

City of Coral Gables

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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 22, 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*

*Amos Rojas, Jr., 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 22, 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. 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/cgtv) as well as Channel 77 on Comcast.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:08 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. 2024-39 and Ordinance No. 2024-40) (b) Resolution(s) adopted (Resolution No. 2024-248 through Resolution No. 2024-254); (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

Rev. Timothy Fleck from St. Thomas Episcopal Parish gave the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Former City of Miami Commissioner Ken Russell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Judging of the Annual Great Pumpkin Challenge

A. PRESENTATIONS AND PROTOCOL DOCUMENTS**A.-1. [24-8035](#)** Legislative update from Senator Alexis Calatayud.

Mayor Lago introduced Senator Alexis Calatayud who thanked the Mayor and City Commission for the opportunity to address them and the community. She began her presentation by stating that they are now in preparation not for just what was passed in the legislative session but focusing on the priorities they have for Coral Gables to ensure they are able to champion them in the next legislative session. Topics discussed included having reserves for things like what happened to our friends in the West Coast, resiliency, water quality, septic to sewer and her goal is to make sure that the priorities aligned for Coral Gables are able to maximize their capacity to bring those resources back home and support their work in making sure that the residents of Coral Gables have the best. They were able to pass 10 pieces of legislation and one that is dear to her heart involves individuals with disabilities making it easier for them to acquire jobs as well as a tax credit for employers and continued by listing additional legislation adopted as well as the funding received. Mayor Lago thanked her for the update and advocacy on behalf of the city and always availing herself when they need to speak to her about any issues and he is looking forward to visiting her in Tallahassee. He brought up his concern about the double digit increase in insurance cost and what can be done. Senator Calatayud in her response stated a part of her priority in this legislative session is going to be unaffordability for the residents and having to project out what type of name storms they may have costing billions of dollars consistently coupled with the cost of living and inflation that is astronomical and particularly for fixed income homes. Vice Mayor Anderson addressed the lack of a windstorm building code in the rest of Florida with improper strappings and having proper inspections done on homes, because when losses occur, it impacts everyone with higher insurance rates and reduces insurance carriers willing to do business with the state, and if building new, then let's build it right, and thanked her for being there. Commissioner Fernandez also thanked her for being a gracious hostess during their trips to Tallahassee this year and for the attention given to them goes a long way and they could not have a better champion than her in doing everything possible to get them 1.8 million dollars this year and they appreciate all the effort she and her staff did for the city and they are in great hands with her representing them. Commissioner Menendez concurred with Commissioner Fernandez stating that she truly represents the city in Tallahassee, they know that she will give her all in every session and just being able to reach out to her for guidance and suggestions on how to proceed on many issues and the residents are blessed to have her represent them. Commissioner Castro also thanked her for her update, and it is a pleasure working with her. As someone who once practiced psychology, when it comes to children with disabilities, she was a life coach, taking them to interviews and if she can be of assistance to her, she can be counted on and look forward to meeting with her on the 28th. Mayor Lago once again thanked Senator Calatayud.

This Presentation/Protocol Document was Presented and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 3

A.-2. [24-7971](#)

Congratulations to Maíz y Agave on receiving the Keep Coral Gables Beautiful 2024 Commercial Beautification Award.

Mayor Lago introduced Agenda Item A-2 and Asst. Director Anderson-Mobility & Sustainability-Parking Department and Solanch Lopez-Manager-Economic Development Department made the presentation. Asst. Director Anderson congratulated the winner Maiz & Agave and thanked the Sustainability Advisory Board who votes on the businesses, determining the winner from the applications received from different departments and the public. Manager Lopez gave a background on how the business is chosen and that this business has gone above and beyond the normal call in maintenance and beautification in their area and while they are relatively new to the area, they have done a beautiful job of completely transforming the space and keeping it clean and tidy. Members of their ownership team Hector Ivan and Santiago Roberts accepted the plaque and window decal. The gentlemen thanked the Mayor and City Commission for the award and said the project was about all things Mexico, because they wanted everyone in Miami to have a piece of Mexico by having an opportunity to visit Mexico here in Miami and the entire project was made through their family's foundation with profits to help the people in Mexico and it was all made with love and thinking about their country which is important to them. The mayor thanked them for their efforts, the project, the amazing quality of their food and events they have, their philanthropism and is looking forward to their engagement in Dia de Muertos/Day of the Dead which he believes will be beneficial because the restaurant is a stones throw from the location and congratulated them on a well-deserved award.

This Presentation/Protocol Document was Presented and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 1

A.-3. [24-7624](#)

Presentation of a Proclamation declaring October 22, 2024 as "Dan Finora Day" in Coral Gables.

Mayor Lago introduced Agenda Item A-3 and Commissioner Menendez made the presentation. Commissioner Menendez, in acknowledging Dan Finora's contributions, stated that as the years go by, they have come to appreciate those constant pillars in their lives and community. Those people that make a difference in the lives of others especially the youth because over time they become them. Mr. Finora began his career in 1958 with Coral Gables High School selflessly giving his time and life, and to him it wasn't work because he felt he was doing what he was supposed to be doing. He has held numerous positions at the school which included typing teacher, athletic department and school's business manager and counsellor where he had one on one dealings with the students, making an indelible impact in their life, some of whom came from troubled homes thereby changing their trajectory for the better. He knew him when he attended Gables High and as a dad when he

coached Dan's son at the Youth Center. Marlin Ebbert said she and her family moved to Coral Gables 36 years ago and her daughter started as a new 10th grader and was asked to attend a meeting for 10th graders when the group was introduced to Mr. Finora and remembers him as a lanky, good-looking man. She admires his humility and is delighted that the city recognizes him and thanked them. Even today she remembers the words he said, "if you are where you are supposed to be when you are supposed to be there doing what you are supposed to be doing you will do well at Gables High School" and spoke of his positive interaction with all her children. City Manager Rojas, Jr., also remembered being taught by Mr. Finora in basic accounting and thanked him for the lessons learned. Vice Mayor Anderson said that he was also the counsellor for her two daughters and thanked him for his impact on their lives and both did exceedingly well. City Clerk Urquia also said that he was also taught by Mr. Finora. Commissioner Menendez jokingly said that since they left Gables High under Dan's tutorage that things have gone downhill ever since. A video was then shown with Mr. Finora narrating the journey of his personal life and work history with Coral Gables High. Commissioner Menendez said that Dan never retired because of all the young people he touched who grew up and became parents and grandparents and all the life lessons they learned from him they carried on for generations and generations, so he never really retired. Mr. Finora thanked Commissioner Menendez and the City Commission and spoke about his love for Coral Gables, having a great life and how he ended up teaching and being fortunate to have five mentors who helped pointing the way. Coral Gables is unique and in all his years of living in the city it is a beautiful place, and he represents them all the time and it is the first time he has been to the commission chambers and being there is a humbling experience. He continued with joyous nostalgia of his school in 1967 beating Miami High and in 1964 beating Tampa Robinson football team. Additionally, he knows that while change is upon us, he seldom emails, has a flip phone and landline, he can be reached at Burger Bob's/Birdie Bob's, Bagels Emporium or Coral Bagels down behind Crook and Crook where anyone can get in touch with him. He doesn't go out of his zip code and stays in his lane. In closing, he said he is surrounded by 16 story buildings, something he never thought he would ever see and thanked everyone. He was also presented with a proclamation.

This Presentation/Protocol Document was Presented and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 2

A.-4. [24-8196](#)

Presentation of a Proclamation declaring October 21, 2024 to October 27, 2024 as "Florida City Government Week" in Coral Gables.

Mayor Lago introduced Agenda Item A-4, Commissioner Menendez read the proclamation and Fernando Weiner, Governmental Affairs Manager accepted the proclamation on behalf of all city employees and state employees at large in celebration of "Florida City Government Week" and thanked the Mayor and City Commission for the honor. He also invited all city employees in celebration of this week to partake of free ice cream on this Thursday.

This Presentation/Protocol Document was Presented and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 6

A.-5. [24-8200](#)

Congratulations to the City of Coral Gables for receiving the Voice of the People Award for Excellence in Online Outreach.

Mayor Lago introduced Agenda Item A-5 and Solanch Lopez-Business Manager-Economic Development made the presentation. Business Manager Lopez spoke regarding the city receiving the award in which she stated that the award was given to the city by Polco, the company that the city uses for its community, transactional surveys and various online outreaches in collaboration with International City County Management Association (ICMA) and it celebrates the city's commitment to innovative resident engagement and data driven decision making. They are in their 16th year and is the only national award recognizing local governments based on resident feedback. She then went into the various aspects of the projects that the city has engaged in with Polco and noted that departments such as the Police Department and Development Services have also taken advantage of this service to acquire feedback from residents, restaurants, and businesses after city events to determine what they are doing right and what needs to be improved. The Holiday Window project was well received with 24,000 residents feedback and a case study was done because of it. Mayor Lago congratulated her and the team regarding all they did, which reflects their hard work. The certificate was then displayed.

This Presentation/Protocol Document was Presented and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 4

A.-6. [24-8121](#)

Congratulations to Driver Engineer John Jensen recipient of the City of Coral Gables "Firefighter of the Month Award," for the month of September 2024.

Attachments: [Cover Memo, FF of the Month, September 2024](#)
[September 2024 FF of the Month Letter](#)

Mayor Lago introduced Agenda Item A-6 and Fire Chief de la Rosa and Deputy Fire Chief Hernandez made the presentation to Driver Engineer John Jensen.

Fire Chief de la Rosa stated that the recipient exemplifies a great work ethic, dependability and mentorship. Deputy Chief Hernandez said it was a privilege to introduce Driver Engineer Jensen who is a 24-year veteran and is considered a "go to firefighter", a subject-matter expert in numerous topics related to and outside of the fire service and is a walking encyclopedia with a vast knowledge on anything you can think of. Nominated by his peers for several reasons; he was instrumental in equipping and mounting the equipment on their two new fire trucks and creating inventory sheets for his fellow firefighters to do daily checks of the trucks. They have a robust air technician program and while they don't have a lead for the program, because of John's vast knowledge everyone considers him as the lead. A recent incident in a city's parking garage which made national news when a vehicle crashed and was hanging off the garage in which a tree saved the vehicle from falling to the ground

beneath it, John was the MVP of that incident working behind the scenes. He was the one who created the rig/grip hoist to lower the firefighter that was able to execute that rescue, and everywhere you looked he was there doing something instrumental to make that rescue successful. It is for all those reasons and more that John is the firefighter for September 2024, and he is happy to introduce him. Driver Engineer Johnson humbly thanked Deputy Hernandez for all his kind words and stated that they train to do what they did that day for the driver and every day that he does something for the guys in the department, it is because he wants to make the job easier and pass on the knowledge to them so they have a great career for the rest of their lives and thanked the Mayor and City Commission for the award at he appreciates it. Mayor Lago on behalf of the City Commission congratulated and thanked him for receiving his well-deserved award.

This Presentation/Protocol Document was Presented and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 5

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

B.-1. [24-8137](#) Regular City Commission Meeting of September 24, 2024.

Attachments: [CCMTG Sept 24 2024 - Agenda Item C - Public Comment](#)
[CCMTG Sept 24 2024 - Agenda Item D-5 - Resolution appointing Nicolas Cabrera](#)
[CCMTG Sept 24 2024 - Agenda Item E-1 - Ordinance amending the code of the C](#)
[CCMTG Sept 24 2024 - Agenda Item E-2 - Ordinance providing for text amendme](#)
[CCMTG Sept 24 2024 - Agenda Item F-5 - Discussion regarding Construction Bor](#)
[CCMTG Sept 24 2024 - Agenda Item K - Discussion Items](#)
[Meeting Minutes](#)

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

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

City Clerk Item No. 7

B.-2. [24-8201](#) Regular City Commission Meeting of October 8, 2024.

Attachments: [CCMTG Oct 8 2024 - Agenda Item C - Public Comment](#)
[CCMTG Oct 8 2024 - Agenda Item E-7 - Ordinance amending Chapter 46 of the c](#)
[CCMTG Oct 8 2024 - Agenda Item E-9 - Resolution approving mixed-use site plan](#)
[CCMTG Oct 8 2024 - Agenda Item F-2 - Resolution approving La Feria de Sevilla](#)
[CCMTG Oct 8 2024 - Agenda Item H-2 - Resolution with attachments ratifying the](#)
[CCMTG Oct 8 2024 - Agenda Items E-4-E-5 and E-8 are related - Lots 1 thru 9-1:](#)
[Meeting Minutes](#)

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

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

City Clerk Item No. 8

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

City Clerk Item No. 9

D. CONSENT AGENDA

Passed the Consent Agenda

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-248

D.-1. 24-8204

A Resolution of the City Commission approving the Innovation and Technology (IT) Department to purchase OpenGov Enterprise services for Finance (Financial Transparency) and Asset Management (formerly Cartegraph); to waive the competitive process of the Procurement Code as a Special Procurement/Bid waiver, pursuant to the Section 2-691 of the City's Procurement Code.

Lobbyist: N/A

Attachments: [OpenGov Cover Memo](#)
[OpenGov_DraftResolution](#)
[R-2024-248 - Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION TO WAIVE THE COMPETITIVE PROCESS OF THE PROCUREMENT CODE AND PURCHASE OPENGOV'S FINANCE AND PROPERTY ENTERPRISE SOLUTIONS FOR FINANCIAL TRANSPARENCY AND FACILITIES AND ASSET MANAGEMENT ON-GOING BASIS AS A SPECIAL PROCUREMENT/BID WAIVER, PURSUANT TO SECTION 2-691 OF THE CITY'S PROCUREMENT CODE.

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2024-248 BY VOICE VOTE

City Clerk Item No. 10

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-249**D.-2. 24-8205**

A Resolution of the City Commission approving the Innovation and Technology (IT) Department to purchase a GIS Enterprise License Agreement (ELA) from ESRI, the existing vendor of GIS applications, services, and support for Coral Gables.

Lobbyist: N/A

Attachments: [DraftCover Memo ESRI](#)
[draftResolution ESRI-2025](#)
[R-2024-249 - Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE CHIEF INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY OFFICER AUTHORIZING AN ENTERPRISE LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH ESRI, INC., FOR THE PURCHASE OF CITY-WIDE ACCESS AND UNLIMITED DEPLOYMENT OF GIS PRODUCTS AND SERVICES PURSUANT TO SECTION 2-689, SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT OF THE PROCUREMENT CODE.

This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2024-249 BY VOICE VOTE

City Clerk Item No. 11

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

1.-1. 24-7989

Advisory Board on Disability Affairs Meeting September 4, 2024

Attachments: [Cover Ltr 08 07 24 Meeting](#)
[08 07 24 CITY CLERK OFC Attendance Form](#)
[ADA August 7, 2024 Agenda](#)
[08 07 24 Meeting Mins](#)

This Matter was approved BY VOICE VOTE

City Clerk Item No. 12

1.-2. 24-8045

Arts Advisory Panel Meeting of September 4, 2024.

Attachments: [AAP Meeting September 4, 2024 DRAFT CC](#)

This Matter was approved BY VOICE VOTE

City Clerk Item No. 13

1.-3. 24-8044

Cultural Development Board Meeting of September 17, 2024.

Attachments: [CDB Minutes September 17, 2024 Draft CC](#)

This Matter was approved BY VOICE VOTE

City Clerk Item No. 14

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)

- 2.-1. [24-8208](#) A Resolution of the Transportation Advisory Board requesting that the City Commission require development applications to address certain items and areas of concern in development application presentations.

Attachments: [Minutes 09.17](#)
[STANDARIZED COMPONENTS OF DEVELOPERS COVER PG](#)
[Traffic-impact-community-oct15](#)
[TAB reso October 2024](#)
[Draft Cover Memo - TAB - 12/10/24](#)
[Draft Resolution - TAB - 12/10/24](#)

This Resolution was Deferred

E. PUBLIC HEARINGS

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-39

- E.-1. [24-8146](#) An Ordinance of the City Commission amending Chapter 46 of the "Code of the City of Coral Gables," entitled "Pensions," implementing provisions of the 2024-2027 Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City and Teamsters Local Union 769, amending Section 46-25, Definitions; Section 46-26, Compulsory Participation; Section 46-27, Purchase of Credited Service; Section 46-29, City Contributions; Section 46-34, Employee Contributions; Section 46-253, Normal Retirement Income; and Section 46-269 Deferred Retirement Option Plan (Drop); and providing for severability clause, repealer provision, codification, and providing for an effective date.

Attachments: [Pension Cover Memo 2024-2027](#)
[Teamsters Pension Ordinance implementing 2024-27 CBA](#)
[2nd Reading Pension Cover Memo 2024-2027](#)
[2nd Reading Teamsters Pension Ordinance10.22.24](#)
[CGRS Updated Actuarial Impact Statement for Proposed Ordinance \(General Em O-2024-39 - Signed Pension Ordinance](#)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 46 OF THE "CODE OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES," ENTITLED "PENSIONS," IMPLEMENTING PROVISIONS OF THE 2024-2027 COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND TEAMSTERS LOCAL UNION 769, AMENDING SECTION 46-25, DEFINITIONS; SECTION 46-26, COMPULSORY PARTICIPATION; SECTION 46-27, PURCHASE OF CREDITED SERVICE; SECTION 46-29, CITY CONTRIBUTIONS; SECTION 46-34, EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTIONS; SECTION 46-253, Normal retirement income; AND section 46-269 Deferred retirement option plan (DROP); AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, REPEALER, CODIFICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

A motion was made by Commissioner Menendez, seconded by Vice Mayor Anderson, that this matter be adopted by Ordinance Number 2024-39. 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. 23

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-40

E.-2. 24-7950

An Ordinance of the City Commission amending the Code of the City of Coral Gables, Florida, Chapter 2, Entitled "Administration," Article III "Boards, Commissions, Committees," Division 1 "Generally" by amending Section 2-52 "Qualification and Appointment of Members" in order to expand the benefits offered to members of City boards; providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, codification, and providing for an effective date.

(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)

Attachments: [Ordinance Amending Pass Policy to Include Family \(09-03-2024\) EXHIBIT A](#)
[Ordinance Amending Pass Policy to Include Family \(09-03-2024\)](#)
[Pass Policy for Family Cover Memo \(09-03-24\)](#)
[Pass Policy for Family Cover Memo \(09-16-24\)](#)
[Ordinance Amending Pass Policy to Include Family \(09-03-2024\) EXHIBIT A](#)
[Ordinance Amending Pass Policy to Include Family \(09-03-2024\)](#)
[Pass Policy for Family Cover Memo \(10-22-24\)](#)
[O-2024-40 - Signed](#)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, CHAPTER 2, ENTITLED "ADMINISTRATION", ARTICLE III "BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES", DIVISION 1 "GENERALLY" BY AMENDING SECTION 2-52 "QUALIFICATION AND APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS" IN ORDER TO EXPAND THE BENEFITS OFFERED TO MEMBERS OF CITY BOARDS; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER PROVISION, SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, CODIFICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

A motion was made by Commissioner Menendez, seconded by Vice Mayor Anderson, that this matter be adopted by Ordinance Number 2024-40. 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. 24

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING**ORDINANCE NO. 2024-41****E.-3. 24-8120**

An Ordinance of the City Commission amending the City of Coral Gables Code, Chapter 10 "Animals", Section 10-4 "Removal of animal feces", to provide a code enforcement mechanism for illegal dumping of animal waste bags in trash pits.

(Sponsored by Vice Mayor Anderson)

(Co-sponsored by Mayor Lago)

Attachments: [Cover Memo - Ordinance - Amending Chapter 10 - Animals - Section 10-4 Removal of animal feces](#)
[Ordinance - Amending Chapter 10 - Animals - Section 10-4 Removal of animal feces](#)
[Ordinance - Amending Chapter 10 - Animals - Section 10-4 Removal of animal feces](#)
[Cover Memo - Ordinance - Amending Chapter 10 - Animals - Section 10-4 Removal of animal feces](#)
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[Updated 11/8/24 - Cover Memo - Ordinance - Amending Chapter 10 - Animals - Section 10-4 Removal of animal feces](#)
[Updated 11/8/24 - Ordinance - Amending Chapter 10 - Animals - Section 10-4 Removal of animal feces](#)
[O-2024-41 Amended - Signed](#)

[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**Time Certain 10:30am (Agenda Item F-1)****RESOLUTION NO. 2024-252****F.-1. 24-8194**

A Resolution of the City Commission establishing its intent to reimburse certain project costs incurred with proceeds of future tax-exempt financings; providing certain other matters in connection therewith; and providing an effective date.

(Sponsored by Commissioner Menendez)

Attachments: [Reimbursement Resolution-Coral Gables Historic \(02766750\)](#)
[Historic Infrastructure Intent Cover Memo 10.22 \(1\).docx](#)
[Memo Re Bond Issuance Intent Resolution 10.2024 with Attachments](#)
[R-2024-252 - Signed](#)
[Florida Museum of Black History - MDC League of Cities Presentation](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION ESTABLISHING ITS INTENT TO REIMBURSE CERTAIN PROJECT COSTS INCURRED WITH PROCEEDS OF FUTURE TAX-EXEMPT FINANCINGS; PROVIDING CERTAIN OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE

DATE.

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Item F-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 Menendez, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2024-252. The motion passed by the following vote.

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

Nays : 2 - Vice Mayor Anderson and Mayor Lago

City Clerk Item No. 18

Time Certain 11:30am (Agenda Item F-2)

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-265

F.-2. [24-8149](#)

A Resolution of the City Commission urging the Florida Legislature to designate the City of Opa Locka, Florida as the site for the new Florida Museum of Black History.
(Sponsored by Vice Mayor Anderson)

Attachments: [Cover Letter for Opa Locka Black History Museum Resolution](#)
[Opa Locka Black History Museum Resolution](#)
[Opa Locka Black History Museum Resolution 10-22](#)
[Cover Letter for Opa Locka Black History Museum Resolution 10-22](#)
[Opa-Locka-Florida-Museum-Proposal](#)
[R-2024-265 Signed](#)

This Resolution was Deferred

City Clerk Item No. 17

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-251

F.-3. [24-8209](#)

A Resolution of the City Commission encouraging Miami-Dade County to delay its decision on the location of a new waste to energy facility in order to explore alternative options, conduct a detailed cost analysis, and adopt an updated solid waste management master plan.
(Sponsored by Vice Mayor Anderson)

Attachments: [County Waste Management - Cover Memo FINAL \(10-17-24\)](#)
[County Waste Management - Resolution FINAL \(10-17-24\)](#)
[R-2024-251 - Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION TO ENCOURAGE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY TO DELAY ITS DECISION ON THE LOCATION OF A NEW WASTE TO ENERGY FACILITY IN ORDER TO EXPLORE ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS, CONDUCT A DETAILED COST ANALYSIS, AND ADOPT AN UPDATED SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT MASTER PLAN.

[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].

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Castro, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2024-251. 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. 16

Time Certain 10:00am (Agenda Item F-4)**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-250**

- F.-4. [24-8193](#) Resolution regarding Freebee expansion.
(Sponsored by Commissioner Castro)

Attachments: [R-2024-250 Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION DIRECTING CITY STAFF TO EXPAND THE FREEBEE SERVICE AREA AND TO CONDUCT FURTHER STUDY OF HOW TO BEST TO ENHANCE TRANSPORTATION SERVICES IN THE CITY.

[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].

A motion was made by Commissioner Castro, seconded by Commissioner Fernandez, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2024-250. 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. 15

- F.-5. [24-8148](#) Discussion regarding a chicken and rooster nuisance in Coral Gables.
(Sponsored by Commissioner Castro)

This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 26

- F.-6. [24-8155](#) Discussion regarding the procedure and conditions for the issuance of cease and desist letters by the City of Coral Gables.
(Sponsored by Commissioner Menendez)

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Item F-6 is available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk and in Legistar].

This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 27

- F.-7. [24-8169](#) Discussion regarding how to better inform the public of detours and street closures in Coral Gables.
(Sponsored by Commissioner Menendez)

This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 28

- F.-8. [24-8170](#) Update on the recent Florida League of Cities Policy Committee meetings.
(Sponsored by Commissioner Castro)

This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 29

- F.-9. [24-8197](#) Discussion regarding permit/construction bond refunds.
(Sponsored by Commissioner Fernandez)

This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 30

- F.-10. [24-8198](#) Discussion regarding the crosswalk at intersection of Ponce de Leon Boulevard and Stanford Drive.
(Sponsored by Commissioner Castro)

[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].

This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 31

- F.-11. [24-8202](#) Discussion regarding the Alhambra Circle sidewalk.
(Sponsored by Commissioner Castro)

Attachments: [Alhambra Circle Sidewalk](#)

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

This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 19

- F.-12. [24-8210](#) Discussion regarding hurricane preparedness.
(Sponsored by Commissioner Fernandez)

This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 32

- F.-13. [24-8212](#) Discussion regarding sidewalks along Red Road.
(Sponsored by Commissioner Fernandez)

This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 33

- F.-14. [24-8217](#) Discussion regarding Giralda Avenue.
(Sponsored by Commissioner Castro)

This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 34

G. BOARDS/COMMITTEES ITEMS**Time Certain 1:30pm (Agenda Item G-1)****RESOLUTION NO. 2024-253****G.-1. [24-7790](#)**

A Resolution of the City Commission approving the concept and commissioning of a work of public art by Lynda Benglis in conjunction with the Regency Parc development project at 2601 Salzedo St., 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: 5 to 0; unanimously recommended by the Cultural Development Board approval/denial vote: 6 to 0).

Attachments: [Exhibit A AiPP Submittal - Power Tower 2019](#)
[CDB Minutes September 17, 2024 Draft CC Excerpt Re. AiPP Regency Parc](#)
[AAP Meeting September 4, 2024 DRAFT CC Excerpt re. AiPP Regency Parc](#)
[Commission Cover10.22.2024 AiPP Regency Parc Benglis](#)
[R-Draft-AiPP Regency Parc Benglis](#)
[R-2024-253 - Signed](#)
[R-2024-253 - Signed with Exhibit attached](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION APPROVING THE CONCEPT AND COMMISSIONING OF A WORK OF PUBLIC ART BY LYNDA BENGLIS IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE REGENCY PARC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT AT 2601 SALZEDO ST., 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: 5 TO 0; UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDED BY THE CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD APPROVAL/DENIAL VOTE: 6 TO 0).

[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].

A motion was made by Commissioner Fernandez, seconded by Vice Mayor Anderson, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2024-253. 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. 21

Time Certain 2:00pm (Agenda Item G-2)**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-254****G.-2. [24-7945](#)**

A Resolution of the City Commission approving the exhibition of a mural by artist Eduardo Kobra on private property at The Plaza, 2950 Coconut Grove Dr. (unanimously recommended by the Arts Advisory Panel approval/denial vote: 7 to 0; unanimously recommended by the Cultural Development Board approval/denial vote: 7 to 0).

Attachments: [Edourdo Kobra - Exhibition Proposa](#)
[Commission Cover10.22.2024 AiPP The Plaza Kobra](#)
[Commission Cover10.22.2024 AiPP The Plaza Kobra](#)
[R-Draft-AiPP The Plaza-Kobra](#)
[R-Draft-AiPP The Plaza-Kobra](#)
[R-2024-254 - Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION APPROVING THE EXHIBITION OF A MURAL BY ARTIST EDUARDO KOBRA ON PRIVATE PROPERTY AT THE PLAZA, 2950 COCONUT GROVE DR. (UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDED BY THE ARTS ADVISORY PANEL APPROVAL/DENIAL VOTE: 7 TO 0; UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDED BY THE CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD APPROVAL/DENIAL VOTE: 7 TO 0).

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Item G-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 Resolution Number 2024-254. The motion passed by the following vote.

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

Abstentions : 1 - Commissioner Castro

City Clerk Item No. 22

H. CITY MANAGER ITEMS**Time Certain 11:00am (Agenda Item H-1)**

- H.-1. [24-8128](#) Presentation of the Coral Gables Community of Excellence 2026 program.

[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 Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 20

- H.-2. [24-7611](#) Update regarding plans for the City's Centennial Celebration.

This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 35

- H.-3. [24-8195](#) Update on the City Hall construction and renovation.

This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed

City Clerk Item No. 36

I. CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS

City Clerk Item No. 37

None

J. CITY CLERK ITEMS

City Clerk Item No. 38

None

K. DISCUSSION ITEMS

City Clerk Item No. 39

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 6:01 p.m. The next Regular Meeting of the City Commission has been scheduled for Tuesday, November 12, 2024, beginning 9 a.m.]

Billy Y. Urquia
City Clerk