

City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting May 25, 2021

ITEM TITLE:

Resolution. A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Coral Gables, Florida, Establishing the Re-opening of City Hall and all City Facilities, the Return of the City to Regular Operations, and the Return of Traditional In-Person Meetings of the City Commission and all City Boards and Committees.

BRIEF HISTORY:

On March 9, 2020, the Governor of the State of Florida issued Executive Order No. 20-52, declaring a state of emergency for the entire State of Florida and said order was issued in response to the Coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic. As a result, on March 12, 2020, the Mayor of the City of Coral Gables declared a state of emergency for the City of Coral Gables, Florida (the "City") as authorized by Section 252.38(3)(a), Florida Statutes, and Section 27-2(c)(6) of the City Code.

Since March 12, 2020, with the exception of some City Commission meetings, City Hall and other City facilities have been closed to the public, although all City operations have continued to function at the highest level. During this time, meetings of the City Commission, boards, and committees have been held in various formats – fully virtual and hybrid - in compliance with State Law, applicable Emergency Orders, and in accordance with Rules of Procedure adopted by the City Commission in Resolutions 2020-74, 2020-90, 2020-179, 2020-217, and 2020-218.

A large percentage of Miami-Dade County residents are vaccinated, vaccinations are now widely available, and the positivity rate in Miami-Dade County continues to trend downward. Consequently, government facilities, County-wide, are re-opening to the public. This resolution establishes the City Commission's wish to re-open City Hall and all City facilities on June 14, 2021, return the City to regular operations, and resume traditional in-person meetings of the City Commission and all City boards and committees. The City Manager will continue to have the authority to establish restrictions for City facilities or City programming, in the City's proprietary capacity.

ATTACHMENT(S): 1. Draft Resolution