

City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Agenda Item H-5
March 10, 2026
Public Safety Building, CMR
2151 Salzedo Street, Coral Gables, FL

City Commission

Mayor Vince Lago

Vice Mayor Rhonda Anderson

Commissioner Melissa Castro

Commissioner Ariel Fernandez

Commissioner Richard D. Lara

City Staff

City Attorney, Cristina Suárez

City Manager, Peter Iglesias

City Clerk, Billy Urquia

Asset Manager, Page Perez

Public Speaker(s)

Agenda Item H-5[Start: 2:27 p.m.]

A Resolution of the City Commission approving a First Amendment to the Lease/Use Agreement between the City of Coral Gables (Lessor) Miami-Dade County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, for the property located at 2900 SW 72nd Avenue, Miami, Florida 33155, identified by Folio Number: 30-4014-010-0010, comprising of approximately 4,466 acres of land for an additional one-year term (03/14/2026 – 03/14/2027), for the continued utilization by the County’s Department of Solid Waste as a solid waste trash transfer station.

Mayor Lago: H-5

City Attorney Suarez: H-5 is a resolution one-year the city Commission approving the First Amendment to the least use agreement between City of Coral Gables and Miami-Dade County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, for the property located at 2900 SW 72nd Avenue, Miami, Florida 33155, identified by Folio Number: 30-4014-010-0010, comprising of approximately 4,466 acres of land for an additional one year term for the continued utilization by the county's department of solid waste as a solid waste trash transfer station.

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Mayor Lago: Good afternoon.

Asset Manager Perez: Good afternoon, Mayor, Vice Mayor, Commissioners, Page Perez, Asset Manager. As the City Attorney stated we are presenting for your approval a first amendment to the lease agreement under which Miami-Dade County serves as lessee and the City Beautiful serves as lessor. The proposed amendment would extend lease term for one additional year from March 14, 2026, to March 13, 2027, with a one-year renewal option. This extension will allow the County's Department of Solid Waste to continue using the premises as a solid waste transfer station. Upon commencement of the extended term Miami-Dade County will pay the city an annual base rent of \$1.5 million dollars in a single advanced payment. If the county exercises the renewal option, the same annual payment will apply. Additionally, the lessee has identified a suitable parcel to be utilized by the city as a disaster debris management site. The site will be provided to the city at no cost during the initial one-year term and if exercised also during the subsequent one-year renewal period. Thank you.

Mayor Lago: Thank you very much. Mr. Manager.

City Manager Iglesias: Thank you, Mayor. We do have one glitch in the contract and that the county asked for a 90-day termination for convenience for the five-acre site. We don't feel that that's acceptable because we need that site from June 1st to December 1st as a mulching site. It's a little further south than we would like, but I think it's five acres that we could certainly use. So, I think this contract, the way it's structured, can be completed by the City Attorney and myself once that issue is taken care of.

Mayor Lago: Okay. Perfect. I see no issues with that.

City Attorney Suarez: So, Mr. Mayor, I think that we have that one open issue and with the resolution would give authority to the Manager and I to negotiate that point with the county so that we can make sure that the city is protected in case we need to use that mulching site.

Mayor Lago: I think it's very reasonable. I want to commend Commissioner Orbis from District Six for really leading, taking the charge here on this front. You know this is something that's very important to the county, and by the way, they're paying three times the amount of rent that they were paying before. So, I just want to put that on the record, that's number one, and number two this mulching site again is a great opportunity just in case we have a hurricane, God willing we don't, and we will be protected. I thank you for catching that in the contract, the 90 day out, we don't have a 90 day out, they shouldn't have a 90 day out, because we can't give them a 90 day out on the transfer facility. So, at the end of the day, I think we should be in this together over the next two years. Yes sir.

Commissioner Fernandez: Through the Mayor. Are we able, Madam City Attorney, to approve the contract by removing that item so that when you go to them you say, we have the approvals for the contract without that 90 day out.

City Attorney Suarez: Yeah. I think though the intention is not to have to return to Commission, so if you give the Manager and I the authority we can specify that that is the sticking point that is the issue that the Commission is not satisfied with and maybe some variation of that, not 90 day termination, but some other perhaps criteria or some other explanation might be satisfactory to the Manager and we can incorporate that, but I think you all should make it clear that that is not an acceptable provision. I think that would be helpful.

Commissioner Fernandez: Right, so maybe we can do a separate resolution after.

City Attorney Suarez: No, we can incorporate, if that is the will of the commission, we can incorporate it into the same resolution.

Commissioner Fernandez: I'm just trying to give you as much as we can from our side so that you can use it in negotiating.

City Attorney Suarez: And I think the Manager probably you know, I know the Manager appreciates that. I think we could be you know a resolution approving the agreement subject to resolution of this open issue regarding the 90-day termination with respect to the mulching site.

Commissioner Fernandez: Then I'll move it as such.

Vice Mayor Anderson: Second.

City Manager Iglesias: Through the Mayor.

Mayor Lago: Yes.

City Manager Iglesias: And Mayor part of the mulching site would be that it would have a DERM approval as a mulching site and also or as a debris site and also that it would not be a contaminated site. So those are the issues that we've asked accounting for and that's what this five-acre site is, so we want to make sure that the site that we get is usable as a trash site and as a mulching site.

Mayor Lago: Thank you. Mr. Clerk, any public comment.

City Clerk Urquia: No, Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Lago: We have a motion a second

Commissioner Castro: Yes

Commissioner Fernandez: Yes

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Commissioner Lara: Yes

Vice Mayor Anderson: Yes

Mayor Lago: Yes. Thank you.