## CITY OF CORAL GABLES

## - MEMORANDUM -

**TO:** City Commission

**DATE:** September 6, 2022

FROM:

Peter Iglesias.

**SUBJECT:** Creation of Coral Gables Golf and Country Club

Advisory Board

On August 24, 2022, pursuant to its authority in Section 2-57 of the City Code, the City Commission considered an ordinance on first reading establishing the Coral Gables Golf and Country Club Advisory Board ("Board").

The City Code requires that between first and second reading of an ordinance creating a new board, the City Manager submit to the City Commission a report setting forth specific information concerning the proposed new board. This memorandum addresses the points outlined in Section 2-57 and satisfies the reporting requirement.

1. Whether the establishment of the board will create sufficient betterment to the community to justify the City Commission's delegation of a portion of its authority.

The Board would serve the important function of furnishing and relaying citizen input regarding the Coral Gables Golf and Country Club ("Country Club") to the City, formulating recommendations regarding the Country Club for the benefit of City staff and the City Commission, serving as a forum for dialogue between Country Club members and the City, and helping to preserve the harmony between the surrounding neighborhood and the Country Club.

2. Whether another board or agency, either public or private, which is already in existence, could serve the same purpose.

While staff at the Country Club will be accessible to members of the club, neighbors, and colleagues within the City, the Country Club Advisory Board will be uniquely positioned to serve as an avenue for communications, resolutions, and recommendations related to the Country Club. There is no other board that currently serves these purposes.

3. The costs, both direct and indirect, of establishing and maintaining the board.

The primary cost associated with the establishment of the new board is staff time to support the board's functions.

4. Whether the board is necessary to enable the City to obtain state or federal grants or other financing.

No.

5. For boards other than advisory boards, whether the board should have the final authority or whether its decision must be approved by the City Commission.

This is an advisory board.

6. Whether the creation of a new board is the best method of achieving the benefit desired.

Staff recommends in favor of establishing the Country Club Advisory Board. It is further recommended that the Board commence regular meetings starting in 2023 and that the members of the Board also be members of the Country Club.

cc: Miriam Ramos, City Attorney

Billy Urquia, City Clerk