



City of Coral Gables
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
December 8, 2020

ITEM TITLE:

Resolution. A Resolution of the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida directing staff that irrespective of any required legal notice or other means of providing notice, notices of all public meetings shall be transmitted via email to all email address in the City's email database. (Sponsored by Commissioner Fors)

BRIEF HISTORY:

The City Commission welcomes resident input on all matters of public importance. It has come to the attention of the City Commission that because certain public meetings do not require notice by mail, and instead, are only advertised on the City's website, periodicals of general circulation, or the bulletin board at City Hall. It is likely that more residents will become aware that such meetings are being held if notice is transmitted via email.

In order to increase its outreach to residents and maximize public input, the City Commission desires that notices of all public meetings be transmitted (at least once) via email to all email addresses in the City's database within forty-eight hours of the first instance in which any such notice is posted by the City for public viewing. Because inclusion of one's email address in the City's database is voluntary and is open to both residents and non-residents, and because successful transmission of mass emails can be unreliable for reasons beyond the sender's control, this direction to staff shall not be deemed to a legal notice requirement and failure to send such notice via email shall not render notice of any required public meeting as insufficient in cases where legal notice is required per the City Code, Zoning Code, Florida Statutes, or other applicable law.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Draft Resolution