16

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-390****D.-2. [25-9839](#)**

A Resolution of the City Commission accepting the recommendation of the City Manager to waive the competitive bid process of the Procurement Code as a "Special Procurement/Bid Waiver" with Sherp USA to purchase a high-water rescue vehicle, pursuant to Section 2-691 of the City's Procurement Code for an estimated amount of \$212,045.00.

Lobbyist: N/A

**Attachments:** [Agenda Cover Memo - High Water Rescue Vehicle](#)  
[Resolution - High Water Vehicle](#)  
[BW 2025-159 High Water Rescue Vehicle](#)  
[R-2025-390 - Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE CITY MANAGER TO WAIVE THE COMPETITIVE BID PROCESS OF THE PROCUREMENT CODE AS A "SPECIAL PROCUREMENT/BID WAIVER" WITH SHERP USA TO PURCHASE A HIGH-WATER RESCUE VEHICLE, PURSUANT TO SECTION 2-691 OF THE CITY'S PROCUREMENT CODE FOR AN ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$212,045.00.

**This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2025-390 BY VOICE VOTE**

City Clerk Item No. 17

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-391****D.-3. [25-9830](#)**

A Resolution of the City Commission confirming the appointment of Donna Heisenbottle (Nominated by the Board-As-A-Whole) to serve as a member of the Landmarks Advisory Board, for a two (2) year term which began on June 1, 2025 and continues through May 31, 2027.

**Attachments:** [Draft Resolution - Donna Heisonbottle - Landmarks Board](#)  
[Cover Memo - Donna Heisenbottle -Landmark Board](#)  
[R-2025-391 - Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF DONNA HEISENBOTTLE (NOMINATED BY THE BOARD-AS A-WHOLE) TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE LANDMARKS ADVISORY BOARD, FOR A TWO (2) YEAR TERM WHICH BEGAN ON JUNE 1, 2025, AND CONTINUES THROUGH MAY 31, 2027.

**This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2025-391 BY VOICE VOTE**

City Clerk Item No. 18

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-392****D.-4. [25-9510](#)**

A Resolution of the City Commission authorizing the execution of a contract with Fire Code Pro, Inc. for Fire Plans Review Services Pursuant to Section 2-607(24) of the Procurement Code.

Lobbyist: N/A

**Attachments:** [Fire Code Pro - Resolution \(10-14-25\)](#)  
[PSA 2025-027 Fire Code Pro \(CF 9-19-25 CLEAN\)](#)  
[E-Affidavit-Fire Code Pro](#)  
[Fire Pro Code Exhibits 1&2](#)  
[Div 5501 - FRF-FY26- PSA 2025-027-Fire Code Pro](#)  
[Cover Letter- Resolution Fire Code Pro](#)  
[R-2025-392 - Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH FIRE CODE PRO, INC., FOR FIRE PLANS REVIEW SERVICES PURSUANT TO SECTION 2-607(24) OF THE PROCUREMENT CODE.

**This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2025-392 BY VOICE VOTE**

City Clerk Item No. 19

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-393****D.-5. [25-9890](#)**

A Resolution of the City Commission authorizing the execution of a contract with Robert Nance for Fire Plans Review Services pursuant to Section 2-607(24) of the Procurement Code.

Lobbyist: N/A

**Attachments:** [Cover Letter- Resolution Robert Nance](#)  
[Robert Nance - Resolution \(10-14-25\)](#)  
[Waiver- Robert Nance](#)  
[E-Verify Affidavit -Robert Nance](#)  
[Robert Nance Exhibits 1&2](#)  
[PSA 2025-028 Robert Nance](#)  
[R-2025-393 - Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH ROBERT NANCE FOR FIRE PLANS REVIEW SERVICES PURSUANT TO SECTION 2-607(24) OF THE PROCUREMENT CODE.

**This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2025-393 BY VOICE VOTE**

City Clerk Item No. 20

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-394****D.-6. [25-9910](#)**

A Resolution of the City Commission confirming the appointment of Carlos Castillo (nominated by Commissioner Castro) to serve as a member of the Emergency Management Division, for a two (2) year term that began on June 1, 2025 and continues through May 31, 2027.

**Attachments:** [Cover Memo - Emergency Management](#)  
[Draft Resolution - Emergency Management](#)  
[R-2025-394 - Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF CARLOS CASTILLO (NOMINATED BY COMMISSIONER CASTRO) TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIVISION, FOR A TWO (2) YEAR TERM THAT BEGAN ON JUNE 1, 2025, AND CONTINUES THROUGH MAY 31, 2027.

**This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2025-394 BY VOICE VOTE**

City Clerk Item No. 21

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-395****D.-7. [25-9914](#)**

A Resolution of the City Commission confirming the appointment of Alfred Santamaria (nominated by Commissioner Castro) to serve as a member of the Board of Adjustment, for a two (2) year term that began on June 1, 2025 and continues through May 31, 2027.

**Attachments:** [Draft Resolution - Board of Adjustment Member](#)  
[Cover Memo - Board of Adjustment Member](#)  
[R-2025-395 - Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF ALFRED SANTAMARIA (NOMINATED BY COMMISSIONER CASTRO) TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT, FOR A TWO (2) YEAR TERM THAT BEGAN ON JUNE 1, 2025, AND CONTINUES THROUGH MAY 31, 2027.

**This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2025-395 BY VOICE VOTE**

City Clerk Item No. 22

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-396****D.-8. [25-9923](#)**

A Resolution of the City Commission confirming the appointment of Cecilia Anne Slesnick (nominated by City Manager Iglesias) to serve as a member of the Parks and Recreation Youth Advisory Board, for a two (2) year term that began on June 1, 2025 and continues through May 31, 2027.

**Attachments:** [Cover Memo - Youth Board Appointment](#)  
[Draft Resolution - Youth Board Appointment](#)  
[R-2025-396 Draft.doc](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF CECILIA ANNE SLESNICK (NOMINATED BY CITY MANAGER IGLESIAS) TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD, FOR A TWO (2) YEAR TERM THAT BEGAN ON JUNE 1, 2025, AND CONTINUES THROUGH MAY 31, 2027.

**This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2025-396 BY VOICE VOTE**

City Clerk Item No. 23

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-397****D.-9. [25-9924](#)**

A Resolution of the City Commission confirming the appointment of Ruben Rodriguez (Nominated by City Manager Iglesias) to serve as a member of the Sustainability Advisory Board, for the remainder of a two (2) year term which began on June 1, 2025 and continues through May 31, 2027.

**Attachments:** [Cover Memo - Ruben Rodriguez - Sustainability](#)  
[Draft Resolution - Ruben Rodriguez - Sustainability](#)  
[R-2025-397 - Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF RUBEN RODRIGUEZ (NOMINATED CITY MANAGER IGLESIAS) TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY BOARD, FOR THE REMAINDER OF A TWO (2) YEAR TERM WHICH BEGAN ON JUNE 1, 2025, AND CONTINUES THROUGH MAY 31, 2027.

**This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2025-397 BY VOICE VOTE**

City Clerk Item No. 24

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

**1.-1. [25-9766](#)**

Budget Audit Advisory Board Meeting of August 20, 2025.

**Attachments:** [Legistar Generated Minutes 8.20.25](#)

**This Matter was approved BY VOICE VOTE**

City Clerk Item No. 25

- 1.-2.     [25-9905](#)     Budget Audit Advisory Board Meeting of September 17, 2025.

**Attachments:**     [MeetingMinutes-Legistar Generated](#)

**This Matter was approved BY VOICE VOTE**

City Clerk Item No. 26

- 1.-3.     [25-9776](#)     City of Coral Gables Advisory Board on Disability Affairs Meeting of September 3, 2025.

**Attachments:**     [ADA August 6, 2025 Agenda](#)  
                              [08 06 25 Meeting Minutes](#)  
                              [08 06 25 CITY CLERK OFC Attendance Form](#)

**This Matter was approved BY VOICE VOTE**

City Clerk Item No. 27

- 1.-4.     [25-9788](#)     International Affairs Coordinating Council Meeting of August 18, 2025.

**Attachments:**     [IACC Minutes 08-18-2025 BP](#)

**This Matter was approved BY VOICE VOTE**

City Clerk Item No. 28

- 1.-5.     [25-9822](#)     Parking Advisory Board Meeting of August 20, 2025.

**Attachments:**     [PAB Minutes - August 20, 2025](#)

**This Matter was approved BY VOICE VOTE**

City Clerk Item No. 29

- 1.-6.     [25-9682](#)     Planning and Zoning Board Meeting of August 13, 2025.

**Attachments:**     [08 13 25 PZB Minutes](#)

**This Matter was approved BY VOICE VOTE**

City Clerk Item No. 30



**E.-1. PUBLIC HEARINGS****APPEALS****Agenda Item E-1 has been deferred to the October 28, 2025 City Commission Meeting**

- E.-1. [25-9846](#) An Appeal to the Coral Gables City Commission from the decision of the Historic Preservation Board on September 18, 2025, to deny a claim of undue economic hardship and a certificate of appropriateness for demolition for the property located at 1258 Obispo Avenue, a contributing resource in the "Obispo Avenue Historic District," legally described as Lots 1 and 2, Block 3, Coral Gables Section "E," according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 8, at Page 13 of the Public Records of Miami-Dade County, Florida.

**Attachments:** [IMG\\_1635](#)  
[Kitchen Bath Bid](#)  
[Mortgage Payments\\_v1 \(1\)](#)  
[PA Assessment\\_v1 \(2\)](#)  
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[Roofing Bid](#)  
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[R-2025-415 - Signed](#)  
[Cover Memo - 1258 Obispo Ave UPDATED 111825 CC Meeting](#)

**This Appeal was Deferred**

City Clerk Item No. 35

**ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING****ORDINANCE NO. 2025-29****E.-2. 25-9800**

An Ordinance of the City Commission amending City Code Chapter 2, "Administration," Article III "Boards, Commission, Committees," Section 2-83 "Citizen Input; Addressing the City Commission," to add additional rules of decorum for public meetings; providing for severability clause, repealer provision, codification, and providing for an effective date. (Sponsored by Mayor Lago)

**Attachments:** [Cover Memo- Frist Reading Amending 2-83 Citizen Input Decorum- Mayor Lago 9](#)  
[Ordinance First Reading Amending 2-83 Citizen Input Decorum- Mayor Lago](#)  
[Cover Memo- Second Reading Amending 2-83 Citizen Input Decorum- Mayor Lago](#)  
[Ordinance Second Reading Amending 2-83 Citizen Input Decorum- Mayor Lago](#)  
[O-2025-29 - Signed](#)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, AMENDING CITY CODE CHAPTER 2, "ADMINISTRATION," ARTICLE III "BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES," SECTION 2-83 "CITIZEN INPUT; ADDRESSING THE CITY COMMISSION," TO ADD ADDITIONAL RULES OF DECORUM FOR PUBLIC MEETINGS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, REPEALER, CODIFICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**A motion was made by Vice Mayor Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Lara, that this matter be adopted by Ordinance Number 2025-29. The motion passed by the following vote.**

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

City Clerk Item No. 36

**ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING****Time Certain 11:00am (Agenda Items E-3 and E-4 are related)**

- E.-3.**     [25-9713](#)     An Ordinance of the City Commission amending the Future Land Use Map of the City of Coral Gables Comprehensive Plan pursuant to Zoning Code Article 14, "Process," Section 14-213, "Comprehensive Plan Text and Map Amendments," and small scale amendment procedures (SS. 163.3187, Florida Statutes), from "Religious or Institutional" to "Multi-Family Low Density" for Lots 15, 16, 17 and 18, Block 33, Coral Gables Biltmore Section (627 and 635 Anastasia Avenue), Coral Gables, Florida; providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, and providing for an effective date. (09 17 25 PZB recommended approval with conditions, Vote 5-1)

Lobbyist: Joe Jimenez

**Attachments:**    [09 17 25 - Staff Report - 627-635 Anastasia Ave](#)  
                          [09 17 25 Attachment A - Applicants Submittal Package](#)  
                          [09 17 25 Attachment B - Public Information Meeting Notice](#)  
                          [09 17 25 Attachment C - PZB Staff Powerpoint - 627-635 Anastasia Ave](#)  
                          [10 14 25 Exhibit A - Applicants Submittal Package](#)  
                          [10 14 25 Exhibit B - Draft Ordinance - Future Land Use Map \(FLUM\) Amendment](#)  
                          [10 14 25 Exhibit C - Draft Ordinance - Zoning Map Amendment](#)  
                          [10 14 25 Exhibit D - 09 17 25 PZB Staff Report - Anastasia](#)  
                          [10 14 25 Exhibit E - Excerpt of 09 17 25 PZB Meeting Minutes](#)  
                          [10 14 25 Exhibit F - Staff PowerPoint 627 - 635 Anastasia](#)  
                          [10 14 25 CC Cover Memo - 627-635 Anastasia Map Amendments](#)  
                          [10 28 25 CC - 627-635 Anastasia Map Amendments - 2nd Reading](#)  
                          [10 28 25 Exhibit A - Draft Ordinance - Future Land Use Map \(FLUM\) Amendment](#)  
                          [10 28 25 Exhibit B - Draft Ordinance - Zoning Map Amendment](#)  
                          [O-2025-30 - Signed](#)

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

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

City Clerk Item No. 31

**E.-4. [25-9715](#)**

An Ordinance of the City Commission making zoning district boundary changes pursuant to Zoning Code Article 14, "Process," Section 14-212, "Zoning Code Text and Map Amendments," from "Special Use(s)" to "Multi-Family 3 (MF3)" for Lots 15, 16, 17 and 18, Block 33, Coral Gables Biltmore Section (627 and 635 Anastasia Avenue), Coral Gables, Florida; including required conditions; providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, and providing for an effective date. (09 17 25 PZB recommended approval with conditions, Vote 5-1)

Lobbyist: Joe Jimenez

**Attachments:** [09 17 25 - Staff Report - 627-635 Anastasia Ave](#)  
[09 17 25 Attachment A - Applicants Submittal Package](#)  
[09 17 25 Attachment B - Public Information Meeting Notice](#)  
[09 17 25 Attachment C - PZB Staff Powerpoint - 627-635 Anastasia Ave](#)  
[10 14 25 CC Cover Memo - 627-635 Anastasia Map Amendments](#)  
[10 14 25 Exhibit A - Applicants Submittal Package](#)  
[10 14 25 Exhibit B - Draft Ordinance - Future Land Use Map \(FLUM\) Amendment](#)  
[10 14 25 Exhibit C - Draft Ordinance - Zoning Map Amendment](#)  
[10 14 25 Exhibit D - 09 17 25 PZB Staff Report - Anastasia](#)  
[10 14 25 Exhibit E - Excerpt of 09 17 25 PZB Meeting Minutes](#)  
[10 14 25 Exhibit F - Staff PowerPoint 627 - 635 Anastasia](#)  
[10 28 25 CC - 627-635 Anastasia Map Amendments - 2nd Reading](#)  
[10 28 25 Exhibit A - Draft Ordinance - Future Land Use Map \(FLUM\) Amendment](#)  
[10 28 25 Exhibit B - Draft Ordinance - Zoning Map Amendment](#)

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

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

City Clerk Item No. 32

**E.-5. [25-9282](#)**

An Ordinance of the City Commission amending Article 16, "Definitions," City of Coral Gables Official Zoning Code, by amending the definition of freeboard to modify minimum and maximum freeboard requirements within special flood hazard areas; amending Section 2-101, "Single-family residential (SFR) District, "Subsection (b), "Height," to incorporate required freeboard and floodplain management standards for residences in flood hazard areas; and adding garage floor elevation standards that align with flood-resistant construction requirements; providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, codification, and an effective date. (09 17 25 PZB recommended approval, Vote 6-0)

**Attachments:** [07 02 25 PZB Staff Report - Freeboard w attachment](#)  
[10 14 25 CC Cover Memo - Freeboard Text Amendment](#)  
[10 14 25 Exhibit A - Draft Ordinance](#)  
[10 14 25 Exhibit B - 09 17 25 PZB Staff Report - Freeboard w attachments](#)  
[10 14 25 Exhibit C - Excerpt of 09 17 25 PZB Meeting Minutes.](#)  
[10 28 25 CC - Freeboard Text Amendment - 2nd Reading](#)  
[10 28 25 Exhibit A - Draft Ordinance](#)

**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 Lara, Vice Mayor Anderson, Commissioner Castro and Mayor Lago

City Clerk Item No. 33

**E.-6. [24-8338](#)**

An Ordinance of the City Commission providing for text amendments to the City of Coral Gables Official Zoning Code Article 5, "Architecture" Section 5-510, "Trussed Rafters," to provide requirements for metal trusses; providing for repealer provision, severability clause, codification, enforceability, and an effective date. (09 17 25 PZB recommended approval, Vote 6-0)

**Attachments:** [09 17 25 PZB Staff Report - Trusses](#)  
[10 14 25 Exhibit A - Draft Ordinance - Trusses](#)  
[10 14 25 Exhibit B - 09 17 25 PZB Staff Report - Trusses](#)  
[10 14 25 Exhibit C - Excerpt of 09 17 25 PZB Meeting Minutes](#)  
[10 14 25 CC Cover Memo - Trusses Text Amendment](#)  
[10 28 25 CC - Trusses Text Amendment - 2nd Reading](#)  
[10 28 25 Exhibit A - Draft Ordinance - Trusses](#)

**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 Lara, Vice Mayor Anderson, Commissioner Castro, Commissioner Fernandez and Mayor Lago

City Clerk Item No. 34

**E.-7.     [25-9842](#)**

An Ordinance of the City Commission amending the Code of the City of Coral Gables, Florida, Chapter 26, "Fire Prevention and Protection," to add a new Section 26-7 to require electronic reporting of fire protection system reports, providing for severability clause, repealer provision, codification, and providing for an effective date.

**Attachments:**   [Electronic Reporting Requirement for Fire Protection Systems - 1st Reading Ordinance](#)  
[Electronic Reporting Requirement for Fire Protection Systems - Cover Memo \(10-11-2025\)](#)  
[Electronic Reporting Requirement for Fire Protection Systems - 2nd Reading Ordinance](#)  
[Electronic Reporting Requirement for Fire Protection Systems - Cover Memo 2nd](#)

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

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

City Clerk Item No. 37

**E.-8.     25-9847**

An Ordinance of the City Commission providing for text amendments to the City of Coral Gables Official Zoning Code, Article 5, "Architecture," Section 5-309, "Trellises;" Section 5-310, "Wood decks," and Section 5-311, "Pavers and walkways," to incorporate composite recycled materials as an approved material for trellises, decks, and walkways; providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, codification, and providing for an effective date.

**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 Lara, Vice Mayor Anderson, Commissioner Castro and Mayor Lago

City Clerk Item No. 38



**E.-9.     [25-9843](#)**

An Ordinance of the City Commission amending City Code Chapter 2, "Administration," Article III "Boards, Commission, Committees," Section 2-79 "Order of Business," to amend the City Code to add a financial cap for items placed on the consent agenda and further clarify what items may be placed on the Consent Agenda; providing for a severability clause, repealer provision, codification, and providing for an effective date. (Sponsored by Mayor Lago)

**Attachments:**   [Cover Memo- First Reading Ordinance Consent Agenda- Mayor Lago- 10-14-25](#)  
[First Reading ordinance- Consent Agenda- Mayor Lago- October 14 2025](#)  
[Sec. 2 79.   Order of business. Consent Agenda](#)  
[Cover Memo- Second Reading Ordinance Consent Agenda- Mayor Lago- 10-28-2](#)  
[Second Reading ordinance- Consent Agenda- Mayor Lago- October 28 2025](#)  
[Second Reading Sec. 2 79.   Order of business. Consent Agenda](#)

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

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

City Clerk Item No. 39

**E.-10.    [25-9921](#)**

An Ordinance of the City Commission providing for text amendments to the City of Coral Gables Official Zoning Code, amending Section 14-204, "Transfer of Development Rights (TDRs)," and Article 16, "Definitions," of the City's Zoning Code to establish a Conservation TDR Program and appraisal framework; providing for definitions, procedures, appraisal standards, and conservation easement requirements; providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, codification, and providing for an effective date.

**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 -   Vice Mayor Anderson, Commissioner Castro, Commissioner Fernandez, Commissioner Lara and Mayor Lago

City Clerk Item No. 40

**F. CITY COMMISSION ITEMS****RESOLUTION NO. 2025-398****F.-1. [25-9902](#)**

A Resolution of the City Commission directing that city hall be illuminated in red, white, and blue, that a peace banner be placed on City Hall, and that City Staff organize an inclusive interfaith event all to honor those who lost their lives in the October 7th attacks.

**Attachments:** [R-2025-398 - Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION DIRECTING THAT CITY HALL BE ILLUMINATED IN RED, WHITE, AND BLUE, THAT A PEACE BANNER BE PLACED ON CITY HALL, AND THAT CITY STAFF ORGANIZE AN INCLUSIVE INTERFAITH EVENT ALL TO HONOR THOSE WHO LOST THEIR LIVES IN THE OCTOBER 7th ATTACKS.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Lara, seconded by Commissioner Fernandez, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2025-398. The motion passed by the following vote.**

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

City Clerk Item No. 41

**F.-2. [25-9915](#)**

Florida League of Cities update.  
(Sponsored by Commissioner Castro)

**Attachments:** [Memo - Highlights from the First FLC Development-Code Compliance-Redevelopi](#)

**This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed**

City Clerk Item No. 42

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-399****F.-3.     [25-9909](#)**

A Resolution of the City Commission authorizing participation in a lawsuit seeking, among other things, to declare that Senate Bill 180's imposition of a blanket statewide prohibition on the exercise of Home Rule Authority over land use and zoning regulations, is unconstitutional and should be enjoined, and retaining Weiss Serota Helfman Cole + Bierman, PI to prosecute the lawsuit; and providing for an effective date.  
(Sponsored by Vice Mayor Anderson)

**Attachments:**   [Complaint For Declaratory Relief](#)  
                          [Cover Memo-Lawsuit re SB 180](#)  
                          [Resolution Authorizing Participation in Lawsuit Relating to SB 180](#)  
                          [R-2025-399 - Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN A LAWSUIT SEEKING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, TO DECLARE THAT SENATE BILL 180'S IMPOSITION OF A BLANKET STATEWIDE PROHIBITION ON THE EXERCISE OF HOME RULE AUTHORITY OVER LAND USE AND ZONING REGULATIONS, IS UNCONSTITUTIONAL AND SHOULD BE ENJOINED, AND RETAINING WEISS SEROTA HELFMAN COLE + BIERMAN, PL TO PROSECUTE THE LAWSUIT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**A motion was made by Vice Mayor Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Castro, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2025-399. The motion passed by the following vote.**

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

City Clerk Item No. 43

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-400****F.-4.     [25-9841](#)**

A Resolution of the City Commission urging the Florida Legislature to establish a cap on special assessments that may be imposed on homesteaded condominium units.  
(Sponsored by Vice Mayor Anderson)

**Attachments:**   [Urging Limits on Condo Special Assessments \(10-14-25\) COVER MEMO](#)  
                          [Urging Limits on Condo Special Assessments \(10-14-25\) RESOLUTION](#)  
                          [R-2025-400 - Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO ESTABLISH A CAP ON SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS THAT MAY BE IMPOSED ON HOMESTEADED CONDOMINIUM UNITS.

**A motion was made by Vice Mayor Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Fernandez, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2025-400. The motion passed by the following vote.**

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

City Clerk Item No. 44

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-401 (As Amended)****F.-5. [25-9801](#)**

A Resolution of the City Commission adopting Mayor Lago's 2025-2027 Strategic Priorities Plan.  
(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)

**Attachments:** [Cover Memo- Resolution- Adoption of Mayors strategic priorities Plan - Mayor Lago](#)  
[Mayors Strategic Plan 2025 - 2027](#)  
[Resolution Adoption of Mayors Strategic Priorities Plan 2025-2027](#)  
[10-14-25 Resolution Adoption of Mayors Strategic Priorities Plan 2025-2027](#)  
[10-14-25 Cover Memo- Resolution- Adoption of Mayors strategic priorities Plan - Mayor Lago](#)  
[R-2025-401 - Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION, ADOPTING MAYOR LAGO'S 2025-2027 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES PLAN.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Fernandez, seconded by Commissioner Castro, that this matter be adopted as amended by Resolution Number 2025-401. The motion passed by the following vote.**

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

City Clerk Item No. 45

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-402****F.-6. [25-9922](#)**

A Resolution of the City Commission authorizing a sponsorship in the amount of \$2,500 to support the 2025 Ronald McDonald Paddles for a Purpose Pickleball Tournament, to be held on November 8, 2025, at the William H. Kerdyk Biltmore Tennis Center located at 1150 Anastasia Avenue, and for the City to provide a dedicated City trolley and complimentary off-site parking.  
(Sponsored by Vice Mayor Anderson)

**Attachments:** [Draft Resolution](#)  
[2025 Paddles for a Purpose Pickleball Tournament](#)  
[R-2025-402 - Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION AUTHORIZING A SPONSORSHIP IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,500 TO SUPPORT THE 2025 RONALD MCDONALD PADDLES FOR A PURPOSE PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT, TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 8, 2025, AT THE WILLIAM H. KERDYK BILTMORE TENNIS CENTER LOCATED AT 1150 ANASTASIA AVENUE, AND FOR THE CITY TO PROVIDE A DEDICATED CITY TROLLEY AND COMPLIMENTARY OFF-SITE PARKING.

**A motion was made by Vice Mayor Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Fernandez, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2025-402. The motion passed by the following vote.**

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

City Clerk Item No. 46

**G. BOARDS/COMMITTEES ITEMS****RESOLUTION NO. 2025-403****G.-1. 25-9848**

A Resolution of the City Commission granting approval of a residential waiver (by a four-fifths vote of the City Commission) for Estrellita Sibila (Nominated by the Board As A Whole), in accordance with Section 2-52(b)(2) of the City Code, to serve as a member of the International Affairs Coordinating Council, for a two (2) year term, which begins on June 1, 2025 and through May 31, 2027.

**Attachments:** [Cover Memo - Residency Waiver - Estrellita Sibila](#)  
[Draft Resolution - Residency Waiver - Estrellita Sibila](#)  
[R-2025-403 - Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION GRANTING APPROVAL OF A RESIDENTIAL WAIVER (BY A FOUR-FIFTHS VOTE OF THE CITY COMMISSION) FOR ESTRELLITA SIBILA (NOMINATED BY THE BOARD AS A WHOLE), IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 2-52(B)(2) OF THE CITY CODE, TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS COORDINATING COUNCIL, FOR A TWO (2) YEAR TERM, WHICH BEGINS ON JUNE 1, 2025 AND THROUGH MAY 31, 2027.

**A motion was made by Vice Mayor Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Lara, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2025-403. The motion passed by the following vote.**

**Yeas :** 4 - Commissioner Lara, Vice Mayor Anderson, Commissioner Castro and Mayor Lago

**Nays :** 1 - Commissioner Fernandez

City Clerk Item No. 47

**H. CITY MANAGER ITEMS****Agenda Items A-5 and H-1 are related****RESOLUTION NO. 2025-388****H.-1. 25-9855**

A Resolution of the City Commission declaring principles of inclusion for all individuals with disabilities, and urging action by national, state, and local governments, businesses, and residential communities consistent with these principles.

**Attachments:** [2025 October Cover memo](#)  
[2025 Resolution Principles of Inclusion](#)  
[R-2025-388 - Signed](#)

A Resolution OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, DECLARING PRINCIPLES OF INCLUSION FOR all INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES, AND URGING ACTION BY NATIONAL, STATE, AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, BUSINESSES, AND RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITIES CONSISTENT WITH THESE PRINCIPLES

**A motion was made by Vice Mayor Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Castro, that this motion be adopted by Resolution Number 2025-388. The motion passed by unanimous vote.**

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

City Clerk Item No. 7

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-404****Non 25-9937  
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A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA DIRECTING CITY STAFF TO NOTIFY THE CITY'S LOBBYIST TO INCLUDE AS PART OF THE CITY'S LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES A REQUEST TO THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO ENACT LEGISLATION PROVIDING FOR AN ADDITIONAL HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION OF \$50,000 FOR ALL QUALIFIED RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY OWNERS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA DIRECTING CITY STAFF TO NOTIFY THE CITY'S LOBBYIST TO INCLUDE AS PART OF THE CITY'S LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES A REQUEST TO THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO ENACT LEGISLATION PROVIDING FOR AN ADDITIONAL HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION OF \$50,000 FOR ALL QUALIFIED RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY OWNERS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**A motion was made by Vice Mayor Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Fernandez, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2025-404. The motion passed by the following vote.**

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

City Clerk Item No. 48

**I. CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS**

None

**J. CITY CLERK ITEMS**

None

**K. DISCUSSION ITEMS****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 1:46 p.m. The next Regular Meeting of the City Commission has been scheduled for Tuesday, October 28, 2025, beginning 9 a.m.]

**Billy Y. Urquia**  
City Clerk