

# **City of Coral Gables**

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## **Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, July 11, 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, July 11, 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.

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

**CALLED TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 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. 2023-24) (b) Resolution(s) adopted (Resolution No. 2023-167 through Resolution No. 2023-207); (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 - Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Castro, Commissioner Fernandez, Commissioner Menendez and Mayor Lago

**INVOCATION**

Reverend Mary Conroy from St. Philip's Episcopal Church gave the Invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Menendez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**A. PRESENTATIONS AND PROTOCOL DOCUMENTS**

**Non**     **23-6109**     Presentation of the Key to the City to Commissioner Jeannett Slesnick.  
**Agenda**  
**Item**

Mayor Lago began the presentation by saying that while we often times fail to celebrate people in life but rather remember those who have passed, it is a great opportunity to show the level of support, respect and admiration for someone who has served this community for many years not only as a professional, but also as an elected official in the past and whose family has given a lot to this community. He asked former Mayor Don Slesnick and his family to stand at the podium while he read a proclamation honoring Jeannett Slesnick, former City Commissioner regarding her astounding accomplishments and then presented the family on her behalf with the city's highest honor, a key to the city. Mayor Lago reflected on having the privilege of serving with Jeannett for two years, her passion like him about their issues, but always with mutual respect, void of manipulation and mistrust, the embodiment of what Coral Gables is all about. He adores her unwavering commitment to not only her family and community involvement, but she was always steadfast in her love and adoration for her city. He also had the pleasure of sharing in the former Mayor Slesnick mother's 100th birthday which was spectacular and now having the

opportunity to share in his wife's incredible life. Former Mayor Slesnick on behalf of his family acknowledged and thanked the Mayor and City Commission on behalf of his family who are appreciative of the recognition, and while it is a difficult time for them, this moment helps to make it better. He went on to say that most people don't know that Jeannett was a military spouse for 27 years, mostly in the Reserves. In 1970 she was honored as the "Military Spouse of the Year" from the Special Ammunition Support Command in Germany when they were serving and in early 90s and was also given an accommodation from the US Army for her work in the relief of South Dade after Hurricane Andrew. So, yes, she loves her community, but her nation also. He told Jeannett that he would write a few words on behalf of the family, but she insisted that he did not, because she wanted to dictate to him a short note. [laughter] He then read the heartfelt words that she dictated - "I was surprised and humbled when Don mentioned the plans to recognize me at the Commission Meeting. Thank you, Mr. Mayor, and Commissioners for your kind thoughtfulness, it is greatly appreciated. Please forgive my absence, but while my spirit stays strong my body has forsaken me - not something I planned on. Know that my love for our city and my fellow residents will burn bright in my soul long after my departure to be with God". He then thanked the mayor. Mayor Lago stated that it was a privilege. Commissioner Menendez spoke of knowing the Slesnick family since the 1980s and he learned then what the city, the community is all about and the people that make-up that community. It is the involvement in things that touch all of their lives and that also involves leadership and Jeannett and Don had done that. Life is reflected not only in your family, but in the community that you have nurtured, helped, loved but most importantly a community that loves you, and they love her. Vice Mayor Anderson hopes that the presence of everyone in support of Jeannett gives her the comfort and strength to go through what she is experiencing and asked for a moment of silence. She hopes that the token of a key will let Jeannett know how much the community loves the family. Commissioner Fernandez thanked the mayor for taking this opportunity to recognize Jeannett. He believes that the word that best describes Jeannett is dedication and drive. It didn't matter how difficult the road ahead she always fought forward and continues to do so today, and the message that stays today and forever is that we need to be more like her because there wouldn't be a Don today if not for Jeannett [laughter] to which ex-Mayor Slesnick agreed --- and that the dedication of their children and spouses to the community it is a better place because of that commitment to Coral Gables which is their adopted city and one which they have loved dearly for many years. He thanked former Mayor Slesnick for all he had done for the city and for him, and that he greatly appreciates it. Commissioner Castro stated that she is there for Don, Jeannett, and their family and while words cannot describe how she feels, she asked to express her feelings by giving them all a heartfelt hug. Ex-Mayor Slesnick tearfully accepts the Key to the City on behalf of his beloved wife and former Commissioner Jeannett Slesnick.

Mayor Lago acknowledges two former City of Coral Gables mayors, former Mayor Dorothy Thomson and Raul Valdes-Fauli and in gratitude thanked them for their service. He then thanked former Mayor Thomson for always bringing to his attention things that are important to the city, as well as informing him of the passing of Eleanor Zahner, wife of Robert Zahner. Ms. Zahner was a long-time dedicated individual in the community who was part of the Coral Gables Country Club. Upon her passing on Sunday June 25, 2023, Elenor was 90 years. He then read the Resolution of Condolences in its entirety which spoke of her exceptional life and service to her beloved Coral Gables community, and in conclusion stated that she will be sorely missed.

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

City Clerk Item No. 4

**A.-1. [23-5968](#)**

Presentation of a Resolution of Condolence to the family of Jorge de Cardenas.

Mayor Lago made the Presentation and read the Resolution of Condolence to the family of Jorge de Cardenas who he considered a friend and had a long-standing relationship with and someone who looked out for not only his best interest but that of many in his community. The Resolution highlighted the life of Jorge coming from Cuba as a teenager to the United States to escape communism, working hard and living the American dream, his family, career, political affiliations, and love for the City of Coral Gables. Mayor Lago stated that Jorge was an incredible individual always lighthearted and had a smile even in the most difficult of times when things looked insurmountable, he always had a plan of action and did his best to keep his spirits high and regrets not being there in time before he passed to say goodbye having arrived 30 minutes too late. Jorge was never afraid to speak of his shortcomings and would tell them how they could be better because he had a vested interest in them being better. Mayor Lago on behalf of the City Commission extended condolences to the bereaved family on their great loss behalf and thanked them for graciously sharing Jorge with them. Jorge's son on behalf of their family thanked the Mayor and City Commission for the tribute given to their dad and their love for Coral Gables.

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

City Clerk Item No. 5

**A.-2. [23-5965](#)**

Presentation by the PAGE and Cavalier Interns.

**This Agenda Item was Deferred**

City Clerk Item No. 6

- A.-3. [23-6025](#) Presentation of a Proclamation declaring July 2023 as "Parks and Recreation Month" in Coral Gables.

**Attachments:** [Proclamation](#)

Mayor Lago introduced Agenda Item A-3 Presentation of a Proclamation declaring July 2023 as "Parks and Recreation Month" in Coral Gable, Vice Mayor Anderson read the proclamation and a video of the many events the Community Recreation Department (CRD) take part in. Commissioner Menendez stated that in looking at the video, it showed the impact that the department has on many people and what they do will last for a lifetime -- and while people speak of the beautiful landscapes, historic homes, the tradition, what they will remember most are the family moments, moments of friendships, things they remember from their childhood -- and (CRD) help create those moments and deserve so much more than a proclamation, perhaps a key to the city - laughter. He thanked them on behalf of his family, the community, and his personal life because his life would be different if (CRD) wasn't there making a difference every day. Vice Mayor Anderson stated that she had to pull her dog into the water. Commissioner Menendez stated that the (CRD) team is one of the smoothest working teams in the city. There are no challenges they can't take on and accomplish successfully. The fourth of July at the Biltmore was a phenomenal event and he got to see the staff out there and the dedication of the team with a smile on their face all the time gives a great look for the City of Coral Gables, and the pink shirts also helped. He praised them for the work they did with the Country Club, and having no experience in it, yet managed to make it a success, thanked them and believes each one of them deserves recognition. Fred Couceyro, Director-Community Recreation Department agreed that he is in a lot of the pictures as he is the one always talking and requested that Carolina come up and address the Commission. Carolina Vester, Director - Deputy Community Recreation Director said that she believes that July is a fitting month recognized by the National Recreation and Parks Association and probably the busiest time of the year for all those who are in parks and recreation and highlighted the number of staff and teams it takes to put it together. The team consists of employees, volunteers that make their program successful, more affordable, contractors that have amazing programming and professionals who cannot be present today because they are the facilities taking care of children, summer camp and that's where their priority and focus is. Commissioner Menendez mentioned on his way to the City Commission meeting he drove by the Youth Center and saw that the soccer camp was there, and he had a flashback of when he was coaching soccer and now his son is on the field coaching and thanked Mr. Couceyro. Mayor Lago stated that that department always makes them look great with zero to no complaints with people wanting more accessibility, programs and thanked them both for their hard work and their team doing an incredible job.

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

City Clerk Item No. 7

- A.-4. [23-5878](#) Congratulations to Driver Engineer Derek Robles recipient of the City of Coral Gables "Firefighter of the Month Award" for July 2023.

**Attachments:** [Cover Memo, FF of the Month, July 2023](#)  
[FF of the month letter July 2023](#)

Mayor Lago introduced Agenda Item A-4 Congratulations to Driver Engineer Derek Robles recipient of the City of Coral Gables "Firefighter of the Month Award" for July 2023, and Fire Chief de la Rosa made the presentation to Driver Robles who has three shifts before his retirement. Chief de la Rosa stated that every organization has great employees and then there are the exceptional employees that he refers to as "ambassadors" who are employees who positively represent their department, organization and their profession wherever they go whether they are on duty in a professional capacity or in a personal capacity they always positively reflect the organization and Driver Engineer Robles is that individual. He has positively mentored countless firefighters on his off days, at work as well as he is recognized for his career long dedication to their cadet program. He served as the city's Santa Claus, something that is dear to him because they travel the entire city taking Santa Claus around and giving out candy cane. He was astute in recognizing that there were special needs children in that holiday tradition, he contacted the families and Santa did a special visit to those homes which is an incredible experience for those children and an unforgettable experience for their parents and that is why he is referred to as an "ambassador" and why he is being recognized as the Firefighter of the Month. Driver Engineer Robles thanked the Mayor, City Commission, Chief de la Rosa and all those who have supported him, making note that nothing is done individually but as a team, as well as his family--his best team, who were in the audience, for allowing him to do all the things he is able to do. He again thanked everyone, wished them a beautiful day and to be safe.

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

City Clerk Item No. 8

- A.-5. [23-5971](#) Congratulations to Officer Alexander Ortega, recipient of the City of Coral Gables "Officer of the Month Award," for March 2023.

**Attachments:** [COMMISSION COVER MEMO - A. Ortega](#)  
[Officer of the Month \(Ortega-March 2023\)](#)

**This Presentation/Protocol Document was Deferred**

City Clerk Item No. 1

- A.-6. [23-5972](#) Congratulations to Officer Bryan Maizo, recipient of the City of Coral Gables "Officer of the Month Award," for April 2023.

**Attachments:** [COMMISSION COVER MEMO - B. Maizo Officer of the Month \(Maizo-April 2023\)](#)

**This Presentation/Protocol Document was Deferred**

City Clerk Item No. 2

**Non  
Agenda  
Item**

Farewell to Development Services Director Suramy Cabrera.

Mayor Lago introduced Suramy Cabrera, Director of Development Services and presented her with the "Key to the City". He began by asking Ms. Cabrera to approach the podium because he wanted to take this opportunity to memorialize his views not only of her service to the city, but that of her character and her unwavering commitment to the residents, business community and to the City Commission current and past. Continuing, he stated that it was his honor to pay tribute to a her because she was an inspiring force and an asset to the city's administration having served as the Director of Development Services for the past six years displaying exceptional leadership and commitment to her department and the city. Suramy is one of few, and he isn't aware of another person who holds technical expertise in structural engineer along with building official in South Florida and her dedication to her role has been invaluable to his success and that of the city. She is the catalyst in transitioning the Development Services Department into a modern, efficient and user friendly one-stop shop -- the Development Services Center and shepherding the department toward being a fully digital transparent permitting center something they aspired to do for decades, and she succeeded in accomplishing that goal with the City Manage. No small task, she rose to the challenge with determination and grace. She is also praised for her financial acumen and turning her department that was in the red losing money into a fiscally sound entity that is now in the black with millions of dollars, which is a testament to her strategic and effective leadership. She has revamped the Development Services, improved the customer experience, developed the first Development Services Manual, and maintained a highly skilled staff where excellence is the norm. The 427-building move-in is her crowning glory and testament to her meticulous detail, and now the building is flawless and efficient for the first time. She has revised the permitting fees to ensure financial stability and sustainability. What he admires most is her drive to make life easier for its residents and businesses of the city, and has drastically reduced wait times to three minutes, the shortest review times in the county. Also, she has cleared thousands of pending permits and overseed a team she has nurtured and inspired of dedicated professionals. It is only fitting in recognition of her tireless dedication, outstanding service, and significant contributions to the Coral Gables community that it gives him great honor and gratitude to present



her with the Key to the City for her work and impact on the city and thanked her. He also made mention of meeting her family who respects her immensely as well as individuals in the community who are the benchmark of the engineering community, at the County and other municipalities and they consider her one of the most gifted individuals in the industry and running 4 to 5 departments is commendable and he is proud to have worked with and learned a lot from her and he only wished there were many like her in the private sector in which things are done differently than in the public sector. He thanked her on behalf of the city, business community and City Commission and she will be sorely missed. Commissioner Menendez thanked Ms. Cabrera for her assistance when he dealt with areas where he did not have the expertise, finding the answers and providing clarity. He thanked her for her tireless work, dedication, and interaction with her team. She exhibited as a leader compassion, understanding and commitment making his job a lot easier because regardless of the issue or challenges she was up to the task and more. He understands that in this world there are challenges, many times manmade, but regardless, she protected, worked, lead and with your team, they knew they could count on her, just as they always do. On a personal and professional level, he appreciates everything she has done and the person she is and echoes the mayor's sentiment that she deserves to be honored with the Key to the City. Vice Mayor Anderson also echoed some of the compliments and reflected that whatever time of the day it was she had a concern and sent Suramy an email about residents' safety, she always responded immediately. She commended her on the mountains that she moved to transition that department in scanning the insurmountable amount of paper from multiple department, her hat is off to her because it is not an easy task, and while there is always room for improvement in each of us, she is proud that she has gotten to this level in her career to be able to take the next step. She will be truly missed and thanked her for all that she has done. Ms. Cabrera thanked her and emotionally, in her response stated that she hasn't had an opportunity to advise her fellow directors of her resignation and that it hasn't been mentally settled in her mind that she has resigned, it is difficult to leave the team, but her last day is August 1st. Continuing, she stated that she has been fortunate in her career to have worked for talented engineers and managers, in Bal Harbor it was difficult to leave and only hope that the team that she has helped build here feels that way also about her, because it is an excellent team. She said that her deputy is a fantastic person both ethically and professionally and is going to do a great job. She reflected on when she was hired her quote then was from Winston Churchill..." never, never, never give up and as she leaves it is Theodore Roosevelt's "The Man in The Arena.". She again thanked the Mayor and City Commission. [Standing ovation] Commissioner Castro wished Ms. Cabrera the best. City Manager Iglesias thanked the Mayor and City Commission and requested to say a few words regarding Ms. Cabrera. He began with the transformation of Development Services to what it has become today

stemming from technology and best practice issues and discussed how best to approach it, the one-stop shop for that department and explained the logistics and difficulties in bringing it to fruition and how Ms. Cabrera delved into making it happen and working tirelessly. He believes that Ms. Cabrera is the most talented building official they have right now, and it is a huge loss for the city as they have seen what has happened in Champlain Towers where hundreds of people died, and they realize the importance of competence in the building department. He wished her all the best, knowing she will do well in all her endeavors and thanked her for all she has done in assisting him.

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

City Clerk Item No. 9

## B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

B.-1. [23-5922](#) Regular City Commission Meeting May 23, 2023.

**Attachments:** [CCCMtg May 23 2023 - Agenda Item G-9 - Discussion regarding the impact of ins](#)  
[CCMtg May 23 2023 - Agenda Item C - Mayors Comments](#)  
[CCMtg May 23 2023 - Agenda Item D - Public Comment](#)  
[CCMtg May 23 2023 - Agenda Item F-1 - Appeal of the HEPB on 9-21-2022 to de](#)  
[CCMtg May 23 2023 - Agenda Item F-2 - Appeal of the HEPB on 3-15-2023 to de](#)  
[CCMtg May 23 2023 - Agenda Item F-4 - Ordinance amending Chapter 34 - Nuisa](#)  
[CCMtg May 23 2023 - Agenda Item F-5 - Ordinance amending Coral Gables Code](#)  
[CCMtg May 23 2023 - Agenda Item F-6 - Ordinance amending Coral Gables Zoni](#)  
[CCMtg May 23 2023 - Agenda Item F-9 - Resolution ratifying and accepting resol](#)  
[CCMtg May 23 2023 - Agenda Item G-4 - Discussion regarding parking at the Adu](#)  
[CCMtg May 23 2023 - Agenda Item G-5 - Discussion an online portal for all curre](#)  
[CCMtg May 23 2023 - Agenda Item G-6 - Discussion regarding the Evergreen Co](#)  
[CCMtg May 23 2023 - Agenda Item G-7 - Discussion regarding executive benefits](#)  
[CCMtg May 23 2023 - Agenda Item G-8 - Discussion regarding Le Parc Cafe cont](#)  
[CCMtg May 23 2023 - Agenda Item G-10 - Discussion and memo regarding prior r](#)  
[CCMtg May 23 2023 - Agenda Item G-11 - Discussion regarding potential options](#)  
[CCMtg May 23 2023 - Agenda Item G-12 - Discussion on city meetings during sur](#)  
[CCMtg May 23 2023 - Agenda Item G-14 - Discussion on a resident concierge ser](#)  
[CCMtg May 23 2023 - Agenda Item G-15 - Update on the implementation of a nev](#)  
[CCMtg May 23 2023 - Non-Agenda Item Regarding State Bill Preemption](#)  
[Meeting Minutes](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Menendez, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, 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. 10

## C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

City Clerk Item No. 11

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

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

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-167****D.-1. [23-5966](#)**

A Resolution of the City Commission accepting the Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) Grant Program Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Miami and the City of Coral Gables; and authorizing an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Annual Budget to recognize the \$173,755.00 grant as revenue and to appropriate such funds to cover the grant expenditures.

Lobbyist: N/A

**Attachments:** [DRAFT RESOLUTION - 2022 UASI](#)  
[UASI 2022 MOA - CG](#)  
[FY2022 UASI City of Miami Sub-Award](#)  
[Coral Gables Award Letter 2022](#)  
[FY 22 Resolution](#)  
[Cover memo - Resolution 2022 UASI](#)  
[R-2023-167-Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION ACCEPTING THE URBAN AREA SECURITY INITIATIVE (UASI) GRANT PROGRAM MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF MIAMI AND THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES; AND AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 ANNUAL BUDGET TO RECOGNIZE THE \$173,755.00 GRANT AS REVENUE AND TO APPROPRIATE SUCH FUNDS TO COVER THE GRANT EXPENDITURES.

**This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2023-167 BY VOICE VOTE**

City Clerk Item No. 13

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-168****D.-2. [23-6002](#)**

A Resolution of the City Commission accepting the recommendation of the Police Department to authorize purchase of the TAC House Simulation Training System from Action Target as a "Sole Source Procurement," pursuant to Section 2-689 of the City's Procurement Code.

Lobbyist: N/A

**Attachments:** [Resolution - Action Target FINAL](#)  
[SS 2023-070 Simulation Trng Equip \(003\)](#)  
[Agenda Memo - Action Target TAC House Sole Source.docx](#)  
[R-2023-168-Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF THE TAC HOUSE SIMULATION TRAINING SYSTEM FROM ACTION TARGET AS A "SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT," PURSUANT TO SECTION 2-689 OF THE CITY'S PROCUREMENT CODE.

**This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2023-168 BY VOICE VOTE**

City Clerk Item No. 14

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-169****D.-3. [23-6012](#)**

A Resolution of the City Commission authorizing The Naked Farmer and 77 Sportbar to sell alcoholic beverages on Giralda Plaza on Friday, July 7, 14, 21, and 28, 2023 during the Taste the Gables Concert Series events, subject to Florida Department of Professional Regulation requirements.

Lobbyist: N/A

**Attachments:** [Resolution - Taste the Gables](#)  
[Cover Memo - Taste the Gables](#)  
[Special Events Permit - Taste the Gables](#)  
[R-2023-169-Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION AUTHORIZING THE NAKED FARMER AND 77 SPORTBAR TO SELL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ON GIRALDA PLAZA ON FRIDAY, JULY 7, 14, 21 AND 28, 2023 DURING THE "TASTE THE GABLES CONCERT" SERIES EVENTS, SUBJECT TO FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION REQUIREMENTS.

**This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2023-169 BY VOICE VOTE**

City Clerk Item No. 15

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-170****D.-4. [23-6023](#)**

A Resolution of the City Commission removing Roberto C. Lasa from the Parking Advisory Board and appointing him to the Insurance and Risk Management Advisory Board (Appointed by Commissioner Menendez), for a two (2) year term that began on June 1, 2023 and continues through May 31, 2025.

**Attachments:** [Draft Resolution - Roberto Lasa - Insurance Board](#)  
[Cover Memo - Roberto Lasa - Insurance Board](#)  
[R-2023-170-Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION REMOVING ROBERTO C. LASA FROM THE PARKING ADVISORY BOARD AND APPOINTING HIM TO THE INSURANCE AND RISK MANAGEMENT ADVISORY BOARD (APPOINTED BY COMMISSIONER MENENDEZ), FOR A TWO (2) YEAR TERM THAT BEGAN ON JUNE 1, 2023 AND CONTINUES THROUGH MAY 31, 2025.

**This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2023-170 BY VOICE VOTE**

City Clerk Item No. 16

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-171****D.-5. [23-6038](#)**

A Resolution of the City Commission authorizing the execution of a sewer improvement agreement between DRI/MAPLE CORAL GABLES, LLC and the City of Coral Gables, subject to the requirements of the Public Works Department and provided that the executed agreement be made part of this resolution.

Lobbyist: Jorge Navarro

**Attachments:** [Exhibit A2 - Construction Agreement](#)  
[Exhibit B - Sewer Improvements](#)  
[Exhibit C - Sewer Improvement Work 2 of 3](#)  
[Exhibit C - Sewer Improvement Work 3 of 3](#)  
[Exhibit C- Sewer Improvement Work 1 of 3](#)  
[Exhibit D - Construction Schedule \(Updated\)](#)  
[Exhibit E - Escrow Agreement](#)  
[Exhibit G - Bond Form](#)  
[Sewer Improvement Agreement - Alexan Crafts \(FINAL\)](#)  
[Cover Memo - Resolution 2023 - Sewer Agreement for Alexan Crafts](#)  
[Exhibit A1 - Construction Agreement](#)  
[R-2023-171-Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A SEWER IMPROVEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN DRI/MAPLE CORAL GABLES, LLC, AND THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, SUBJECT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT AND PROVIDED THAT THE EXECUTED AGREEMENT BE MADE PART OF THIS RESOLUTION.

**This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2023-171 BY VOICE VOTE**

City Clerk Item No. 17

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-172**

- D.-6. [23-6041](#) A Resolution of the City Commission confirming the appointment of Frank Paredes (Nominated by Vice Mayor Anderson) to serve as a member of the Budget Audit Advisory Board, for a two (2) year term which began on June 1, 2023 and continues through May 31, 2025.

**Attachments:** [Draft Resolution - Frank Paredes - Budget Audit Board](#)  
[Cover Memo - Frank Paredes - Budget Audit Board](#)  
[R-2023-172-Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF FRANK PAREDES (NOMINATED BY VICE MAYOR ANDERSON) TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE BUDGET AUDIT ADVISORY BOARD, FOR A TWO (2) YEAR TERM WHICH BEGAN ON JUNE 1, 2023 AND CONTINUES THROUGH MAY 31, 2025.

**This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2023-172 BY VOICE VOTE**

City Clerk Item No. 18

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-173**

- D.-7. [23-6043](#) A Resolution of the City Commission confirming the appointment of the following individuals Andres Argiz (Nominated by Mayor Lago), Laura Kelly (Nominated by Vice Mayor Anderson), and Eugenio Silva (Nominated by Commissioner Fernandez) to serve as members of the Emergency Management Division, for a two (2) year term which began on June 1, 2023 and continues through May 31, 2025.

**Attachments:** [Draft Resolution - Emergency Management - Numerous](#)  
[Cover Memo - Emergency Management - Numerous](#)  
[R-2023-173-Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS ANDRES ARGIZ (NOMINATED BY MAYOR LAGO), LAURA KELLY (NOMINATED BY VICE MAYOR ANDERSON), AND EUGENIO SILVA (NOMINATED BY COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ) TO SERVE AS MEMBERS OF THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIVISION, FOR A TWO (2) YEAR TERM WHICH BEGAN ON JUNE 1, 2023 AND CONTINUES THROUGH MAY 31, 2025.

**This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2023-173 BY VOICE VOTE**

City Clerk Item No. 19

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-174****D.-8. [23-6044](#)**

A Resolution of the City Commission confirming the appointment of Ruben Rodriguez (Nominated by City Manager Iglesias) to serve as a member of the Coral Gables Golf and Country Club Advisory Board, for a two (2) year term which began on June 1, 2023 and continues through May 31, 2025.

**Attachments:** [Draft Resolution - Ruben Rodriguez - Coral Gables Golf and Country Club Advisory Board](#)  
[Cover Memo - Ruben Rodriguez - Coral Gables Golf and Country Club Advisory Board](#)  
[R-2023-174-Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF RUBEN RODRIGUEZ (NOMINATED BY CITY MANAGER IGLESIAS) TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE CORAL GABLES GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB ADVISORY BOARD, FOR A TWO (2) YEAR TERM WHICH BEGAN ON JUNE 1, 2023 AND CONTINUES THROUGH MAY 31, 2025.

**This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2023-174 BY VOICE VOTE**

City Clerk Item No. 20

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-175****D.-9. [23-6045](#)**

A Resolution of the City Commission confirming the appointment of Cesar Garcia-Pons (Nominated by City Manager Iglesias) to serve as a member of the Historic Preservation Board, for a two (2) year term which began on June 1, 2023 and continues through May 31, 2025.

**Attachments:** [Draft Resolution - Cesar Garcia Pons - Historic Preservation Board](#)  
[Cover Memo - Cesar Garcia Pons - Historic Preservation Board](#)  
[R-2023-175-Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF CESAR GARCIA-PONS (NOMINATED BY CITY MANAGER IGLESIAS) TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD, FOR A TWO (2) YEAR TERM WHICH BEGAN ON JUNE 1, 2023 AND CONTINUES THROUGH MAY 31, 2025.

**This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2023-175 BY VOICE VOTE**

City Clerk Item No. 21

- D.-10. [23-6046](#) A Resolution of the City Commission confirming the appointment of Roberto C. Lasa (Nominated by Commissioner Menendez) to serve as a member of the Insurance and Risk Management Advisory Board, for a two (2) year term which began on June 1, 2023 and continues through May 31, 2025.

**Attachments:** [Draft Resolution - Roberto Lasa - Insurance and Risk Management Advisory Board](#)  
[Cover Memo - Roberto Lasa - Insurance and Risk Management Advisory Board](#)

**This Resolution was Withdrawn**

City Clerk Item No. 12

### **RESOLUTION NO. 2023-176**

- D.-11. [23-6047](#) A Resolution of the City Commission confirming the appointment of Vicky Rua (Nominated by Vice Mayor Anderson) to serve as a member of the International Affairs Coordinating Council, for a two (2) year term which began on June 1, 2023 and continues through May 31, 2025.

**Attachments:** [Draft Resolution - Vicky Rua - International Affairs Coordinating Council](#)  
[Cover Memo - Vicky Rua - International Affairs Coordinating Council](#)  
[R-2023-176-Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF VICKY RUA (NOMINATED BY VICE MAYOR ANDERSON) TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS COORDINATING COUNCIL, FOR A TWO (2) YEAR TERM WHICH BEGAN ON JUNE 1, 2023 AND CONTINUES THROUGH MAY 31, 2025.

**This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2023-176 BY VOICE VOTE**

City Clerk Item No. 22

### **RESOLUTION NO. 2023-177**

- D.-12. [23-6048](#) A Resolution of the City Commission confirming the appointment of Amy Dash (Nominated by City Manager Iglesias) to serve as a member of the Landscape Beautification Advisory Board I, for a two (2) year term which began on June 1, 2023 and continues through May 31, 2025.

**Attachments:** [Draft Resolution - Amy Dash - Landscape Beautification Advisory Board](#)  
[Cover Memo - Amy Dash - Landscape Beautification Advisory Board](#)  
[R-2023-177-Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF AMY DASH (NOMINATED BY CITY MANAGER IGLESIAS) TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE LANDSCAPE BEAUTIFICATION ADVISORY BOARD, FOR A TWO (2) YEAR TERM WHICH BEGAN ON JUNE 1, 2023 AND CONTINUES THROUGH MAY 31, 2025.

**This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2023-177 BY VOICE VOTE**

City Clerk Item No. 23



**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-178****D.-13. [23-6049](#)**

A Resolution of the City Commission confirming the appointment of Stuart McGregor (Nominated by Commissioner Menendez) to serve as a member of the Parking Advisory Board, for a two (2) year term which began on June 1, 2023 and continues through May 31, 2025.

**Attachments:** [Draft Resolution - Stuart McGregor - Parking Board](#)  
[Cover Memo - Stuart McGregor - Parking Board](#)  
[R-2023-178-Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF STUART MCGREGOR (NOMINATED BY COMMISSIONER MENENDEZ) TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE PARKING ADVISORY BOARD, FOR A TWO (2) YEAR TERM WHICH BEGAN ON JUNE 1, 2023 AND CONTINUES THROUGH MAY 31, 2025.

**This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2023-178 BY VOICE VOTE**

City Clerk Item No. 24

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-179****D.-14. [23-6050](#)**

A Resolution of the City Commission confirming the appointment of Gabriela Rose Chong (Nominated by City Manager Iglesias) to serve as a member of the Parks and Recreation Youth Advisory Board, for a two (2) year term which began on June 1, 2023 and continues through May 31, 2025.

**Attachments:** [Draft Resolution - Gabriela Rose Chong - Parks and Recreation Youth Advisory B](#)  
[Cover Memo - Gabriela Rose Chong - Parks and Recreation Youth Advisory Boar](#)  
[R-2023-179-Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF GABRIELA ROSE CHONG (NOMINATED BY CITY MANAGER IGLESIAS) TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD, FOR A TWO (2) YEAR TERM WHICH BEGAN ON JUNE 1, 2023 AND CONTINUES THROUGH MAY 31, 2025.

**This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2023-179 BY VOICE VOTE**

City Clerk Item No. 25

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-180****D.-15. [23-6051](#)**

A Resolution of the City Commission confirming the appointment of Sandy Dimitris (Nominated by City Manager Iglesias) to serve as a member of the School Community Relations Committee, for a two (2) year term which began on June 1, 2023 and continues through May 31, 2025.

**Attachments:** [Draft Resolution - Sandy Dimitris - SCRC](#)  
[Cover Memo - Sandy Dimitris - School Community Relations Committee R-2023-180-Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF SANDY DIMITRIS (NOMINATED BY CITY MANAGER IGLESIAS) TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE, FOR A TWO (2) YEAR TERM WHICH BEGAN ON JUNE 1, 2023 AND CONTINUES THROUGH MAY 31, 2025.

**This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2023-180 BY VOICE VOTE**

City Clerk Item No. 26

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-181****D.-16. [23-6052](#)**

A Resolution of the City Commission confirming the appointment of Julian Sevillano (Nominated by City Manager Iglesias) to serve as a member of the Senior Citizens Advisory Board I, for a two (2) year term which began on June 1, 2023 and continues through May 31, 2025.

**Attachments:** [Draft Resolution - Julian Sevillano - Senior Board](#)  
[Cover Memo - Julian Sevillano - Senior Board R-2023-181-Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF JULIAN SEVILLANO (NOMINATED BY CITY MANAGER IGLESIAS) TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE SENIOR CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD L, FOR A TWO (2) YEAR TERM WHICH BEGAN ON JUNE 1, 2023 AND CONTINUES THROUGH MAY 31, 2025.

**This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2023-181 BY VOICE VOTE**

City Clerk Item No. 27

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-182**D.-17. [23-6053](#)

A Resolution of the City Commission confirming the appointment of Martin Pinilla (Nominated by City Manager Iglesias) to serve as a member of the Sustainability Advisory Board I, for a two (2) year term which began on June 1, 2023 and continues through May 31, 2025.

**Attachments:** [Draft Resolution - Martin Pinilla - Sustainability Board](#)  
[Cover Memo - Martin Pinilla - Sustainability Board](#)  
[R-2023-182-Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF MARTIN PINILLA (NOMINATED BY CITY MANAGER IGLESIAS) TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY BOARD L, FOR A TWO (2) YEAR TERM WHICH BEGAN ON JUNE 1, 2023 AND CONTINUES THROUGH MAY 31, 2025.

**This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2023-182 BY VOICE VOTE**

City Clerk Item No. 28

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-183**D.-18. [23-6054](#)

A Resolution of the City Commission confirming the appointment of Douglas Yoder (Nominated by City Manager Iglesias) to serve as a member of the Waterway Advisory Board I, for a two (2) year term which began on June 1, 2023 and continues through May 31, 2025.

**Attachments:** [Draft Resolution - Douglas Yoder - Waterway Board](#)  
[Cover Memo - Douglas Yoder - Waterway Board](#)  
[R-2023-183-Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF DOUGLAS YODER (NOMINATED BY CITY MANAGER IGLESIAS) TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE WATERWAY ADVISORY BOARD L, FOR A TWO (2) YEAR TERM WHICH BEGAN ON JUNE 1, 2023 AND CONTINUES THROUGH MAY 31, 2025.

**This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2023-183 BY VOICE VOTE**

City Clerk Item No. 29

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-184****D.-19. [23-6055](#)**

A Resolution of the City Commission confirming the appointment of Eibi Aizenstat (Nominated by City Manager Iglesias) to serve as a member of the Planning and Zoning Board, for a two (2) year term which began on June 1, 2023 and continues through May 31, 2025.

**Attachments:** [Draft Resolution - Eibi Aizenstat - Planning and Zoning Board](#)  
[Cover Memo - Eibi Aizenstat - Planning and Zoning Board](#)  
[R-2023-184-Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF EIBI AIZENSTAT (NOMINATED BY CITY MANAGER IGLESIAS) TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD, FOR A TWO (2) YEAR TERM WHICH BEGAN ON JUNE 1, 2023 AND CONTINUES THROUGH MAY 31, 2025.

**This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2023-184 BY VOICE VOTE**

City Clerk Item No. 30

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-185****D.-20. [23-6056](#)**

A Resolution of the City Commission confirming the appointment of the following individuals Jose "Mike" Gonzalez (Nominated by Mayor Lago), Silvia B. Pinera-Vazquez (Nominated by Commissioner Castro), Henry Pinera (Nominated by Commissioner Fernandez), David Fournier (Nominated by Commissioner Menendez) and Deborah Swain (Nominated by City Manager Iglesias) to serve as members of the Transportation Advisory Board, for a two (2) year term which began on June 1, 2023 and continues through May 31, 2025.

**Attachments:** [Draft Resolution - Transportation Board - Numerous](#)  
[Cover Memo - Transportation Advisory Board - Numerous](#)  
[R-2023-185-Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS JOSE "MIKE" GONZALEZ (NOMINATED BY MAYOR LAGO), SILVIA B. PINERA-VAZQUEZ (NOMINATED BY COMMISSIONER CASTRO), HENRY PINERA (NOMINATED BY COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ), DAVID FOURNIER (NOMINATED BY COMMISSIONER MENENDEZ) AND DEBORAH SWAIN (NOMINATED BY CITY MANAGER IGLESIAS) TO SERVE AS MEMBERS OF THE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD, FOR A TWO (2) YEAR TERM WHICH BEGAN ON JUNE 1, 2023 AND CONTINUES THROUGH MAY 31, 2025.

**This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2023-185 BY VOICE VOTE**

City Clerk Item No. 31

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-186****D.-21. [23-6057](#)**

A Resolution of the City Commission confirming the appointment of Manny Carreno (Nominated by Vice Mayor Anderson) to serve as a member of the Coral Gables Retirement Board (General Employees), for a two (2) year term which began on June 1, 2023 and continues through May 31, 2025.

**Attachments:** [Draft Resolution - Manny Carreno - Retirement Board](#)  
[Cover Memo - Manny Carreno - Retirement Board](#)  
[R-2023-186-Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF MANNY CARRENO (NOMINATED BY VICE MAYOR ANDERSON) TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE CORAL GABLES RETIREMENT BOARD (GENERAL EMPLOYEES), FOR A TWO (2) YEAR TERM WHICH BEGAN ON JUNE 1, 2023 AND CONTINUES THROUGH MAY 31, 2025.

**This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2023-186 BY VOICE VOTE**

City Clerk Item No. 32

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-187****Non 23-6111  
Agenda  
Item**

A Resolution of the City Commission confirming the appointment of Debra Register (Nominated by Commissioner Castro), to serve as a member of the Budget Audit Advisory Board, for a two (2) year term, which began on June 1, 2023 and continues through May 31, 2025.

**Attachments:** [R-2023-187-Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF DEBRA REGISTER (NOMINATED BY COMMISSIONER CASTRO), TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE BUDGET AUDIT ADVISORY BOARD, FOR A TWO (2) YEAR TERM, WHICH BEGAN ON JUNE 1, 2023 AND CONTINUES THROUGH MAY 31, 2025.

**This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2023-187 BY VOICE VOTE**

City Clerk Item No. 33

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-188**

**Non 23-6112  
Agenda  
Item**

A Resolution of the City Commission confirming the appointment of Bonnie Blaire (Nominated by Commissioner Castro), to serve as a member of the Coral Gables Advisory Board on Disability Affairs for a two (2) year term, which began on June 1, 2023 and continues through May 31, 2025.

**Attachments:** [R-2023-188-Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF BONNIE BLAIRE (NOMINATED BY COMMISSIONER CASTRO), TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE CORAL GABLES ADVISORY BOARD ON DISABILITY AFFAIRS FOR A TWO (2) YEAR TERM, WHICH BEGAN ON JUNE 1, 2023 AND CONTINUES THROUGH MAY 31, 2025.

**This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2023-188 BY VOICE VOTE**

City Clerk Item No. 34

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-189**

**Non 23-6113  
Agenda  
Item**

A Resolution of the City Commission confirming the appointments of Gordon Sokoloff (Nominated by Commissioner Castro) and Chris Rogers (Nominated by Commissioner Castro), to serve as members of the Emergency Management Division for a two (2) year term, which began on June 1, 2023 and continues through May 31, 2025.

**Attachments:** [R-2023-189-Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF GORDON SOKOLOFF AND CHRIS ROGERS (NOMINATED BY COMMISSIONER CASTRO), TO SERVE AS MEMBERS OF THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIVISION FOR A TWO (2) YEAR TERM, WHICH BEGAN ON JUNE 1, 2023 AND CONTINUES THROUGH MAY 31, 2025.

**This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2023-189 BY VOICE VOTE**

City Clerk Item No. 35

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-190**

**Non 23-6114  
Agenda  
Item**

A Resolution of the City Commission confirming the appointment of Marilu Madrigal (Nominated by Commissioner Castro), to serve as a member of the Insurance and Risk Management Advisory Board for a two (2) year term, which began on June 1, 2023 and continues through May 31, 2025.

**Attachments:** [R-2023-190-Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF MARILU MADRIGAL (NOMINATED BY COMMISSIONER CASTRO), TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE INSURANCE AND RISK MANAGEMENT ADVISORY BOARD FOR A TWO (2) YEAR TERM, WHICH BEGAN ON JUNE 1, 2023 AND CONTINUES THROUGH MAY 31, 2025.

**This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2023-190 BY VOICE VOTE**

City Clerk Item No. 36

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-191**

**Non 23-6115  
Agenda  
Item**

A Resolution of the City Commission confirming the appointment of John Swain (Nominated by Commissioner Castro), to serve as a member of the Pinewood Cemetery Advisory Board for a two (2) year term, which began on June 1, 2023 and continues through May 31, 2025.

**Attachments:** [R-2023-191-Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF JOHN SWAIN (NOMINATED BY COMMISSIONER CASTRO), TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE PINWOOD CEMETERY ADVISORY BOARD FOR A TWO (2) YEAR TERM, WHICH BEGAN ON JUNE 1, 2023 AND CONTINUES THROUGH MAY 31, 2025.

**This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2023-191 BY VOICE VOTE**

City Clerk Item No. 37

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-192**

**Non 23-6116  
Agenda  
Item**

A Resolution of the City Commission confirming the appointments of Nirberto Moreno (Nominated by Vice Mayor Anderson) and Alberto "Papo" Manrara (Nominated by Commissioner Castro), to serve as members of the Property Advisory Board for a two (2) year term, which began on June 1, 2023 and continues through May 31, 2025.

**Attachments:** [R-2023-192-Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF NIRBERTO MORENO (NOMINATED BY VICE MAYOR ANDERSON) AND ALBERTO "PAPO" MANRARA (NOMINAED BY COMMISSIONER CASTRO), TO SERVE AS MEMBERS OF THE PROPERTY ADVISORY BOARD FOR A TWO (2) YEAR TERM, WHICH BEGAN ON JUNE 1, 2023 AND CONTINUES THROUGH MAY 31, 2025.

**This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2023-192 BY VOICE VOTE**

City Clerk Item No. 38

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-193**

**Non 23-6117  
Agenda  
Item**

A Resolution of the City Commission confirming the appointment of Dorothy Thomson (Nominated by Mayor Lago), to serve as a member of the Mayor's Council for a two (2) year term, which began on June 1, 2023 and continues through April 30, 2025.

**Attachments:** [R-2023-193-Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF DOROTHY THOMSON (NOMINATED BY MAYOR LAGO), TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE MAYOR'S COUNCIL FOR A TWO (2) YEAR TERM, WHICH BEGAN ON JUNE 1, 2023 AND CONTINUES THROUGH MAY 31, 2025.

**This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2023-193 BY VOICE VOTE**

City Clerk Item No. 39



**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-194****Non 23-6118  
Agenda  
Item**

A Resolution of the City Commission confirming the appointment of Michelle Cuervo Dunaj (Nominated by Mayor Lago), to serve as a member of the Historic Preservation Board for a two (2) year term, which began on June 1, 2023 and continues through May 31, 2025.

**Attachments:** [R-2023-194-Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF MICHELLE CUERVO DUNAJ (NOMINATED BY MAYOR LAGO), TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD FOR A TWO (2) YEAR TERM, WHICH BEGAN ON JUNE 1, 2023 AND CONTINUES THROUGH MAY 31, 2025.

**This Matter was adopted by Resolution Number 2023-194 BY VOICE VOTE**

City Clerk Item No. 40

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

- 1.-1. [23-5559](#) Advisory Board on Disability Affairs Meeting of May 3, 2023.

**Attachments:** [05 03 23 Meeting Mins RE](#)  
[Cover Ltr 05 03 23](#)  
[05 03 23 CITY CLERK OFC Attendance Form](#)

**This Matter was approved BY VOICE VOTE**

City Clerk Item No. 41

- 1.-2. [23-5635](#) Arts Advisory Panel Meeting of April 5, 2023.

**Attachments:** [AAP Meeting April 5 2023](#)  
[04.05.2023.MinutesforCC07.11.2023](#)

**This Matter was approved BY VOICE VOTE**

City Clerk Item No. 42

- 1.-3. [23-5646](#) Cultural Development Board Meeting of May 16, 2023.

**Attachments:** [05.16.2023 MinutesforCC07.11.2023](#)  
[CDB Minutes May 16, 2023](#)

**This Matter was approved BY VOICE VOTE**

City Clerk Item No. 43

- 1.-4. [23-5996](#) Landscape Beautification Advisory Meeting of June 8, 2023.  
**Attachments:** [060823-LBAB Minutes - 23-5996](#)  
**This Matter was approved BY VOICE VOTE**  
City Clerk Item No. 44
- 1.-5. [23-5911](#) Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting of April 20, 2023.  
**Attachments:** [Parks Meeting Minutes 4.20.23](#)  
**This Matter was approved BY VOICE VOTE**  
City Clerk Item No. 45
- 1.-6. [23-5912](#) Parks and Recreation Youth Advisory Board Meeting of May 3, 2023.  
**Attachments:** [Youth Meeting Minutes 5.3.23](#)  
**This Matter was approved BY VOICE VOTE**  
City Clerk Item No. 46
- 1.-7. [23-6018](#) Retirement Board Meeting of May 11, 2023.  
**Attachments:** [Minutes 05-11-2023](#)  
[CC.05-11-2023 July 11, 2023](#)  
**This Matter was approved BY VOICE VOTE**  
City Clerk Item No. 47
- 1.-8. [23-5909](#) Senior Citizens Advisory Board Meeting of April 4, 2023.  
**Attachments:** [Senior Minutes 4.4.23](#)  
**This Matter was approved BY VOICE VOTE**  
City Clerk Item No. 48
- 1.-9. [23-5910](#) Senior Citizens Advisory Board Meeting of May 4, 2023.  
**Attachments:** [Senior Minutes 5.4.23](#)  
**This Matter was approved BY VOICE VOTE**  
City Clerk Item No. 49

- 1.-10. [23-5981](#) Sustainability Advisory Board Meeting of May 24, 2023.

**Attachments:** [5.24.2023 minutes cover](#)  
[05-24-2023 SAB Meeting Minutes](#)

**This Matter was approved BY VOICE VOTE**

City Clerk Item No. 50

- 1.-11. [23-5923](#) Transportation Advisory Board Meeting of March 30, 2023

**Attachments:** [cover page 3.30](#)  
[Draft minutes 3.30](#)

**This Matter was approved BY VOICE VOTE**

City Clerk Item No. 51

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]:**

- 2.-1. [23-6024](#) A Resolution of the School Community Relations Committee requesting that the City Commission include a formal educational investment fund budget line item in the Fiscal Year 24 City budget for public schools within City limits.

**Attachments:** [SCRC Resolution Re: School Funding](#)  
[Cover Memo](#)  
[Minutes - SCRC May 19 Meeting](#)  
[June 30 Meeting - Item D-1 Minutes](#)  
[Speaker Cards 2-1](#)

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Item 2-1 is available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk and in Legistar].

**This Resolution was Discussed and Filed**

City Clerk Item No. 57

## E. PUBLIC HEARINGS

### APPEAL

- E.-1. [23-5914](#) An Appeal to the Coral Gables City Commission from the decision of the Board of Adjustment on June 5, 2023, to deny the application for a variance to allow a boat lift to extend thirty-three feet and ten inches (33'-10") from the bank of the waterway vs. watercraft lifts or floating watercraft lifts shall not extend beyond twenty-five feet (25') from the banks of waterways, pursuant to Section 3-705(E) of the Coral Gables Zoning Code for a property located at 10 Edgewater Drive, legally described as all of Blocks 3 and 4 and the east 235 feet of Block 5 of revised plat of Sunrise Harbour.

Lobbyist: Glen Larson

**Attachments:** [Exhibit A - Notice of Public Hearing on Variance](#)  
[Exhibit B - Application for Appeal from Bd of Adj filed with City Clerk](#)  
[Exhibit C - 06 05 23 VERBATIM TRANSCRIPT RE 10 Edgewater](#)  
[Exhibit D - 06 05 23 Staff Report 10 Edgewater w attachments](#)  
[Exhibit E - Staff's Presentation - 10 Edgewater 06 05 2023](#)  
[07 11 23 CC 10 Edgewater BOA Appeal](#)  
[Speaker Cards E-1](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA GRANTING THE APPEAL OF THE DECISION OF THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT ON JUNE 5, 2023, TO DENY THE APPLICATION FOR A VARIANCE TO ALLOW A BOAT LIFT TO EXTEND THIRTY-THREE FEET AND TEN INCHES (33'-10") FROM THE BANK OF THE WATERWAY VS. WATERCRAFT LIFTS OR FLOATING WATERCRAFT LIFTS SHALL NOT EXTEND BEYOND TWENTY -FIVE FEET (25') FROM THE BANKS OF WATERWAYS, PURSUANT TO SECTION 3-705(E) OF THE CORAL GABLES ZONING CODE FOR A PROPERTY LOCATED AT 10 EDGEWATER DRIVE, LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS ALL OF BLOCKS 3 AND 4 AND THE EAST 235 FEET OF BLOCK 5 OF REVISED PLAT OF SUNRISE HARBOUR, OVERTURNING THE DECISION OF THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT AND GRANTING THE VARIANCE REQUESTED.

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

**A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Menendez, that this matter be Granted by Resolution Number 2023-200. The motion passed by the following vote.**

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

City Clerk Item No. 61

**ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING****Time Certain 10:00am (Agenda Item E-2)****ORDINANCE NO. 2023-24**

- E.-2. [23-5891](#) An Ordinance of the City Commission authorizing execution of the Third Amendment ("Third Amendment") to Amended and Restated Lease ("Lease") between the Biltmore Hotel Limited Partnership, a Florida Limited Partnership ("Developer") and the City of Coral Gables, a Florida Municipal Corporation ("City") executed February 10, 1986 and Amended and Restated July 29, 1999 (the "Original Lease") and amended on January 2, 2001 (the "First Amendment") and on March 29, 2022 (the "Second Amendment") [the Original Lease, the First Amendment and the Second Amendment being collectively referred to as the "Lease"] amending Section 15 of the Lease by revising the property insurance requirements.

Lobbyist: N/A

**Attachments:** [Ordinance - Biltmore Amendment Property Insurance 6.13.2023](#)  
[Cover Memo - Ordinance Biltmore Amendment Property Insurance 6.13.23](#)  
[Speaker Cards- F-7](#)  
[Ordinance - Biltmore Amendment Property Insurance 7.11.2023](#)  
[Cover Memo - Ordinance Biltmore Amendment Property Insurance 7.11.23](#)  
[Third Amendment 7.11.23](#)  
[Seaway-RMS Report \(2-24-23\)](#)  
[Letter from Lockton on Biltmore Insurance \(4-14-23\)](#)  
[Speaker Cards E-2](#)  
[O-2023-24-Signed](#)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF THE THIRD AMENDMENT ("THIRD AMENDMENT") TO AMENDED AND RESTATED LEASE ("LEASE") BETWEEN THE BILTMORE HOTEL LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, A FLORIDA LIMITED PARTNERSHIP ("DEVELOPER") AND THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, A FLORIDA MUNICIPAL CORPORATION ("CITY") EXECUTED FEBRUARY 10, 1986 AND AMENDED AND RESTATED JULY 29, 1999 (THE "ORIGINAL LEASE") AND AMENDED ON JANUARY 2, 2001 (THE "FIRST AMENDMENT") AND ON MARCH 29, 2022 (THE "SECOND AMENDMENT") [THE ORIGINAL LEASE, THE FIRST AMENDMENT AND THE SECOND AMENDMENT BEING COLLECTIVELY REFERRED TO AS THE "LEASE"] AMENDING SECTION 15 OF THE LEASE BY REVISING THE PROPERTY INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS.

[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 Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Menendez, that this matter be adopted by Ordinance Number 2023-24. The motion passed by the following vote.**

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

City Clerk Item No. 52

**ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING**

- E.-3.**    [23-5915](#)    An Ordinance of the City Commission amending Section 105-28 of the City of Coral Gables Code to clarify prohibitions on construction at night and on weekends and holidays and criteria for issuance of special permits, providing for repealer provision, severability clause, codification, enforceability and providing for an effective date.  
(Sponsored by Vice Mayor Anderson)

**Attachments:**    [1st reading Cover Memo-construction on nights and weekends](#)  
[Ordinance - clarifying construction on nights and weekends](#)  
[Speaker Cards E-3](#)  
[Construction on Weekends 8-3 second reading](#)  
[Cover Memo- Construction on Weekends 2nd Reading 8-3](#)

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

**A motion was made by 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 Anderson, Commissioner Castro, Commissioner Fernandez, Commissioner Menendez and Mayor Lago

City Clerk Item No. 60

## RESOLUTIONS

**Time Certain 10:30am (Agenda Items E-4 and E-5 are related)****RESOLUTION NO. 2023-196****E.-4. [23-5812](#)**

A Resolution of the City Commission granting Remote Parking (Section 10-109) Conditional Use approval pursuant to Article 14, "Process", Section 14-203, "Conditional Uses," for proposed remote parking associated with the mixed-use project referred to as "The Avenue" hotel and residences on the property legally described as Lots 8 through 11, Block 9, Revised Plat of Coral Gables Industrial Section (351 San Lorenzo Avenue), Coral Gables, Florida; including required conditions; providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, and an effective date. (06 06 23 PZB recommended approval, Vote: 5-0)

Lobbyist: Willy Bermello

Lobbyist: Heriberto Delgado

Lobbyist: Mario Garcia-Serra

**Attachments:** [06 06 23 - Staff Report -The Avenue w attachments](#)  
[06 06 23 Attachment A - Applicant Submittal Package](#)  
[07 11 23 Exhibit A - Applicant Submittal Package](#)  
[07 11 23 Exhibit B - Draft Resolution - Conditional Use Remote Parking](#)  
[07 11 23 Exhibit C - Draft Resolution - TDRs](#)  
[07 11 23 Exhibit D - 06 06 23 - Staff Report - The Avenue w attachments](#)  
[07 11 23 Exhibit E - 06 06 23 PZB Meeting Minutes](#)  
[07 11 23 Exhibit F - CC Staff Powerpoint Presentation](#)  
[07 11 2023 CC Cover Memo - The Avenue Conditional Use Remote Parking and](#)  
[Speaker Cards E-4](#)  
[Speaker Cards E-4](#)  
[R-2023-196-Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION GRANTING REMOTE PARKING (SECTION 10-109) CONDITIONAL USE APPROVAL PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 14, "PROCESS", SECTION 14-203, "CONDITIONAL USES," FOR PROPOSED REMOTE PARKING ASSOCIATED WITH THE MIXED-USE PROJECT REFERRED TO AS "THE AVENUE" HOTEL AND RESIDENCES ON THE PROPERTY LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS LOTS 8 THROUGH 11, BLOCK 9, REVISED PLAT OF CORAL GABLES INDUSTRIAL SECTION (351 SAN LORENZO AVENUE), CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA; INCLUDING REQUIRED CONDITIONS; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER PROVISION, SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Items E-4 & 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 adopted by Resolution Number 2023-196. The motion passed by the following vote.**

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

City Clerk Item No. 54

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-197**

**E.-5. [23-5813](#)**

A Resolution of the City Commission approving receipt of Transfer of Development Rights (TDRs) pursuant to Zoning Code Article 14, "Process," Section 14-204.6, "Review and approval of use of TDRs on receiver sites," for the receipt and use of TDRs for a mixed-use project referred to as "The Avenue" hotel and residences on the property legally described as Lots 8 through 11, Block 9, Revised Plat of Coral Gables Industrial Section (351 San Lorenzo Avenue), Coral Gables, Florida; including required conditions; providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, and an effective date. (06 06 23 PZB recommended approval, Vote: 5-0)

Lobbyist: Willy Bermello  
Lobbyist: Heriberto Delgado  
Lobbyist: Mario Garcia-Serra

**Attachments:** [06 06 23 Attachment A - Applicant Submittal Package](#)  
[06 06 23 - Staff Report -The Avenue w attachments](#)  
[07 11 23 Exhibit A - Applicant Submittal Package](#)  
[07 11 23 Exhibit B - Draft Resolution - Conditional Use Remote Parking](#)  
[07 11 23 Exhibit C - Draft Resolution - TDRs](#)  
[07 11 23 Exhibit E - 06 06 23 PZB Meeting Minutes](#)  
[07 11 23 Exhibit F - CC Staff Powerpoint Presentation](#)  
[07 11 23 Exhibit D - 06 06 23 - Staff Report - The Avenue w attachments](#)  
[07 11 2023 CC Cover Memo - The Avenue Conditional Use Remote Parking and R-2023-197-Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION APPROVING RECEIPT OF TRANSFER OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS (TDRS) PURSUANT TO ZONING CODE ARTICLE 14, "PROCESS," SECTION 14-204.6, "REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF USE OF TDRS ON RECEIVER SITES," FOR THE RECEIPT AND USE OF TDRS FOR A MIXED-USE PROJECT REFERRED TO AS "THE AVENUE" HOTEL AND RESIDENCES ON THE PROPERTY LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS LOTS 8 THROUGH 11, BLOCK 9, REVISED PLAT OF CORAL GABLES INDUSTRIAL SECTION (351 SAN LORENZO AVENUE), CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA; INCLUDING REQUIRED CONDITIONS; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER PROVISION, SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Items E-4 & E-5 is available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk and in Legistar].

**A motion was made by Commissioner Menendez, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2023-197. The motion passed by the following vote.**

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

City Clerk Item No. 55



## F. CITY COMMISSION ITEMS

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

- F.-1. [23-6011](#) Update on Miami-Dade County's New Septic Tank Requirements.  
(Sponsored by Commissioner Fernandez)

**Attachments:** [City of Coral Gables OSTDS 2023-07-11 L](#)

[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].

**This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed**

City Clerk Item No. 56

- F.-2. [23-5830](#) A Resolution of the City Commission directing the City Clerk and City Manager to schedule bimonthly presentation and protocol ceremonies.  
(Sponsored by Commissioner Fernandez)  
(Co-Sponsored by Commissioner Menendez)  
(Co-sponsored by Commissioner Castro)

**Attachments:** [Cover Memo Resolution re Presentation and protocol items](#)  
[Resolution re presentation and protocol items](#)  
[Speaker Cards- G-12](#)  
[Cover Memo Resolution re Presentation and protocol items July 11](#)  
[Resolution re presentation and protocol items Revised 6-27](#)

**This Resolution was Continued**

City Clerk Item No. 64

### **RESOLUTION NO. 2023-203**

- F.-3. [23-6020](#) A Resolution of the City Commission setting forth a procedure for requesting public comment on discussion items.  
(Sponsored by Vice Mayor Anderson)  
(Co-Sponsored by Commissioner Castro)

**Attachments:** [Commission Cover 7-11-2023 Resolution re public comment](#)  
[Draft Resolution re Public Comment and discussion](#)  
[R-2023-203-Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION SETTING FORTH A PROCEDURE FOR REQUESTING PUBLIC COMMENT ON DISCUSSION ITEMS.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Castro, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2023-203. The motion passed by the following vote.**

**Yeas :** 4 - Commissioner Fernandez, Commissioner Menendez, Commissioner Anderson and Commissioner Castro

**Nays :** 1 - Mayor Lago

City Clerk Item No. 65

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-204**

**F.-4.**     [23-6031](#)

A Resolution of the City Commission directing City staff to explore options and the budget for the costs to replace the July 4th fireworks show with either a laser light show or a drone light show.

(Sponsored by Vice Mayor Anderson)

**Attachments:**   [Commission Cover 7-11-2023 Resolution re fireworks  
Fireworks Resolution  
Memo - Cities Replacing Fireworks with Environmentally Friendly Laser Light and  
Speaker Cards F-4  
R-2023-204-Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION DIRECTING CITY STAFF TO EXPLORE OPTIONS AND THE BUDGET FOR THE COSTS TO REPLACE THE JULY 4TH FIREWORKS SHOW WITH EITHER A LASER LIGHT SHOW OR A DRONE LIGHT SHOW.

[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 Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Menendez, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2023-204. The motion passed by the following vote.**

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

City Clerk Item No. 66

**Time Certain 11:30am (Agenda Item F-5)**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-199**

**F.-5.**     [23-6033](#)

A Resolution of the City Commission directing the City Manager to pursue federal funding opportunities for septic to sewer conversion.

(Sponsored by Commissioner Menendez)

(Co-sponsored by Vice Mayor Anderson)

(Co-sponsored by Commissioner Fernandez)

(Co-sponsored by Commissioner Castro)

**Attachments:**   [Cover Memo septic to sewer funding  
Draft Resolution-Federal Funding for Septic to Sewer Conversion NLG  
R-2023-199-Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO PURSUE FEDERAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR SEPTIC TO SEWER CONVERSION.

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Item F-5 is available for

public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk and in Legistar].

**A motion was made by Commissioner Menendez, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2023-199. The motion passed by the following vote.**

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

City Clerk Item No. 59

**F.-6. [23-5888](#)**

Discussion regarding remote parking.  
(Sponsored by Commissioner Fernandez)

**Attachments:** [Speaker Cards- G-9](#)  
[Speaker Cards F-6](#)

[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. 67

**F.-7. [23-5905](#)**

Update on traffic calming along Mendoza Avenue.  
(Sponsored by Commissioner Fernandez)

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Item F-7 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. 68

**F.-8. [23-5882](#)**

Update by staff regarding the resident concierge service and telephone system for the Development Services Department.  
(Sponsored by Commissioner Castro)

**Attachments:** [Speaker Cards- G-7](#)  
[Speaker Cards F-8](#)

**This Agenda Item was Deferred**

City Clerk Item No. 3

**F.-9. [23-5988](#)**

Update regarding the Ygrene Green Corridor funding.  
(Sponsored by Vice Mayor Anderson)

**This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed**

City Clerk Item No. 69

- F.-10.** [23-5989](#) Update regarding historic district designation study in North Ponce residential infill district.  
(Sponsored by Vice Mayor Anderson)

**Attachments:** [City Commission 23-5989 North Ponce Designation](#)

[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. 70

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-205**

- F.-11.** [23-6009](#) Discussion item to appoint a member of the Commission as an ex-officio member of the Crime Watch Board.  
(Sponsored by Commissioner Fernandez)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION APPOINTING COMMISSIONER ARIEL FERNANDEZ TO SERVE AS AN EX-OFFICIO MEMBER OF THE CRIME WATCH BOARD FOR THE REMAINDER OF A TWO (2) YEAR TERM, WHICH BEGAN ON JUNE 1, 2023 THROUGH MAY 31, 2025.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Menendez, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2023-205. The motion passed by the following vote.**

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

City Clerk Item No. 71

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-206**

- F.-12.** [23-6010](#) Update regarding Burger Bob's.  
(Sponsored by Commissioner Menendez)

[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 Menendez, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2023-206. The motion passed by the following vote.**

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

City Clerk Item No. 72

- F.-13. [23-6017](#) Discussion regarding pickleball expansion.  
(Sponsored by Commissioner Fernandez)  
(Co-sponsored by Commissioner Menendez)  
(Co-sponsored by Commissioner Castro)

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Item F-13 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. 73

- F.-14. [23-6019](#) Discussion regarding valet parking on Miracle Mile.  
(Sponsored by Commissioner Fernandez)

**Attachments:** [Speaker Cards F-14](#)

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Item F-14 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. 74

## G. BOARDS/COMMITTEES ITEMS

- G.-1. [23-5844](#) A Resolution of the City Commission confirming the appointments of \_\_\_\_\_ (Current Member: Vacant) and \_\_\_\_\_ (Current Member: Vacant) (Nominated by Commission-As-Whole) to serve as members of the Arts Advisory Panel, for a two (2) year term which began on June 1, 2023 and continues through May 31, 2025.

**Attachments:** [Draft Resolution - Arts Advisory Panel - Commission Appointments Cover Memo - Arts Advisory Panel - Commission Appointments](#)

**This Resolution was Deferred**

City Clerk Item No. 75

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-207**

- G.-2.** [23-5845](#) A Resolution of the City Commission confirming the appointment of George Kakouris (Nominated by Commission-As-Whole) to serve as a member of the Code Enforcement Board, for a three (3) year term which began on June 1, 2023 and continues through May 31, 2026.

**Attachments:** [Draft Resolution - Code Enforcement Board - Commission Appointment Cover Memo - Code Enforcement Board - Commission Appointment R-2023-207-Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF GEORGE KAKOURIS (NOMINATED BY COMMISSION-AS-A-WHOLE), TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD FOR A THREE (3) YEAR TERM, WHICH BEGAN ON JUNE 1, 2023 AND CONTINUES THROUGH MAY 31, 2026.

**A motion was made by Mayor Lago, seconded by Commissioner Menendez, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2023-207. The motion passed by the following vote.**

**Yeas :** 3 - Commissioner Menendez, Commissioner Anderson and Mayor Lago

**Nays :** 2 - Commissioner Castro and Commissioner Fernandez

City Clerk Item No. 76

- G.-3.** [23-5846](#) A Resolution of the City Commission confirming the appointments of \_\_\_\_\_ (Current Member: Vacant) and \_\_\_\_\_ (Current Member: Vacant) (Nominated by Commission-As-Whole) to serve as members of the Firefighters Pension Trust Fund, for a two (2) year term which began on June 1, 2023 and continues through May 31, 2025.

**Attachments:** [Draft Resolution - Firefighters Pension Trust Fund - Commission Appointments Cover Memo - Firefighters Pension Trust Fund - Commission Appointments](#)

**This Resolution was Deferred**

City Clerk Item No. 77

- G.-4.** [23-5847](#) A Resolution of the City Commission confirming the appointments of \_\_\_\_\_ (Current Member: Bruce Ehrenhaft) and \_\_\_\_\_ (Current Member: Vacant) (Nominated by Commission-As-Whole) to serve as members of the Historic Preservation Board, for a two (2) year term which began on June 1, 2023 and continues through May 31, 2025.

**Attachments:** [Draft Resolution - Historic Preservation Board - Commission Appointments Cover Memo - Historic Preservation Board - Commission Appointments](#)

**This Resolution was Deferred**

City Clerk Item No. 78

- G.-5. [23-5848](#) A Resolution of the City Commission confirming the appointments of \_\_\_\_\_ (Current Member: Vacant) and \_\_\_\_\_ (Current Member: Vacant) (Nominated by Commission-As-Whole) to serve as members of the Police Officers' Retirement Trust Fund Board of Trustees, for a two (2) year term which began on June 1, 2023 and continues through May 31, 2025.

**Attachments:** [Draft Resolution - Police Officers' Retirement Trust Fund Board of Trustees - Cover Memo - Police Officers' Retirement Trust Fund - Commission Appointment](#)

**This Resolution was Deferred**

City Clerk Item No. 79

- G.-6. [23-5849](#) A Resolution of the City Commission confirming the appointment of \_\_\_\_\_ (Current Member: Alberto "Papo" Manrara) (Nominated by Commission-As-Whole) to serve as a member of the Property Advisory Board, for a two (2) year term which began on June 1, 2023 and continues through May 31, 2025.

**Attachments:** [Draft Resolution - Property Advisory Board - Commission Appointment Cover Memo - Property Advisory Board - Commission Appointment](#)

**This Resolution was Deferred**

City Clerk Item No. 80

### **RESOLUTION NO. 2023-198**

- G.-7. [23-5850](#) A Resolution of the City Commission confirming the appointment of Joshua Goodman (Nominated by Commission-As-Whole) to serve as a member of the School Community Relations Committee, for a two (2) year term which began on June 1, 2023 and continues through May 31, 2025.

**Attachments:** [Draft Resolution - School Community Relations Committee - Commission Appointment Cover Memo - School Community Relations Committee - Commission Appointment R-2023-198-Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF JOSHUA GOODMAN (CURRENT MEMBER: VACANT) (NOMINATED BY COMMISSION-AS-WHOLE) TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE, FOR A TWO (2) YEAR TERM WHICH BEGAN ON JUNE 1, 2023 AND CONTINUES THROUGH MAY 31, 2025.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Fernandez, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2023-198. The motion passed by the following vote.**

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

City Clerk Item No. 58

- G.-8.** [23-5852](#) A Resolution of the City Commission confirming the appointments of \_\_\_\_\_ (Current Member: Vacant) and \_\_\_\_\_ (Current Member: Vacant) (Nominated by Commission-As-Whole) to serve as members of the Waterway Advisory Board, for a two (2) year term which began on June 1, 2023 and continues through May 31, 2025.

**Attachments:** [Draft Resolution - Waterway Advisory Board - Commission Appointments](#)  
[Cover Memo -Waterway Advisory Board - Commission Appointments](#)

**This Resolution was Deferred**

City Clerk Item No. 81

- G.-9.** [23-6013](#) A Resolution of the City Commission granting approval of a residential waiver (by a four-fifths vote of the City Commission) for Gina Mazzei Anderhub (Nominated by City Manager Iglesias), in accordance with Section 2-52(b)(2) of the City Code, to serve as a member of the Property Advisory Board, for a two (2) year term, which begins on June 1, 2023 and through May 31, 2025.

**Attachments:** [Cover Memo - Residency Waiver - Gina Mazzei Anderhub](#)  
[Draft Resolution - Residency Waiver - Gina Mazzei Anderhub](#)  
[Resume](#)  
[Speaker Cards G-9](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Menendez, that this matter be adopted. The motion required a four-fifths vote in order to pass and therefore failed by the following vote.**

**Yeas :** 3 - Commissioner Menendez, Commissioner Anderson and Mayor Lago

**Nays :** 2 - Commissioner Fernandez and Commissioner Castro

City Clerk Item No. 82



**H. CITY MANAGER ITEMS****RESOLUTION NO. 2023-201**

- H.-1. [23-5913](#) A Resolution of the City Commission accepting the recommendation of the Chief Procurement Officer to award the Maintenance Services for Golf Course and Parks to Greens Grade Services, Inc., the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, pursuant to Section 2-763 of the Procurement Code entitled "Contract Award" and Invitation for Bids (IFB) 2023-009.

Lobbyist: N/A

**Attachments:** [Resolution](#)  
[IFB Response - Greens Grade Services](#)  
[Bid Tabulation IFB 2023-009](#)  
[City Manager Intent to Award Memo - Signed](#)  
[Agenda Memo - Final](#)  
[R-2023-201-Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER TO AWARD THE MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR GOLF COURSE AND PARKS CONTRACT TO GREENS GRADE SERVICES, INC., THE LOWEST RESPONSIVE-RESPONSIBLE BIDDER, PURSUANT TO INVITATION FOR BID (IFB) 2023-009 AND SECTION 2-763 OF THE CITY'S PROCUREMENT CODE ENTITLED "CONTRACT AWARD".

**A motion was made by Commissioner Menendez, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2023-201. The motion passed by the following vote.**

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

City Clerk Item No. 62

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-202****H.-2. [23-5920](#)**

A Resolution of the City Commission appointing individuals to the wheel of Special Magistrates/Hearing Officers for certain quasi-judicial hearings pursuant to Section 101-135 of the City Code.

**Attachments:** [Resolution Cover Memo 2023 - Appointing Special Magistrates](#)  
[Resolution 2023 - Appointing Special Magistrates](#)  
[R-2023-202-Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION APPOINTING INDIVIDUALS TO THE WHEEL OF SPECIAL MAGISTRATES/HEARING OFFICERS FOR CERTAIN QUASI-JUDICIAL HEARINGS PURSUANT TO SECTION 101-135 OF THE CITY CODE.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Menendez, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2023-202. The motion passed by the following vote.**

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

City Clerk Item No. 63

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-195****H.-3. [23-6000](#)**

A Resolution of the City Commission accepting a recommendation of the Police Department to authorize a purchase from Communications International, Inc. as a sole source procurement for the upgrade of the Harris P25 Radio System pursuant to Section 2-689 of the City's Procurement Code.

Lobbyist: N/A

**Attachments:** [Agenda Reso - SoleSource - Harris Radio Sys csw edits 062723-FINAL](#)  
[SS 2023-093 - Harris VIDA Core Radio Comm Equip](#)  
[Agenda Memo - SoleSource - Harris Radio Sys.docx](#)  
[R-2023-195-Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO AUTHORIZE A PURCHASE FROM COMMUNICATIONS INTERNATIONAL, INC. AS A "SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT" FOR THE UPGRADE OF THE HARRIS P25 RADIO SYSTEM PURSUANT TO SECTION 2-689 OF THE CITY'S PROCUREMENT CODE.

[Note for the Record: The verbatim transcript for Agenda Item H-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 adopted by Resolution Number 2023-195. The motion passed by the following vote.**

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

City Clerk Item No. 53

**I. CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS**

**None**

City Clerk Item No. 83

**J. CITY CLERK ITEMS**

**None**

City Clerk Item No. 84

**K. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Mayor Lago: Vice Mayor, I'm commencing with you on the right. Do you have any items that you'd like to discuss?

Vice Mayor Anderson: Not at this time. No. Have a good summer.

Mayor Lago: Can I have also, I forgot to add one thing, I apologize, Vice Mayor. The Clerk just reminded me. I'd like to nominate Dorothy Thomson as an appointment to the Mayor's Council.

Commissioner Menendez: I'll make a motion.

Commissioner Fernandez: Second.

Commissioner Castro: Yes

Commissioner Fernandez: Yes

Commissioner Menendez: Yes

Vice Mayor Anderson: Yes

Mayor Lago: Yes

(Vote: 5-0)

Mayor Lago: She's an amazing, amazing individual, as we know, and a real asset to that board and she's going to bring a different dynamic.

Commissioner Fernandez: I was trying to appoint her to a board, but...

Mayor Lago: She was the one that called me and said she wanted to serve on the board, so I was actually really stunned she told me she wanted to serve. Sorry Vice Mayor, I cut you off. I apologize.

Vice Mayor Anderson: I was just telling everybody have a wonderful summer.

Mayor Lago: That is beautiful. Commissioner Castro.

Commissioner Castro: I have nothing to say. Great meeting.

Mayor Lago: Commissioner Menendez.

Commissioner Menendez: I don't know if I have a poster or not, but if I do, please put it up, if not I'll just ad lib. Well, there you go. August 13th, Saturday, no Sunday,

August 13th, 5 p.m., a classic family movie, Back to the Future at the Miracle Theater with Michael J. Fox. Its for all ages and its free and the movies that come up after that at the Miracle Theater, as you can see are going to be Rookie, next year ET, Ironman, Jaws, finishing up late next year with the God Father. Back to the Future, the summer is ending around that time. Bring the family, bring the grandkids, and let's have a good time at the movies, enjoy our community and summer together.

Mayor Lago: Commissioner.

Commissioner Fernandez: I do have one item. Chief, thank you for sticking around. I've received a few calls and e-mails from residents regarding safety at City Hall, and I have spoken to the Chief. I briefly mentioned to the Manager in our initial conversations, and I know that there are plans for security measures to be put in place when the renovations take place. One of the things I talked to the Chief about was, possibly moving forward with the metal detector at the current location as is now. So, Chief.

Vice Mayor Anderson: I didn't catch which location.

Commissioner Fernandez: Just here downstairs at the entrance.

Vice Mayor Anderson: Oh, okay.

Mayor Lago: Chief.

Chief Hudak: Yes sir. We could probably find the metal detector, there are some and after speaking, not just with you Commissioner Fernandez, but Commissioner Menendez and Vice Mayor Anderson, we've had this conversation. The Manager had sent us kind of a direction some time ago to look at hardening temporarily until the building is actually remodeled and strengthened. It is a very difficult building, obviously. A lot of the public actually does not come in here as much as it does 427, so there are some things that we do need to address. As you know, and we discussed with the Manager, we have a security guard that we're kind of splitting the baby with the bath water, so they are responsible for here, as well as 427, but some of the latest incidents that have taken place at 427 going back and forth, that's a problem for me, as the Chief of Police and that's not against the security company. I think they're doing a very good job and we kind of manage, just so everybody knows, all of that contract comes through the Police Department, so whether it be a park or it be at 72nd Avenue and here as well, we kind of oversee it. So, there is a fiscal impact. I do believe there should be one at both, and I didn't say it to you directly, but I've said it to other people, one thing metal detectors don't do is keeping visceral people outside of what we do here on a regular basis. So, what it would be and the way I envision it is, I cannot put an officer to watch that. It would be a security person that we have in place, training them to make sure they understand what I would believe would be a walk-through metal detector. Along with this, the

second part of it is, a panic button, a hard panic button for that individual that would go directly to the Police Department, and the Safer Watch App that is used in schools. This is a \$30,000 in total monitor that we can turn on. I spoke with the City Clerk. He has the funds to start this immediately and then we would put this in as a new need request. What this would do is give us the ability to, if somebody either in your offices or not would be able to push the button, it would immediately start to stream to our Communications Center, and we would see it and have an idea where you're at and what office you're in. Surprisingly, anybody could walk into any of your offices at any time, so we are working on the 1926 locking mechanisms of the door. The Manager and I had a conversation last week. And again, I want to stress this, and I know you all see it on a regular basis when you open your doors and you want to talk to residents, I know how visceral they can get, I know how degrading or disparaging they can get to you all. Sometimes we know they're coming, sometimes you don't know, and that was something that we would kind of put in this button where somebody could tell us that somebody is escalated, but not. So, if people are seeing Martians or whatever and you think they are about to go off, that's something we would know, but if you push this button then we're going to show up. We would still have to work on the protocols as people walk in that door. Part of the physical problem is, anybody that has a meeting with somebody down in the conference room, you would be on the other side of where we would put the metal detector. And then, if somebody does come in with a weapon, again, in public buildings that's an issue. There are some legal prohibitions, if you will, for people carrying a concealed firearm now since the new state statute. We really can't ask for people's names. I know it has come up recently where somebody is walking around muttering to themselves, we cannot in a physical building ask somebody's name and identification, unless they are going in a secure area of the Police Department. In other words, what we did when you all know when we transitioned these meetings to the CMR, there are doors that go directly to the exterior and we have to do that, because we've been told by the City Attorney's office that we cannot ask people to provide their name, address whenever they are coming in, because this is a building that's open for business. The only other option would be to put it at the top of the stairs and that would be a fire issue. So, I can't really think of any place to put it other than that little area outside just past the conference room where the security guard is. We have and I know, I've gotten some e-mails too, that we will be talking to you all about some active shooter training. We haven't done them here before and I understand it feels a little lonely now, because we don't have as many people coming in, and because you all sit here that kind of would be targets for your staff. So, I believe until we can harden the building and with the Manager's work a few years ago, when the City Clerk was,

thank God, not sitting in the right position in his desk, we have hardened up a lot of those places, so we have safe rooms in that area, but to get to the second floor, I believe between the screening system of anybody coming in with a weapon and allowing us and putting in a hard button there that we would know that the security guard has somebody (a) has tried to enter the building or enter the building. I don't want them to stop it, but also if your staff has this ability to on their phones only while they are here, because its geo-fenced for this building, they can call us when somebody is what happens every day in government, right. They are just going to be visceral and say disgusting things. The good thing about this program is when its happening and if your staff is doing it, they are sending it directly to us. So, we have that as evidence if there are terroristic threats. People just disliking us because of our jobs does not necessarily a crime, right, and all that would become part of the police package. So, I think it helps in two ways, Commissioner, to answer your question. One, we keep the true threats of violence out and we have a very quick way of documenting any other kind of implied threats or people just saying utterly stupid things about other people that could be perceived as a threat, then we can assess it and give it to you all. That's what I like about the Safer Watch Tip. This is the group that has all the schools in Dade County. We also use them for other areas throughout the city. This would be specific, this licensing here, it goes directly to the 911 Center, as soon as those phones are turned on, we have the video and then there is no discussion about what was said; and if somebody is approaching you all, it gives us a tactical advantage of how we would approach the building.

Commissioner Menendez: With regards to panic buttons and things like that. We have amazing staff, and we truly care about them, because they take care of us like we're family. So, I'm very grateful to them, we all are, but based on recent interactions and just from experience would our individual offices have access to notifying because when they walk through those double doors the first line is our assistants. They are the ones who greet, meet and interact with whoever is coming in through that door.

Chief Hudak: So, everybody has a panic button in different parts in their offices. That was put in, I'm going to date myself, probably in the early 80's and then it would ring over to us. The way this works is its on everybody's phone and everybody in the building should have it on. And if you're meeting with somebody, open up the app, push what it is, we're going to know who it is, they are going to be registered, we're going to know where in the building they're at, and we can turn their cameras on. So, if one of your staffs or if its somebody in Billy's office, excuse me, in the Clerk's office, this is the kind of thing instead of putting it on "Only in Dade" somebody is starting to go off and saying some of the things that they say to us every day because they disagree with one of our decisions, this is a way where you can just send it to us

directly. For \$9.99 we'll send you for your request.

Commissioner Menendez: And this is truly a national situation.

Chief Hudak: It is. It is. But until we do the building and talking with the Manager, listen, my first recommendation would be for all of you to get rid of your doors with glass and we need to put hardened doors in, but now and talking with the Manager last week, all the locks don't work, so we have to fix the locks. That's the problem for your employees, the people that are dealing with it. All of our employees get the brunt of it before it gets to us. So, my main concern is them, but like I said, we'll keep the weapons out with this, but as far as the crappy behavior that's just something we're going to have to, I think if we document it, we have a better job of trying to address it, instead of just doing a police report on it and nothing else to do.

Mayor Lago: Thank you Chief.

Commissioner Fernandez: How feasible is it to get it done?

Chief Hudak: I'll have a conversation with the Manager and the Clerk after this and if the money is set aside and then I'll put it in new needs for next year, this will cover us, and I should probably be able to get the training process into staff before your next meeting.

City Manager Iglesias: If I may address Mayor. The panic devices are in. This is something the Chief and I have been talking about the Safer Watch Application for some time, and then when we remodel this building, we're going to have to take a closer look at security when we're doing the interior of this building. We also have the fact it's a historical building, its on the historical register, which makes it that much more, that much difficult.

Commissioner Menendez: Which may explain now that I know we have it, I thought that I pushed for coffee and cops show up.

Chief Hudak: That's the problem.

[Laughter]

Chief Hudak: Well now that you have the Back to the Future movie, push that button you may disappear.

Mayor Lago: Thank you Chief.

Vice Mayor Anderson: Chief, just one question or food for thought. The escalation training, that's something you have ongoing in your department.

Chief Hudak: The de-escalation training for here or the de-escalation training for my officers.

Vice Mayor Anderson: No.

Chief Hudak: For here? I think we can incorporate that. We do have another active shooter response and I think its high time, only just looking at everyone's new staff, they probably haven't been around since we've done that. So, we will put on another,

and part of that component in the class will be part of the de-escalation. I'm going to be perfectly honest with you, Commissioner, some people in today's society, they are so visceral before they get there, you couldn't de-escalate them if you wanted to, but that's what we want to know, that's what we want to see, and I think in light of everything else that's been coming down, this button helps, this app helps you all document. It takes one word for somebody to cross that line and that's all we need, just one word. As you all know, I circle the house because somebody showed up at one of my officer's houses and we're working on changing the laws for that. My job is to protect you all and your employees as well and when somebody crosses that verbal line and if we have that evidence then we can finally go forward and kind of right the ship, so to speak. So yes, the de-escalation component will be put into that training for everybody in the building.

Mayor Lago: Thank you.

Vice Mayor Anderson: That would be great. Thank you.

Mayor Lago: Thank you very much. Two points before we adjourn the meeting. First off, I'd like to commend the Vice Mayor for this beautiful letter that she sent out to residents. I got it in my house. This is actually a copy that I got at home. I think it's very well written and it covers a lot of the accomplishments over the last two years and it really memorializes and really educates a lot of the residents and business owners of the past achievements from our Tallahassee trips where that money funded, Venetian Pool, Fire Station; talks a little bit about the budget season; talks a little bit about the possibility of general elections being moved to November; talks about amendments, the Mediterranean Bonus Code; Central Business District; tax base. It's a really educational piece that is a light read for people who would like to know a little further about the city and I think that this is something that we should do as a city more often. The second thing that I wanted to bring to your attention is, I had the privilege on Friday's open office hours to be visited by two ladies and I forgot their names now, I apologize, it's been a long meeting, and they brought an idea about funding a play on George Merrick at the Coral Gables Museum and it would be something that is called the Place-maker Poet, a ninety-minute theatrical production, and it would be something that, again would be in line with the vision of Coral Gables and George Merrick explaining his life, explaining his story, and it's something that I would like for my colleagues on the Commission to consider potentially sponsoring. The individual's name is Phillip M. Church, the cost of the production is \$5,000. I'm giving a \$2,500 personal check for this endeavor. I think it's a worthy cause and again, the more people that we can expose to George Merrick's life and his incredible vision and what he accomplished here in the city is something that again, is worth moving forward. I'm going to have my team put together a simple memo with a copy



of this letter, but I'm going to be personally sponsoring this. This is in September 22 and 23, and any donation, if its \$100 or its \$50, whatever you can give, I would greatly appreciate it, but I'm going to cover half of the \$5,000 personally and I look forward to your interest and engagement in this process.

Commissioner Castro: I can contribute \$1,000.

Mayor Lago: Perfect. We're almost there. So, anybody else, please feel free. You are more than welcome to get involved and I'll be sending you this memo before the week's end. We have a meeting after this, so I will adjourn this meeting and then I'll re-open the meeting and we'll have another quick brief Commission meeting.

City Clerk Item No. 85

## **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 4:23 p.m. The next Regular Meeting of the City Commission has been scheduled for Tuesday, August 22, 2023, beginning 9 a.m.]

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