

# **City of Coral Gables**

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## **Agenda - Final Revised**

**Tuesday, November 14, 2023**

**9:00 AM**

**City Hall, Commission Chambers**

### **City Commission**

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

*Peter J. Iglesias, P.E., City Manager  
Cristina M. Suárez, City Attorney  
Billy Y. Urquia, City Clerk*

**The City of Coral Gables will be holding its Regular Meeting on Tuesday, November 14, 2023, 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/cgtn](http://www.coralgables.com/cgtn) as well as Channel 77 on Comcast.**

**INVOCATION**

*Rev. Archpriest Ayman Kfouf - Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Cathedral*

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE****A. PRESENTATIONS AND PROTOCOL DOCUMENTS**

- A.-1. [23-6559](#) Congratulations to Bugatti Bistro on receiving the Keep Coral Gables Beautiful 2023 Commercial Beautification Award.
- A.-2. [23-6575](#) Presentation of a Proclamation declaring November 15, 2023 as "America Recycles Day" in Coral Gables.
- A.-3. [23-6597](#) Presentation of a Proclamation declaring November 25, 2023 as "Small Business Saturday" in Coral Gables.
- A.-4. [23-6532](#) Presentation of a Proclamation declaring December 7, 2023 as "Miracle Theater Day" in Coral Gables.
- A.-5. [23-6539](#) Congratulations to Lieutenant Ishmael Roig recipient of the City of Coral Gables "Firefighter of the Month Award," for the month of November 2023.
- A.-6. [23-6545](#) Congratulations to the Coral Gables Fire Department for receiving the American Heart Association's "Mission Lifeline" Award.
- A.-7. [23-6599](#) Congratulations to the City of Coral Gables recognized as one of the world's top seven intelligent communities of 2023 by the Intelligent Community Forum (ICF).
- A.-8. [23-6586](#) Congratulations to Officer Bianca Torres, recipient of the City of Coral Gables "Officer of the Month Award," for September 2023.

**B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- B.-1. [23-6576](#) Regular City Commission Meeting of October 10, 2023.

**C. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

*During this portion of the meeting, an individual may address the City Commission on an item that is on the agenda or on a matter which is not on the agenda, but within the scope of the City Commission's jurisdiction. If the individual wishes to address the City Commission on an item that is on the agenda, the individual shall not be given an opportunity to speak again once the item is called. An individual who wishes to speak during a public hearing where the City Commission is sitting in a quasi-judicial capacity, must speak during the public hearing for that item.*

*Individuals who speak during the open public comment portion of the meeting shall be given three (3) minutes during which to address the City Commission. At the conclusion of one (1) hour, if the open public comment section of the meeting has not ended, it shall end automatically, in order to proceed with the rest of the agenda.*

**D. CONSENT AGENDA**

*All items listed within this section entitled "Consent Agenda" are considered to be self-explanatory and are not expected to require additional review or discussion, unless a member of the City Commission or a citizen so requests, in which case, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered along with the regular order of business. Hearing no objections to the items listed under the "Consent Agenda", a vote on the adoption of the Consent Agenda will be taken.*

- D.-1. [23-6546](#) A Resolution of the City Commission accepting the recommendation of the Chief Procurement Officer to award the Drug/Alcohol Screening & Physical Examination Services to Richard L. Dolsey PHC, Inc. dba Physicians Health Center, the highest ranked responsive and responsible proposer, pursuant to Section 2-763 of the Procurement Code entitled "Contract Award" and Request for Proposal (RFP) 2023-022.
- D.-2. [23-6578](#) A Resolution of the City Commission accepting the recommendation of the Chief Procurement Officer to extend the Trolley Operations Services contract with MV Contract Transportation, pursuant to Section 2-829 of the Procurement Code entitled "approval of change orders and contract modifications", on a month-to-month basis to provide time for the Request for Proposals (RFP) process to be completed and a new contract negotiated and executed.
- D.-3. [23-6577](#) A Resolution of the City Commission accepting the recommendation of the Innovations and Technology Department to waive the competitive process to purchase Saba Software Maintenance service as a "Special Procurement/Bid Waiver," pursuant to Section 2-691 of the Procurement Code.

- D.-4. [23-6623](#) A Resolution of the City Commission confirming the appointment of Levi Meyer (Nominated by Board-As-A-Whole) to serve as a member of the Waterway Advisory Board, for a two (2) year term which began on June 1, 2023 and continues through May 31, 2025.
- D.-5. [23-6624](#) A Resolution of the City Commission confirming the appointment of Celia Suarez (Nominated by Board-As-A-Whole) to serve as a member of the Senior Citizens Advisory Board, for a two (2) year term which began on June 1, 2023 and continues through May 31, 2025.
- D.-6. [23-6646](#) A Resolution of the City Commission authorizing the Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce to sell alcoholic beverages at Alhambra Circle and the waiving of electrical fees, parking fees, and barricade fees for the Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce's "Burgerliscious" event on Thursday, February 8, 2024, from 5:30 P.M. to 9:30 P.M. on Alhambra Circle.
- D.-7. [23-6648](#) A Resolution of the City Commission authorizing Graziano's Gourmet in Gables LLC to sell alcoholic beverages on 2301 Galiano Street on Thursday, December 14, 2023, from 5:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. during the "Wine and Dine Event," subject to Florida Department of Professional Regulation Requirements.
- D.-8. [23-6651](#) A Resolution of the City Commission accepting the recommendation of the Police Department to implement a Piloted Drone Program as a "Sole Source Procurement," pursuant to Section 2-689 of the City's Procurement Code.
- D.-9. [23-6655](#) A Resolution of the City Commission approving an amendment to the professional services agreement between the City of Coral Gables and Plant Professionals Inc. for the construction and preparation of the seasonal Holiday Park and Santa House pursuant to section 2-764 of the Procurement Code entitled 'approval of Change Orders and Contract Modifications'.
- D.-10. [23-6656](#) A Resolution of the City Commission confirming the appointments of Gustave Perez (Nominated by City Manager Iglesias) and Eugene Wolman (Nominated by Board-As-A-Whole) to serve as members of the Board of Adjustment, for a two (2) year term which began on June 1, 2023 and continues through May 31, 2025.
- D.-11. [23-6664](#) A Resolution of the City Commission approving a Fourth Amendment to Lease between the City of Coral Gables and 338 Minorca Law Center, LLC for the property located at 338 Minorca Avenue, First Floor, Coral Gables, FL 33134 for an additional one-year term (01/01/24-12/31/24) for the temporary relocation of the City's Finance Department Collections Division staff offices.

- D.-12. [23-6670](#) A Resolution of the City Commission confirming the appointment of Aron Aizenstat (Youth Center Neighborhood Representative) to serve as a member of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, for a two (2) year term which began on June 1, 2023 and continues through May 31, 2025.
- D.-13. [23-6675](#) A Resolution of the City Commission confirming the appointment of Jennifer Marques (Nominated by Board-As-A-Whole) to serve as a member of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, for a two (2) year term which began on June 1, 2023 and continues through May 31, 2025.
- D.-14. [23-6679](#) A Resolution of the City Commission authorizing the waiver of parking fees in the City's public garages from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on November 25, 2023, for the 2023 Small Business Saturday event.
- D.-15. [23-6680](#) A Resolution of the City Commission authorizing the Economic Development department to sell alcoholic beverages on Miracle Mile on Thursday, Dec. 14, 2023, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. during the holiday Sip and Shop event to benefit a local non-profit, subject to Florida Department of Professional Regulation requirements.
- 1. Presentation of Boards and/or Committees minutes requesting no action from the City Commission:**
- 1.-1. [23-6491](#) Advisory Board on Disability Affairs Meeting of October 4, 2023.
- 1.-2. [23-6555](#) Arts Advisory Panel Meeting of October 4, 2023.
- 1.-3. [23-6654](#) Budget Audit Advisory Board Meeting of October 25, 2023
- 1.-4. [23-6571](#) Construction Regulation Board Meeting of October 16, 2023.
- 1.-5. [23-6371](#) Cultural Development Board Meeting of September 19, 2023.
- 1.-6. [23-6554](#) Cultural Development Board Meeting of October 17, 2023.
- 1.-7. [23-6628](#) Landscape Advisory Board Meeting of October 12, 2023.
- 1.-8. [23-6569](#) Waterway Advisory Board Meeting of October 4, 2023.

**2. Presentation of Boards and/or Committees draft/final minutes requesting action from the City Commission [Note: A vote to accept the minutes does not mean approval of the substance within the minutes]:**

- 2.-1. [23-6669](#) A Resolution of the Transportation Advisory Board requesting that the City Commission direct staff to amend the traffic impact study methodology and scope of services for traffic consultants to require a presentation to the Transportation Advisory Board and consideration of micro-mobility in mitigation measures.

**E. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

*All Individuals testifying in a quasi-judicial proceeding shall be sworn in.*

*Presentations made to the City Commission are subject to the City's False Claims Ordinance, Ch. 39 of the City of Coral Gables Code.*

**ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING**

- E.-1. [23-6359](#) An Ordinance of the City Commission providing for text amendments to the City of Coral Gables official Zoning Code, Article 6, "Landscape," by amending the utilization of artificial turf on open joints of pavement; and Article 10, "Parking and Access," by providing review of materials in pavement joints; and providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, codification, and providing for an effective date. (10 11 23 PZB recommended denial, Vote 4-3)

**ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING**

- E.-2. [23-5816](#) An Ordinance of the City Commission providing for a text amendment to Article 2 "Zoning Districts," Section 2-405 "Residential Infill Regulations Overlay District (RIR)" of the City of Coral Gables Official Zoning Code to provide a maximum building length of three hundred feet for all properties seeking approval pursuant to the Residential Infill Regulations; providing for severability clause, repealer provision, codification, and providing for an effective date.(06 06 23, 07 12 23 and 09 21 23 deferred by PZB) (10 11 23 PZB recommended Approval, Vote 6-1)

**RESOLUTIONS**

- E.-3. [23-6400](#) A Resolution of the City Commission granting conditional use approval pursuant to Zoning Code Article 14, "Process," Section 14-203, "Conditional Uses" for a School on a property zoned as Mixed-Use-1 (MX1) located at 141 Grand Avenue, Coral Gables, Florida; providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, and providing for an effective date.

Lobbyist: Edward Baker

**F. CITY COMMISSION ITEMS****Time Certain 2:00pm (Agenda Item F-1)**

- F.-1. [23-6629](#) Community presentation regarding enhanced Mediterranean Design requirements.  
(Sponsored by Vice Mayor Anderson)
- F.-2. [23-6638](#) Discussion regarding implementation of hydrogen powered trolleys.  
(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)
- F.-3. [23-6639](#) Discussion regarding a proposal for humane iguana removal.  
(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)

**Time Certain 12:00pm (Agenda Item F-4)**

- F.-4. [23-6640](#) Discussion regarding the Mayor's Ball sponsored by the Coral Gables Community Foundation.  
(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)
- F.-5. [23-6641](#) Discussion on legislation regarding abandoned vehicles.  
(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)
- F.-6. [23-6642](#) Presentation regarding illegal dumping and code concerns in North Gables.  
(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)
- F.-7. [23-6643](#) Legislation regarding Art in Public Places.  
(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)
- F.-8. [23-6644](#) Discussion regarding hiring a preliminary consultant to create a conceptual plan connecting Lot 25 with Pittman Park.  
(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)
- F.-9. [23-6645](#) Discussion regarding recycling plastic film.  
(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)
- F.-10. [23-6658](#) A Resolution of the City Commission directing City Staff to include an appendix in all City Budgets presented to the City Commission for approval detailing those specific changes made from each prior version.  
(Sponsored by Vice Mayor Anderson)



- F.-11. [23-6659](#) A Resolution of the City Commission directing the City Manager to include a focus area or goal related to Cultural Arts in the 2026-2029 Coral Gables Strategic Plan.  
(Sponsored by Vice Mayor Anderson)
- F.-12. [23-6660](#) A Resolution of the City Commission directing the City Manager to include an item on the City Commission agenda regarding City Commission compensation at a regular City Commission Meeting prior to the presentation of the draft budget to the City Commission.  
(Sponsored by Vice Mayor Anderson)
- F.-13. [23-6661](#) A Resolution of the City Commission amending Ordinance 2015-17, As Amended, waiving all City Permit Fees directly related to the conversion from septic to sanitary sewer for single family residences and duplexes and directing City staff to expedite permits for those conversion.  
(Sponsored by Vice Mayor Anderson)
- F.-14. [23-6681](#) Update regarding sidewalks and crosswalks on the south side of Bird Road.  
(Sponsored by Vice Mayor Anderson)

## **G. BOARDS/COMMITTEES ITEMS**

None

## **H. CITY MANAGER ITEMS**

Time Certain 10:00am (Agenda Item H-1)

- H.-1. [23-6622](#) Update regarding annexation process for Little Gables.
- H.-2. [23-6574](#) A Resolution of the City Commission accepting the recommendation of the Chief Procurement Officer to award the Fire House No. 4 Construction Project to West Construction, Inc., the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, pursuant to Section 2-763 of the Procurement Code entitled "Contract Award" and Invitation for Bids (IFB) 2023-017.
- H.-3. [23-6581](#) A Resolution of the City Commission electing to use the uniform method of collecting non-ad valorem special assessments levied within the incorporated area of the city; stating a need for such levy; providing for the mailing of this resolution; and providing for an effective date.

**I. CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS**

- I.-1. [23-6634](#) Charter Review Committee update.

**J. CITY CLERK ITEMS**

None

**K. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

*This time is for informal discussion among the City Commissioners, the City Manager and the City Attorney*

## ADJOURNMENT

### NOTE

*Any person who acts as a lobbyist pursuant to the City of Coral Gables Ordinance No. 2006-11, must register with the City Clerk, prior to engaging in lobbying activities before city staff, boards, committees and/or the City Commission. A copy of the Ordinance is available in the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall.*

*Any person, or persons, wishing to appeal any decision made by the City Commission with respect to any matter considered at this meeting or hearing, will require a verbatim record of the proceeding upon which the appeal is based. Interested persons should, therefore, take the necessary steps to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made which contains the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is based.*

*Any person making impertinent or slanderous remarks or who become boisterous while addressing the Commission, shall be barred from further audience before the Commission by the Chair, unless permission to continue or again address the Commission is granted by the majority vote of the Commission Members present. Clapping, applauding, heckling or verbal outbursts or any remarks in support or opposition to a speaker shall be prohibited. Signs or placards shall not be permitted in Commission Chambers.*

*Any person who needs assistance in another language in order to speak during the public hearing or public comment portion of the meeting should contact the City 's ADA Coordinator Raquel Elejabarrieta, Esq., Director of Labor Relations and Risk Management (E-mail: [relejabarrieta@coralgables.com](mailto:relejabarrieta@coralgables.com), Telephone: 305-722-8686, TTY/TDD: 305-442-1600), at least three (3) business days before the meeting.*

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