

City of Coral Gables

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Coral Gables, FL 33134
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Agenda

Tuesday, July 9, 2024

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

Amos Rojas, Jr., 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, July 9, 2024 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) once the meeting's agenda is published or by sending an email to 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) as well as Channel 77 on Comcast.

CALL TO ORDER**INVOCATION**

Pastor Rich Romero - Generation Church

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

- A.-1. [24-7723](#) Presentation by Live Like Bella and Childhood Cancer Awareness.
(Sponsored by Commissioner Castro)
- A.-2. [24-7718](#) Presentation of a Proclamation declaring July 9, 2024 as "Florida Panthers Day" in Coral Gables.
(Sponsored by Commissioner Fernandez)
- A.-3. [24-7744](#) Presentation of a Proclamation declaring July 11, 2024 as "Caffe Abbracci Day" in Coral Gables.
- A.-4. [24-7710](#) Presentation of a Proclamation declaring July 2024 as "Parks and Recreation Month" in Coral Gables.
- A.-5. [24-7729](#) Congratulations to Officer Jordan Tillery, recipient of the City of Coral Gables "Officer of the Month," for March 2024.
- A.-6. [24-7730](#) Congratulations to Officer Christopher Pena, recipient of the City of Coral Gables "Officer of the Month," for April 2024.
- A.-7. [24-7616](#) Congratulations to Coral Gables Police Chief Edward J. Hudak, Jr., recipient of the South Florida Police Benevolent Association's "Fred Maas Award for Outstanding Law Enforcement Leadership".
- A.-8. [24-7711](#) Congratulations to Coral Gables Innovation and Technology Director Raimundo Rodulfo, recipient of the 2024 South Florida ORBIE Corporate Award, recognizing and honoring chief information officers who have demonstrated excellence in technology leadership.

Time Certain 11:00am (Agenda Item A-9)

- A.-9. [24-7720](#) Presentation by the PAGE and Cavalier Interns.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None

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. [24-7632](#) A Resolution of the City Commission accepting a recommendation of the City Manager to waive the competitive process of the Procurement Code for the purchase of three (3) Sanitary Submersible Pumps from Xylem Water Solutions Inc. in the estimated amount of \$43,063.20 as a "Sole Source Procurement", pursuant to Section 2-689 of the City's Procurement Code.

Lobbyist: N/R

- D.-2. [24-7706](#) A Resolution of the City Commission approving a Mutual Aid Agreement between the City of Coral Gables, the Village of Pinecrest, the City of South Miami, and the City of West Miami, providing for the creation of an Interdepartmental Joint Crisis Management Team.

- D.-3. [24-7707](#) A Resolution of the City Commission accepting the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report, Compliance Report, Management Letter, and Post Communications Letter, for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023, by RSM US LLP, Certified Public Accountants.

- D.-4. [24-7695](#) A Resolution of the City Commission accepting the recommendation of the Chief Procurement Officer to award RFQ 2024-007 for Transportation Planning and Engineering Consulting Services to and negotiate a Professional Services Agreement ("Agreement") with Ardurra Group, Inc., CALTRAN Engineering Group, Inc., CHA Consulting, Inc., Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc., Roadway Design Solutions, Inc., and Volkert, Inc., the six (6) responsive-responsible proposers, pursuant to Florida Statute 287.055, known as the "Consultants Competitive Negotiation Act" (CCNA).

Lobbyist: N/R

- D.-5. [24-7725](#) A Resolution of the City Commission authorizing an expenditure in the amount of \$160,000 from Federal Forfeited Asset Fund (F.A.F.) moneys for law enforcement operations and equipment; additional funds for the Piloted Drone Program by the Coral Gables Police Department.
- D.-6. [24-7726](#) A Resolution of the City Commission authorizing an expenditure in the amount of \$60,000 from Federal Forfeited Asset Fund (F.A.F.) moneys for law enforcement operations and equipment; additional funds for Senior Management Training by the Coral Gables Police Department.
- D.-7. [24-7741](#) A Resolution of the City Commission applying the Art in Public Places code condition of "extraordinary maintenance" to the Carlos Cruz-Diez painted artwork installation.
- D.-8. [24-7769](#) A resolution authorizing the execution of an agreement for sewer connection for property located outside the City's sewer district at 4321 SW 16 Street, Miami, Florida into the City of Coral Gables wastewater collection / transmission system, subject to the requirements of the Public Works Department, as provided under Chapters 62 and 78 of the City Code, Ordinance Nos. 2007-29 and 2009-39 and Resolution No. 2008-07; and provided that the executed agreement be made part of this resolution.
- 1. Presentation of Boards and/or Committees minutes requesting no action from the City Commission:**
- 1.-1. [24-7503](#) Advisory Board on Disability Affairs Meeting of May 1, 2024.
- 1.-2. [24-7567](#) Arts Advisory Panel Meeting of May 1, 2024.
- 1.-3. [24-7669](#) Construction Regulation Board Meeting of May 13, 2024.
- 1.-4. [24-7568](#) Cultural Development Board Meeting of May 14, 2024.
- 1.-5. [24-7763](#) Economic Development Board Meeting of June 5, 2024.
- 1.-6. [24-7702](#) Historic Preservation Board Meeting of February 21, 2024.
- 1.-7. [24-7700](#) Historic Preservation Board Meeting of March 20, 2024.
- 1.-8. [24-7687](#) International Affairs Coordinating Council Meeting of May 20th, 2024.
- 1.-9. [24-7457](#) Merrick House Governing Board Meeting of March 11, 2024.
- 1.-10. [24-7458](#) Merrick House Governing Board Meeting of April 8, 2024.

1.-11. [24-7675](#) Retirement Board Meeting of May 9, 2024.

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]:**

Time Certain 10:30am (Agenda Items 2-1 and 2-2 are related)

2.-1. [24-7682](#) A Resolution of the Waterway Advisory Board recommending the City Commission amend the City Zoning Code to require notice to all properties along the Mahi Canal for any new MX Developments on the Mahi Canal.

2.-2. [24-7683](#) A Resolution of the Waterway Advisory Board requesting the City Commission, through the City Manager, to direct the Development Services Department (Code Enforcement), and Police Department (Marine Patrol) to provide monthly summary reports reflecting waterway related activities and citations issued to waterfront property owners and their status.

2.-3. [24-7719](#) A Resolution of the Coral Gables Retirement Board recommending that the City of Coral Gables Commission stay the course and continue to make additional payments to fund the pension unfunded liability as agreed to with the Retirement Board, Resolution 2015-271 and past practices, so that unless there are unexpected market conditions, the Unfunded Liability is fully paid off by 2032.

2.-4. [24-7731](#) A Resolution of the Coral Gables Budget and Audit Advisory Board recommending that the City of Coral Gables City Commission maintain the millage rate of 5.559 mills for Fiscal Year 2024-205.

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. [24-7453](#) An Ordinance of the City Commission providing for a text amendment to the City of Coral Gables Official Zoning Code, amending Section 14-202.6 "Building Site Determination" to facilitate building site determination applications; providing for severability clause, repealer provision, codification, and providing for an effective date. (06 12 24 PZB recommended denial, Vote 6-1)
(Sponsored by Commissioner Castro)

- E.-2. [24-7596](#) An Ordinance of the City Commission amending the City of Coral Gables Code, Chapter 2 "Administration," Article III "Boards and Committees," Division 11 "South Waterways Homeowners' Associations Advisory Board," to rename the board to the Coral Gables Waterfront Communities Homeowners' Association Board, providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, codification, and providing for an effective date.
(Sponsored by Vice Mayor Anderson)
(Co-Sponsored by Mayor Lago)
- E.-3. [24-7620](#) An Ordinance of the City Commission amending the City of Coral Gables Code, Chapter 2 "Administration," Article III "Boards and Committees," Division 3 "Trial Board," to amend the terms of Trial Board members to align with general City policy, providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, codification, and providing for an effective date.
(Sponsored by Commissioner Menendez)
(Co-Sponsored by Commissioner Castro)
- E.-4. [24-7554](#) An Ordinance of the City Commission amending Chapter 46 of the "Code of the City of Coral Gables," entitled "Pensions," implementing provisions of the 2023-2025 Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City and the Fraternal Order of Police ("FOP"); amending Section 46-25, Definitions; amending Section 46-253, Normal Retirement Income; providing for severability clause, repealer provision, codification, and providing for an effective date.

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

- E.-5. [24-7736](#) An Ordinance of the City Commission providing for text amendments to the City of Coral Gables Official Zoning Code Article 1, "General Provisions," Section 1-108, "Transitional rules," and Article 5, "Architecture," Section 5-201, "Coral Gables Mediterranean style design standards," to remove the architectural incentives for Coral Gables Mediterranean design of additional building height, intensity, and density for properties with Site Specific zoning regulations, providing for repealer provision, severability clause, codification, and providing for an effective date.
(Sponsored by Commissioner Castro)

Agenda Items E-6 and E-7 are related

- E.-6. [24-7552](#) An Ordinance of the City Commission providing for text amendments to the City of Coral Gables Official Zoning Code Article 15, "Notices," Section 15-102, "Notice," to require mailed notice for Mediterranean Bonus applications before the Board of Architects, providing for repealer provision, severability clause, codification, and providing for an effective date. (06 12 24 PZB recommended approval, Vote 6-1)
(Sponsored by Commissioner Castro)

RESOLUTIONS**Agenda Items E-6 and E-7 are related**

- E.-7. [24-7733](#) A Resolution of the City Commission amending Ordinance No. 2015-17, as amended, to create a Board of Architects Mediterranean Style Review Fee; providing for severability clause, and providing for an effective date.

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.

- E.-8. [24-7521](#) A Resolution of the City Commission approving Conditional Use Review of a Site Plan pursuant to Zoning Code Article 14, "Process" Section 14-203, "Conditional Uses," for a proposed townhouse development referred to as "The George" on the property legally described as Lots 29 through 41, Block 10, Coral Gables Biltmore Section (717, 729, 737 and 741 Valencia Avenue), Coral Gables, Florida; including required conditions; providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, and providing for an effective date.

Lobbyist: Mario Garcia-Serra

F. CITY COMMISSION ITEMS

- F.-1. [24-7737](#) A Resolution of the City Commission authorizing the placement of an additional flagpole on the Biltmore Way Side of City Hall.
(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)

- F.-2. [24-7738](#) A Resolution of the City Commission directing the City Manager to identify funding for installation of temporary speed tables at all locations pending traffic calming improvements.
(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)

- F.-3. [24-7740](#) A Resolution of the City Commission calling a special election on the proposed ballot question and City Charter amendment to be held on November 5, 2024; providing for submission to the electors for approval or disapproval of a ballot question asking whether the City Charter should be amended to require an Inspector General with certain powers (including the power to subpoena witnesses) either by the Miami-Dade County Inspector General or other City-appointed Inspector General, provided that such Office's appointment, term, functions, and powers shall be further established by Ordinance; providing for requisite ballot language; providing for procedures for balloting; providing for notice; providing for inclusion in the City Charter; providing for related matters; providing for an effective date.
(Sponsored by Vice Mayor Anderson)
(Co-Sponsored by Mayor Lago)

- F.-4. [24-7742](#) A Resolution of the City Commission amending Resolution No. 2023-267 to allow the Charter Review Committee to consider questions and potential amendments to the City Charter without the need for a joint meeting of the City Commission and the Charter Review Committee.
(Sponsored by Commissioner Fernandez)
(Co-Sponsored by Commissioner Castro)
- F.-5. [24-7743](#) A Resolution of the City Commission directing the City Manager to ensure that door hangers providing notice of neighborhood meetings related to Community Recreation initiatives are removed within forty-eight hours following such meetings.
(Sponsored by Commissioner Castro)
- F.-6. [24-7670](#) Citizens' Independent Transportation Trust Presentation.
(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)
- F.-7. [24-7705](#) Update regarding flood mitigation program.
(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)
- F.-8. [24-7714](#) A Presentation regarding Books Overseas.
(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)
- F.-9. [24-7715](#) A presentation by the Girl Scouts regarding the owl project in Coral Gables.
(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)
- F.-10. [24-7758](#) Discussion regarding additional benefits for active board members 65 years of age and older.
(Sponsored by Commissioner Menendez)
- F.-11. [24-7455](#) Update on discussion of forensic audit.
(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)
- F.-12. [24-7766](#) Discussion regarding posted signage on privately owned parking lots.
(Sponsored by Commissioner Fernandez)
- F.-13. [24-7447](#) Update regarding North Ponce Historic Designation Study.
(Sponsored by Vice Mayor Anderson)
- F.-14. [24-7767](#) Discussion regarding limiting density in the Central Business District (CBD) to a maximum of 125 units per acre, and (ii) the North Ponce Residential Infill Regulations (RIR) to 75 units per acre.
(Sponsored by Vice Mayor Anderson)
- F.-15. [24-7768](#) A discussion regarding future development projects bordering city boundaries and potential traffic and quality of life impacts.
(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)

G. BOARDS/COMMITTEES ITEMS

Time Certain 11:30am (Agenda Item G-1)

- G.-1. [24-7688](#) A Resolution of the City Commission approving Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Cultural Grant recipients and setting in place a funding mechanism contingent on the City's approved budget. (Unanimously recommended by the Cultural Development Board approval/denial vote: 6 to 0).

Lobbyist: N/R

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

- G.-2. [23-5549](#) A Resolution of the City Commission approving the purchase and installation of the sculpture "A Perfect Place" by José Bedia (recommended by the Arts Advisory Panel, approval/denial vote: 7 to 0, and the Cultural Development Board approval/denial vote: 6 to 0); authorizing an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 amended budget to recognize as revenue a transfer from the Art in Public Places reserve, and appropriating such funds to put toward the purchase cost, transportation, installation, and related expenses.

Lobbyist: N/R

H. CITY MANAGER ITEMS

- H.-1. [24-7690](#) A Resolution of the City Commission authorizing acceptance of an amendment for Grant Agreement No. LPA0156 from the State of Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) for an extension to the agreement for the Coral Gables Galiano Street and Madeira Avenue Stormwater Improvements Project and authorizing the City Manager to execute the amendment of the agreement with DEP for said financial assistance under DEP Agreement No. LPA0156, for financial services;

- H.-2. [24-7712](#) A Resolution of the City Commission authorizing an amendment to the fiscal year 2023-2024 annual budget to recognize as revenue \$1,425,000 from general fund, fund balance and to appropriate \$1,425,000 towards the fraternal order of police, Coral Gables Lodge number 7, Union contract expenditures.

- H.-3. [24-7692](#) A Resolution of the City Commission accepting the recommendation of the Chief Procurement Officer to award AGC Electric, Inc. (Primary), R & D Electric, Inc. (Secondary) and Computer Electric, Inc. (Tertiary) as the three most responsive and responsible bidders for Licensed Electrical Contractor Services pursuant to Section 2-763 of the Procurement Code entitled "Contract Award" and Invitation for Bids (IFB) 2024-011.

Lobbyist: N/R

Time Certain 2:00pm (Agenda Item H-4)

- H.-4. [24-7735](#) A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Coral Gables, Florida, authorizing the City to enter into a Lease with Bogey Grill, LLC, a Florida limited liability company, using a trade name to be determined, with regard to the City-owned property 2001 Granada Boulevard, Coral Gables, FL 33134 for a period of five (5) years and with one (1) additional, five-year renewal option, at the City's discretion.

Lobbyist: N/R

- H.-5. [24-7611](#) Update regarding plans for the City's Centennial Celebration.

- H.-6. [24-7734](#) Update on Saturday Downtown Express.

I. CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS

None

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, Telephone: 305-722-8686, TTY/TDD: 305-442-1600), at least three (3) business days before the meeting.

**Billy Y. Urquia
City Clerk**