

# **City of Coral Gables**

*405 Biltmore Way  
Coral Gables, FL 33134  
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## **Agenda - Final**

**Tuesday, January 13, 2026**

**9:00 AM**

**City Hall, Commission Chambers**

### **City Commission**

*Mayor Vince Lago  
Vice Mayor Rhonda Anderson  
Commissioner Melissa Castro  
Commissioner Ariel Fernandez  
Commissioner Richard D. Lara*

*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 January 13, 2026 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/cgvtv](http://www.coralgables.com/cgvtv)) as well as Channel 77 on Comcast.

**CALL TO ORDER****INVOCATION****PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE****A. PRESENTATIONS AND PROTOCOL DOCUMENTS**

- A.-1. [25-1265](#) Presentation of the 2025 Holiday Window Contest Winners
- A.-2. [26-1003](#) Presentation of the 2025 Communities of Excellence Gold Level Recognition.
- A.-3. [25-1181](#) Congratulations to Giralda Cleaners on receiving the 2025 Commercial Beautification Award.
- A.-4. [25-1258](#) Presentation of a Proclamation declaring January 13, 2026 as "Ana Alicia Fernandez Day" in Coral Gables.
- A.-5. [25-1107](#) Congratulations to Driver Engineer John Jensen, recipient of the City of Coral Gables "Firefighter of the Month Award," for the month of October 2025.
- A.-6. [25-1147](#) Congratulations to Driver Engineer Brandon Ogden, recipient of the City of Coral Gables "Firefighter of the Month Award," for the month of December 2025.
- A.-7. [25-1218](#) Congratulations to Nicole Gautney, from Parking Department recipient of the "Part-Time Employees of the 4th Quarter Award".
- A.-8. [25-1220](#) Congratulations to Mercedes Paulino, from the Police department recipient of the "Employee of the Month " for November 2025.

**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, if approved by the chairperson, so requests, in which case, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered along with the regular order of business. Items placed on the Consent Agenda shall conform to the limitations of Section 2-79 of the City Code. 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. [25-1189](#) A Resolution of the City Commission confirming the appointment of Saul Cimpler (nominated by Commissioner Castro) to serve as a member of the Emergency Management Division, for a two (2) year term which began on June 1, 2025 and continues through May 31, 2027.
- D.-2. [25-1192](#) A Resolution of the City Commission confirming the nomination of Christopher Challenger, who ran unopposed to the City of Coral Gables Retirement Board At-Large Participating Regular Full-Time Employee Representative Seat and Joshua Nunez, who ran unopposed for the Police Officer Representative Seat, both for a two-year term beginning January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2027.
- D.-3. [25-1238](#) A Resolution of the City Commission authorizing the execution of an agreement for sewer connection for properties located outside the City's Sewer District at 1101 and 1201 Stanford Drive 5185 Ponce de Leon Boulevard, Coral Gables, 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.

D.-4. [25-1239](#) A Resolution of the City Commission authorizing the execution of an agreement for sewer connection for property located outside the City's Sewer District at 1530 Liguria Avenue, Coral Gables, 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.

D.-5. [25-1253](#) A Resolution of the City Commission expressing its desire to reactivate the Sister City relationship with the city of La Antigua, Guatemala.

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

1.-1. [25-1240](#) Country Club Advisory Board Meeting of October 6, 2025.

1.-2. [25-1241](#) Country Club Advisory Board Meeting of October 22, 2025.

1.-3. [25-1242](#) Country Club Advisory Board Meeting of November 19, 2025.

1.-4. [25-1179](#) Cultural Development Board Meeting of November 19, 2025.

1.-5. [26-1002](#) Landscape Beautification Advisory Board Meeting of December 11, 2025.

1.-6. [25-1247](#) Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting of October 09, 2025

1.-7. [25-1175](#) Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting of November 13, 2025.

1.-8. [26-1000](#) Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting of December 11, 2025.

1.-9. [25-1250](#) Parks and Recreation Youth Advisory Board Meeting of November 05, 2025.

1.-10. [25-1176](#) Parks and Recreation Youth Advisory Board Meeting of December 3, 2025.

1.-11. [25-1125](#) Planning and Zoning Board Meeting of November 19, 2025.

1.-12. [25-1248](#) Senior Citizen Advisory Board Meeting of October 09, 2025.

- 1.-13. [25-1249](#) Senior Citizen Advisory Board Meeting of November 13, 2025.
- 1.-14. [25-1223](#) Senior Citizen Advisory Board Meeting of December 4, 2025.

## 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. [25-1026](#) An Ordinance of the City Commission providing for a text amendment to the City of Coral Gables Official Zoning Code by amending Article 7, "Sustainability and Resilience Standards," Section 7-102, "Green Building Requirements," to provide National Green Building Standard (NGBS) Silver Certification as an acceptable option for compliance; providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, codification, and providing for an effective date. (11 19 25 PZB recommended approval with conditions, Vote: 6-1)

(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)

- E.-2. [25-1027](#) An Ordinance of the City Commission providing for text amendments to the City of Coral Gables Official Zoning Code by amending Section 3-200, "Principal Uses"; amending Section 3-201, "Group Homes, Assisted Living Facilities, and Child Care Facilities," to clarify statutory capacity and licensing requirements; adding Section 3-202, "Certified Recovery Residences," to establish procedures for review and approval consistent with state and federal law; amending Article 16, "Definitions," to add definitions for "Adult Day Care Center," "Certified Recovery Residence," "Dwelling Unit," and "Group Residential Home"; providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, codification, and providing for an effective date. (11 19 25 PZB recommended approval, Vote 7-0)

### ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

- E.-3. [25-1124](#) An Ordinance of the City Commission granting approval of proposed amendments to the text 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 modify the required mix of uses when developed within the "University Station Rapid Transit District Overlay," to allow a maximum floor area ratio (FAR) of 3.5, and to provide for policies to implement the "University Station Rapid Transit District Overlay;" providing for a repealer provision, providing for a severability clause, and providing for an effective date. (12 10 25 PZB recommended approval, Vote: 6-0)

**F. CITY COMMISSION ITEMS**

- F.-1. [26-1005](#) A Resolution of the City Commission making permanent the Resident Parking Rate Pilot Program.  
(Sponsored by Commissioner Castro)
- F.-2. [25-1193](#) Discussion on previously adopted Resolution of the City Commission directing Staff to move forward with the development of a dog park on the city-owned parcel located at 520 University Drive.  
(Sponsored by Commissioner Castro)
- F.-3. [25-1259](#) Discussion regarding media credentials.  
(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)
- F.-4. [25-1260](#) Discussion regarding Business Tax Licenses.  
(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)
- F.-5. [25-1261](#) Discussion regarding tree protection at construction sites.  
(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)
- F.-6. [25-1262](#) Discussion regarding newspaper stands.  
(Sponsored by Mayor Lago)

**G. BOARDS/COMMITTEES ITEMS**

None

**H. CITY MANAGER ITEMS**

- H.-1. [25-1257](#) Centennial recap.

**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 Jose Rodriguez, Interim Director of Labor Relations and Risk Management (E-mail: [jrodriguez4@coralgables.com](mailto:jrodriguez4@coralgables.com), Telephone: 305-722-8675, TTY/TDD: 305-442-1600), at least three (3) business days before the meeting.*