

CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION 2021-

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, DIRECTING THAT REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETINGS BEGIN AT 9 A.M. AND DIRECTING THAT CERTAIN CITY COMMISSION AGENDA ITEMS BE HEARD NO EARLIER THAN 4:00 P.M.

WHEREAS, the City of Coral Gables City Commission sets its regularly scheduled Commission meetings in accordance with the City Charter and Section 2-30 of the City Code; and

WHEREAS, historically, the City has held its meetings on Tuesdays, once or twice each month, with the meetings being called to order at approximately nine o'clock (9:00) A.M.; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the public comment that occurs as part of a particular agenda item, the City Commission agenda has an "Open Public Comment" section at the beginning of each City Commission meeting where members of the public may address the City Commission on any matter within the City Commission's jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, even prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, the City Commission had established an avenue by which the public may comment virtually or by email; and

WHEREAS, some members of the public who may wish to address the City Commission or speak on certain agenda items may be unable to attend the City Commission meetings in person or virtually as they are held during regular working hours; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds that, given the public interest and desire to more fully participate in certain agenda items, particular items should be heard no earlier than 4:00 P.M.; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the City Code, the Mayor as the Chair of the City Commission, retains the ability to set any agenda item for a time certain, as do a majority of the City Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, while regular meetings of the City Commission are to begin at 9:00 A.M., from time to time the Mayor, as Chair of the Commission, may determine that certain presentation and protocol items or individual appearances are to be heard prior to 9:00 A.M.;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES:

SECTION 1. The foregoing “Whereas” clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution upon adoption hereof.

SECTION 2. That the City Clerk and City Manager are directed to ensure that regular City Commission meetings should be scheduled to begin at 9:00 A.M. and that the following City Commission agenda items be heard no earlier than 4:00 P.M., at least once before final action of this Commission:

- a. Amendments to the City Comprehensive Plan or Land Use Map;
- b. Mixed-Use projects requiring City Commission approval, Planned Area Development (PAD) applications, any project requiring Conditional Use Approval, Amendments to developments, site plans, or PADs previously approved by the City Commission that require Commission approval; and
- c. Any other items as directed by a majority of the Commission.

SECTION 3. That in accordance with Section 2-84 of the City Code no City Commission meeting shall be permitted to continue beyond 9:00 P.M. without the approval of the majority of the Commission.

SECTION 4. That failure to hear a particular item at or after 4:00 P.M. shall in no way invalidate the action taken by the City Commission with regard to that item.

SECTION 5. That regular meetings of the City Commission are to begin at 9:00 A.M. though from time to time the Mayor, as Chair of the Commission, may determine that certain presentation and protocol items or individual appearances are to be heard prior to 9:00 A.M.

SECTION 6. That this Resolution shall become effective upon the date of its passage and adoption herein.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 14th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, A.D., 2021
(Moved:)
(Yeas:
(Majority : Vote:)

APPROVED:

VINCE LAGO
MAYOR

ATTEST:

BILLY Y. URQUIA
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

MIRIAM SOLER RAMOS
CITY ATTORNEY