

**City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting**  
**Agenda Item F-4**  
**September 13, 2023**  
**City Commission Chambers**  
**405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, FL**

**City Commission**

**Mayor Vince Lago**

**Vice Mayor Rhonda Anderson**

**Commissioner Melissa Castro**

**Commissioner Ariel Fernandez**

**Commissioner Kirk Menendez**

**City Staff**

**City Attorney, Cristina Suárez**

**City Manager, Peter Iglesias**

**City Clerk, Billy Urquia**

**Public Speaker(s)**

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Agenda Item F-4 [3:06 p.m.]

Discussion regarding outdoor patio and alleyway business landscaping.  
(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)

Mayor Lago: Moving onto item F-4, discussion regarding outdoor patio and alleyway business landscaping. Mr. Manager, do we have anybody from our team here?

City Manager Iglesias: Yes Mayor.

Mayor Lago: The main issue here is we've really got to step up enforcement on Giralda. I know we have already, we've got to step up on places like Merrick Park where there are certain medians that have white stones on them. For example, in front of the restaurant...I've been talking about it for a year, that's not allowed as per the code. They've taken over the median, they've removed the trees and they've added cactuses and white stones. If we allow that, if we allow everybody to do that, it's going to be a free-for-all. We've got to really step it up and make sure that those people get addressed.

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City Manager Iglesias: Mayor, we are adding two Code Enforcement officers that will be part of the building site, which means that their funding will come from the Enterprise Fund and this should help free up some of the other Code Enforcement officers to do some of this small work and if they see something they can say something. So, I think Code Enforcement wants to when the budget comes in will be much improved.