

# City of Coral Gables

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## Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 28, 2025

9:00 AM

2151 Salzedo Street, Coral Gables, FL 33134

Police and Fire Headquarters, Community Meeting Room

### City Commission

*Mayor Vince Lago*  
*Vice Mayor Rhonda Anderson*  
*Commissioner Melissa Castro*  
*Commissioner Ariel Fernandez*  
*Commissioner Kirk R. Menendez*

*Alberto N. Parjus., City Manager*  
*Cristina M. Suárez, City Attorney*  
*Billy Y. Urquia, City Clerk*

The City of Coral Gables will be holding its Regular Meeting on January 28, 2025 commencing at 9:00 a.m. Members of the public may participate in person, but are also able to participate via the Zoom platform. Members of the public may join the meeting via Zoom at (<https://zoom.us/j/3054466800>). In addition, a dedicated phone line will be available so that any individual who does not wish (or is unable) to use Zoom may listen to and participate in the meeting by dialing: (305) 461-6769 Meeting ID: 3054466800. To speak prior to the City Commission taking action on an Agenda Item, please "Raise your Hand" or send a message to one of the meeting hosts using the Zoom Platform. If you joined the meeting via telephone, you can "Raise your Hand" by pressing \*9. The public may comment on an item on the agenda using the City's already-established e-comment function which may be found on the City's website at: [www.coralgables.com/commissionmeetings](http://www.coralgables.com/commissionmeetings)) once the meeting's agenda is published or by sending an email to [cityclerk@coralgables.com](mailto:cityclerk@coralgables.com) prior to the start of the meeting. The Meeting will also be broadcasted live for members of the public to view on the City's website [www.coralgables.com/cgtv](http://www.coralgables.com/cgtv)) as well as Channel 77 on Comcast.

## CALL 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. 2025-01 and Ordinance No. 2025-02) (b) Resolution(s) adopted (Resolution No. 2025-15 through Resolution No. 2025-21); (c) Video; (d) Audio Recording; (e) Minutes Folder with Agenda and background information, including items which were submitted at the meeting.

## ROLL CALL

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

## INVOCATION

Rev. Jess Williams from First United Methodist Church of Coral Gables gave the Invocation.

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Mayor Anderson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## A. PRESENTATIONS AND PROTOCOL DOCUMENTS

A.-1. [25-8541](#) Swearing in of City Manager Alberto N. Parjus.

Agenda Item A-1 was introduced by City Clerk Billy Y. Urquia and assisted by City Attorney Cristina M. Suárez. City Clerk Urquia requested that Mr. Alberto N. Parjus place one hand on the bible and raise the other hand while repeating the Oath of Office administered the City Clerk. Newly sworn in City Manager Parjus thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve.

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

City Clerk Item No. 1

- A.-2. [24-8512](#) Presentation of the 2024 Holiday Window Contest Winners.

**Attachments:** [Holiday Window Contests Winners](#)

Agenda Item A-2: Presentation of the 2024 Holiday Window Contest Winners was introduced by Mayor Lago and Belkys Perez, Economic Development Director gave background information about the contest and congratulated the winners of the contests. At the time of the presentation, none of the owners were there to accept their certificate(s). John Martin's Irish Pub and Restaurant won the Community Choice Award and The Rose Tree Cottage won the Most Original and Best Overall Award. A PowerPoint showing of the beautifully decorated businesses was shown at this time, and Costazul won Best Use of Lights. Director Perez then thanked the judges for the part they played in judging all the businesses that participated. The Mayor thanked her for the great job she and her team does with the city buildings and that the Fink Building looks amazing, and it has never looked better and congratulations on all the decoration great work.

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

City Clerk Item No. 2

- A.-3. [25-8547](#) Congratulations to Emergency Dispatch Operator Lawanda "Candace" Isaac, recipient of the City of Coral Gables "Operator of the Quarter," for the second quarter of 2024.

**Attachments:** [Oppt of the 2nd Quarter - L. Isaac\\_Redacted](#)

Mayor Lago introduced Agenda Item A-3: Emergency Dispatch Operator Lawanda "Candace" Isaac, recipient of the City of Coral Gables "Operator of the Quarter," for the second quarter of 2024 and Police Chief Hudak made the presentation to Emergency Dispatch Operator Isaac who on April 7, 2024 received a call from a woman who stated that she was home with her four-year old daughter and felt that she was having an epileptic seizure. The caller stated that she had doubled her medication to avoid an epileptic seizure, and the child's father was not at home, and she was scared for the safety of the child. While calming the caller, Dispatch Operator Isaac assured her and the child that the fire rescue was on the way, and after a few minutes they could both hear the sirens. It is because of her skillfulness in de-escalating the situation and contacting fire rescue that she is the recipient of the award. Emergency Dispatcher Isaac stated that she appreciates the recognition and that she and her co-workers work hard every day to ensure they have the best outcome with every call and thanked everyone who assisted her that day.

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

City Clerk Item No. 3

- A.-4. [25-8548](#) Congratulations to Emergency Dispatch Operator Monica Dinescu, recipient of the City of Coral Gables “Operator of the Quarter,” for the third quarter of 2024.

**Attachments:** [Operator of the 3rd Qtr - M. Dinescu](#)

**This Presentation/Protocol Document was Deferred**

City Clerk Item No. 8

- A.-5. [25-8556](#) Congratulations to Detective David Grigg, recipient of the City of Coral Gables “Detective of the Quarter,” for the fourth quarter of 2024.

**Attachments:** [Detective of the 4th Qtr - D. Grigg](#)

Police Chief Hudak made the introduction and presentation for Agenda Item A-6: Congratulations to Detective David Grigg, recipient of the City of Coral Gables “Detective of the Quarter,” for the fourth quarter of 2024. Police Chief Hudak stated that Detective Grigg the recipient of the “Detective of the Quarter,” for the fourth quarter of 2024. works in the Economic Crimes Unit and has had an exceptional performance in going above and beyond in the fourth quarter working on a sophisticated credit cards scamming scheme which had spread throughout the country by an individual who had been successfully identified and extradited from Denver, Colorado and booked into Miami-Dade County jail. This individual entered the country illegally from Romania and had defrauded several individuals from Colorado and numerous states using credit card scheming devices which lead to his conviction in 2016 for bank fraud, a federal prison sentence and deportation by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) back to Romania. In February 2023 he returned illegally to the United States and continued to defraud the citizens of Florida. Detective Grigg using facial recognition and other identifying techniques was able to identify the individual as the perpetrator and then proceeded to obtain an arrest warrant. He sent out a BOLO to fellow law enforcement agencies and this individual was finally arrested in Colorado. His arrest cleared numerous credit card theft cases and Detective Grigg went to Colorado to testify in the trials against the individual and it was all because of his meticulous investigation and compelling testimony. The Chief Judge found that the individual violated his supervised release and sentenced him to an additional nine months in federal prison. Detective Grigg expressed his gratitude to the Mayor and City Commission, the Selection Committee, Police Chief Hudak, Major Atherley, Lieutenant Lanz, Sergeant Garcia for their exceptional leadership and appreciation to his fellow detectives in the Criminal Investigation Division and especially his partners in the Economic Crimes Unit. He went on to express gratitude and appreciation to all the law enforcement agencies who assisted with the capture of the individual. He then thanked his wife and family for their unwavering support and who serves as the bedrock of his life and thanked everyone. Vice Mayor Anderson commended Chief Hudak and spoke of her experience with his Criminal Investigative Division for their dedication in helping to stop an individual who had stolen her \$8,000 insurance check payment, and if they

catch the perpetrators early on, who are repeated offenders, it saves many other people the hardship they go through and thanked them on behalf of the residents.

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

City Clerk Item No. 4

**A.-6. [25-8557](#)**

Congratulations to Officer Peter Hernandez, recipient of the City of Coral Gables “Officer of the Month,” for the month of November 2024.

**Attachments:** [Officer of the Month - P. Hernandez Redacted](#)

Chief Hudak made the introduction and presentation for Agenda Item A-6: Congratulations to Officer Peter Hernandez, recipient of the City of Coral Gables “Officer of the Month,” for the month of November 2024 who is part of the Crime Suppression Team which started last year. He is honored for his capture of an offender who fits the description of a previous burglary suspect that they were looking for in the north end of the city. In pursuit of the individual, he proceeded with his surveillance in his unmarked vehicle and was later joined by fellow officers. The victim was eventually taken into custody, not before attempting to get away from the officers, and without incident. In the individual’s bag they found cocaine, eight pills, clear bags of methamphetamine, a 40-caliber magazine loaded with 40 bullets, and a loaded black Taurus gun. This is what is on the streets every day and these fine men and women deal with to stop it before the residents’ become victims, and Officer Hernandez along with his team has continually shown this dedication along with other officers and detectives. Officer Hernandez, in accepting his award, thanked the Mayor and City Commission for taking time to recognize members of the City’s Police Department. He is grateful for the nomination and being selected for the Officer of the Month award by the Awards Committee and all the credit goes to the men and women of the Crimes Suppression Team as a whole and for the hard work and dedication of each member resulting in outcomes such as this. He then listed the members, detectives of the Special Investigative Section and the Crime Scene Unit, Miami-Dade County Sherrif Robbery Intervention Detail and the City of Miami Technical Unit, and that the training techniques and intelligence sharing practices learned from neighboring agencies have made a direct impact on the development and effectiveness of their unit. He also thanked Chief Hudak, Asst. Police Chief Hanlon and Major Hoff for their continued support of the Crime Suppression Team and by providing the necessary tools and resources to be successful.

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

City Clerk Item No. 5

- A.-7. [24-8494](#) Congratulations to Matthew Gonzalez, Community Recreation Department recipient of "Part-Time Employee of the Fourth Quarter Award", for, 2024.

**Attachments:** [PTEmployeeNomination - Matthew Gonzalez](#)

Mayor Lago introduced Agenda Item A-7: Congratulations to Matthew Gonzalez, Community Recreation Department recipient of "Part-Time Employee of the Fourth Quarter Award", for, 2024 and Jose Rodriguez - Assistant Director -Human Resources and Risk Management made the presentation. Assistant Director Rodriguez stated that he nominated Matthew because of the excellent service given to him when he celebrated his son's birthday at Salvatore Park and both he and his guests had a wonderful experience. Mr. Gonzalez, upon receiving his award, spoke of his gratitude for being selected and thanked Director Couceyro, Deputy Director Vester and others because he could not have gotten where he is without them. He thanked God that he didn't have to save more than one person at the Venetian Pool. He thanked the firefighters at Station 2 for showing him the job opportunities in becoming a lifeguard at the Venetian Pool, his family for supporting him every step of the way and the lifeguards for making every shift a good shift. The award means a lot to him because of his aspirations to one day become a doctor. Being a City of Coral Gables lifeguard and fire cadet places him in a position to fulfill his life's mission to impact people's lives and hope to see them at the Venetian Pool once it reopens.

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

City Clerk Item No. 6

- A.-8. [24-8493](#) Congratulations to Alexander Bustelo, Public Works Department recipient of "Employee of the Month Award", for December, 2024.

**Attachments:** [EOM-Alex Bustelo](#)

Jose Rodriguez, Assistant Director-Human Resources and Risk Management introduced Agenda Item A-8: Congratulations to Alexander Bustelo, Public Works Department recipient of "Employee of the Month Award", for December 2024. Mr. Bustelo was greeted with applause from his co-workers. Deena Bell-Llewellyn-Assistant Director of Public Works / Greenspace Management Division stated that everyone knows Alex in Public Works. He has been with the city's Public Works Department for eight and a half years and is instrumental in keeping it functional, clean and green - he keeps it going. He is the team leader for almost all the divisions in Public Works, always there to pitch in and get it done. He's the get it done guy. He worked in Sewers, Solid Waste and for two years she is proud to have him in Greenspace. In Greenspace he is a foreman for all the historic landmarks. He has a very important job in landscaping, and she listed the landmarks he oversees. She thanked his family and team for coming out and supporting him. Mr. Bustelo thanked God because he wouldn't be there without him, his family, team and the Mayor and City Commission. He thanked everyone for the opportunity which means the world to him, the city has been nothing but great to him. The Employee of the Month is not

only for him because he couldn't do it without his team, because he leads them, and they make him look good. Raising the award plaque, he said that it is for everybody, his team/division. He thanked Stanley Oliver, Landscape Coordinator, for everything and for always supporting him and Deena who is always behind him, giving him ideas and keeping him going. Thank you and raising the award plaque and looking toward his team he said that it is for all of them [applause]. Mayor Lago commended him on leading by example and of Daisy, the female security guard who brought to his attention how beautiful the flowers and the landscaping in the 427 Biltmore Way/Development Services building is turning out and spoke of he and Alex close relationship concerning matters of the city and Alex's sense of pride and commended him and his amazing team. Continuing, the Mayor said that Alex defines what the "City Beautiful" stands for and congratulated him. Mr. Bustelo stated at that point that he could not do what he does without the support of his wife and thanked her, saying she is the head of the family, and he won't be there without her and that he loves her and sent her a kiss.[applause] Commissioner Fernandez stated that what impresses him most about Alex is that he always has a smile on his face regardless of the time of day and he is happy to be here doing his job. He spoke of a slogan used by Bustelo for many years which reminds him of Alex which he said in Spanish, and that his team is phenomenal, and he grateful for all the work that they put in the "City Beautiful" and thanked them for all they do.

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

City Clerk Item No. 7

**Time Certain 10:00am (Agenda Item A-9)**

- A.-9. [24-8395](#) Presentation by the Coral Gables Museum.

**This Agenda Item was Deferred**

City Clerk Item No. 9

**B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**None**

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

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-15**

**D.-1. 25-8542**

A Resolution of the City Commission accepting the recommendation to waive the competitive process and authorize the award of a contract to Robert Rionda Interiors as a "Special Procurement/Bid Waiver," pursuant to Section 2-691 of the Procurement Code in an amount not to exceed \$115,000.

Lobbyist: N/A

**Attachments:** [2025-01-06 Interior Design Services Fink Studio PSA draft](#)  
[1.28.25 CVR Interior Design Services for Fink Studio](#)  
[1.28.25 RESO Interior Design Services for Fink Studio](#)  
[R-2025-15 Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION TO WAIVE THE COMPETITIVE PROCESS AND AUTHORIZE THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO ROBERT RIONDA INTERIORS AS A "SPECIAL PROCUREMENT/BID WAIVER," PURSUANT TO SECTION 2-691 OF THE PROCUREMENT CODE IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$115,000.

City Clerk Item No. 12

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

**1.-1. 25-8560**

Economic Development Board Meeting of December 4, 2024.

**Attachments:** [12-4-24 EDB Meeting Minutes DRAFT](#)

**This Matter was approved BY VOICE VOTE**

City Clerk Item No. 13

- 1.-2. [24-8528](#) International Affairs Coordinating Council Meeting of December 16, 2024.

**Attachments:** [IACC Minutes 12-16-2024 \(003\)bp](#)

**This Matter was approved BY VOICE VOTE**

City Clerk Item No. 14

- 1.-3. [25-8530](#) Retirement Board Meeting of November 14, 2024.

**Attachments:** [Minutes 11-14-2024](#)  
[CC.11-14-2024 January 28, 2025](#)

**This Matter was approved BY VOICE VOTE**

City Clerk Item No. 15

- 1.-4. [25-8534](#) Sustainability Advisory Board Meeting of October 23, 2024.

**Attachments:** [Published SAB 10-23-24 Meeting Agenda - File ID - 4340](#)

**This Matter was approved BY VOICE VOTE**

City Clerk Item No. 16

- 1.-5. [25-8561](#) Sustainability Advisory Board Meeting of December 11, 2024.

**Attachments:** [SAB December 11 Minutes](#)

**This Matter was approved BY VOICE VOTE**

City Clerk Item No. 17

- 1.-6. [25-8533](#) Waterway Advisory Board Meeting of January 8, 2025.

**Attachments:** [Minutes 1-8-25](#)  
[WAB Cover Memo Template - 1-08-2025](#)

**This Matter was approved BY VOICE VOTE**

City Clerk Item No. 18

**E. PUBLIC HEARINGS****ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING****ORDINANCE NO. 2025-01****E.-1. 24-7517**

An Ordinance of the City Commission providing for text amendments to the City of Coral Gables Official Zoning Code, Article 5, "Architecture," Section 5-200, "Mediterranean Standards;" Article 3, "Uses," Section 3-402, "Restrictions related to location;" and Article 16, "Definitions;" to enhance the quality of Coral Gables Mediterranean design by requiring a conceptual design review; removing duplicative criteria; relocating inapplicable standards; supplementing existing criteria; and including additional Mediterranean building examples; providing for severability, repealer, codification, and for an effective date. (09 26 24 PZB continued, Vote 5-0; 09 11 24 PZB deferred, Vote 7-0; 08 14 24 PZB continued, Vote 6-0; 07 10 24 PZB deferred, Vote 5-0; 06 12 24 PZB deferred, Vote 6-1) (10 29 24 PZB approved the proposed legislation, as amended, Vote: 6-1)  
(Sponsored by Vice Mayor Anderson)

**Attachments:** [10 29 24 - Med Design Staff Memo w attachment](#)  
[11 12 24 Exhibit A - Draft Ordinance](#)  
[11 12 24 Exhibit B - Excerpt of 05 08 24 PZB Meeting Minutes](#)  
[11 12 24 Exhibit C - 06 12 24 - Staff Report - Med Design w attachments](#)  
[11 12 24 Exhibit D - Excerpt of 06 12 24 PZB Meeting Minutes](#)  
[11 12 24 Exhibit E - 07 10 24 - Med Design Staff Memo w attachment](#)  
[11 12 24 Exhibit F - 07 10 24 PZB Meeting Minutes](#)  
[11 12 24 Exhibit G - Excerpt of 08 14 24 PZB Meeting Minutes](#)  
[11 12 24 Exhibit H - 09 11 24 - Med Design Staff Memo w attachment](#)  
[11 12 24 Exhibit I - Excerpt of 09 11 24 PZB Meeting Minutes](#)  
[11 12 24 Exhibit J - 09 26 24 - Med Design Staff Memo w attachment](#)  
[11 12 24 Exhibit K - 09 26 24 PZB Special Meeting Minutes](#)  
[11 12 24 Exhibit L - 10 29 24 - Med Design Staff Memo w attachment](#)  
[11 12 24 Exhibit M - PowerPoint Presentation](#)  
[11 12 24 CC Cover Memo-Mediterranean Design](#)  
[12 10 24 Exhibit A - Draft Ordinance - Med Design](#)  
[12 10 24 Exhibit B - Excerpt of 05 08 24 PZB Meeting Minutes](#)  
[12 10 24 Exhibit C - 06 12 24 - Staff Report - Med Design w attachments](#)  
[12 10 24 Exhibit D - Excerpt of 06 12 24 PZB Meeting Minutes](#)  
[12 10 24 Exhibit E - 07 10 24 - Med Design Staff Memo w attachment](#)  
[12 10 24 Exhibit F - 07 10 24 PZB Meeting Minutes](#)  
[12 10 24 Exhibit G - Excerpt of 08 14 24 PZB Meeting Minutes](#)  
[12 10 24 Exhibit H - 09 11 24 - Med Design Staff Memo w attachment](#)  
[12 10 24 Exhibit I - Excerpt of 09 11 24 PZB Meeting Minutes](#)  
[12 10 24 Exhibit J - 09 26 24 - Med Design Staff Memo w attachment](#)  
[12 10 24 Exhibit K - 09 26 24 PZB Special Meeting Minutes](#)  
[12 10 24 Exhibit L - 10 29 24 - Med Design Staff Memo w attachment](#)  
[12 10 24 Exhibit M - 10 29 24 PZB Special Meeting Minutes](#)  
[12 10 24 Exhibit N - PowerPoint Presentation](#)  
[12 10 24 CC Cover Memo - Mediterranean Design](#)  
[01 28 25 Exhibit A - Draft Ordinance - Med Design](#)  
[01 28 25 CC Cover Memo - Mediterranean Design\\_2nd Reading](#)  
[O-2025-01 Signed](#)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION\ PROVIDING FOR TEXT AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES OFFICIAL ZONING CODE,

ARTICLE 5, "ARCHITECTURE," SECTION 5-200, "MEDITERRANEAN STANDARDS;" ARTICLE 3, "USES," SECTION 3-402, "RESTRICTIONS RELATED TO LOCATION;" AND ARTICLE 16, "DEFINITIONS;" TO ENHANCE THE QUALITY OF CORAL GABLES MEDITERRANEAN DESIGN BY REQUIRING A CONCEPTUAL DESIGN REVIEW; REMOVING REPETITIVE CRITERIA; RELOCATING INAPPROPRIATE STANDARDS; INCORPORATING AND IMPROVING CERTAIN CRITERIA; AND INCLUDING ADDITIONAL MEDITERRANEAN BUILDING EXAMPLES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, REPEALER, CODIFICATION, AND FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

[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 Vice Mayor Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Fernandez, that this matter be adopted by Ordinance Number 2025-01. The motion passed by the following vote.**

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

City Clerk Item No. 19

**Time Certain 12:00pm (Agenda Item E-2)**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2025-02**

**E.-2. 24-8339**

An Ordinance of the City Commission approving the vacation of a public right-of-way pursuant to Zoning Code Article 14, "Process," Section 14-211, "Abandonment and Vacations" and City Code Chapter 62, Article 8 "Vacation, abandonment and closure of streets, easements and alleys by private owners and the city; application process," providing for the vacation of the remaining portion of Kenmare Street lying east of Harlano Street, Coral Gables, Florida; providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, and providing for an effective date. (Legal description on file). (12 14 24 PZB recommended approval, Vote 7-0)

Lobbyist: Tucker Gibbs

Lobbyist: Wayne Pathman

**Attachments:** [12 17 24 - Kenmare St - PZB Staff Report w Attachments B - C](#)  
[12 17 24 Attachment A Applicant's submittal package](#)  
[01 14 25 Exhibit A - Applicant's submittal package](#)  
[01 14 25 Exhibit B - Draft Ordinance - Vacation](#)  
[01 14 25 Exhibit C - 12 17 24 PZB Staff Report w Attachments](#)  
[01 14 25 Exhibit D - Excerpt of 12 17 24 PZB Meeting Minutes](#)  
[01 14 25 CC Cover Memo - Kenmare Vacation](#)  
[01 14 25 E-3 Kenmare Street Commission Meeting Meeting](#)  
[01 28 25 CC- Kenmare Vacation 2nd Reading](#)  
[01 28 25 Exhibit A - Draft Ordinance - Vacation](#)  
[01 28 25 Kenmare Street PZAB - Draft](#)  
[O-2025-02 Signed](#)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION APPROVING THE VACATION OF A PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY PURSUANT TO ZONING CODE ARTICLE 14, "PROCESS," SECTION 14-211, "ABANDONMENT AND VACATIONS" AND CITY CODE CHAPTER 62, ARTICLE 8 "VACATION, ABANDONMENT AND

CLOSURE OF STREETS, EASEMENTS AND ALLEYS BY PRIVATE OWNERS AND THE CITY; APPLICATION PROCESS," PROVIDING FOR THE VACATION OF THE REMAINING PORTION OF KENMARE STREET LYING EAST OF HARLANO STREET, CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER PROVISION, SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (LEGAL DESCRIPTION ON FILE)

[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 Castro, seconded by Vice Mayor Anderson, that this matter be adopted by Ordinance Number 2025-02. The motion passed by the following vote.**

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

City Clerk Item No. 30

### ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

**E.-3. [24-8485](#)**

An Ordinance of the City Commission requesting amendments to the text and maps of the City of Coral Gables Comprehensive Plan, pursuant to expedited state review procedures (S.163.3184, Florida Statutes) and Zoning Code Article 14, "Process," Section 14-213, "Comprehensive Plan Text and Map Amendments;" to update as a result of the City's Evaluation and Appraisal Report, the minimum planning periods and sewer requirements, as well as amendments to certain goals, objectives and policies of the Comprehensive Plan; providing for a repealer provision, providing for a severability clause, and providing for an effective date. (01 15 25 PZB recommended approval, Vote 7-0)

**Attachments:** [01 15 25 PZB Staff Report - Comp Plan EAR based amendments w Attachments](#) | [01 15 25 Attachment A - Data Inventory Analysis DIA Support Document and Prop](#) | [01 28 25 Exhibit C - 01 15 25 PZB Staff Report - Comp Plan EAR based amendm](#) | [01 28 25 CC- Comp Plan EAR based amendments](#) | [01 28 25 Exhibit A - Draft Ordinance](#) | [01 28 25 Exhibit B - Data Inventory Analysis DIA Support Document and Propose](#) | [01 28 25 Exhibit E - PowerPoint Presentation](#) | [01 28 25 Exhibit D - Excerpt of 01 15 25 PZB Meeting Minutes](#)

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

**A motion was made by Vice Mayor Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Castro, that this matter be approved as an Ordinance on First Reading. The motion passed by the following vote.**

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

City Clerk Item No. 20

**Agenda Items E-4 and E-5 are related**

- E.-4.**     [24-8486](#)     An Ordinance of the City Commission providing for text amendments to the City of Coral Gables Official Zoning Code by amending Article 14, "Process," Section 14-212, "Zoning Code Text and Map Amendments," and Section 14-213, "Comprehensive Plan Text and Map Amendments," to create a conceptual review by the Planning & Zoning Board for applications proposing land use or zoning changes prior to the preliminary Board of Architects approval; and providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, codification, and providing for an effective date. (01 15 25 PZB recommended approval, Vote 5-2)  
(Sponsored by Vice Mayor Anderson)

**Attachments:**   [01 15 25 PZB Staff Report - Zoning Conceptual w attachments](#)  
                          [01 28 25 CC- Conceptual Zoning Review](#)  
                          [01 28 25 Exhibit A - Draft Ordinance](#)  
                          [01 28 25 Exhibit B - Resolution - Conceptual Review Fee](#)  
                          [01 28 25 Exhibit C - Fee Schedule Conceptual Review](#)  
                          [01 28 25 Exhibit D - 01 15 25 PZB Staff Report - Zoning Conceptual w attachment](#)

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

**A motion was made by Vice Mayor Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Fernandez, that this matter be approved as an Ordinance on First Reading. The motion passed by the following vote.**

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

City Clerk Item No. 21

**RESOLUTIONS****Agenda Items E-4 and E-5 are related**

- E.-5.**     [25-8551](#)     A Resolution of the City Commission amending Ordinance No. 2015-17, as amended, to create a Planning and Zoning Board zoning conceptual review fee; providing for severability clause, and providing for an effective date.  
(Sponsored by Vice Mayor Anderson)

(This Resolution is not for consideration at this time and will be included with the above related ordinance on Second Reading if approved on First Reading.)

**Attachments:**   [01 28 25 CC- Conceptual Zoning Review](#)  
                          [01 28 25 Exhibit A - Draft Ordinance](#)  
                          [01 28 25 Exhibit B - Resolution - Conceptual Review Fee](#)  
                          [01 28 25 Exhibit C - Fee Schedule Conceptual Review](#)  
                          [01 28 25 Exhibit D - 01 15 25 PZB Staff Report - Zoning Conceptual w attachment](#)

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

**This Resolution was Presented and Filed**

**F. CITY COMMISSION ITEMS****RESOLUTION NO. 2025-16**

- F.-1. [25-8536](#) A Resolution of the City Commission approving a salary and benefits package for City Manager Alberto N. Parjus.

**Attachments:** [Draft - Resolution approving salary and benefits for CM A Parjus](#)  
[Updated - Draft Resolution approving salary and benefits package for City Manager Alberto N. Parjus](#)  
[R-2025-16 Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION APPROVING A SALARY AND BENEFITS PACKAGE FOR CITY MANAGER ALBERTO N. PARJUS.

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

**A motion was made by Commissioner Castro, seconded by Commissioner Fernandez, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2025-16. The motion passed by the following vote.**

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

**Nays :** 2 - Vice Mayor Anderson and Mayor Lago

City Clerk Item No. 22

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-17**

- F.-2. [25-8537](#) A Resolution of the City Commission directing staff to provide notice to the Waterway Advisory Board when the City receives applications for certain variance or conditional requests.  
(Sponsored by Commissioner Castro)  
(Co-Sponsored by Vice Mayor Anderson)

**Attachments:** [Cover Memo- Waterway Advisory board notice resolution](#)  
[Waterway advisory board notice resolution - 1-22-24](#)  
[R-2025-17 Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION DIRECTING CITY STAFF TO PROVIDE NOTICE TO THE WATERWAY ADVISORY BOARD WHEN THE CITY RECEIVES APPLICATIONS FOR CERTAIN VARIANCE OR CONDITIONAL USE REQUESTS.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Castro, seconded by Vice Mayor Anderson, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2025-17. The motion passed by the following vote.**

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

City Clerk Item No. 23

- F.-3. [24-8392](#) Discussion regarding metal roof and solar panels.  
(Sponsored by Commissioner Fernandez)

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

**This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed**

City Clerk Item No. 24

- F.-4. [24-8509](#) Discussion regarding temporary speed tables.  
(Sponsored by Vice Mayor Anderson)

**Attachments:** [R-2025-18-Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF FIFTEEN (15) ADDITIONAL TEMPORARY SPEED TABLES.

[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].

**This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed**

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

City Clerk Item No. 25

- F.-5. [25-8564](#) Discussion regarding improved signage for City of Coral Gables traffic circles and roundabouts.  
(Sponsored by Commissioner Menendez)

City Clerk Item No. 27

**G. BOARDS/COMMITTEES ITEMS****Time Certain 11:00am (Agenda Item G-1)****RESOLUTION NO. 2025-19****G.-1. [24-8407](#)**

A Resolution of the City Commission approving funding support to Dade Heritage Trust toward the creation of a public sculpture honoring the life and legacy of Arva Parks McCabe to be installed at the entrance hall of the Main Miami-Dade County Public Library; authorizing an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Annual Budget to recognize the transfer of funds from the Art in Public Places reserve as revenue and appropriate such funds as determined by the Commission, (unanimously recommended by the Cultural Development Board approval/denial vote: 6 to 0).

**Attachments:** [Arva Parks McCabe DHT Initiative](#)  
[Arva Parks McCabe](#)  
[Freda Coffing Tschumy](#)  
[Commission Cover 01.28.2025 AiPP Arva Parks McCabe sculpture support Dade](#)  
[R-Draft-AiPP Arva Parks McCabe Sculpture](#)  
[R-2025-19 Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION APPROVING FUNDING SUPPORT TO DADE HERITAGE TRUST TOWARD THE CREATION OF A PUBLIC SCULPTURE HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF ARVA PARKS MCCABE TO BE INSTALLED AT THE ENTRANCE HALL OF THE MAIN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY; AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 ANNUAL BUDGET TO RECOGNIZE THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM THE ART IN PUBLIC PLACES RESERVE AS REVENUE AND APPROPRIATE SUCH FUNDS AS DETERMINED BY THE COMMISSION, (UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDED BY THE CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD APPROVAL/DENIAL VOTE: 6 TO 0).

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

**A motion was made by Vice Mayor Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Castro, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2025-19. The motion passed by the following vote.**

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

City Clerk Item No. 26

**Time Certain 11:30am (Agenda Item G-2)****RESOLUTION NO. 2025-20**

- G.-2.** [24-7071](#) A Resolution of the City Commission approving the long-term loan of five Jean Ward sculptures to The Underline for installation within The Underline, Coral Gables Section, (unanimously recommended by the Arts Advisory Panel, approval/denial vote: 7 to 0, and the Cultural Development Board approval/denial vote: 7 to 0); authorizing the City Manager or his or her designee and City Attorney to negotiate an agreement with The Underline and any other required entity.

**Attachments:** [Exhibit A](#)  
[Commission Cover 01.28.2025 AiPP Jean Ward The Underline](#)  
[R-Draft-AiPP Jean Ward The Underline](#)  
[R-2025-20 Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION APPROVING THE LONG-TERM LOAN OF FIVE JEAN WARD SCULPTURES TO THE UNDERLINE FOR INSTALLATION WITHIN THE UNDERLINE, CORAL GABLES SECTION, (UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDED BY THE ARTS ADVISORY PANEL, APPROVAL/DENIAL VOTE: 7 TO 0, AND THE CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD APPROVAL/DENIAL VOTE: 7 TO 0); AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE AND CITY ATTORNEY TO NEGOTIATE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE UNDERLINE AND ANY OTHER REQUIRED ENTITY.

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

**A motion was made by Vice Mayor Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Castro, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2025-20. The motion passed by the following vote.**

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

City Clerk Item No. 28

**H. CITY MANAGER ITEMS**

- H.-1.** [25-8562](#) Legislative Update on Preemptive Bills and other of interest.

**Attachments:** [Legislative Update on Bills of Interest](#)

**This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed**

City Clerk Item No. 29

H.-2. [25-8549](#) Update on City Hall.

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

**This Agenda Item was Discussed and Filed**

City Clerk Item No. 31

**I. CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS**

None

City Clerk Item No. 33

**J. CITY CLERK ITEMS**

None

City Clerk Item No. 34

**K. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-21**

**Non-Agenda Item 25-8569**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION ESTABLISHING THAT ON JANUARY 28TH OF EVERY YEAR, THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES SHALL PLACE A WREATH ON THE BUST OF JOSÉ MARTÍ AT FREEDOM PLAZA, LOCATED AT THE INTERSECTION OF SANTILLANE AVENUE, EAST PONCE DE LEON BOULEVARD, AND GALIANO STREET, TO COMMEMORATE JOSÉ MARTÍ, HONOR HIS LEGACY, AND REAFFIRM OUR COMMITMENT TO THE PRINCIPLES OF LIBERTY, JUSTICE, AND EQUALITY.

Sponsored by Mayor Lago

**Attachments:** [R-2025-21 Signed](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION ESTABLISHING THAT ON JANUARY 28TH OF EVERY YEAR, THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES SHALL PLACE A WREATH ON THE BUST OF JOSÉ MARTÍ AT FREEDOM PLAZA, LOCATED AT THE INTERSECTION OF SANTILLANE AVENUE, EAST PONCE DE LEON BOULEVARD, AND GALIANO STREET, TO COMMEMORATE JOSÉ MARTÍ, HONOR HIS LEGACY, AND REAFFIRM OUR COMMITMENT TO THE PRINCIPLES OF LIBERTY, JUSTICE, AND EQUALITY.

**A motion was made by Mayor Lago, seconded by Vice Mayor Anderson, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2025-21. The motion passed by the following vote.**

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

City Clerk Item No. 32

**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 12:42 p.m. The next Regular Meeting of the City Commission has been scheduled for Tuesday, February 11, 2025, beginning 9 a.m.]

**Billy Y. Urquia**  
**City Clerk**