

City of Coral Gables

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Coral Gables, FL 33134
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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 26, 2023

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*

*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 Tuesday, September 26, 2023, 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) once the meeting's agenda is published or by sending an email to 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/cgty) as well as Channel 77 on Comcast.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order 9:03 a.m.

ROLL CALL

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

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. 2023-29) (b) Resolution(s) adopted (Resolution No. 2023-268 through Resolution No. 2023-281); (c) Video; (d) Audio Recording; (e) Minutes Folder with Agenda and background information, including items which were submitted at the meeting.

INVOCATION

Pastor Jeff Sullivan from Granada Church gave the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Fernandez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A. PRESENTATIONS AND PROTOCOL DOCUMENTS

- A.-1. [23-6248](#) Congratulations to Fiola on receiving the Keep Coral Gables Beautiful 2023 Commercial Beautification Award.

This Presentation/Protocol Document was Deferred

City Clerk Item No. 6

- A.-2. [23-6383](#) Presentation of a Proclamation declaring October 10, 2023 as "Commissioner Maria Anderson Day" in Coral Gables.

This Presentation/Protocol Document was Deferred

City Clerk Item No. 1

Time Certain 9:30am (Agenda Item A-3)

- A.-3. [23-6387](#) Presentation of a Certificate of Condolence to the family of former Commissioner Ralph Cabrera on the passing of his father Rafael Cabrera, Sr.

Mayor Lago introduced Agenda Item A-3 and made the presentation of a Certificate of Condolence to the family of former Commissioner Ralph Cabrera on the passing of his father Rafael Cabrera, Sr. He spoke fondly of his relationship with Cabrera Sr., who was a gentleman, a renaissance man, the many stories they shared and also about Cuba and thanked his family for sharing him with the city. The former City Commissioner Ralph Cabrera Jr., and grandson Nicolas and family friend were in attendance to accept the Certificate of Condolence. Former Commissioner Cabrera Jr. thanked the City Commission for acknowledging his father and for their well wishes, and in his reflections of his dad, shared many heartfelt memories, said that he was a jokester who had a keen interest in what occurred at the City Commission meetings. He thanked the Coral Gables Police Department for the part they played in the farewell services including the motor men and honor guards because his dad was a motor man in Cuba's National Police Department. Nicolas also shared memories of his grandfather's legendary professional involvement internationally and in Cuba as a race car driver who wore proudly the Number 40 and was affectionally called "*El Gallego*". He closed by thanking the City Commission for allowing his family to say a few words in honor of his beloved grandfather. In response, the Mayor stated that his grandfather was a legend and then read the Certificate of Condolence honoring the numerous accomplishments of "El Gallego."

This Presentation/Protocol Document was Presented and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 5

- A.-4. [23-6364](#) Congratulations to Officer Devin Jaramillo recipient of the City of Coral Gables "Officer of the Month," for July 2023.

Attachments: [COMMISSION COVER MEMO - OFFICER OF THE MONTH JULY 2023 Jaramillo - Officer of the Month \(July 2023\)](#)

Mayor Lago introduced Agenda Item A-6 Congratulations to Officer Devin Jaramillo recipient of the City of Coral Gables "Officer of the Month," for July 2023 and Police Chief Hudak made the presentation. Police Chief Hudak stated that Officer Devin Jaramillo is being recognized for an incident which occurred on July 17, 2023 wherein officers were dispatched to 429 Fluvia Avenue involving stolen Amazon packages. Upon reviewing the video footage provided by the victim, he was able to capture the perpetrator within minutes of the theft and a confession given which included other residences in which packages were stolen. Police Officer Jaramillo is being honored for his keen observation in identifying and removing this individual off the streets so that residents can feel safe. Mayor Lago congratulated Police Officer Jaramillo and spoke of the City Commission's support for the City's police officers. Officer Jaramillo thanked the City Commission, Police Chief Hudak and his fellow officers who assisted him during this incident.

This Presentation/Protocol Document was Presented and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 7

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-268

- Non [23-6415](#)
Agenda
Item

A Resolution of the City Commission allowing for Commissioner Castro to participate via Zoom during the City Commission Meeting of September 26, 2023.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION FINDING THAT COMMISSIONER CASTRO HAD AN EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCE THAT DID NOT ALLOW HER TO ATTEND THE CITY COMMISSION MEETING IN PERSON AND ALLOWING HER TO FULLY PARTICIPATE IN THE CITY COMMISSION MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 26, 2023, VIA ZOOM, WHILE THERE WAS A PHYSICAL QUORUM IN THE ROOM.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Fernandez, that this motion be adopted by Resolution Number 2023-268. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

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

City Clerk Item No. 8

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

B.-1. [23-6353](#) Regular City Commission Meeting of August 22, 2023.

Attachments: [CCMtg Aug 22 2023 - Agenda Item C - Public Comments](#)
[CCMTG Aug 22 2023 - Agenda Item E-2 - Ordinance amending section 105-28 of](#)
[CCMTG Aug 22 2023 - Agenda Item E-3 - Ordinance granting conditional use for ;](#)
[CCMtg Aug 22 2023 - Agenda Item F-3 - Update regarding the letter written to Mic](#)
[CCMTG Aug 22 2023 - Agenda Item F-4 - Discussion regarding addition of landsc](#)
[CCMTG Aug 22 2023 - Agenda Item F-6 - Discussion regarding pickleball expansi](#)
[CCMTG Aug 22 2023 - Agenda Item F-7 - Discussion regarding trash pits](#)
[CCMtg Aug 22 2023 - Agenda Item F-11 - Update on Burger Bob's](#)
[CCMtg Aug 22 2023 - Agenda Item F-12 - Discussion regarding Villa Valencia](#)
[CCMTG Aug 22 2023 - Agenda Item F-17 - Resolution authorizing a two-year exte](#)
[CCMTG Aug 22 2023 - Agenda Item G-5 - Resolution appointing Xavier Durana n](#)
[CCMtg Aug 22 2023 - Agenda Item G-10 - Resolution of the City Commission rem](#)
[CCMtg Aug 22 2023 - Agenda Items E-6 and E-7 are related - Ordinances grantin](#)
[CCMtg Aug 22 2023 - Agenda Items E-8 and E-9 are related - Ordinances of the C](#)
[Meeting Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Menendez, that this motion be approved . The motion passed by unanimous vote.

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

City Clerk Item No. 9

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

City Clerk Item No. 10

D. CONSENT AGENDA

Passed the Consent Agenda

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-269

D.-1. [23-6355](#)

A Resolution of the City Commission granting a one-day permit to the Consulate General of Mexico in Miami to sell alcoholic beverages from 4:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 28th, 2023, on Biltmore Way for the Day of the Dead Festival as part of the International Cultural Events Initiative program. Subject to Florida Department of Professional Regulation requirements.

Attachments: [DAY OF THE DEAD RESOLUTION DRAFT 2023](#)
[Dia de los Muertos 2023 Event Request Cover Page](#)
[Special events application and permit - Day of the Dead](#)
[R-2023-269-Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION GRANTING A ONE-DAY PERMIT TO THE CONSULATE GENERAL OF MEXICO IN MIAMI TO SELL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FROM 4:00 P.M. UNTIL 9:00 P.M. ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2023, ON BILTMORE WAY FOR THE "DAY OF THE DEAD" FESTIVAL AS PART OF THE INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL EVENTS INITIATIVE PROGRAM. SUBJECT TO FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION REQUIREMENTS.

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2023-269 BY VOICE VOTE

City Clerk Item No. 11

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-270

D.-2. [23-6369](#)

A Resolution of the City Commission authorizing the execution of a Joint Participation Agreement (JPA) between the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and the City of Coral Gables for disbursement of FDOT funds in the amount of \$60,340.00 for 12 months to the City, for the maintenance of turf and landscape areas within FDOT's Right-of-Way on State Road (S.R.) 5/South Dixie Highway, S.R. 976/Bird Road, and S.R.959/Red Road (East Side Only).

Attachments: [City of Coral Gables - New Agreement 2024](#)
[Contract Routing Form](#)
[FDOT JPA DRAFT Resolution 2024](#)
[Summary](#)
[092623 CC Memo FDOT JPA Landscape Maint \(002\)](#)
[R-2023-270 Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A JOINT PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT (JPA) BETWEEN THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT) AND THE

CITY OF CORAL GABLES FOR DISBURSEMENT OF FDOT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$60,340.00 FOR 12 MONTHS TO THE CITY, FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF TURF AND LANDSCAPE AREAS WITHIN FDOT'S RIGHT-OF-WAY ON STATE ROAD (S.R.) 5/SOUTH DIXIE HIGHWAY, S.R. 976/BIRD ROAD, AND S.R.959/RED ROAD (EAST SIDE ONLY).

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2023-270 BY VOICE VOTE

City Clerk Item No. 12

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-271

D.-3. [23-6389](#)

A Resolution of the City Commission retroactively approving the execution of an Urban Qualification Cooperation Agreement between the City of Coral Gables and Miami-Dade County.

Attachments: [Cover Memo CDBG Grant r](#)
[Resolution approving CDBG grant agreement r](#)
[R-2023-271 Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION RETROACTIVELY APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF AN URBAN QUALIFICATION COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES AND MIAMI-DADE COUNTY.

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2023-271 BY VOICE VOTE

City Clerk Item No. 13

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-272

Non [23-6417](#)
Agenda
Item

A Resolution of the City Commission confirming the appointment of Mike Menendez (nominated by Vice Mayor Anderson), to serve as a member of the Construction Regulation Board, for a two (2) year term, which began on June 1, 2023 and continues through May 31, 2025.

Attachments: [R-2023-272 Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF MIKE MENENDEZ (NOMINATED BY VICE MAYOR ANDERSON) TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE CONSTRUCTION REGULATION BOARD, FOR THE REMAINDER OF A TWO (2) YEAR TERM WHICH BEGAN ON JUNE 1, 2023 AND CONTINUES THROUGH MAY 31, 2025.

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2023-272 BY VOICE VOTE

City Clerk Item No. 14

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

- 1.-1. [23-6295](#) Arts Advisory Panel Meeting of July 5, 2023.

Attachments: [AAP Meeting July 5 2023 FINAL 07.05.2023.MinutesforCC09.26.2023](#)

This Matter was approved BY VOICE VOTE

City Clerk Item No. 15

- 1.-2. [23-6299](#) Arts Advisory Panel Meeting of September 6, 2023.

Attachments: [09.06.2023.MinutesforCC09.26.2023 AAP Meeting September 6 2023](#)

This Matter was approved BY VOICE VOTE

City Clerk Item No. 16

- 1.-3. [23-6300](#) Construction Regulation Board Meeting of July 10, 2023.

Attachments: [ATTENDANCE- July 10-23 MEETING MINUTES 7-10-23](#)

This Matter was approved BY VOICE VOTE

City Clerk Item No. 17

- 1.-4. [23-6349](#) International Affairs Coordinating Council Meeting of August 21, 2023.

Attachments: [IACC Minutes 8-21-2023 Fnl](#)

This Matter was approved BY VOICE VOTE

City Clerk Item No. 18

- 1.-5. [23-6331](#) Retirement Board Meeting of August 10, 2023.

Attachments: [CC.08-10-2023 September 26, 2023 Minutes 08-10-2023](#)

This Matter was approved BY VOICE VOTE

City Clerk Item No. 19

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]:**

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-274

- 2.-1. [23-6358](#) A Resolution of the Historic Preservation Board requesting that the City Commission direct that any alterations to the City Hall complex's windows proceeding pursuant to Section 1-104 of the City's Zoning Code be done in consultation with the City's Historic Preservation Officer and be presented to the City's Historic Preservation Board for review and feedback.

Attachments: [HPB resolution re City Hall windows for 9-26 Commission meeting R-2023-274 -Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION APPROVING THE CITY'S HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD'S REQUEST FOR THE CITY COMMISSION TO DIRECT STAFF THAT ANY ALTERATIONS TO THE CITY HALL COMPLEX'S WINDOWS PROCEEDING PURSUANT TO SECTION 1-104 OF THE CITY'S ZONING CODE BE DONE IN CONSULTATION WITH THE CITY'S HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER AND BE PRESENTED TO THE CITY'S HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD FOR REVIEW AND FEEDBACK.

A motion was made by Commissioner Castro, seconded by Commissioner Menendez, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2023-274. The motion passed by the following vote.

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

City Clerk Item No. 23

E. PUBLIC HEARINGS

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-29 (As Amended)

- E.-1. [23-5916](#) An Ordinance of the City Commission amending the Chapter 82 Vegetation of the City Code in order to clarify tree protection provisions and associated code enforcement actions and fines, providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, codification, and providing for an effective date.
(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)

Attachments: [Ordinance - Chapter 82 - Vegetation - Tree Protection Exhibit A - Chapter 82 Amendment - GJC 2](#)
[Cover Memo - Ordinance - Amending Chapter 82 - Vegetation - Tree Protection](#)
[Cover Memo - Ordinance - Amending Chapter 82 - Vegetation - Tree Protection -](#)
[Ordinance - Chapter 82 - Vegetation - Tree Protection - 2nd Reading No Changes](#)
[Speaker Cards E-1](#)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION AMENDING CHAPTER 82 - VEGETATION, OF THE CITY CODE IN ORDER TO CLARIFY TREE PROTECTION PROVISIONS AND ASSOCIATED CODE ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS AND FINES PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER PROVISION, SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, CODIFICATION, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Items E-1 and F-9 is available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk and in Legistar].

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Fernandez, that this matter be adopted as amended by Ordinance Number 2023-29 . The motion passed by the following vote.

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

City Clerk Item No. 20

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

- E.-2. [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.

Attachments: [10 11 23 PZB Staff Report - Giralda TV Screens w attachments](#)

[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 Fernandez, seconded by Commissioner Menendez, that this matter be approved as an Ordinance on First Reading. The motion passed by the following vote.

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

City Clerk Item No. 25

E.-3. [23-6359](#)

An Ordinance of the City Commission providing for text amendments to the City of Coral Gables official Zoning Code, Article 6, "Landscape," by amending the utilization of artificial turf on open joints of pavement; and Article 10, "Parking and Access," by providing review of materials in pavement joints; and providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, codification, and providing for an effective date.

Attachments: [10 11 23 PZB Staff Report - Driveways w attachment](#)

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

Yeas : 4 - Commissioner Fernandez, Commissioner Menendez, Commissioner Anderson and Mayor Lago

Nays : 1 - Commissioner Castro

City Clerk Item No. 26

E.-4. [23-6396](#)

An Ordinance of the City Commission amending the City of Coral Gables Code by Creating Chapter 2 "Administration," Article VII "Finance," Division 1 "Generally," Section 2-352 Fund Balance and Reserve Policy," to codify the Fund Balance and Reserve Policy establish pursuant to Resolution No. 2016-34 and to require a four-fifths vote of the City Commission prior to spending General Fund Reserves, except during a declared State of Emergency, and to provide that the policy may be amended by ordinance approved by a four-fifths vote of the City Commission; providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, codification, and providing for an effective date.

(Sponsored By Mayor Lago)

Attachments: [1st reading Ordinance general fund and insurance fund reserve policies \(9-21\)](#)
[Cover Memo 1st reading Ordinance general fund and insurance fund reserve polic](#)
[Speaker Cards E-4](#)

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

Yeas : 2 - Commissioner Anderson and Mayor Lago

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

City Clerk Item No. 27

- E.-5. [23-6397](#) An Ordinance of the City Commission approving the Purchase and Sale Agreement between the City of Coral Gables, a municipal corporation existing under the laws of the State of Florida and C/LeJeune, LLC, a Florida Limited Liability Company, for the Transfer of Development Rights, as defined in Article 16 and Sections 8-114 and 14-204 of the Zoning Code, from the Coral Gables Museum Property, located at 285 Aragon Avenue, Coral Gables, Florida 33134 directing that all proceeds from the Transfer of the Development Rights be placed in the City's Historic Building Fund; and providing for a repealer provision, severability clause and providing for an effective date.

Lobbyist: Jose M. Jimenez

Attachments: [1st Reading- Ordinance - approving PSA for TDRs Codina - Regency - TDR PSA-9-21-23](#)
[Commission Cover 09.26.23 \(TDR PSA C LeJune\)](#)
[Memo Final - TDR2022-002 - 285 Aragon Avenue](#)
[2nd Reading- Ordinance - approving PSA for TDRs](#)
[Commission Cover 10.10.23 \(TDR PSA C LeJune\)](#)

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Item E-5 is available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk and in Legistar].

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

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

City Clerk Item No. 29

F. CITY COMMISSION ITEMS

- F.-1. [23-6342](#) Presentation regarding Waste Management Recycling Program.
(Sponsored by Commissioner Fernandez)

Attachments: [original-2A677DBA-B66D-4202-9306-074EB346A060](#)
[original-2B966214-7187-41C7-BC4C-60DD23719F40](#)
[original-6E7A4DA9-DA2B-4C08-BC02-CA34B9560E52](#)
[original-07E2A175-8BE7-46BE-A811-C7A6C3F82C51](#)
[original-9D473DB5-9B3E-49E4-8BF3-C1AC2FEF205](#)
[original-57BA8412-0D70-4E1D-8665-AF6C0F3C91FE](#)
[original-63CB8A82-F990-40C9-890D-12C5A244FB04](#)
[processed-5648A5CE-34B7-4870-9644-C319745D1E67-9DEF6E03-EEC1-411D-](#)

This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 30

- F.-2.** [23-6368](#) Discussion regarding businesses on Giralda Avenue.
(Sponsored by Commissioner Castro)
This Agenda Item was Deferred

City Clerk Item No. 2
- F.-3.** [23-6372](#) Discussion regarding the potential installation of a median on Ponce de Leon Boulevard
(South of Bird Road).
(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)

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

City Clerk Item No. 31
- F.-4.** [23-6384](#) Discussion regarding annexation.
(Sponsored by Commissioner Fernandez)

This discussion is open for public comment.

Attachments: [Speaker Cards F-4](#)
 [F-4 Affidavit of Commissioner Kirk R. Menendez](#)
 [F-4 Affidavit of Commissioner Ariel Fernandez](#)

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Item F-4 is available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk and in Legistar].
This Agenda Item was Deferred

City Clerk Item No. 32
- F.-5.** [23-6394](#) Discussion concerning hurricane reserve amount and accessibility of funds for disaster mitigation.
(Sponsored by Vice Mayor Anderson)

Attachments: [Discussion concerning hurricane reserve amount and accessibility of](#)

This Agenda Item was Deferred

City Clerk Item No. 28

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-275**F.-6. [23-6370](#)**

A Resolution of the City Commission directing City Staff to create an income-based sewer connection grant program, contingent on the receipt of State or Federal funding, to provide financial assistance to qualified individuals who wish to convert from septic to sewer.

(Sponsored by Vice Mayor Anderson)

Attachments: [Income based sewer connection grant cover memo](#)
[Resolution directing creation of sewer connection grant program R-2023-275 Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION DIRECTING CITY STAFF TO CREATE AN INCOME-BASED SEWER CONNECTION GRANT PROGRAM, CONTINGENT ON THE RECEIPT OF STATE OR FEDERAL FUNDING, TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO QUALIFIED INDIVIDUALS WHO WISH TO CONVERT FROM SEPTIC TO SEWER.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Fernandez, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2023-275. The motion passed by the following vote.

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

City Clerk Item No. 33

F.-7. [23-6373](#)

A Resolution of the City Commission repealing Resolution No. 2023-203 to allow public comment on all Commission discussion items.

(Sponsored by Commissioner Castro)

Attachments: [Commission Cover 09.26.23 Resolution repealing R 2023-203 to allow public com](#)
[Draft Resolution re Public Comment on discussion items](#)
[Draft Resolution 10-10-23 re Public Comment on discussion items](#)
[Commission Cover 10-10-23 Resolution repealing R 2023-203 to allow public corr](#)
[Speaker Cards F-7](#)

This Resolution was Deferred

City Clerk Item No. 3

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-276F.-8. [23-6377](#)

A Resolution of the City Commission authorizing a one-month extension of the Concession Agreement with Fresh AN, LLC for the operation of the café space at the Coral Gables Golf and Country Club.

(Sponsored by Commissioner Menendez)

Lobbyist: N/A

Attachments: [Cafe Concession Agreement 05.31.22](#)
[Commission Cover 09.26.23 Resolution -CC Cafe one month extension Fresh AN](#)
[Draft Resolution Extending Concession Agreement with Fresh AN, LLC](#)
[R-2023-276 Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION AUTHORIZING A ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF THE CONCESSION AGREEMENT WITH FRESH AN, LLC FOR THE OPERATION OF THE CAFE SPACE AT THE CORAL GABLES GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB.

A motion was made by Commissioner Menendez, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2023-276. The motion passed by the following vote.

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

City Clerk Item No. 34

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-273F.-9. [23-6376](#)

A Resolution of the City Commission directing the City Manager to develop a Best Practices Guide for code violations related to the City's Tree Protection Provisions.

(Sponsored by Vice Mayor Anderson)

Attachments: [Cover Memo - Resolution 2023 - Directing the City Manager to Establish a Best P](#)
[Resolution 2023 - Directing the City Manager to Establish a Best Practices Guide](#)
[Speaker Cards F-9](#)
[R-2023-273 Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO DEVELOP A BEST PRACTICES GUIDE FOR CODE VIOLATIONS RELATED TO THE CITY'S TREE PROTECTION PROVISIONS.

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Items E-1 and F-9 is available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk and in Legistar].

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Fernandez, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2023-273. The motion passed by the following vote.

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

City Clerk Item No. 21

- F.-10. [23-6379](#) A Resolution of the City Commission directing the City Attorney to prepare proposed legislation prohibiting City Commissioners from engaging in business transactions with City employees and with other members of the City Commission.
(Sponsored by Commissioner Castro)

Attachments: [Commission Cover 09.26.23 Resolution directing CA to draft legislation prohibiting Draft Resolution Directing CA-draft legislation prohibiting elected officials from eng](#)
[Draft Resolution 10-10-23 Directing CA-draft legislation prohibiting elected officials](#)
[Commission Cover 10-10-23 Resolution directing CA to draft legislation prohibiting](#)
[Speaker Cards F-10](#)

This Resolution was Deferred

City Clerk Item No. 4

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-278 (As Amended)

- F.-11. [23-6382](#) A Resolution of the City Commission directing that City Staff amend the proposed Annual Budget of estimated revenues and expenditures for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2023 and ending September 30, 2024 prior to the Second Reading of the ordinance adopting said budget in order to reallocate funds in the Capital Projects Budget from Phillips Park to the restoration of the Alhambra Water Tower.
(Sponsored by Vice Mayor Anderson)
(Co-Sponsored by Mayor Lago)

Attachments: [Cover Memo Resolution re Alhambra Water Tower](#)
[Resolution re budget amendment prior to second re phillips park to alhambra wate](#)
[Speaker Cards F-11](#)
[F-11 and F-13 FY 2024-2028 Five Year Capital Improvement Plan](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, DIRECTING THAT CITY STAFF AMEND THE PROPOSED ANNUAL BUDGET OF ESTIMATED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2023 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2024 PRIOR TO THE SECOND READING OF THE ORDINANCE ADOPTING SAID BUDGET IN ORDER TO REALLOCATE FUNDS IN THE CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET FROM PHILLIPS PARK TO THE RESTORATION OF THE ALHAMBRA WATER TOWER.

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Items F-11 and F-13 is available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk and in Legistar].

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Menendez, that this matter be adopted as amended by Resolution Number 2023-278. The motion passed by the following vote.

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

City Clerk Item No. 35

F.-12. [23-6381](#)

A Resolution of the City Commission directing that City staff amend the proposed Annual Budget of estimated revenues and expenditures for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2023 and ending September 30, 2024 prior to the second reading of the ordinance adopting said budget in order to reduce the proposed salaries, local expense accounts and car allowances of the Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Commissioners.

(Sponsored by Vice Mayor Anderson)

Attachments: [Cover Memo Resolution re commission salaries](#)
[Resolution directing City staff to amend budget prior to second reading re salaries](#)
[Speaker Cards F-12](#)
[F-12 entered by Vice Mayor Anderson](#)

[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].

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Mayor Lago, that this matter be adopted. The motion failed by the following vote.

Yeas : 2 - Commissioner Anderson and Mayor Lago

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

City Clerk Item No. 37

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-277**F.-13. [23-6380](#)**

A Resolution of the City Commission directing that City staff amend the proposed Annual Budget of estimated revenues and expenditures for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2023 and ending September 30, 2024 prior to the second reading of the ordinance adopting said budget in order to reallocate funds in the Capital Projects Budget from Phillips Park towards the City Hall Complex Windows.

(Sponsored By Vice Mayor Anderson)

(Co-Sponsored by Mayor Lago)

Attachments: [Cover Memo Resolution re city hall windows](#)
[Resolution re budget amendment prior to second re phillips park to windows](#)
[Speaker Cards F-13](#)
[F-11 and F-13 FY 2024-2028 Five Year Capital Improvement Plan](#)
[R-2023-277 Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION DIRECTING THAT CITY STAFF AMEND THE PROPOSED ANNUAL BUDGET OF ESTIMATED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2023 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2024 PRIOR TO THE SECOND READING OF THE ORDINANCE ADOPTING SAID BUDGET IN ORDER TO REALLOCATE FUNDS IN THE CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET FROM PHILLIPS PARK TOWARDS THE CITY HALL COMPLEX WINDOWS.

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Items F-11 and F-13 is available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk and in Legistar].

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Menendez, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2023-277. The motion passed by the following vote.

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

City Clerk Item No. 36

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-280 (As Amended)

F.-14. [23-6386](#)

A Resolution of the City Commission directing City staff to work with Commissioner Fernandez to formulate an economic stimulus plan with the purpose of providing financial relief to residents.

(Sponsored by Commissioner Fernandez)

(Co-Sponsored by Commissioner Menendez)

Attachments: [Resolution Directing Staff to Create Economic Stimulus Plan](#)
[Commission Cover 09.26.23 Resolution re economic stimulus plan](#)
[Speaker Cards F-14](#)
[R-2023-280 - Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION DIRECTING CITY STAFF TO WORK WITH COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ TO FORMULATE AN ECONOMIC STIMULUS PLAN WITH THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FINANCIAL RELIEF TO RESIDENTS.

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Items F-14 and F-16 is available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk and in Legistar].

A motion was made by Commissioner Fernandez, seconded by Commissioner Menendez, that this matter be adopted as amended by Resolution Number 2023-280. The motion passed by the following vote.

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

City Clerk Item No. 38

F.-15. [23-6388](#)

A Resolution of the City Commission adopting the Commission's Strategic Priorities Plan.

(Sponsored by Commissioner Fernandez)

Attachments: [Commission Strategic Plan](#)
[Resolution Adopting the Commission's Strategic Priorities](#)
[Commission Cover 09.26.23 Resolution adopting strategic priorities](#)
[2023-2025 Strategic Plan](#)
[Speaker Cards F-15](#)

This Resolution was Deferred

City Clerk Item No. 40

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-279**F.-16. [23-6393](#)**

A Resolution of the City Commission establishing a Senior Relief Grant Fund and directing City staff to identify a source of funding.

(Sponsored by Commissioner Fernandez)

(Co-Sponsored by Commissioner Menendez)

Attachments: [Commission Cover 09.26.23 Resolution establishing Senior Relief Grant Fund Resolution establishing a senior relief fund R Speaker Cards F-16 R-2023-279 Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION ESTABLISHING A SENIOR RELIEF GRANT FUND AND DIRECTING CITY STAFF TO IDENTIFY A SOURCE OF FUNDING.

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Items F-14 and F-16 is available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk and in Legistar].

A motion was made by Commissioner Fernandez, seconded by Commissioner Menendez, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2023-279. The motion passed by the following vote.

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

City Clerk Item No. 39

F.-17. [23-6395](#)

A Resolution of the City Commission directing City staff to work with Commissioner Fernandez to formulate a Special Capital Improvement Plan to include, but not limited to addressing Alhambra Water Tower Restoration, City Hall Window Replacement, Sidewalk Repairs, Biltmore Way Streetscape Tree Canopy, and the creation of a pickleball facility at Parking Garage 4.

(Sponsored by Commissioner Fernandez)

(Co-Sponsored by Commissioner Menendez)

Attachments: [Commission Cover 09.26.23 Resolution re Special Capital Improvement Plan CAF - Resolution Directing Staff to Create Capital Improvement Plan Speaker Cards F-17](#)

This Resolution was Deferred

City Clerk Item No. 41

G. BOARDS/COMMITTEES ITEMS

Time Certain 10:30am (Agenda Item G-1)

- G.-1. [23-5645](#) A Resolution of the City Commission approving the concept and commissioning of a work of public art by R & R Studios in conjunction with The Village development project, encompassing the city block bordered by: Segovia Street, Malaga Avenue, Hernando Street, and Santander Avenue, in fulfillment of the Art in Public Places requirement for public art in private development (unanimously recommended by the Arts Advisory Panel approval/denial vote: 6 to 0; unanimously recommended by the Cultural Development Board approval/denial vote: 4 to 0).

Lobbyist: N/A

Attachments: [Exhibit A](#)
[Commission Cover 09.26.2023 The Village, R & R Studios](#)
[R-Draft-AiPP The Village_R and R Studios](#)

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

This Resolution was Deferred

City Clerk Item No. 24

H. CITY MANAGER ITEMS

Time Certain 10:00am (Agenda Item H-1)

- H.-1. [23-6217](#) End of Session Report from the City's Lobbying Team.

Attachments: [Revised Coral Gables PowerPoint](#)

This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 22

- H.-2. [23-6385](#) Presentation regarding recommendations for combating extreme heat in community spaces.

Attachments: [Community Recreation Heat Mitigation Efforts](#)
[Community Recreation Heat Mitigation Efforts R](#)

This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 42

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-281

H.-3. [23-6363](#)

A Resolution of the City Commission authorizing an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 annual budget to reverse the \$5,000,000 revenue recognition from the sale of historic facility Transfer of Development Rights (TDRs), to reverse the appropriation of such funds, and to recognize as revenue a \$4,000,000 transfer from fund balance to be used to cover the cost of the historic facility renovations originally funded by the TDR sale.

Attachments: [Cover Letter - Budget Amendment - Funds to Cover TDR Sales Resolution - Budget Amendment - Funds to Cover TDR Sales R-2023-281 Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 ANNUAL BUDGET TO REVERSE THE \$5,000,000 REVENUE RECOGNITION FROM THE SALE OF HISTORIC FACILITY TRANSFER OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS (TDRS), TO REVERSE THE APPROPRIATION OF SUCH FUNDS, AND TO RECOGNIZE AS REVENUE A \$4,000,000 TRANSFER FROM FUND BALANCE TO BE USED TO COVER THE COST OF THE HISTORIC FACILITY RENOVATIONS ORIGINALLY FUNDED BY THE TDR SALE.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Menendez, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2023-281. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas : 4 - Commissioner Fernandez, Commissioner Menendez, Commissioner Anderson and Mayor Lago

Absent : 1 - Commissioner Castro

City Clerk Item No. 43

I. CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS

None

City Clerk Item No. 44

J. CITY CLERK ITEMS

None

City Clerk Item No. 45

K. DISCUSSION ITEMS

City Clerk Item No. 46

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 5:55 p.m. The next Regular Meeting of the City Commission has been scheduled for Tuesday, October 10, 2023, beginning 9 a.m.]

BILLY Y. URQUIA
CITY CLERK