

CITY OF CORAL GABLES

--MEMORANDUM--



The City Beautiful

TO: Members of the City Commission
City Manager, Peter Iglesias

FROM: Mayor Vince Lago

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DATE: April 26, 2023

SUBJECT: Introductory Orientation for Newly Elected Officials- Sunshine Meeting

By way of this memo, I would like to request a Sunshine Meeting after the swearing-in ceremony and prior to the first Commission Meeting. The purpose of this meeting would be informational in nature so that department directors can provide general city updates as it relates to their respective departments.

I would like to request this meeting to be recorded, televised and easily accessible to the public. In addition, to maximize community engagement and attendance this meeting should begin at 5:00 pm at City Hall Commission Chambers. This meeting will not be open to any public comments as the discussions are for elected officials only.

This meeting will serve as an orientation to the incoming newly elected city commissioners, provide residents with pertinent and accurate information and allow the commission to begin discussing any concerns or initiatives they would like to focus on during their term and encourage positive collaboration. Any and all feedback from staff are welcome as this sunshine meeting is based on education to ensure a concordant vision of the new commission.

Topics to be discussed by departments are as follows:

Finance:

1. Current city financial outlook
2. Address triple triple bond rating
3. Current millage rate projections
4. Challenges on property Insurance outlook
5. Challenges on current union negotiations update (police, fire, and general employees)
6. Challenges on ten-year report on unfunded liability and pensions

7. City bond debt

Development Services:

1. Current status of new Development Services Building
2. E-permitting services
3. Employee training of new software and facilities
4. Expired permits
5. Completed permits over the last two years by month
6. Structural reviewer issues (BORA)
7. Permit counter wait times

Police and Fire:

1. Employee update (Staffing update, retention etc.)
2. 2023-2025 proposed new positions for police and fire
3. Update on current union negotiations
4. Fire station IV and infrastructure

Public Works:

1. Update on sidewalks
2. Traffic calming
3. The bridge on Lejeune
4. Landscaping
5. Sanitation (Contamination of recycling, trash pit regulations, update on Miami-Dade County pass-throughs).
 - a. Actual cost per household versus anticipated cost
6. Biltmore way / North Ponce corridor improvements
7. Septic to Sewer conversion plan
8. Alhambra Water Tower
9. Gondola Building

Community Recreation:

1. Update on city parks
2. Country Club and update on pool completion
3. Burger Bobs
4. Venetian Pool

Economic Development:

1. Miracle Mile
2. Downtown Business Improvement District
3. U.S. Census

Innovation and Technology:

1. Smart City Infrastructure

Parking and Mobility:

1. Removal of old meters and the installation of new fare machines
2. EV Charging master plan
3. Freebee
4. Trolley Expansion