THE INNOVATION COUNCIL

- **Concept:** An informal think-tank with qualified members appointed by the Mayor, with input from Commissioners, Academia, City Manager’s Office, Economic Development and Information Technology directors.

- **Mission:** To partner with innovative technology organizations to make the City of Coral Gables a smarter and more advanced community and the Innovation Center of the Americas.

- **Values:** Innovation, Customer Centric, Future Focused, Inclusive, Trustworthy, Results and Evidence Driven, Learning & Sharing, Relationship Focused, Sustainability, Accessibility, Accountability.

- **Goal:** To facilitate the City’s evolution into a fully Smart City that renders more value to its citizens while strengthening its management team so as to enable its members to successfully ride the waves of change induced by advancements in technology; and to recruit innovative companies that help to position the City as the Innovation Center of the Americas.

- **Strategic Goals:**
  - Support and grow a network of local innovation partners in academia, government and industry.
  - Contribute to the emergence of a microclimate that attracts innovative players to set foot in Coral Gables.
  - Find cutting edge, scalable, and cost-effective solutions to urban and government organization problems in the City.
  - Help the City build a culture of innovation, with ideas that challenge conventional thinking and inspire change.
  - Leverage research to identify leading practices and emerging issues.
  - Propose strategies to make government more efficient and better integrate smart city technology solutions to improve citizen services and quality of life (IoT, enterprise systems, smart apps, etc.).
  - Accelerate technology into City government and community.
  - Identify smart city trends, use cases and success stories that may benefit the City.