

MIAMI BEACH

Finance and Economic Resiliency Committee Meeting

City Hall, Commission Chambers, 3rd Floor, 1700 Convention Center Drive

January 13, 2020 - 8:00 AM

Commissioner Ricky Arriola, Chair
Commissioner David Richardson, Vice-Chair
Commissioner Mark Samuelian, Member
Commissioner Steven Meiner, Alternate

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A meeting of the Finance and Citywide Projects Committee was held on Monday, January 13, 2020 at 8:00 a.m. in the Commission Chambers, 3rd floor of City Hall. Attendance: Commissioners Ricky Arriola, David Richardson, and Mark Samuelian. Members from the Administration and the public were also attendance.

Meeting began at 8:10 a.m.

OLD BUSINESS

1. DISCUSSION REGARDING CITY'S HOMELESS WALK-IN CENTER

September 11, 2019 – R9 O
Sponsored by Commissioner Samuelian
Office of Housing and Community Services

ACTION

Commissioner Samuelian opened the item. He explained that in the community survey, the number one opportunity our residents wanted improved is the homeless issue. He said we have done some things, we have increased the number of Marchmen beds with MBPD, we are piloting something with the Lazarus mental health outreach, and we have allocated incremental funding to the Homeless Trust. The bottom line of the conversation is how we do better and more. He thanked the Administration for the fact-based memorandum.

Maria Ruiz, Director of Housing and Community Services, spoke. She said we are currently pending the execution of the agreement of the funds for the Miami-Dade County Homeless Trust. With regards to the Lazarus project, we have managed to put 2 people in housing out of the 13 that have been targeted. With regards to relocations, those are up to 52 in the first quarter, we are on pace to beat this past year's relocation, which was a record number. On the shelter placements, we have had an influx of families in December that we had to place in hotels because we did not have the shelter bed accommodations. Four out of five families originated elsewhere. Right now, we have spent 25% of our relocations funds to pay for hotels, we are on pace to need more funds to replenish that particular account. In terms of the walk-in center, that is the building that is going to be demolished to make room for the Convention Center Hotel. We are strategizing to put in place an all mobile unit because we are struggling to find a location. The

mobility plan is being worked on and how we are going to process people in the field to make sure we don't stop services just because there is no physical place to operate from.

Commissioner Samuelian asked what incremental services we are benefiting from the Homeless Trust.

Maria Ruiz said the majority of the money would be used for rapid rehousing. The Homeless Trust voted on Friday to Douglas Gardens Community Health Center, they will be managing the local population. We have 10 people who we have already identified for the program. A small portion of the money is to enable hotel placement for families. The final small portion of \$5,000 will cover the homeless that are currently employed in the City of Miami Beach, so they don't have to travel so far to go find housing while maintaining their job here.

Commissioner Richardson asked how much more money is needed to replenish and over what period.

Maria Ruiz said it is hard to tell at this point. She will probably come back with a report when they get to 40% of the funds being used. We are currently drawing from the \$40,000 to put down payments for those homeless that are transitioning to permanent housing, we have expended \$9,000 in hotels. If the only spike was in December, we should be in okay shape, but her concern is if we continue to get more families.

Commissioner Richardson asked to touch on the mobile plan and if it will cost more money to do that as oppose to having an office.

Maria Ruiz said they will be using more money on fuel and vehicle use because they are going to be in the vehicles more often. She said they are trying to go paperless, so hopefully there will be less paper to occupy which is a considerable expense because of the amount of people they serve. The hardship is going to be getting the community adjusted to them being in the field all the time. Other cities have this model. The goal is to be able to perform the other services like the identification replacement, etc.

Commissioner Richardson asked if we have looked at other models at other cities and see if people started to gather in one location, he asked if maybe they will start gathering here at the Police Station or City Hall since there wouldn't be a fixed location.

Maria Ruiz said they have studied the models of at least 15 different cities. There are already locations where the homeless people tend to congregate, there is Lincoln Road, Ocean Drive, Collins Park, New World Symphony. They are locations they regularly visit anyway. They are part of the core group. She doesn't think there will be a huge difference. The Police Department has the capacity to place people into shelter as well 24/7. A person who is looking for services can access them that way as well. They expect to be more visible with more people out on the street, hopefully it will increase the perception of the community that they are out there being proactive.

Commissioner Arriola said he is worried about this mobile model. He doesn't have a strong feeling that it is going to work. He thinks it is incumbent upon us to find a permanent location and think about maybe a hybrid model. He explained that the team needs a place to be. He would like to instruct the Administration to think about some time in the next 5 years when we are building parking garages or P3s if there can be as part of that effort to have a centralized location for the Homeless Outreach department. If the hybrid model goes well he would like for us to be out in the field deploying and a permanent location where people can walk in to. He is going to encourage us to decide and having a mobile model is kicking the can down the road.

Commissioner Richardson agreed with Commissioner Arriola and he thinks the community will find a place to congregate.

Commissioner Arriola said we need to find an appropriate place and we must deal with this. He would like the Administration to think about of all the projects we have coming up with garages or P3s. he would like

Maria Ruiz to explain the minimum needs in terms of square footage for facilities so we can think about it for future developments. We also need to think about other departments too to see if we can start housing them and spread them out throughout the city.

Maria Ruiz said they are at minimum spacing as it is right now. She thinks it is less than 500 square feet for the homeless office, which is the southern side of the building. She said most of the clients need food stamps and other services, so when they finish with intake they move on to the next step. In theory it is better to keep the services close by, although not in the same space. You don't want to mix elderly with the homeless.

Commissioner Arriola asked what we have going on in Old City Hall. He asked if we can move some of the people out to another facility to be determined in the future.

Maria Ruiz said having it on the first floor is best because there are impaired people and they do get frequent visits by the Police Department because of behavior, so it is important to have a place they can move in and out quickly and safely for all involved.

Adrian Morales, Property Management Director, spoke. He said to answer the previous question on the City Hall space plan, Property Management is assessing all city facilities because of the issue that we have outgrown our space. We are trying to figure out how much space we really need versus all these leased spaces that we have. They have looked at Historic City Hall, but this group needs first floor access. They are in the process of the evaluation and should have something back in the next few months.

Commissioner Samuelian mentioned that Washington Avenue is an area where we have had problems, if the opportunity to be in Old City Hall is an option, that seems to be getting us closer to the problem which is a good thing.

Commissioner Richardson asked if there are any facilities in North Beach or if we just do mobile outreach there.

Maria Ruiz said they do outreach there, there is no fixed location in North Beach.

Commissioner Richardson asked what the percentage of services are needed in North Beach versus South Beach.

Maria Ruiz said 91% in South Beach and 9% Mid and North Beach combined.

Lori Bakkum, Vice-Chair of the Homeless Committee, spoke. She said their committee is supportive of staff having a location that works for them. The committee knows it is a stressor on the staff with no permanent home. She said as a private citizen who works mobile, she still needs a fixed location. She addressed Commissioner Arriola's concern and it came up from some of the committee members that work professionally in counseling, they are all supportive of a hybrid model, because they do believe that outreach within the community is important. A concern the members brought up for a mobile unit only, it doesn't allow for a private setting for some individuals that might be being victimized which is quite prevalent. If the mobile unit is there, then every person going in is apparent to the community around them. A private spot would not be possible in a mobile setting.

Valerie Navarrete, Chair of the Homeless Committee, spoke. She suggested that the staff needs an office for the files at least until they are computerized. The mobile unit is a good idea, and this wouldn't be the first mobile unit that Miami Beach has. There is one behind the golf course and they have been there for years. She suggested it being next to the Police Station and the community would be protected there. The committee and the community want more outreach. They would like the staff to be out of the street more. She also doesn't think the office needs to do a daily census and we should use that money for more outreach. She also mentioned the treatment beds, it is great we received more, but we still need more

beds. She also said we need to expand the Lazarus Project. She also said the committee has discussed that the 30-day rule should be eliminated.

Blake Young, resident, said this issue is near to his heart. We need to do more on this issue. He mentioned the community has said North Beach does need a presence. He mentioned he is currently working with a homeless lady in North Beach and it is a hardship to get her down here to the office. The mobile unit would be good for that, but the office is needed as well and sets a precedent that we are open for business and are serious about the issue. He is encouraging the City to give the resources to the outreach team because the community is willing to spend on things that are effective. Some people are interested in doing an ad hoc committee where they can study this and come up with some new fresh ideas. He explained he posted on social media and it blossomed into what we should be doing with the homeless. He was trying to secure the bridge and felt it was a safety concern under the 63rd Street bridge.

Commissioner Samuelian said that this is a complex issue and we can maybe think about this in 3 broad buckets. One being that they want the Administration to take a look at a central location and it is a priority to get closer to the field in some way, while we proceed with the mobile unit. Two, he thinks the situation under the 63rd Street bridge needs to be addressed immediately. Third, how we best allocate incremental resources to help people and address the problem, we were talking about something with the Homeless Trust around a \$5 million ask. There are at least 4 things that we might consider, and his request would be for the Administration to look at them, do we need more Marchmen beds? Do we need more Lazarus than we have funded? Do we need incremental resources for outreach? It sounds like the \$125,000 is buying us some good form the Homeless Trust, but he asked if we have evidence and believe there is program with the Homeless Trust and the \$125,000 addresses a certain amount of people, should we consider funding for that Homeless Trust pilot? His recommendation is that while we proceed with the mobile unit that we explore a permanent location, we address the situation under the bridge at 63rd Street, and allow the Administration look at these policy levers and programs and come back to the Committee with how they think we would best be in position if it is the will of the body to allocate more resources.

Commissioner Richardson said he would use a stronger word on Commissioner Samuelian's first point, instead of explore, he thinks they should direct the Administration to come back with concrete suggestions on where we can have an office. He has serious concerns about the mobile approach. He would like the Administration to come back and tell them if they cannot find a place. He also added onto the bridge issue and said he dealt with this issue on 71st Street 4 or 5 years ago. He said it is a state road so he had to get the state involved and what they did was build some barriers, so it was not possible to have an encampment under that bridge. The state may have to get involved because 63rd Street is a state road.

Commissioner Samuelian said he is comfortable with Commissioner Richardson's additions to the motion to direct the Administration and for the bridge he would direct to address the immediate problem, perhaps collaborative with the state to see if we need a physical structure there.

Commissioner Arriola asked how Commissioner Samuelian would like to direct staff on the policy leverage.

Commissioner Samuelian thinks there are at least 4 things, Marchmen treatment beds, expanding the Lazarus Project, more outreach like we do today, and incremental funding on top of the \$125,000 for the Homeless Trust, digest it and look at it if we had more money how would it be spent and for staff to then come back to this Committee.

Commissioner Arriola said he is very supportive. He said he threw out the Old City Hall idea, but there are other buildings. He would like some concrete analysis; he doesn't want to take months on this. He wants to know the most appropriate location for where homeless outreach should be located and then work backwards from there. If we have to move people, we can do that. Finding a home for the Homeless Outreach Department is much harder than finding an office for other people that are occupying the building.

Commissioner Richardson said he likes the idea of finding space at Old City Hall because its close to the Police Department, but he thinks it would be a mistake to have the outreach in the Police Department, it sends a wrong message that someone needing services would need to go there.

Commissioner Arriola would like to have an answer in 2020 about a location.

Commissioner Samuelian would like to have an update in February to keep this conversation going.

MOTION: Commissioner Samuelian motioned to direct the Administration to come back with concrete suggestions for the location of the office, look into more Marchmen beds, expand the Lazarus Project, address the 63rd Street bridge, and look into additional incremental funding and what it would be used for. All in favor.

2. DISCUSSION TO EXPLORE WAYS THE CITY CAN ASSIST THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH TO CREATE AFFORDABLE AND WORKFORCE HOUSING

May 8, 2019 – C7 E

Sponsored by Commissioner Arriola

Office of Housing and Community Services

ACTION

Maria Ruiz, Director of Housing and Community Services, presented the item. She explained that Michael O'Hara from the Housing Authority, Director of the Housing Authority is present and can provide some of the responses to the questions that were raised at the prior meeting.

Commissioner Arriola said one of the big points last time was figuring out what to do with the parking space ratio. He asked where we are now on everything and asked what direction the Housing Authority needs.

Mr. O'Hara explained the Housing Authority owns several vacant lots in the North Beach area on South Shore Drive and Marseille Drive. He said Commissioner Alemán wanted to see how the City could help the Housing Authority and the Housing Authority came up with 2 significant ways the City could assist. The first was waiver of any City related fees, that was discussed at prior meetings and he Building Department said they couldn't waive building permit fees, but the Planning Department said concurrency and related fees there could possibly be waived. He said the Committee would need to move that recommendation ahead so they can get the fee waivers. The other way was regarding parking, the number of units in any development is primarily impacted by the number of parking spaces that can be provided. Currently the zoning code requires 0.5 parking spaces per unit, the Housing Authority recommended the City adopt a 0.25 parking spaces per unit. There are a number of residents that live in the South Shore Drive area, he wanted to throw out an idea to the Committee, they don't want what they are trying to accomplish in North Beach to be impacted by this parking relationship. The housing Authority is going forward with its housing partner trust group developing the properties using the 0.5 parking requirement that is currently in the Code. They have approximately 94 units that could be built on South Shore Drive, they would be providing about 50 parking spaces. The Housing Authority is not going to develop South Shore Drive with zero parking. He thinks there is an opportunity at other lots, perhaps if the City wanted to have zero parking for lots that were less than 14,000 square feet or projects that have less than 25 units. The number of units that are going to be developed is directly tied to the number of parking spaces that will be provided.

Commissioner Samuelian said he wants to focus in on parking, because it is critical. He asked if we have an analysis of that area, parking utilization, he asked how big of an issue is parking today.

Carmen Sanchez, Deputy Planning Director, spoke. She said that we don't have the data as far as the particulars of parking and the demand, they can reach out to the Parking Department to find that out. She wanted to clarify 2 things; parking is exclusive. The FAR ratio is not necessarily affected by parking. The other point is that they are not recommending a waiver of the fees, but rather a modification to address

affordable housing, workforce housing, or however the Commission feels it should be applied. It would be establishing a reduction for those uses.

Commissioner Samuelian thinks the analysis for parking would be helpful. The other thing they talked about previously was a specific idea and it was related to that not everyone would need parking. He asked if they would be willing to build that into the lease, if people aren't going to use the parking then we wouldn't have it. He mentioned the Wall Street Journal reported on November 19, 2019 that a new Arizona development has residents not bringing cars. He asked if that is something we have pursued and if we would do that.

Mr. O'Hara said he read that article and explained that it is 1,000-unit development. There is no parity between the Arizona project and the Miami Beach project.

Commissioner Samuelian asked if we can legally pursue having people not bring cars, it looks like it is legally defensible at least for this development.

Mr. O'Hara said the Administration and the City Attorney's office have had discussions about that and it doesn't look like it could happen.

Maria Ruiz said the City's housing consultant, Hope, said it would be discriminatory and would raise an issue. Their issue was by picking this particular project and demanding no parking, whereas other projects of similar size did not have that requirement. It shows affordable housing is being discriminated against.

Commissioner Arriola said for the benefit of Commissioner Richardson at least on the South Shore project, one of the intentions is that it is an area that is really struggling with parking in general. There are a lot of multifamily dwellings that bump up against single family neighborhoods and because there is inadequate parking in multifamily buildings some people are parking in the single-family district so much so that they had to put a fence in between the neighborhoods. In order to move forward with this project we need to determine what the parking ratio would look like. We need more workforce housing units in the city, in order to do that, we would need to modify the parking ratio, if we lower the parking ratio and people bring their cars when we told them not to, where will those cars go. The single-family neighborhood is concerned it will go into the neighborhood. If the goal of the City is to build more workforce housing units, he doesn't know we need to necessarily put the workforce housing units in this location. This is a highly desirable location; it is on the golf course. What would be the fair market value if we were to sell it and then reinvest that money in another part of the city where it is closer to mass transit and we could build more units. Are we better off going in that direction than fit housing in an area where we will create a lot of tension?

Mr. O'Hara said in a Letter to Commission they gave the appraised values of all the sites, which is at least 3 times what they paid for it.

Commissioner Arriola said his thought is, maybe we do financial analysis and bring it back. If we were to think of how many millions would come back to the City, we either could go buy a building or build one as a P3.

Mr. O'Hara said the land is not owned by the City of Miami Beach, it is owned by the Housing Authority of the City of Miami Beach.

Commissioner Arriola asked what the legal mechanism would be to trigger a sale.

Rafael Paz, Deputy City Attorney, said their board would need to approve the sale.

Commissioner Arriola said the Housing Authority owns the land, but the City appoints the board.

Discussion continued.

The Housing Authority would like the City to lower the parking ratio, but it is going to be difficult to do that.

Mr. O'Hara clarified he was trying to bifurcate the properties, on South Shore Drive they would like the 0.5 ratio to remain, but on other projects throughout the city less than 14,000 square feet, a project less than 25 units would have a zero parking.

Commissioner Richardson asked if there is data for the other buildings in terms of how many residents have cars. He asked about the history.

Mr. O'Hara said the demand is about the 0.25 at the Rebecca Towers building, there is a minor waiting list. They are not asking for a change for the South Shore project, so their plan is to move forward with it. There is no need greater than the 0.5 that will cause more cars to spill over into the residential neighborhoods.

They project 90 units at South Shore Drive.

Commissioner Richardson asked about the funding.

Maria Ruiz said this is highly competitive funding and it is the greatest source for projects, typically projects that have to hit the 100-unit threshold before they are given serious consideration. They need to meet the 9% tax credit that are issued for the funds.

Mr. O'Hara said part of the scoring criteria is the amount of funding requested per unit. That is why when they spoke with Commissioner Alemán that anyway we can bring down the total project cost would be a benefit in the scoring criteria. The Housing Authority projects have met the threshold that comes down to a lottery, everyone is equal when they go in after scoring and a lottery number is assigned.

Maria Ruiz said it is highly competitive, there is not enough money out there for people who are interested in this type of funding. She said the latest application from the Housing Authority was for elder housing for 118 units.

Mr. O'Hara said that included in the site they have on Marseilles Drive. There were 3 sites to get them over the 100 threshold.

Commissioner Arriola said it seems worth exploring selling the land and the Housing Authority buys a building closer to mass transit, where there can be more units, which helps get the financing we are looking for. This is a challenged property, because it is not close to mass transit. As we think about planning our City, if we are going to have workforce housing it needs to be close to mass transit hubs. This is an opportunity to put a stake in the ground where we are close to trolleys and instead of building 90 units, we can build closer to 120.

Mr. O'Hara said the largest vacant parcels in the city are these on South Shore Drive. There would be no gain from purchasing another building, there would be a net loss.

Commissioner Arriola said we can add to the building or retrofit it to get more units out buying a building.

Maria Ruiz said one of the expensive pieces of purchasing a building, which we experienced when we acquired the Biscayne Beach House, we have to pay URA, which is 48 months of relocations expenses for tenants.

Mr. O'Hara said to be fair to everyone he thinks this is a discussion we need to continue to have relating to parking and the requirements, but he does think if we can move the other issue ahead to the City Commission of fee reductions or fee waivers, that would at least help them in the meantime while we come to an agreement with parking.

Rafael Paz said on the issue of fee reductions, as Camren Sanchez mentioned, we wouldn't recommend a waiver of fees and Tom Mooney and Raul Aguila don't recommend it either, but we can certainly reduce the fees. In 2019 for the concurrency fees, the City Commission created an incentive area that already reduces the mobility fees for all projects north of 63rd Street by 62.5% until 2022 and then there is a sliding scale reducing the fees until 2025. The applicant would have the ability to benefit from that right now. If you want to amend it further and reduce the fees further, that would be an amendment to chapter 122 and we can either keep it in committee and bring it back for review or commence the amendment to the LDR to accomplish that.

Commissioner Richardson asked for clarification on the fees.

Carmen Sanchez said for parking fees or mobility fees, we would have to look at the projects themselves. She wouldn't be able to give the Committee a number right now. As Rafael Paz mentioned they would not recommend a waiver, it would be a reduction and they would recommend it be applied across the board, not just project specific.

Commissioner Richardson would like to know about how much money we are talking about.

Carmen Sanchez can come back with those numbers, she can share the information with Maria Ruiz, she can bring an update to the Committee.

Commissioner Richardson asked for a ballpark figure, he is just trying to frame how big of an issue this is.

Carmen Sanchez said it is more than likely in the hundreds of thousands, depending on the size of the project. She would be uncomfortable giving a number off the top of her head. She doesn't know what the impact will be and therefore what the reduction will be. They will still be supporting the thought of reducing the fees, but it will be more realistic for Maria Ruiz to come back with the number.

Commissioner Arriola asked for some clarification on the workforce housing, he asked if they are talking about section 8 housing for the South Shore project or workforce housing.

Mr. O'Hara said the first 3 applications were for workforce housing, the state changed their terminology. The terminology years ago was either you were building a family project or building an elderly project. They changed it, they kept elderly and now it is workforce housing. It is people that are in the workplace that have some income. That is what the applications were for at the beginning. The way the Housing Authority is looking at this with its partner and the board is that any available funding that comes up, the Housing Authority is applying for. It just happened to be that the first 3 applications were for workforce housing, the 4th one is for elderly and that is why they are going for an elderly project. The next one after this is for workforce housing again. If they are not successful for that funding, then it goes to the next pot of money. It is a moving target, that you have to be constantly in the hunt for.

Commissioner Richardson requested for the February 2020 FERC meeting, for them to provide information before the meeting, some rough estimates. He wants to know what they are talking about, if they are talking about fee reductions, what the fiscal impact is going to be, he would like a rough order of magnitude, it would be helpful.

Commissioner Samuelian said he would like to hear from the City Attorney's Office, not just for this project, but a straightforward question, can building owners have a policy where tenants can opt in to not bring cars.

Rafael Paz said he will look into that.

Commissioner Samuelian said in the memorandum, the recommendation was to reduce the parking requirements. A lot of his thinking in preparation was based on that request, but if he heard correctly today,

that is not what we want to do. He would ask for the next meeting that the conclusion be very clear about what the ask is.

DIRECTION: Come back to the February 2020 FERC meeting with impact of what the reduction would be for the fees, provide information before the meeting. City Attorney's Office to provide information on whether we can have tenants opt in to not bring cars.

3. DISCUSSION REGARDING MIAMI BEACH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION AND ITS FINANCIAL CONDITION

April 10, 2019 – C4 D

Sponsored by Vice-Mayor Richardson
Office of Housing and Community Services

ACTION

Ahmed Martin, Executive Director of the Miami Beach Development Corporation, spoke. He explained at the last meeting, the Committee asked for updates on vacancy, capital needs, sustainability, and file compliance. In terms of vacancies they currently have 9 vacancies within the portfolio of 323 units. There are 2 major rehabilitation projects that will require relocation of residents. One is the Shelbourne, which 19 residents are going to require relocation due to a gut rehabilitation of the building. They hired a HUD certified specialist to relocate the residents. The second building is the Jefferson, which they have to rework the first-floor structure. there are 5 individuals that will have to be vacated. They are also working with Housing Opportunities Unlimited on that. In terms of sustainability, they are still unfortunately making capital need repairs out of the operating budget and that is until they can come up with a comprehensive financial plan. They are working with the National Equity Foundation, which is a subsidiary of Lisk, they are a national syndication and nonprofit advisory firm that will be helping evaluate each of the capital stacks for each of the properties. They will be untangling that and helping them come up with an action plan moving forward. Another area of concern was file maintenance and compliance. They received notice of noncompliance for 4 of their properties. They will cure those deficiencies within the cure period. He said that he renewed his contract with the CDC so he will be there another 12 months, they added 3 additional board members from the University of Miami Law program with a concentration in real estate. They are working on getting ahead of issues before they arise.

Commissioner Arriola asked if we have the financials handy.

Maria Ruiz, Director of Housing and Community Services, said we have received financials from the organization last year, but not for this past quarter or representative of this coming year.

The fiscal year is September 30th.

Commissioner Richardson asked if they closed their books for 2019.

Mr. Martin said they closed the books, but they are starting the audit process for fiscal year 2019. He explained at the last Committee meeting that they needed to do forensic accounting to see where the organization is. The formal Chief Financial Officer left the organization before closing out the books.

Commissioner Richardson asked about the status of the 2018 audit.

Mr. Ahmed said that audit will be complete in the next 2 weeks.

Commissioner Richardson asked if we can have a copy of the audit at the February 2020 FERC meeting.

Mr. Martin agreed. He said the audit firm has not started their work yet for 2019 because it is the same firm, they are closing out 2018, they are going to begin the work for 2019. They have received the audit request

list for 2019. They are gathering the documentation, but the firm has not started to do their work. It will take around 90 days to complete the audit.

Commissioner Richardson asked for an update on the 2019 audit at the February 2020 FERC meeting.

Mr. Martin asked if it is possible to submit a written report every quarter, since they are scheduled for the agenda every quarter.

Commissioner Arriola said they have been asking them to come every quarter, but Commissioner Richardson's request, which he supports is if they think they will have financial data they can provide the Committee sooner like in February, that will be helpful. The Committee is challenged to make a decision continuing supporting the organization or dissolving it and giving it to the County. They want to make sure the organization is on the right path because people are living in the apartments. They don't want people living in the apartments in substandard conditions longer than they need to.

Mr. Ahmed requested to come for the March 2020 FERC meeting because he said he will not be here for the February 2020 FERC meeting.

Commissioner Richardson asked if there is someone he can send in his place. He requested that since there is going to be an audit available in the next few weeks, send it over to the Committee before the February 2020 FERC meeting. This way they will have it and can digest it and then someone can come in February and if they have any questions about it and let the Committee know if they are on track to getting the next audit report for 2019. It has taken more than a year to get the audit for 2018. He doesn't want it to take 16 months to get the 2019 report. If it is going to take that long, they should be aware of it now.

Commissioner Samuelian is supportive of that.

Discussion was held regarding the units.

The Committee wants to make sure the residents have adequate living.

Commissioner Arriola said sometimes a locally formed board on a smaller scale, would give the residents of these units a more timely response, better housing, but to the extent that it is not being done, the County has a lot more resources they can put forth to this issue.

Mr. Ahmed said they have the same property management company as the County.

Commissioner Arriola said he wants to know the CDC will do a better job than the County and he doesn't want to keep rehashing this issue. There are a lot of challenges, there is some data here that reflects tenant complaints. There is the financial aspect and the living aspect. In the past they have seen troublesome pictures of apartments that are concerning. He asked how they are looking.

Maria Ruiz said the Jefferson is the one where the floor was collapsing, they are finally getting into the nitty gritty with a contractor and coming up with a timeline to be able to do that work. She was on site on Friday because a tenant called her, conditions are so poor at the building. She also talked about the chairlift that has been going on a year and a half. There are a few items. From a staff perspective, the thing they are most concerned about is that a lot of the tenants are calling staff directly. One of the things they have to continue to stress is that the agency has to build a stronger relationship with its tenants.

Commissioner Arriola said he asked Commissioner Richardson to go look at these buildings for his own satisfaction, because he is only relying on pictures, but he would like to get his opinion when he goes to look at the units. If they then feel they are in great condition or not, that will drive some of the decisions of what will be done here. If things need to be fixed, they need to be fixed.

Commissioner Richardson said he knows Mr. Ahmed won't be here, but he wants him to send the financial audit report with any attachments that they would need to understand those as soon as he gets it before the February 2020 FERC meeting. They will look it over and if they have any questions and the assistant is not able to answer them, they will follow up. He wants to talk about this at the next meeting.

Sharhrzad Emami, Attorney for the organization spoke, she said that Kauffman Rossin, the accounting firm, can be present at the next meeting, they will be able to explain the details of the audit should the Committee have questions.

Commissioner Richardson said great, they can also tell the Committee when they anticipate the 2019 audit will be completed.

Mr. Ahmed said fiscal year 2018 audit won't reflect any Administrative changes that took place.

Commissioner Arriola said the financials is an important data point, but the physical quality of the asset is the most important thing in his mind. He wants to know that things are going in the right direction.

Jeff Feldman, Vice-Chair of the board of directors, spoke. He said there is a he said she said game with the Committee about some things that may have been true in the past, but are partially or close to reality. He wanted to clarify that the lift has been fixed, they are waiting on the inspection. It was complete in early December. It wasn't easy, it is an old lift, they were trying to find parts. They don't just sit around not doing things. They had to get multiple bids from engineering, they have to get multiple bids for the construction. They are going through a process. They have been and continue to do the things to right these properties. He said the portfolio needs a redevelopment.

Commissioner Richardson said it is fair commentary, but the people living in those facilities, they are living in those conditions and they need the lift and the services.

Discussion continued about the conditions of the units and the challenges of the organization.

The MBCDC said tenant complaints have gone down. They also have meetings with the community to tell the tenants to call them for any issues.

The City wants to get comfortable with this.

DIRECTION: MBCDC to send copies of audit report from 2018 before the February 2020 FERC meeting and give an update at the February 2020 FERC meeting regarding the progress and the 2019 audit.

4. DISCUSSION REGARDING ESTABLISHING A HISTORIC PRESERVATION FUND

April 11, 2018 – C4 O

Sponsored by Commissioner Arriola
Planning

ACTION

Commissioner Arriola opened the item. As he has said in the past historic preservation is core to who we are as a city. The city is 100 years old and among the things that we are known for is our architecture and one of things we try to do is preserve our cultural heritage including buildings, but in the face of sea level rise and the threat to buildings and infrastructure we need funding mechanisms to invest in our historic properties to make them resilient for the next 100 years. One of the things he wants to explore is creating some kind of fund and some kind of appropriation mechanism so that some of our most cherished historic properties have the financing available that they wouldn't be able to attract traditionally through a fund that is established by the City and he has asked staff to think about ideas, modeling things that other

communities have done. To the extent that other communities haven't done this, we would be at the forefront of creation.

Commissioner Samuelian said he is supportive of this item. He said that they have an item at the Land Use and Sustainability Committee related to private property adaptation. There have been specific dialogues with the Administration that San Francisco has a very innovative program where they have been providing grants. It is his opinion that we need to better engage our community to be more resilient as well. His one request is that as we think about items like this, he wants us to have a holistic view of all the pieces so we know where the money goes. A certain amount of money needs to go to the streets and that is important, a certain amount of money for historic properties, maybe some money for non-historic or not, and seawalls as well. He wants to have the master plan so that before we put money here, if we know there is another area that needs money that we have identified that. He has requested from the Administration for that Land Use and Sustainability Committee meeting in January that we have a master program because he would hate to allocate money for one thing and then we have no money for something else critical.

Carmen Sanchez, Deputy Planning Director, explained they are going to provide a brief update, she said Heidi Segal is here from Keith and Schnars. She explained they are looking at funding mechanisms that were identified before and not necessarily an appropriation to do this or that, but maybe to address greater issues that are facing the city with historic properties. They will come back next month with a final proposal once the Committee tells them they are on the right track, so they can move forward with next steps.

Heidi Segal, KCI, explained that they appeared at the last meeting and the Committee asked them to identify the type of projects, how they may be ranked in implementation of the program. The historic preservation fund was originally recommended through the North Beach Master Plan in 2016, part of the study was them looking at applying it citywide. Their initial recommendation currently is to limit it to North Beach, Normandy Isles and North Shore Historic Districts to allow it to get und running and do some good work as the fund continues to grow. Once all of the kinks are worked out perhaps apply it citywide. As far as types of projects, their recommendations include façade repairs as well as life safety repairs. For example, in North Beach the railings on some of the buildings might not meet the fire code today, also some of the resiliency projects including roof and structural repairs, as well as elevating sea walls and if the fund grows, elevating buildings. They are recommending a ranking of the projects with category one being the highest priority which are structures that contributed to the structural significance either architecturally or historically. Category two would be projects contributing toward climate adaptation. Category three would be the applicant having a financial hardship. That would be part of the ranking matrix as well as it being a specific area catalyst project, properties that are visible from a major corridor, or properties that provide workforce or affordable housing. Some of the recommendations for the implementation include creating a board or committee to oversee the distribution of the funds by ranking the projects so it is out of staff's hands, most likely not being housed in the Planning Department. They are also looking at what the grant split would be, either the City being at 80% and application at 20% or the City at 60% and the applicant at 40%.

Commissioner Samuelian said he likes the idea of a matching program. He likes 50/50% versus the City funding 80/20%. He is intrigued and open to the idea of starting in North Beach, but he would like to think about. He asked if there is a reason for that.

Ms. Segal said it did come from the North Beach Master Plan, there is a focus there for new preservation efforts and second, there will be limited funds as this starts to grow. To keep it concentrated and the idea that we start to see the work come together and improve an entire area more quickly versus it being spread out throughout the city.

Commissioner Samuelian said things that help us adapt to flooding is a high priority for him, how this money will help property owners address that.

Commissioner Arriola said he is thinking that the City has to do its part to build the infrastructure to protect us, otherwise this is pointless. One thing is working off the premise that the City will do its part with infrastructure to appropriately address the dangers of climate change. Second, this is a long-term vision for him, this will probably be implemented after he is out of office. With a 100-year view he would like to identify the best properties we have within our city that are unique, embody our culture, and are best in class, so we have the financial mechanism to preserve those long term. This is something to start planning for the coming decades, so we have money to preserve the best historic assets we have in our city, while we are building the infrastructure. We aren't going to be able to save every piece of property in the city.

DIRECTION: Come back to the February 2020 FERC meeting with a final proposal.

5. DISCUSSION REGARDING IMPLEMENTING TACTICAL URBANISM PROJECTS THROUGHOUT THE CITY

July 17, 2019 – C4 I

Sponsored by Commissioner Arriola
Economic Development

ACTION

DIRECTION: Defer to the February 2020 FERC meeting.

6. DISCUSSION REGARDING THE REVIEW OF THE JULIA TUTTLE BUS RAPID TRANSIT DEMONSTRATION PROJECT

May 16, 2018 – C4 R

Sponsored by Commissioner Samuelian
Transportation

ACTION

Lynda Westin, Transportation Manager, presented the item. She explained the transit pass program is working very well, approximately 70 employees are utilizing the program, 11 of them being Miami Beach residents. The BERT project is continuing to finish the preliminary reports, designs will be starting in June with construction beginning in June 2022. There is going to be an important meeting on January 22nd, the \$5.1 million in operating funds that we were awarded are not in the FDOT work program. They are meeting with the Transportation and Planning Organization and FDOT to find out what is going on. The Better Bus project came up with a scenario that proposes eliminating it and replacing with a route 120, the idea is to get more ridership from the local neighborhoods. The route would change to workforce orientation and less tourism focused. The Better Bus project should be brought through the County approvals in the Spring and Summer.

Commissioner Samuelian asked about the BERT and dedicated line on the Julia Tuttle Causeway. He confirmed that he heard the design will be in June. As that kicks off we will loop in all the stakeholders, including the 41st Street Committee. In addition, he confirmed we will give thought about what happens after the bus comes over in the dedicated lane; where it goes and if it connects to the trolley. He wanted to make sure it is all part of the design and the stakeholders will be part of the conversation.

Lynda Westin confirmed Commissioner Samuelian's comments.

DIRECTION: Come back with an update to the April 2020 FERC meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

7. UPDATE AND STATUS REVIEW OF THE FAIRWAY PARK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

October 16, 2019 – C4 J and R9 T

ACTION

John Rebar, Parks and Recreation Director/Acting Assistant City Manager, presented the item. He said this project has been around for a few years and started as a playground project and artificial turf project. They lost the momentum, but now got it back and have been working with the community. They would like the project to start in June because it is hotter, and it won't be used as much. The statement about kids not using the playground as much during June came directly from the community leader that has been meeting with the City on this item.

Commissioner Arriola said his son is out of school in the summer and is at the park every day.

John Rebar said parks are used year-round in the City of Miami Beach, but some parents don't think the park will be used in the summer as much. There are some drainage issues at the playground, since it is rainy season it does make sense. He doesn't believe we can start sooner than June. We don't have enough funds for the entire project as it is today, so we are looking at to go out to bid for a phased project.

Commissioner Arriola asked what the financial gap is if we wanted to take care of this all at once.

David Gomez, CIP Division Director, spoke. He said that there was a time when they were looking at close to \$1 million gap, they were able to narrow that with revisions to design and some cost savings measures but are looking at between \$500,000-\$600,000 right now.

Commissioner Arriola asked why this wasn't included in the G.O. Bond.

John Rebar said the fence and pavilion were included; the gap may not have existed at the time of the G.O. Bond scope.

Commissioner Arriola asked what work needs to be done and what does the Committee need to opine on.

John Rebar said this item is a result of a resident reaching out with concern about the delay and wanting it phased to get something going. There was a delay, but we are going to break down in June and are going to phase it as requested by the community. Phase 1 would be the playground including the drainage and some renovations to the pavilion, if the budget will allow us to go further into the park we will, but do not have the funding to touch the artificial turf in the park.

Commissioner Arriola expressed frustration because he pushed for this to be in the G.O. Bond. He was adamantly against the logic that some of his colleagues had about funding it through the regular budget process. He wants to make this a priority in the budget cycle to finish this park.

Commissioner Richardson asked about the coordination with the community and who that includes. He asked how staff is proceeding with what to do and how to do it.

John Rebar said he is not sure if the Committee received the backup email, but a gentleman named Jamie Straz represents the community, he doesn't believe it is a formal association as much as it is a group of residents who live near the park. He helped design the playground, he ran it through his neighbors.

Commissioner Richardson mentioned that the Normandy Shores Association utilizes this park. He would suggest staff reaches out and do a briefing with them. What we don't want is to start doing the work and then an association comes to us and is upset that they weren't consulted.

John Rebar clarified that we had a community meeting at Normandy Shores Golf Club and were very involved with the process. They have seen the plans and have helped bring it to what it is today.

Commissioner Samuelian said he is supportive of the phasing because we want to get something going. He thinks almost a year ago and we talked about this item. What he wants to learn is what transpired over this period of time and how we make sure we don't run into a similar situation. He said we had this same conversation about a year ago, he would like to know what happened.

John Rebar said he remembers the conversation, there has been a budget gap for a long time, and we talked about phasing.

Commissioner Samuelian said he just wants to understand so we learn for next time.

Commissioner Richardson said to Commissioner Arriola's point, if we are going to start in June, would it be better to start a few months later, he asked if staff has thought about that.

John Rebar said we have thought about it and came up with the June date as the result of the parent we are dealing with. From an administrative standpoint we need to get out to bid and get someone in place. He said they are flexible with whether to start in June or August and they were pushing for June at the request of the resident.

Commissioner Arriola said we will be starting our budget starting in May assuming that we hopefully have the money to complete the bigger project and would have approval for that in late September. He asked how that might impact the timeline on this. He hates delaying especially with parks, but he asked about doing it at one time and if that will impact it financially.

John Rebar said the community specifically asked for us to phase it out and not close their park as one construction site. If we have the money, we can do the phases back to back where there is no gap.

Commissioner Samuelian said he thinks the community is anxious to see progress. He thinks phasing soon is the goal. He said the Committee is supportive of the phasing. He asked what the next step is and what the Committee needs to do to proceed.

John Rebar said they are good with to proceed with the budget and the scope they are going to create. It was also brought up that we do have some gap funding that is now out in the open, so they will work with John Woodruff, Chief Financial Officer, during the capital budget process to see if we can get the remaining funding and not have any gaps between the phases.

Commissioner Samuelian confirmed that the construction will begin for phase 1 in June and asked when it will be completed.

John Rebar said a minimum of 3 months, but he needs more details on the engineering for the drainage.

DIRECTION: Go out to bid to begin phase 1 in June, work through the capital budget process to find gap funding.

8. **AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 2 OF THE CITY CODE, ENTITLED ADMINISTRATION, BY AMENDING ARTICLE VI THEREOF, ENTITLED PROCUREMENT, BY AMENDING DIVISION 3 THEREOF, ENTITLED CONTRACT PROCEDURES, BY CREATING SECTION 2-378, ENTITLED "INSPECTOR GENERAL CONTRACT ALLOCATION," TO PROVIDE FOR DEDICATED FUNDING FOR THE ACTIVITIES AND OPERATIONS OF THE CITY'S OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL, BASED ON A PERCENTAGE OF THE CONTRACT AMOUNTS EXPENDED BY THE CITY UNDER CERTAIN CITY CONTRACTS, AND TO ESTABLISH MANDATORY CONTRACT PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE**

INSPECTOR GENERAL'S REVIEWS, AUDITS, INSPECTIONS AND INVESTIGATIONS OF CITY CONTRACTS; PROVIDING FOR REPEALER, SEVERABILITY, CODIFICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

December 11, 2019 – R5 O

Sponsored by Commissioner Samuelian
Office of the City Attorney

ACTION

Commissioner Samuelian opened the item. He explained that this is a follow up from First Reading, there have been productive discussions with the Administration. The G.O. Bond Oversight Committee reviewed it. We have a shared view from the City Attorney, the Inspector General, and the Administration on what we should do, which he is supportive of as well.

Rafael Paz, Deputy City Attorney, said since First Reading we have incorporated the comments that Commissioner Richardson and Commissioner Arriola provided specifically to make clear as commissioner Richardson mentioned if the intent for the Inspector General fund to be an exclusive dedicated fund, then the ordinance should provide that. We have now updated the ordinance with language to that effect. To address Commissioner Arriola's comments that this is a funding source and a funding mechanism but doesn't not provide for any entitlement for expenditures. The IG under the ordinance that the Commission previously adopted with power and duties of the IG, already requires the IG to submit to the annual budget process and go through that regular budget process and provide whatever level of detail is applicable for other departments. We have clarified here in the IG ordinance that nothing in this ordinance is authorizing any expenditures except as approved by the City Commission pursuant to the budget process. After First Reading the item was heard by the G.O. Bond Oversight Committee and they expressed a concern for the impact of the assessment of the IG fee for larger projects. The proposed fee is now changed and John Woodruff will get into that in a second, but at the time the Committee was responding to a proposed fee of 1.5%, for the larger projects such as the 72nd Street Civic Complex, that is over \$50 million that alone would be a \$750,000 impact, just for one project. They took the feedback and worked with Commissioner Samuelian and Finance has evaluated the numbers better, so we can minimize scope impacts to projects while still accomplishing the intended purpose of the ordinance, which is to essentially to cover the General Fund portion of the IG's budget, which approximates \$1.5 million.

John Woodruff, Chief Financial Officer, said we had an opportunity to spend more time analyzing the fee, it touches all the City's contracts, the scope of it is very large. They found that when they looked at the capital side of the equation that there was a little more work to do. They found that we can lower the percentage from 1.5% to 0.5% and that a cap is very important for some of these bigger projects. With that analysis we can show that we can still generate the \$1.4 or \$1.5 million or so that we are shooting for to cover the General Fund expense. We adjusted the percentage down and are recommending a cap to protect the budgets of some of these big capital projects and feel that it will still generate the amount of money we are looking for and we can always look at this after we have 2 or 3 years of experience and always adjust if necessary. To be clear we have full funded the OIG's budget in the budget this year, any revenue that would come in as of implementation starting in April and the rest of the fiscal year, would supplement that and then with that in hand as we look at next year's funding, we would see how much of the General Fund side of the budget we can lower. We can always keep it the same, there is no downside to providing full funding for the office.

Commissioner Richardson asked how we are going to account for the funds that come in.

John Woodruff said we are going to create a separate fund so that it is perfectly transparent, and he is sure the IG will be looking at that to make sure those transactions are being done correctly. It will be a stand-alone fund.

Commissioner Richardson asked if Joe Centorino looked at this, he asked if he had any comments.

Joe Centorino, Inspector General, spoke. He said that he appreciates that John Woodruff and Rafael Paz kept him in the loop on this. They discussed it and he is fine with the change and they addressed the issues that the Commission had. We will have to monitor this year by year to see how it works out. He is sure that if we have to make adjustments we certainly can. As a starting point he is comfortable with it.

Commissioner Richardson moved the item as presented.

MOTION: Commissioner Richardson moved the ordinance as presented. Commissioner Samuelian seconded it. All in favor.

9. **DISCUSSION REGARDING THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH EFFORTS TO COMMUNICATE THE DANGERS OF E-CIGARETTES AND VAPING AMONG YOUTH IN MIAMI BEACH**

December 11, 2019 – R9 H
Sponsored by Mayor Gelber
Organizational Development

ACTION

Leslie Rosenfeld, Chief Learning Development Officer, presented the item. She explained that at the request of the City's Youth Commission, we had engaged Miami Dade County Public Schools to provide information on the dangers of e-cigarettes, we have obtained information from the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and have distributed that information to our high school, middle school, and k8 center in addition to posting it at the Parks and Recreation facilities. We have engaged a drug prevention and intervention specialist to provide sessions to the parents and the youth these past 2 years and will be working with that organization to provide additional sessions to youth and parents. We have contemplated doing a panel discussion through a community event and Communications has provided some outreach as well.

Tonya Daniels, Marketing and Communications Director, said that options were discussed if we wanted to do some external advertising to get the message further out into the community in a mass market way. The options are wrapping trolleys and/or bus shelters. It costs \$2,500 to wrap a trolley, which includes the expense to print and install it. For the bus shelters, to print and install is \$150 per shelter. She explained that we did look at the FDA and they already have an extensive campaign, that is what we have used for ads, what has been used in the magazine as well as create the banners and flyers for the schools. The videos we have on MBTV and the videos on the trolleys are also from the FDA.

Discussion was held.

Tonya Daniels said if the trolley were to be sold, the wrapping would have to come off because we get remnant space and if we wanted to put it back up it would be another \$2,500. The bus stop wrappings are also a one-time expense.

Dr. Rosenfeld said the drug prevention sessions that we provide we already have funds for.

Commissioner Samuelian asked if there is a recommendation from the Administration to do something on a trolley or bus.

Tonya Daniels said we have done a significant amount of free advertising utilizing the tools that we have at our disposal, it has been included in e-blasts, MB Magazine, MBTV, the trolley monitors. If there is a desire to do a mass market, we would look at the trolleys and the bus shelters.

Commissioner Arriola said trolleys and bus shelters are fine, but we are talking about teenagers. They are on snapchat, Instagram, etc. He asked about social media and advertising there.

Tonya Daniels said we are doing social media posts; we can put funding towards some paid advertisements and do some geofencing and targeted marketing on social media as well.

Commissioner Arriola would like to know what that budget would look like.

Dr. Rosenfeld said she thinks the Youth Commission would be very supportive of that. They have spoken with them about social media.

Commissioner Samuelian said he likes that idea of the social media ads and he supports it. He asked if the Administration has a number in mind to get the ball rolling or if they need more time to think about it and come back to the Committee.

Tonya Daniels said for social media advertising, you can start with as little as a few hundred dollars and go up to a larger amount like \$1,000 per month. It depends on the target market and who the demographic is and how you are hitting them because the price for social media advertising is generally per person per view. She suggested maybe starting around \$500 and see how that goes and based on that maybe come back to John Woodruff, Chief Financial Officer, and ask for another \$500 when it is successful.

Commissioner Arriola said if that is what is being asked for, this doesn't need to come back to the Committee, that is well in the City Manager's threshold. The Committee can just give direction to give money to make sure the ads get in front of kids. We should probably spend money on social media rather than a bus shelter or trolley.

DIRECTION: Put \$500 towards social media ads to target kids and come back in 90 days to report how it is going.

10. DISCUSSION REGARDING THE PROJECT BUDGET, SCOPE, AND FUNDING BY VORNADO REALTY TRUST(VORNADO) FOR THE IMPROVEMENTS OF 1100 BLOCK OF LINCOLN ROAD

December 11, 2019 – C4 A
Property Management

ACTION

Adrian Morales, Property Manager Director, presented the item. He explained the City was approached by Vornado Realty Trust who owns the building on the south side of the 1100 block of Lincoln Road and they are interested in paying for design and construction services related to some of those improvements that are included in the memorandum. What he is asking the Committee to allow them to move forward with is to put together an agreement with Vornado for design and construction on the 1100 block, which include landscape, redesign, from the Raymond Jungle plan in 2010, a custom bollard, that is consistent with the rest of the Lincoln Road project that we have seen for the last few years. At some point he will come back with the construction costs. This won't be the first time this item is presented; it will go from this Committee to Commission with the agreement and then it will go with an amendment to the James Corner contract to add the scope.

Commissioner Samuelian asked about how much money Vornado is looking to invest in this area.

Adrian Morales said they are willing to pay for whatever the improvements cost, about a few hundred thousand. It is difficult to know the cost just yet. We need to get the consultant to put something on paper. What we are trying to accomplish is enhanced visibility to retail space, what they feel is the Jungles plan from 2010 doesn't accomplish that and they are also trying to make their section of the road more cohesive with the rest of it. He also explained that typically what happens before engaging into this type of an agreement, we come to this Committee to review the project to then move forward with an agreement.

Rafael Paz, Deputy City Attorney, said we would negotiate and execute a funding agreement with Vornado to cover all of the design and construction costs and then we would enter into the change orders with our contractors, subject to receiving funding from Vornado.

DIRECTION: Enter into an agreement with Vornado and go to the full Commission.

11. DISCUSSION ON SPONSORSHIP OF THE ORANGE BOWL 2021 COLLEGE CHAMPIONSHIP TO TAKE PLACE BETWEEN JANUARY 8 – 11, 2021

October 30, 2019 – C4 B
Tourism and Culture

ACTION

Matt Kenny, Tourism and Culture Director, presented the item.

Commissioner Arriola asked what we gave them last time.

Matt Kenny said he would have to go back and look. The City Manager recommended we do a similar sponsorship to the Super Bowl because the economic return and hotel contracts are the same. He is recommending a little bit less than what they requested. He said he came back to them with almost an identical request of the Super Bowl. This would be for 2021. It is worth noting that unlike the Super Bowl they are holding many events on Miami Beach. There will be a 3-day contract, ESPN is having the largest set up they have ever done in Lummus Park, they are looking at potentially taking over the Fillmore, which he is not recommending providing a fee waiver for, since it is third party rented. He is also not recommending the waiving of the corkage fee at the Fillmore and the Convention Center. He is recommending rental waivers for the Convention Center.

Commissioner Samuelian asked if he thinks he has pushed the envelope as much as possible on community benefits. He asked if there is anything more to push on that angle.

Matt Kenny said he thinks we can push back a little more on that. The resident benefits have not been nailed down quite yet, but so far, they have been great to work with.

Commissioner Samuelian said he is supportive. He also said the Super Bowl is just around the corner, he would like for any learnings that come out of the Super Bowl experience, that is gets baked into this sponsorship package.

Matt Kenny said the earliest this would come back would be at the February Commission meeting. They said they plan about a year out.

Commissioner Arriola suggested to note directionally they are supportive and don't know the dollar amount exactly.

Matt Kenny said he told the Orange Bowl he would not be able to make a firm recommendation to the full Commission until he sees exact resident benefits.

Commissioner Arriola said he agrees with Commissioner Samuelian in saying we should learn from the Super Bowl experience so it can be fresh in everyone's minds so we can craft a definitive plan for what we want to do for the Orange Bowl.

Matt Kenny suggested waiting until the March Commission meeting to give it an extra month.

Rafael Paz asked if the Committee would like this to come back to this Committee with a more detailed proposal after the Super Bowl.

Commissioner Arriola said to bring it to this Committee. He asked Matt Kenny to bring back also what we spent for the last Championship and recommendations that Matt Kenny has from what we learned from the Super Bowl including the public benefits to incorporate here. He then thinks they can come up with a firm recommendation.

DIRECTION: Come back to the February FERC meeting with a more detailed proposal, including the amount spent on the last Championship, and public benefits for the residents.

12. **AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 6 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, ENTITLED "ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES," BY AMENDING ARTICLE I, ENTITLED "IN GENERAL," BY AMENDING SECTION 6-3 THEREOF, ENTITLED "HOURS OF SALE/VIOLATIONS," BY REQUIRING THOSE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE ESTABLISHMENTS LOCATED ON OCEAN DRIVE, BETWEEN 5TH STREET AND 15TH STREET, POSSESSING A 5 A.M. ALCOHOL LICENSE AND SELLING OR SERVING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE(S) LATER THAN 12 A.M., TO RETAIN THE SERVICES OF AN OFF-DUTY POLICE OFFICER, FROM 12 A.M. UNTIL THIRTY (30) MINUTES PAST THE CLOSING TIME OF THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE ESTABLISHMENT, FOR ALL SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS (AND ALL SATURDAYS, SUNDAYS AND MONDAYS FOR THOSE HOLIDAY WEEKENDS OR CITY-SPONSORED EVENTS) DURING WHICH ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE SOLD OR SERVED BEYOND 12 A.M.; ESTABLISHING EXCEPTIONS; AND PROVIDING FOR REPEALER, SEVERABILITY, CODIFICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

December 11, 2019 – R5 J

Sponsored by Mayor Gelber

Office of the City Attorney

ACTION

The Committee members expressed their concern about the officer that was injured recently and wished him a quick recovery. They also mentioned this ordinance is not only geared to keeping the public safe, but also the officers.

Rick Clements, Police Chief, said the officer is on the way to recovery, they are looking forward to getting him back soon.

Aleksandr Boksner, Chief Deputy City Attorney, gave some background on the item. He said they were able to ascertain the form approved version of the ordinance after evaluating all the legal components and various other concepts. He said they factored in components of the Police Department and what they can ultimately accomplish. The version in the agenda is a little different than what was presented at first reading at Commission. Since the agenda was distributed to the members, there was a meeting that was held with the stakeholders, the Police Department, and the Commission representative, which happened Friday morning. After that meeting, there was a successful determination regarding the ordinance, there was an amendment that was passed out which has certain provisions that were shaded in, which are the differences between what is in the agenda packet and what is presently before the Committee today. The addendums include shaded portions, which were presented to the stakeholders on Ocean Drive along with their counsel, they ultimately have agreed with everything that is in the addendum. They made certain that the Ocean Drive Association and their representative had no issues with the proposed version of the ordinance, along with counsel for Mango's Tropical Café and the Clevelander representative. The Chief of Police is also in agreement as well.

Chief Clements explained what we are trying to accomplish especially considering what transpired over the past weekend and the importance of what we are trying to do with the ordinance. He explained what we have heard from Ocean Drive is the desire to take back Ocean Drive in the key locations, where the crowds generally go to. Between 9th and 11th streets is the focal point, the night life area. He talked about

some suggestions that came out from the Police Citizens Relations Committee, they asked for stationary presence in those areas. When they describe that, they are indicating they want off-duty officers. Listening to what the Ocean Drive Association wants coupled with his experience with the Police Department, reimplementing the off-duty program on Ocean Drive was one of the first things he wanted to do when he took over as Police Chief in July 2019. This is a pilot program; they want to see how bringing back off-duty on Ocean Drive will affect the perception of people and the climate of the area. What he didn't want to do is use on-duty resources, he thinks that takes away our ability to police Ocean Drive. He thanked legal for bringing all the parties together on this, he thinks we have a very good ordinance in place.

Commissioner Richardson thanked the Police Chief for all that he does and thanked the Department for doing the job they do every day and mentioned what happened over the weekend is horrific. He said he wanted to talk about resources on Ocean Drive before we implement the ordinance and after. He asked if there is a plan by the Department to reduce the normal paid presence if we have off-duty or if will we continue to have the same level of service that we have now, and this will be adjunct and supplemental.

Chief Clements said his plan is not to reduce service on Ocean Drive at all. This is a force multiplier for them. This is about visibility and being stationary at certain locations. They are going to gauge the effectiveness by seeing if calls for service do go down, if we are able to take care of problems in their infancy before they become larger scale issues.

Commissioner Richardson said that he would not want to put this in place and have the businesses paying for police services and reduce what we are doing now on the streets.

Chief Clements confirmed that is not what we are going to do. Policing the entertainment district is a 7 day a week, 24 hour a day venture. By putting off-duty officers there on the weekend during the peak days and peak hours is a force multiplier for the Department.

Commissioner Richardson asked Chief Clements if he is comfortable with the latest version of the ordinance that we are looking at today.

Chief Clements said he is comfortable with the latest version and one of the things he is most comfortable with is being able to evaluate the ordinance over time to determine its effectiveness. What we are doing here is establishing guidelines through the ordinance and really giving us the ability to evaluate the effectiveness 6-9 months down the road, to see if we are headed in the right direction on both sides of the equation, one side is the Ocean Drive Association asking for it and the other side the Police Department looking at it as a force multiplier.

Commissioner Richardson asked chief Clements if we have the manpower because we have talked about the supply and demand for off-duty.

Chief Clements said we have gotten away from off-duty in clubs and other places, so we are reimplementing the program now. What we do have are coordinators that are assigned to each venue that are tasked with coming up with support from their peers. Historically, when he grew up in the organization, we had clubs not only on Ocean Drive, but also on Washington Avenue that were staffed by off-duty, it is just a matter of getting it back.

Commissioner Samuelian added his thanks to the Police Chief and the officers, they put themselves on the line for us all the time and they certainly appreciate it. He wishes the injured officer a very speedy recovery. He mentioned that Chief Clements talked about the entertainment district and that we had officers on Washington Avenue, he can understand that they are talking a lot about Ocean Drive, which makes sense, but the problems don't all end on Ocean Drive. He asked for Chief Clements to talk about other locations on Washington Avenue and how he sees that we might use off-duty holistically in the MXE district.

Chief Clements said we do have locations that encompass the MXE and border the MXE that can be challenging. Generally, what he sees with those is that they are promoter based, an event that is coming to town, may be more popular for a certain weekend, we have seen those locations spike up for service. As far as consistency goes it is hit or miss. In the future he would like to be able to look at calls for service, looking at the types of calls that a particular venue has and really go back to that establishment no matter the area and point out the need to be able to take the initiative and ask for off-duty in those locations. If that does not work, we will work with legal to see what options we have legally, and he will defer to legal before any decision is made.

Commissioner Samuelian said that is helpful. He understands that Ocean Drive is the intense area and we should focus and is in support of the ordinance. He would like a look back on how it is going and evaluate some hot spots in other locations. He would like that to be part of our thinking, because our issue is not just on Ocean Drive, he wants to make sure we are thinking holistically about the areas in which we have problems. He would like that incorporated on a go forward basis as we assess the program.

Commissioner Richardson said he shares Commissioner Samuelian's view and we should think how we could accomplish that, if we should incorporate monthly briefings for the next 3 months after this is implemented or how else we can gather that information.

Commissioner Samuelian asked Chief Clements how long he needs to have insight about Ocean Drive and then be ready to have a conversation about some other hot spots.

Chief Clements suggested a quarterly review if nothing else on Ocean Drive, it gives us an opportunity to be able to see if the effectiveness of the program is going in the direction that we need it to and then we can start looking into other venues. We need to gauge things like calls for service and types of calls. They can devise something to give a feel of what is going on holistically in the MXE and he would defer to legal on what we can do with that information.

Commissioner Richardson asked legally if we need to amend this to require a 90 days report.

Commissioner Arriola suggested putting it on the Commission agenda as a standing item for every 90 days for a report.

Commissioner Richardson said he thinks he and Commissioner Samuelian would like a status report on how it is going on Ocean Drive after 90 days and every quarter, but also they would like the advice from the Police Chief if there are other areas in the city that can benefit from this type of program.

Commissioner Samuelian confirmed that is what he was saying. He suggested passing this ordinance as is, but also that it is the will of this body that the Police Department explore other areas and come back to the Committee in 90 days with an assessment of what is happening on Ocean Drive and if there are other areas to expand to.

Aleksandr Boksner recommended when it goes to Commission at first reading this Wednesday, a separate motion be made to that effect. He said he and Chief Clements thought to evaluate this every 6-9 months to gauge the seasonal shifts we experience in the city and he thinks we need to experience the seasonal shifts and the various activities in order to really provide a knowledgeable response to the Mayor and City Commission.

Commissioner Samuelian asked if from this body add the motion along with a favorable recommendation on this ordinance. The answer was yes. Commissioner Samuelian would like to do that.

Ceci Velasco, Ocean Drive Association Executive Director, spoke. She said they are good with the ordinance. She said she has been part of this process from the beginning, she appreciates the City bringing them into the conversation. The City Attorney's Office has gone through every single of their

points, they have come to terms with all of them. This is a very good document; they are supporting it. She appreciates how the City has worked with the stakeholders throughout the entire process. They see the compromises and where it is essential, they have been asking for off-duty. She wanted to note that there will be more off-duty than what is required from the ordinance, this is only the minimum standard. A lot of these venues are going to ask for additional days voluntarily on their own accord.

Commissioner Richardson said he would like to hear from the representatives of the Cleavelander and Mango's Tropical Café since legal said they worked with those organizations as well as the Ocean Drive Association. If they don't want to speak, they can just wave and say they are okay with the ordinance. Both organizations indicated they are okay with the ordinance as written, so we should move forward.

Commissioner Richardson motioned to adopt this ordinance at the Committee and send it back on first reading to the Commission meeting this Wednesday, January 15th.

Commissioner Samuelian is fine with that, but he added a friendly amendment, that they incorporate the quarterly reviews and direct the Administration to assess other locations and based on the results, come back to them with those reviews of opportunities to expand to other locations.

Commissioner Arriola thanked the legal team and the stakeholders for their work on this. In the interest of time he didn't speak on this today but will speak more at Wednesday's Commission meeting. He thinks this is a good step in the right direction to have more police presence on Ocean Drive to keep the public safe, but it is not going to be a magic bullet, we have a lot more work to do. He has some things on the agenda for Wednesday's meeting to talk about some other ideas. There is a lot to think about as we try to solve the MXE issue. The whole area has been attracting a certain group of people.

MOTION: Commissioner Richardson motioned to adopt the ordinance and send it to the Commission meeting on Wednesday, January 15th for first reading, bring back quarterly reports to the Committee, and direct the Administration to assess other locations based on the results. Commissioner Samuelian seconded. All in favor.

13. DISCUSSION TO CONSIDER THE SALE OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY LOCATED AT 6950 HARDING AVENUE, KNOWN AS PARKING LOT 84, TO INTEGRA REAL ESTATE, LLC AND TO NEGOTIATE A PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT THROUGH WHICH THE CITY OBTAINS FAIR MARKET VALUE; AND, REFERRAL TO THE LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER THE REZONING AND FUTURE LAND USE MAP AMENDMENT OF THE CITY-OWNED PROPERTY LOCATED AT 6950 HARDING AVENUE, KNOWN AS PARKING LOT 84, UPON THE SALE OF SAID PROPERTY TO INTEGRA REAL ESTATE, LLC

October 30, 2019 – C4 A

Sponsored by Commissioner Samuelian
Economic Development/Planning

ACTION

DIRECTION: Defer to the February 2020 FERC meeting.

DEFERRED ITEMS

14. DISCUSSION REGARDING THE BIGBELLY PROGRAM

October 16, 2019 – R7 H

Public Works

ACTION

DIRECTION: Defer to the February 2020 FERC meeting.

15. UPDATE FROM THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT REGARDING STEPS TAKEN TO STREAMLINE THE BUSINESS PERMITTING PROCESS, IMPROVE BUSINESS RETENTION, AND ATTRACT NEW BUSINESSES

December 12, 2018 – C4 E

Sponsored by Commissioner Arriola
Economic Development

ACTION

DIRECTION: Update to be provided at the February 2020 FERC meeting.

16. DISCUSSION ON REVISIONS TO THE EVENT SPONSORSHIP GUIDELINES

September 11, 2019 – C4 A

Tourism and Culture

ACTION

DIRECTION: Defer to the February 2020 FERC meeting.

17. DISCUSSION REGARDING SPONSORSHIP OF THE AMERICAN BLACK FILM FESTIVAL

September 11, 2019 – C4 E

Sponsored by Commissioner Arriola
Tourism and Culture

ACTION

DIRECTION: Defer to the February 2020 FERC meeting, to be discussed as part of the Event Sponsorship Guidelines item.

18. DISCUSSION REGARDING THE SPONSORSHIP OF GROUNDUP MUSIC FESTIVAL

December 11, 2019 – C4 B

Sponsored by Commissioner Arriola
Tourism and Culture

ACTION

Matt Kenny, Director of Tourism and Culture, presented the item. This is a funding request from the Ground Up Music Festival for \$100,000 and a 3 year contract. Originally, the Administration had recommended this be deferred because they are working through sponsorship guidelines and how we process requests that come in. He said we did not receive information of what the money would be used for. He invited Paul from Ground Up to speak.

Commissioner Richardson asked when the Administration received the request.

Matt Kenny said that it was either October or November, it came through Commissioner Alemán's office right before the election and then they met with Ground Up in her office and the in his office in October or November. The lack of Committee meetings in November and December prolonged this.

Commissioner Arriola asked for Matt Kenny to provide the history of the Ground Up Music Festival with the City of Miami Beach.

Matt Kenny said the City of Miami Beach has not funded any cash sponsorship, but the VCA provides a \$28,000 grant to them because they meet the hotel and marketing requirement. Last year the City of Miami

Beach did an \$11,000 fee waiver for permit fees. He believes that there is funding that comes from the County as well. This will be the 4th year that the festival takes place in Miami Beach. It takes place at the North Beach Bandshell with the Rhythm Foundation as one of the supporters.

Commissioner Arriola asked why now are they asking for \$100,00 when in the past they haven't. that is what we have to decide, whether this is an event that we want to invest a 3-year \$100,000 commitment and what the City gets in return for that.

Matt Kenny said he doesn't have that information so he would invite Paul and the group to come up and speak and say why in year 4 the \$100,000 request is coming in when the City hasn't funded it previously. He said for the record it is a great event, normally when we sponsor events it is to augment and grow programming.

Paul Lehr, Ground Up Music Festival spoke. He provided handouts to the Committee. It is the same hand out he gave to Matt Kenny and would have been in front of the Committee had the item not been deferred. He thanked the Committee for allowing them to speak. He provided some history on the event. He said he is a 3rd generation Miami Beach resident and the CEO of Ground Up Music, which is a record label with David Crosby and Snarky Puppy and a few other people. Because he is a Miami Beach resident when it was discussed with the founder Michael League to have this annual festival, he convinced him to have it in Miami Beach. He agreed and said they will do the first one in Miami Beach and see how it goes and then he was convinced to do it every year. When he spoke in front of the VCA he didn't know if what he was saying about expecting a lot of people and a lot of tourists coming. They get 63% of their audience from 48 states and 54 countries. They think it is a great event for the City of Miami Beach. They are proud what they can bring to Miami Beach and even more so to North Beach. It brings in thousands of people each year. They account for 500 room nights on their own just for their staff and artists. It is something they want to keep here in Miami Beach, the issue they have run into is they have gotten the maximum support every year from the VCA but are still losing money and using their touring income from their other artists to support the event. He continued to explain the financials. They have also been planning to receive the \$100,000 festivals grant from Michael Spring and the Miami-Dade County program, unfortunately he misunderstood the protocol and don't qualify because they have the Rhythm Foundation as their fiscal agent and production partner. He thought after 3 years of a success program they would be able to apply for that festivals grant and from all indications he got they would be in line to get it. They just learned that it needs to be with their own 501c3 and cannot do it through the Rhythm Foundation. Now they need another 3 years before they can get the festival grant from the County. They are short on being able to support it. They are working with channels to try and get more local attendance. He is asking as a modified request unless the Committee would like to do the 3 year contract is to at least look at this year for 2020, because that is the money they need in order to announce in February at the Festival that they are going to be able to remain in Miami Beach. They have the money for this year's show in the sense they will not default on any payments, but they are going to lose money again this year without this support.

Discussion was held.

Commissioner Arriola expressed his admiration to Mr. Lehr for what he does for the artistic community, it is a really nice festival and he loves it is in North Beach and that they have been able to sustain it this long. He wishes them luck going forward. He said these music festivals take a while to get off the ground, no matter who provides the money, it needs money to grow. Now it is heading into the 4th year and the City is being asked to provide a sponsorship and he wants to be sure this will grow and that they are not going to come back next year asking again. He doesn't mind funding it but only if it continues to grow and get on the map. He said locals don't really know about this event. Considering Commissioner Richardson lives in this community and didn't know about this event means that the outreach isn't working. He said if the board and professional staff cannot continue to grow this festival, we are giving money to them that we could potentially give to someone else that can do more with it. What he would like to hear from the Festival is a business plan and a 3-year plan of how to grow it.

Commissioner Samuelian said he did not have much awareness of the event either. He mentioned he has admiration for entrepreneurs and realize what they are going through. He would like to know where we are today in regard to the residents enjoying, if we are getting the economic benefit. He would like from the City standpoint to document some of that. He would like to know about traffic impacts as well. If we are going to spend more money, he would like to know what will get for it. He would like to see the value specifically. Whenever we are writing a check for this festival that means another check isn't being written for something else. He asked Matt Kenny if he can provide anything regarding the baseline, how it is doing from the City's view.

Matt Kenny said the VCA requirement for their grant is just strictly hotel room and marketing impressions. He said considering the Festival said a lot of residents aren't aware of the event is a little scary for us in terms of putting public funds into an event that people don't know about. In terms of the economic impact, he would know that, he hasn't seen those numbers. In terms of the Administration side of things, we don't know what the request is for. Normally we see what the money is being requested for.

Commissioner Samuelian asked if Mr. Lehr can elaborate how the money would be used and what the value is for the community.

Mr. Lehr touched on that 40% of the people are residents from the City of Miami Beach. It is tough to sell if people don't know who the artists are. What they are trying to do is give opportunity to local artists who don't have that reputation. They are getting traction. He explained the programs and what they are doing with seniors and others. He said they have been working with different schools in Miami-Dade County as well.

Commissioner Richardson asked if they are organized as a 501c3. He also asked about financial statements and revenue.

Mr. Lehr said they are waiting for their IRS letter; they are not yet. This year will be the first year operating as a nonprofit. They currently partner with the Rhythm Foundation who are a 501c3. They have financial statements from the LLC and they are audited.

Discussion was held regarding the finances.

Commissioner Richardson asked how much money the LLC lost last year.

Mr. Lehr said about \$150,000. They said this year they trimmed every possible expense they could. Every year they have been doing this on Grammy weekend and then Snarky Puppy won a Grammy, so they were forced to pick Valentine's Day weekend where hotels and flights are more expensive. They are doing everything they can to trim the expenses by keeping the integrity of the Festival.

Discussion continued regarding the Festival.

Benton Galgay, Director of Operations of the North Beach Bandshell, spoke. He said all of the attention that this brings to Miami Beach is the attention that was discussed here that we want in Miami Beach. These are people that are coming here for arts and culture and tourism. In terms of the scale of the events that they do at the North Beach Bandshell, it is the largest event. It is the most successful event they produce each year. This is an opportunity to package how North Beach is in terms of the Administration. He continued to speak volumes of the event and how it is more of a cultural destination for 3 days.

Commissioner Richardson asked for Mr. Galgay to explain his role.

Mr. Galgay explained his day to day activities and how the Rhythm Foundation has the contract to manage the Bandshell.

Commissioner Richardson said he is really uncomfortable with this. He is newly elected, and he ran on a platform of accountability and transparency and this fails the test for him. The proposal didn't come to the City until November for whatever reason. If we give this entity money that means we don't have money for another entity. He is going to be consistent with his position on these types of things and there needs to be a vetting process. The Administration needs to vet all requests to be fair across the board. He mentioned that this is an opportunity for Ground Up to highlight their artists and it wouldn't surprise him if there is a cost of an entity to do that. To ask the City to put up \$100,000 is not something he can support. He wants all requests to be vetted and he wants to be briefed for return on investment for the City and how it is going to benefit the locals. He continued to explain why he is uncomfortable in regard to financials. He cannot support this today, if they want to submit a proposal for next year and have it properly vetted and have the Commissioners briefed, he would be willing to take a fresh look at it there. Another point is that we don't have this in the budget and will have to take it out of the reserves.

Commissioner Samuelian said he echoes some of the comments from Commissioner Richardson. He is left wanting to know what the facts are. He needs the baseline to make incremental decisions. We need a holistic view across events. He is absolutely open to continuing the dialogue for 2021, but not for something that is going to take place in a few weeks.

Commissioner Arriola said this is the challenge that people are going to have with the Festival coming before the Committee with lack of a business plan. He appreciates everything the Festival has done, and he loves promoting culture in our community. A lot is going on in North Beach and it will be great place to have these kinds of festivals. We have to invest in the types of festivals that are going to be successful and what the Committee is hearing is that for the past 3 years this festival has sort of been limping along. A lot of what has been said today doesn't give him a lot of comfort as a businessman that this is on the right trajectory. He supports Commissioner Richardson's analysis of this, if they want to come back next year of where they want to take the festival, they might have a more receptive audience. He is troubled by what seems to be a conflict of interest is that there is a for profit record label showcasing their artist in a festival, it is a marketing expense. He is troubled by the ask for the City pay for that.

Mr. Lehr addressed the topic of artists from the label. This is not a marketing expense, the only way you make money in music now is live touring. Also, they do have a marketing and business plan, which he would be happy to share. In terms of measuring success, it is very successful. In terms of making Miami Beach a further arts and culture destination, this helps do that. He continued to elaborate.

Commissioner Arriola wanted to clarify a few things. He confirmed Michael League is the founder of Snarky Puppy, he owns the record label and festival, his band is the headliner act that drives most of the attendance.

Clarification was provided in regard to the LLC and the Rhythm Foundation. The Rhythm Foundation is not associated with this group and Michael League is the producer, singer, songwriter from Snarky Puppy.

Commissioner Richardson emphasized that they don't have the support today from the Committee and welcome them to work with the Administration if they want to submit a proposal for next year, so it can be properly vetted, financial statements can be provided, and marketing plans and put it all through the same process to have consistency at the City of Miami Beach.

Commissioner Samuelian echoed that and he thinks it provides an opportunity to document some things which they laid out in good faith and show what happened and bring that as the business case. He suggested providing something discounted for Miami Beach residents and that could help make it attractive.

Commissioner Richardson mentioned his time at the State and how requests would come in and for the entities to show how the state would participate in their funding instead of being 100% funders. He is a big supporter of helping people that are helping themselves. He suggested when they make their proposal, he

would encourage them to show how there are independent, private sources of funding and that the City would be adjunct and supplemental to that. He expressed that being something very important to him.

Mr. Lehr said they are happy to share all of that.

NO ACTION TAKEN

19. DISCUSSION REGARDING STORMWATER CONNECTION FEES FOR COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES

July 17, 2019 – C4 E

Sponsored by Commissioner Arriola and Commissioner Samuelian
Public Works

ACTION

DIRECTION: Defer to the February 2020 FERC meeting, pending analysis.

20. DISCUSSION REGARDING THE ANNEXATION OF NORTH BAY VILLAGE, AND TO REVIEW PROPERTY TAXES, ECONOMIC IMPACT, AND VALUE

September 12, 2018 – R9 E

Sponsored by Vice-Mayor Arriola
Office of the City Attorney

ACTION

DIRECTION: Defer to the February 2020 FERC meeting, pending discussion with North Bay Village.

21. DISCUSSION REGARDING THE ANNEXATION OF THE WESTERNMOST ISLANDS OF THE VENETIAN ISLANDS AND MAKING THEM A PART OF MIAMI BEACH, AND TO REVIEW PROPERTY TAXES, ECONOMIC IMPACT, AND VALUE

September 12, 2018 – R9 F

Sponsored by Commissioner Góngora
Office of the City Attorney

ACTION

DIRECTION: Defer to the February 2020 FERC meeting, pending discussion with City of Miami.

22. DISCUSSION REGARDING THE ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION TO FUND A PET ADOPTION FACILITY

July 17, 2019 – C4 N

Sponsored by Commissioner Arriola and Co-Sponsored by Commissioner Samuelian
Public Works

ACTION

DIRECTION: Defer to the February 2020 FERC meeting.

23. DISCUSSION TO EXPLORE IMPROVING CAPITAL ASSET CONDITIONS (E.G., STREETS, SIDEWALKS, BUILDINGS) BY INCREASING ANNUAL FUNDING FOR PAY-AS-YOU-GO (PAYGO) FUND

July 31, 2019 – C4 B

Sponsored by Commissioner Samuelian
Office of Management and Budget

ACTION

DIRECTION: Defer to the February 2020 FERC meeting.

24. DISCUSSION REGARDING THE JUNE 18, 2019 ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEE MOTIONS ON EXTENDING THE CAT FEEDER AND WATER PROGRAM AS WELL AS INCREASING THE FUNDING FOR THE TRAP, NEUTER, AND RELEASE (TNR) PROGRAMS

September 11, 2019 – C4 C

Sponsored by Commissioner Samuelian

Public Works

ACTION

DIRECTION: Defer to the February 2020 FERC meeting.

25. DISCUSSION ON A HOTEL ROOM BLOCK ATTRITION POLICY TO SECURE INCREASED MIAMI BEACH CONVENTION CENTER BOOKINGS

September 11, 2019 – R9 M

Tourism and Culture

ACTION

DIRECTION: Item to be heard at the February 2020 FERC meeting.

26. DISCUSS MODIFYING COMPONENTS OF THE COLLABORATION, FUNDING, AND MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE SABRINA COHEN FOUNDATION, INC. FOR AN ADAPTIVE RECREATION CENTER

October 16, 2019 – C4 I

Sponsored by Commissioner Arriola

Parks and Recreation

ACTION

DIRECTION: Defer to the February 2020 FERC meeting.

27. REVIEW OF ALL CITY DEPARTMENTS FOR JUSTIFICATION AND EFFICIENCY

October 16, 2019 – C4 U

Sponsored by Commissioner Góngora

Office of Management and Budget/Office of the Inspector General

ACTION

DIRECTION: Defer to the February 2020 FERC meeting.

28. DISCUSS A COMPOSTING PROGRAM IN NORTH BEACH SIMILAR TO THE PROGRAM AT THE MIAMI BEACH BOTANICAL GARDEN

May 8, 2019 – C4 E

Environment & Sustainability

ACTION

DIRECTION: Update to be provided 6 months after initiation of program, item to be heard at the February 2020 FERC meeting.

29. UPDATE ON THE CITY'S BLUEWAYS MASTER PLAN

July 17, 2019 – C4 K

Sponsored by Commissioner Arriola
Parks and Recreation

ACTION

DIRECTION: Defer to the February 2020 FERC meeting, pending resolution of concerns caused by the Blueways Master Plan amendment.

30. AN ORDINANCE REGARDING MASS TRANSIT FIXED GUIDEWAY PROJECTS (LIGHT RAIL, STREETCAR, MONORAIL, AUTOMATED PEOPLE MOVER, OR BUS RAPID TRANSIT)

October 16, 2019 – R5 Q

Sponsored by Mayor Gelber
Office of the City Attorney

ACTION

DIRECTION: Item to be heard at the February 2020 FERC meeting.

31. UPDATE ON NEGOTIATIONS PURSUANT TO RFP 2019-100-KB FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A MIXED-USE PROJECT WITH CULTURAL COMPONENT (BYRON CARLYLE THEATER), WITH PACIFIC STAR CAPITAL, LLC, THE TOP RANKED PROPOSER, AND MENIN HOSPITALITY AND KGTC, LLC, THE SECOND RANKED PROPOSER

October 16, 2019 – R7 D

Economic Development/Procurement

ACTION

DIRECTION: Item to be heard at the March 2020 FERC meeting.