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**Finance and Economic Resiliency Committee Meeting** 

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John Woodruff, Liaison Morgan Goldberg, Support Staff

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A meeting of the Finance and Economic Resiliency Committee was held on Friday, June 12, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. via Zoom. Attendance: Commissioners Ricky Arriola, David Richardson, Mark Samuelian, and Steven Meiner. Members from the Administration and the public were also attendance.

Meeting began at 11:11 a.m.

# **OLD BUSINESS**

1. 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**

Tonya Daniels, Director of Marketing and Communications, opened the item. She explained she worked closely with Leslie Rosenfeld to make sure the ads were placed, they were in MB magazine and advertising on MBTV. There have also been ads on social media and also, we were geotargeting and geofencing on social media, then unfortunately the pandemic hit and we didn't want the ads to get lost in the middle of everything. She explained we wanted to make sure the ads are seen if we are spending the money, so we paused it for a little while, so there is still a few hundred dollars to spend on that.

Commissioner Richardson said to focus on using the money where we can best reach the people. The kids are certainly all over social media, but not sure if they are reading the magazine. She said Tonya Daniels knows how to find the kids and to use the money wisely.

Tonya Daniels said it doesn't cost anything to put the ad in the magazine, we just include it anyway. The magazine is on hold right now, so the money has been put towards social media where obviously we believe we will hit the kids.

Commissioner Richardson asked if there is a need for more money.

Tonya Daniels said she utilized \$500 in her budget, there isn't any money that has been dedicated to this effort, so she can work with Leslie Rosenfeld to see if she has any funding to continue to do these paid ads.

Commissioner Richardson said a few hundred dollars doesn't go very far, so maybe we need to keep this in mind as we are putting our budget together for next year, to make sure a few dollars get allocated for this. He thinks this is a very important message we need to communicate to our youth.

Leslie Rosenfeld, Chief Learning and Development Officer, said that she agrees and that our Youth Commission who had made a request for this additional support is very appreciative of our efforts. They have indicated there is serious concern within their age group as to the misuse of vaping. She also mentioned to Commissioner Richardson's point, we do have a line item for drug prevention and intervention program, we have historically brought in experts to speak to our youth on these topics. We could probably allocate some of those funds specifically for this purpose.

**DIRECTION:** Allocate some funding for these efforts from the drug prevention and intervention program line item in the budget.

2. 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**

Amy Mehu, Economic Development Assistant Director, presented the item. She explained this item originally was about the streamlining of our processes, which we are still moving forward with bifurcating the BTR and CU process and doing outreach to make sure everyone knows about the different processes and the streamlining of them. She explained we are also looking at how we can attract new businesses in our new normal and take a moment to see how we can diversify our economy with everything that has now transpired. We were approached by a group that was doing work with our previous Economic Development Team, which she thinks it will be a great part of our approach going forward in attracting businesses. They have great tools that will go on our website to talk about the different data and statistics and modeling of businesses reopening on the beach and how to attract them. There are mechanisms to create marketing material and we can also use it to post on social media and attract business markets. We are working with CBRE to go back and reevaluate our land and our retail spaces so we can look for newer opportunities to attract new businesses into those areas to kickstart the economy.

Commissioner Samuelian said this topic couldn't be more important or timely. He said that overall safety remains a critical consideration, it is one thing to say things are open, but it is another for customers to have confidence. Some of the things we are doing around MB Standard and elevating our safety standards are critical. He said he likes the resiliency idea, we are a leader in resiliency and we can learn and benefit from having that. He thinks that is something that warrants additional discussion. Also, financial services is one that we have talked about and he actually shared an idea that people in Manhattan are looking to come here and that is work that can be done virtually. We have a lot of folks that live there and he would like the Administration to think of a financial services advisory board that might help us frame that and they might have connections for folks that want to come to Miami Beach. He said that Amy Mehu highlighted an important issue, we are all learning how dependent we are on tourism and hospitality, we have seen that through Zika, Hurricane Irma, and now COVID-19. That is not a bad thing that we have that, but it warrants a longer discussion of what the implications are of that and what we might do knowing that some of these challenges keeping coming forward. He is going to put something on the commission agenda so we can have a strategic discussion on how we might address our dependency on tourism and what might we be thinking about.

Commissioner Arriola said one of the thoughts he had on this item and he would like to direct staff to do in the next month or two is an inventory of the landscape and get a sense of business closures as well as new applicants for BTRs and talk to land lords on Lincoln Road and elsewhere to get a sense of where the market is at and rents are at and where the opportunities are. He thinks that will inform us as what the Commission can do to attract new businesses or highlight business opportunity. He would like staff to poll businesses and get a sense of what the landscape is and maybe work with the Chamber of Commerce. He would like to know more about closures and openings of businesses.

Commissioner Richardson said the City Manager mentioned today he would be bringing a recommendation on a potential hire of the Economic Development Director. He is going to bring an item to the next Commission meeting to have a conversation related to economic development and community development. One of the things he has talked about before is that we have struggled as a city. He thinks a lot of what has been focused on in the past was community development and he feels the needs of economic development has somehow gotten slighted. He thinks economic development versus community development is even more important now. If we are going to have a new person come in he wants to structure that department so that economic development does not get put to the side and somebody focuses only on community development. Now, more than ever we need to focus on bringing new businesses and opportunities.

Commissioner Arriola said he supports that as well. He said one thought he had was that he would like to see us be more aggressive in attracting minority owned business, specifically African American owned businesses. There are some fabulous African American owned businesses in Miami-Dade County, but they are not in neighborhoods where they have the most economic opportunity. He wants to help small businesses in other parts of the community either establish a second business or relocate to Miami Beach because this is where the money is. That is something he is going to bring forward. He asked how they want to proceed with this item. He suggested bringing it back to the next Committee meeting to get some updates from staff with a survey, but is not sure if a month is enough time. It is important to know what the landscape is looking like. He said in Sunset Harbour it is not a good situation, they are losing 5 or 6 businesses that he knows of. Several restaurants are really struggling, and their landlords are not playing nice. We have situations where people haven't been able to pay their rents and they are looking to get a different national tenant in there to replace the local owned business and he doesn't think that is going to serve our community well. He thinks this needs to be on our long list of priorities to deal with. He would ask his colleagues to put it on their list as well. It is a great opportunity to fix things we wish we had dealt with many years ago. There is a great opportunity now to rethink Lincoln Road, Ocean Drive, but also help preserve the mom and pop businesses that we are in danger of losing again like many years ago.

Amy Mehu said she will come back with that information Commissioner Arriola requested. She said we have already been starting to get the lay of the land of what businesses are starting to close or were struggling and not able to reopen. She said we will add to that and look at the market rates to see how those are changing and what new businesses are opening up and what opportunities there are to attract black owned businesses.

Commissioner Richardson said when the Department looks at opportunities to attracting black owned businesses if they can look at specifically at incentives. He thinks that is part of the answer, what incentives might be available to us.

Commissioner Arriola said we have some wonderful businesses throughout Miami-Dade County, maybe we can attract them here to fill the vacancies we will have.

Commissioner Samuelian said this has been a great discussion and he will add the economic vitality to his list as Commissioner Arriola recommended. This is a very critical priority. He highlighted that MB Standard and safety remain critical values. Especially in this time financial services firms maybe are open to other locations. We have a nice space to work with and timing may be right for some type of advisory board or target recruitment. He appreciates if Amy Mehu adds that to the list.

Daniel Veitia, resident and business owner, spoke. He said North Beach is suffering deeply with the economic loss that everyone is experiencing citywide, but specifically businesses that already had a lot of vacant storefronts and are certainly adding to that and he will have a full report for the Commission by the end of this month exactly how many storefronts are closed, but they do need economic development, they don't have a BID. He wants to keep that as a forefront, the community can certainly benefit from some type of development office that is highly focused in their area to try to bring things to a better condition through this pandemic. He knows there are a lot for plans for town center and knows there is a lot coming, but between now and then it would be highly beneficial if a community organization was considered that could focus on economic development.

**DIRECTION:** Come back to the next FERC meeting with the information requested in regard to the businesses.

### 3. DISCUSSION REGARDING ESTABLISHING A HISTORIC PRESERVATION FUND

April 11, 2018 – C4 O Sponsored by Commissioner Arriola Planning

# **ACTION**

Commissioner Arriola opened the item. He explained that there is concern of these historic buildings we have in Miami Beach and his idea to create a historic preservation fund was so that when and if these buildings need to be updated for things like resiliency that there is a fund they can tap into. Locally we struggle with the economic challenge of historic preservation.

Carmen Sanchez, Planning Deputy Planning Director, explained the consultant will go through a presentation and walk through the process.

Commissioner Arriola mentioned there is no urgency on his end to have a certain dollar amount set aside in next year's budget, this is really a planning item for future years, it would be something like an endowment and it would build up over time.

Heidi Siegel, consultant from Keith and Schnars, went through the presentation. She provided background and explained this was one of the tasks that came out of the North Beach Master Plan. The historic preservation fund is to restore historic details on eligible properties. Their recommendation is to limit the historic preservation fund to North Beach, it would allow for controlled implementation for review of the program, will allow for more impactful improvements in a concentrated area and expanding the fund would be a long-term goal. She went through the recommendation for the types of projects, some include exterior paint, stucco repairs, impact windows and doors, and restoration of authentic architectural details. She explained how they would rank the projects with 3 different categories. For the distribution of funds, they recommend establishing a historic preservation fund committee so they can review and rank grant applications. She continued to provide information on the grant split options. For the fund to be successful they recommend additional implementation considerations, which include the City exploring option to place deed restrictions on rents with consideration to CPI, continuation of property ownership, discouraging displacement and gentrification, equitable distribution of funds, and for results to be measured. Possible funding sources could be an establishment of a demolition fee, code violations revenues, and matching grants.

Discussion was held.

Commissioner Richardson asked if the consultant feels that these projects would be in the range of \$5,000-\$10,000.

Ms. Siegel said the idea is to supplemental a project. There is about \$60,000 to fund the initial program, so you want to spread it out. Long term if there is room to give more money that would be great, but to get up and running you don't want to isolate the money for just one project.

Commissioner Richardson asked Ms. Segal to speak about North Beach versus the rest of the City. When he thinks about historic significant structures, most people think about the art deco buildings in South Beach.

Ms. Siegel said for now they recommend North Beach because historically there has been more investment in South Beach and in North Beach we will see more cohesive impacts to the area.

Discussion was held about state grant programs.

Commissioner Samuelian said he likes this concept and he is supportive of moving forward. He would like to see this discussion continue. He thinks some of the implementation considerations that were discussed are very important, he thinks it is appropriate if there are some rules of how the money will be used. He said he tends to support the 50/50 model, he would like goodness for more people. He said we need to give some thought to the funding options. He said there is an opportunity being discussed for a resiliency fund, which the Land Use Committee has been discussing. He thinks these are complementary. He would like City Staff to continue to collaborate on how the resiliency fund and the historic preservation fund can be complementary. He thinks this sends the right statement and he would like to continue this dialogue.

Commissioner Arriola said they can certainly be complementary. He said his first priority for the historic preservation fund would be to have an applicant that gets first priority if the funds are going to be used for resiliency type things to protect the building.

Daniel Veitia, resident and business owner, spoke. He said this is a great opportunity but wants to make sure this provides enough money to incentivize the property owners. They are going to want to see more of a benefit as far as the grant to motivate them. He thinks this is a good first step but wants to make sure this motivates property owners to preserve the buildings.

Commissioner Samuelian asked what outreach has been done to the community and to what extent have we heard from the people that might apply and if we haven't had that opportunity yet, what might we do to accelerate that.

Ms. Siegel said they met with the MDPL, but they didn't go further with public involvement because this was just setting up the parameters of the study.

Commissioner Samuelian said we should have some additional outreach with the property owners. It looks like there needs to be more work on funding as well, but if the question is whether we should proceed today he thinks we should. He would like those to be a couple of the next steps.

Commissioner Richardson said he likes the concept, but he thinks we need to focus more on programming, he agrees with what Mr. Veitia said about giving \$5,000. He is not sure the benefit is going to be there for the owner. He thinks we need to do some more work there and talk to people who would be interested in this type of program. We also need to think about funding sources because as mentioned this report was done before COVID-19 and we know we are going to have a tough budget year. He is in not in favor of raising taxes right now on demolition fees. He very much likes the concept and wants to keep it alive. He is also in favor of hearing from the people that would use this and get their ideas and spend more time exploring funding sources.

Commissioner Arriola said in the interim let's reach out to some property owners and community for further guidance and input and put this on at the July or September FERC meeting. He doesn't want to be raising taxes. He is not looking to get this financially rolling for some time. He wants to build up a pool of money while we flesh out the guidelines. He also said he is not in favor of rent control, etc. He thinks the grants should be enough to get a job done, he agrees that \$5,000 or \$10,000 is not enough to complete a job in a building. He asked for staff to do some outreach and flesh out some guidelines and bring this back to the September 18<sup>th</sup> FERC meeting.

Commissioner Richardson suggested we look at other cities, counties or states doing a similar program. He believes there may be some private funding sources out there that may match us. He wants staff to explore that as well.

Commissioner Arriola said to look at models in other cities and there are private sources for money. By having a City source, it puts us in a good position to go get that money because they know it would be matched by a local City. He said to look at things that are already working.

Rafael Paz, Deputy City Attorney, asked if the Committee wants to draft a resolution establishing the grant program, but with the details to be determined by the FERC at a later date.

Commissioner Arriola said that rather than bring this to the full Commission and tie up everyone's time, he is comfortable keeping it at the Committee level to do the work and work out some more of the questions they have and hopefully at the September FERC meeting make a recommendation and send it to the full Commission.

Commissioner Richardson and Commissioner Samuelian both agreed.

**DIRECTION:** Staff to do some outreach to the community and property owners, explore funding sources including private sources that could match City funding, look at other City/County models and come back to the September 18, 2020 FERC meeting to flesh out the guidelines.

# **NEW BUSINESS**

4. DISCUSS A PILOT PROGRAM W ITH CURBFLOW, INC. FOR REALTIME CURB ACCESS MANAGEMENT OF COMMERCIAL AND ON-DEMAND OPERATORS AT NO COST TO THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH

March 18, 2020 C4 P Sponsored by Mayor Gelber Parking

### **ACTION**

Saul Frances, Parking Director, presented the item. He explained that CurbFlow is a curb management service that provides a reservation platform for deliveries at freight loading zones. They charge purveyors or delivery companies a fee for that reservation platform. As part of this, there would be a code amendment required to establish a third party fee because we do charge for freight loading zones through our permit program. CurbFlow is able to monitor the freight loading zones to determine if there is a vehicle there and alert the City to potentially take enforcement action. Curb management services is popular throughout the nation to provide efficient loading activities. That brings us to the existing conditions of the pandemic, we still have availability of parking and not having congestion in the loading zones. He said we are concerned with adding additional fees to the business community or processes for the foreseeable future. The staff recommendation at this point is to table this until the activity and parking utilization has returned to a level that would warrant the need for a curb management service and at that point issue an RFP that could be crafted in a manner with a phase 1 and phase 2 with an extension if phase 1 is successful.

Commissioner Richardson asked if there are other cities in our area that are using this program.

Saul Frances said in our region there aren't any, but there is a powerpoint as an attachment to the item that was provided by CurbFlow and they are currently operating in Washington D.C. and providing the service there.

Commissioner Samuelian asked if it was the will of this body to proceed a little more expeditiously if Saul France would lean more towards a pilot or if he would want to do something a little longer term.

Saul Frances said what we would really like to see is what is out there in the industry regarding curb management. CurbFlow is one of them and they have an interesting platform that may serve the City well, but there are maybe other services out there that might be viable as well. This gives us an opportunity to see what there is in the industry and hopefully establish the business community to come back, when there is activity that would warrant it, this is something we could pursue.

Commissioner Samuelian said he appreciates that we want to hear from the business community and see what is in the industry, he thinks some sort of procurement could get us going on that path. He hopes that we are going to see business start to pick up and this could generate some revenue. He said his own experience with these things is that they take longer than we would think, if we like the concept and he personally does like it, he would rather start sooner than later. He thinks we should move forward in some way whether it is with a pilot in a competitive manner because he thinks this does present an opportunity.

Commissioner Richardson said he and Commissioner Samuelian are thinking along the same lines with this, he knows business is down right now, but he is concerned about tabling the idea and then waiting for the business to get there and then proceeding, he thinks we will lose valuable time. He said if it was a motion that Commissioner Samuelain made he will certainly second it and that we move forward with a pilot program with a competitive process. CurbFlow has identified themselves and there may be others like Saul Frances mentioned and we certainly don't want to exclude anyone, but he wants to move forward with it and at least hear from people. If we get the proposals in and we don't think it is a fit for the City, we don't have to award a contract. He would like to move forward on this as well.

Commissioner Samuelian is in full agreement.

Commissioner Arriola also agreed.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Samuelian motioned to move forward with a pilot program with a competitive procurement process and go to Commission. Commissioner Richardson seconded. All in favor.

### 5. DISCUSS INVESTING IN PLAYGROUNDS IN LUMMUS PARK

February 12, 2020 – C4 E Sponsored by Commissioner Arriola Parks and Recreation

# **ACTION**

Commissioner Arriola said this was an idea from some folks that approached him about how we activate Lummus Park to bring back residents, to make it safer for people, and beautify the park further. It is a big park and there is some playground equipment that is utilized and some that is not. He said might we think about adding some more playground equipment to bring families to have something for our children for both residents and tourists. By bringing more people to the park it will create a safer environment which will push out riff raff there. This would accomplish multiple things and we do have money in the G.O. Bond for Lummus Park. He wants everyone to think about whether they should appropriate some money for design ideas.

Commissioner Samuelian said he is certainly open to this idea and any other ideas to activate Lummus Park. He is open to take the next steps on this.

Commissioner Richardson said that the more we can do to activate Lummus Park the better it will be. He thinks we should explore the G.O. Bond funding source and doesn't think we should just be limited to playgrounds. He would like to look at playgrounds and any other opportunities to activate the park.

Commissioner Arriola asked if the Committee maybe wants to direct staff to engage with the ODA asking for some firm recommendations, while simultaneously asking our Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for some recommendations and bring something in the next 90 days to look at. He would like to get moving,

we have money and have a need and have an amazing opportunity with everything going on to reimagine Ocean Drive.

Commissioner Richardson asked if the \$5 million is already in tranche 1 ready to spend or if it is in a future tranche.

Jose del Risco said that the \$4.7 million dollars is currently in tranche 1 funding, we are in the process of evaluating responses from the RFP for design and architectural services for this particular project. There is a tentative date for the review of July 1<sup>st</sup>. he explained we included additional play spaces, including playgrounds and splash pads, to welcome families into the park, which is our goal. All of that is included in the RFP.

Commissioner Richardson asked if we asked all participants to give ideas of activation including playgrounds.

Jose del Risco confirmed we added things such as playgrounds, social spaces, and the replacement of the existing playground.

Commissioner Arriola asked how many people responded.

Jose del Risco said he will find out that information and get back to the Commissioner.

John Rebar, Parks and Recreation Director, spoke. He said Commissioner Arriola's comments are timely with asking to get started, getting community input, and that is exactly what the Master Plan process is going to be. All of that is in the scope, we are going to review the qualifications and are going to have a full effort on this very soon.

John Woodruff, Chief Financial Officer, spoke. He said to be clear, that the G.O. Bond money did not include this part of the scope. Whatever we come up with is going to have to be funded from a different source, more than likely quality of life funds in one of the next upcoming capital budget cycles. He doesn't want anyone to leave the meeting thinking that the G.O. Bond money is going to build playgrounds because that was not the scope put in the G.O. Bond.

Jose del Risco explained that the scope was to revitalize the park, particularly landscape, including irrigation, electrical, etc. Since the systems are old, they pose limitations for certain activations that take place in the park, even public safety constraints. Some of the other components are improvements to walkways, adding more higher end finishes, some that we find in South Pointe Park. In additional restrooms are also a component there. They are critical for residents and Ocean Drive patrons and tourists. Having received this feedback for additional spaces, we went ahead and made sure to include that in the RFP, so when the funding comes down, we don't have to start that process or realign things and it would already be ready to go.

Commissioner Richardson confirmed that we amended the RFP to include playgrounds, but we could not use the G.O. Bond funds for that.

Jose del Risco said yes, they should need to work with John Woodruff and Legal as to the parameters what can and cannot be funded and how much wiggle room there is within the funding. The original breakdown of the \$4.7 million, the additional play spaces were not included. It was more infrastructure.

Commissioner Arriola said he is disappointed to learn that. He asked if there is a legal opinion on this. He was under the impression we left it open ended as to what we would use the money for. He said if it is part of the whole revamping of the park, why would we limit ourselves to a water park or splash pads for kids. He asked why we couldn't do that under the terms of the G.O. Bond.

Rafael Paz, Deputy City Attorney, said he pulled up the resolution approving the ballot question and it did include improving playgrounds, he thinks the issue will be in the scope of the particular projects that the

\$4.7 million is being proposed to use for playgrounds. You can generally use G.O. Bond funds for playgrounds, that is what the voters approved.

John Woodruff said he has the language of what was in the voters guide. It included landscaping, sod, irrigation, restrooms, upgrade of pathways, new wayfinding signage and tree planting. That was the existing scope. It can be something the Commission could change with the original scope was, we just need to do it in a transparent way, work through the G.O. Bond Oversight Committee, once we know what we want to do. He just wanted to be clear as to what the original concept was versus what is being discussed now.

Commissioner Arriola said he would be inclined to do that in order to increase the flexibility, why limit ourselves.

Commissioner Samuelian said he is supportive of Commissioner Arriola's comment. He said there is a strong consensus of adding playgrounds and if that puts us over the \$5 million we need to find other funding if it is something we want. He thinks coming out of the Committee today they are supportive.

John Woodruff said if we are talking about under \$1 million that we can add to the \$5 million he thinks that is doable over the next year from quality of life funds.

Commissioner Arriola said as part of revisioning Ocean Drive, whether it is a sculpture park, he hopes we have enough flexibility in the Ocean Drive project, maybe we can move some money around.

John Woodruff said the Ocean Drive project has no money in tranche 1 and has \$4 million in tranche 2. It looks like we are a few years ago from getting any of the Ocean Drive money, but maybe these things can go in a parallel fashion where we can supplement some funds and make this happen in the next few years.

Commissioner Richardson said it sounds like the initial plan for the \$5 million is for some other goodness and they may feel that they need all of that money for infrastructure, so in which case we will go and find other money.

Mitch Novack, resident and business owner, spoke. He said that he just wanted to remind everyone about the shooting on 6<sup>th</sup> street. He said his neighborhood is a deteriorating crap hole. Public safety is critical. He said that many millions of dollars have been thrown into Ocean Drive and all he sees is the neighborhood becoming further blighted. He said the entertainment district needs to be addressed. The picture that is painted that everything is fine is absurd. He hopes the incompatible zoning starts being discussed.

Alex Fernandez, resident spoke. He said as we talk about reinventing Lummus Park he cannot think of a better use of tax payer G.O. Bond money than talking about wholesome healthy activity that will attract families and positive activity back to Lummus Park. This is for the residents of the City of Miami Beach. We need positive activation. He said back in January they started the conversations about playgrounds in Lummus Park. He is very supportive of what the committee is discussing today with the activation.

Commissioner Arriola said he would like for this to come back to the next FERC meeting with the bids that came in and do a presentation.

John Rebar said it can also go to Commission.

Commissioner Richardson said he is okay with that but thinks we should address this issue of the infrastructure needs. If the Administration believes there are infrastructure needs that will take up most of the money in the G.O. bond, then we are going to need to address where we will find additional funding to get some of these other important issues regarding activation funded. After the Administration has reviewed the responses, he would be interested in finding out what the needs are for infrastructure and if there would be money left over and if not, how much money we would need to find in other places to do this activation stuff.

John Rebar said what is out for bid now is to start that process, to hire a design team to go through community charrettes, the needs, the wants, and then do cost estimates. The G.O. Bond was based on staff's cost estimates of the initial master planning stage, so some of the information that the Committee is requesting is a little premature to bring it soon, but it is part of the bid for design services.

Commissioner Richardson asked in the preliminary estimates if staff has already identified \$4.7 million in design infrastructure needs for Lummus Park.

John Rebar said yes. We need to rerun the whole irrigation system, we suggested doing new walkways, etc. That is how we got to that dollar figure.

Commissioner Richardson said if we are going to need all of that money, we need to think of other funding for the other important activation. He suggested having the Administration come back next month with some ideas on how much money we think we need for activation and where we might start looking for that money.

Commissioner Arriola said to keep it in Committee and come back with a good analysis of what infrastructure will cost, but we could get money from quality of life funds for the playground and other activations. He said he received a text from Maria Hernandez that we got 15 bids for this project, which is very exciting. He said he is not sure if staff will have the bids reviewed between now and the next FERC meeting, if they do great, if not the one after that to let the Committee know how much money it will take to do these projects the bidder replied to, just to start getting a ball park figure to see what it will cost to do Lummus Park.

Commissioner Samuelian said he agreed with Commissioner Arriola that the recommendation of the provider can go directly to the Commission, he doesn't see that necessarily needing to come back. He agrees with Commissioner Arriola and Commissioner Richardson, that when the Administration can bring back some information worthy of discussion, we should do that. He is sensing the timeframe would not be July because they are going to be just kicking off with the provider, but as soon as the information is ready, we should have that conversation.

Commissioner Arriola said to work through the responses and in parallel track give a good estimate of what infrastructure costs will be to invest into Lummus Park.

**DIRECTION:** Review the responses of the bids and come back to the July 28, 2020 or September 18, 2020 FERC meeting with updates on the dollar amount needed for the infrastructure needs of the project.

# 6. DISCUSSION REGARDING EXPANSION OF EQUIPMENT AND LIGHTING AT MUSCLE BEACH

February 12, 2020 – C4 AA Sponsored by Commissioner Góngora Parks and Recreation

### **ACTION**

Jose del Risco, Parks and Recreation Assistant Director, presented the item. He explained we have had two iterations of equipment there that have been very well received by the public. At the request of the community, we incorporated additional elements that were geared more toward weight training and we are in the process right now of adding a second performance locker. There are a couple of delays as a result of COVID-19, but we are on track to finish by the Summer. We have already gauged the vendor, we are waiting on a purchase order to be finalized at the beginning of next week and are good to go on the planning process. As it pertains to additional equipment we are addressing that. As it pertains to lighting, lighting east of the coral wall at Lummus Park is very improbable to receive approve from the state. Many departments are speaking about this and we are in conversations with the state regulatory agencies. In conjunction with the Muscle Beach community, we have addressed measures of temporary lighting, once turtle season is over we will be able to resume those temporary measures.

Commissioner Richardson asked if people start dispersing at dusk or if people use the equipment into the night.

Jose del Risco said some people do use it at night particularly in the winter months as it is particularly helpful since sun sets earlier. The temporary measures used have been very effective.

Commissioner Arriola said it has become a very important part of our community, lots of residents go there to work out and hang out there. He thinks more good things will come from this area.

**DIRECTION:** Continue adding the equipment that has already been initiated and continue discussions about the lighting and the temporary lighting measures that have been taking place.

# 7. DISCUSS FUNDING THE DESIGN WORK FOR THE NORTH BEACH SKATEPARK EXPANSION

February 12, 2020 – C4 D Sponsored by Commissioner Arriola Parks and Recreation

## **ACTION**

Commissioner Arriola said there is a skatepark in North Beach and there is money in the G.O. bond for further enhancement but will not be until about 2025. He asked why we are going to wait so long to do something that is shovel ready. He asked what it would cost to do a study or analysis for the design work for the skatepark, fund it now, and decide if they want to move the money from tranche 3 into tranche 2 to have it done sooner.

Jose del Risco said yes, it is in tranche 3 for \$750,000. He said they submitted in the memorandum what they believe more or less the design costs are going to be. Part of the reason design costs are what they are is because of resiliency elements being incorporated into the design of the project, which is somewhat of a cost driver. From a Parks and Recreation standpoint they are excited for this project, the skatepark is very well received and well used. Provided the funding is allocated they will certainly do their part to get the work going.

Commissioner Arriola said his concern is waiting 5 years to be able to spend that money and then we would do the design and start the project and it would be us another 1 or 2 out from there. We are 6-7 years from finalizing the skatepark. He said doing a skatepark is fairly simple and you can get the designs done in a few months. He is asking for a recommendation to move the money into tranche 2 so it gets done sooner. He asked if we can prefund the design costs now for the nest year or so to do the design work and reimburse ourselves when tranche 2 is funded.

John Woodruff, Chief Financial Officer, said that we can do that, we would just need to identify the amount of money we need sooner and research a funding source.

Commissioner Samuelian confirmed Commissioner Arriola wants to fast track design. He asked if Commissioner Arriola also wanted to fast track the construction or just the design to be ready when we get to the next tranche.

Commissioner Arriola said skateparks are simple to build. He said the Commission and residents want to finish the skatepark, but the Commission decided for it to be in tranche 3 in 2025. It is far out, he would like to recommend the skatepark money be moved to tranche 2. Joh Woodruff would identify a funding mechanism to be able to go to RFP and then we would repay ourselves with the money from tranche 2.

Commissioner Samuelian said he has no objection, but he asked if there are any objection or issues on the end of the Administration to fast track this a little and from a process standpoint if these decisions from the G.O. Bond Oversight Committee weighed in on and would they have ownership of this.

John Woodruff said the Commission can always initiate action, there is nothing wrong with that. As part of the transparency, that we want to achieve with the process is that the G.O. Bond Oversight Committee would be briefed on what the change is and would be free to make a motion either way. It is really the Commission vote that is the actual driver here.

Commissioner Richardson said he doesn't have any objections to moving this, he would ask if we know of any initiatives that have been asked to move forward and we are going to hurt someone's feelings if we move this one and not another. This raises something else and he will put it on the agenda, that maybe we should be moving a lot of projects forward if we have the capacity to manage them because money is cheap right now. He said maybe they should ask the Administration the cost of money today versus what it could be 5 years from now. He doesn't have any objections to what Commissioner Arriola is proposing.

Commissioner Arriola said he will support that direction of what Commissioner Richardson mentioned with the money. He also mentioned there are no other projects he is aware of that would want to move.

John Woodruff said a suggestion would be that we come back next month and in between now and then, the G.O. Bond Oversight Committee can meet and reviews if there are any projects that may push out that creates the capacity to be able to move this project up without having to take a lot of time. We just need some time internally to review the projects in the Parks category and see if there is ability to advance that project and move some others around. He would like the opportunity to come back in about a month to make that happen. He also mentioned to Commissioner Richardson's point about borrow money, it is a great time to borrow, he is anticipating as we get closely to tranche 2 in about a year, we would issue more than we planned on issuing for tranche 2 and as a result we would have the opportunity to hopefully be able to advance some of the projects in tranche 3 and 4 and maybe we end up only have 3 tranches.

Commissioner Richardson asked after the G.O. Bond Working Group has their internal meeting if we then need to send it to the G.O. Bond Oversight Committee or can it be voted on and then send their decision to the Committee.

John Woodruff said the G.O. Bond Oversight Committee is advisory, it is really up to the Commission.

Commissioner Samuelian said he thinks everyone is on the same page here, there is unanimous support to try and accelerate the skatepark project. He said it sounds like the Administration needs 30 days and would bring it back to the July meeting and make sure the G.O. Bond Oversight Committee continues to play their advisory role.

Commissioner Richardson said they are all in agreement and supporting Commissioner Arriola's proposal. He is going to bring an item to the June Commission meeting to talk about the G.O. Bond.

Matis Cohen, resident and business owner, spoke. He said that it is great that this was brought up. He wanted to remind staff that the project was scaled back. The designer already has the design for the expansion of the skatepark and if we do that we can cut back on time to be able to accelerate this.

**DIRECTION:** Staff to meet internally to discuss the ability of the project to move to tranche 2, review with the G.O. Bond Oversight Committee and bring back their findings to the July 28, 2020 FERC meeting.

# 8. DISCUSS CONDUCTING A MOPED SHARING SERVICE PILOT WITH REVEL

April 22, 2020 – C4 B Sponsored by Commissioner Arriola Transportation & Mobility

# **ACTION**

Commissioner Arriola said the title is a bit misleading, he brought this forward as a mobility issue to expand mobility offerings in our community, whether it is bike sharing, freebee, trollies, etc. There are communities

that have shared moped or scooters. He is not wed to Revel, he wanted to talk about whether we are interested in having a shared moped/scooter program in the City, the provider can be anyone.

Jose Gonzalez, Transportation Director, spoke. He said there was a conference call with Revel that included the Transportation and Parking Department and it was a productive call. We learned a lot about the company and business model, we also learned they are providing their services currently for the City of Miami, specifically the Miami Parking Authority through a revenue shared agreement. In terms of electric mopeds as a transportation mode in general, they are vehicles, they use the street, they don't use the bike lanes. It is an environmentally friendly vehicle. He said we feel there is value in exploring this and mentioned Revel is one company, since we had the conference call with them, we have been made aware of another company out there that is potentially interested. For this item, the recommendation is to further explore this and potentially issue a competitive solicitation such as a request for letters of interest, if that is the will of the body to see what other companies are out there and potentially pilot this.

Commissioner Arriola asked about other cities that have done this and what their success is from a mobility perspective and a revenue component as well.

Jose Gonzalez said as he mentioned before Revel currently has a revenue sharing agreement with City of Miami. He talked a little bit about the City of Miami program with Revel and with the City of Miami Parking Authority about administering the program. One of the things that they learned is the average trip length is about 3 miles. They appear to be replacing car trips, particularly short vehicular trips. It costs \$5 to sign up, \$1 to unlock the moped and \$0.31 per minute to ride. The maximum speed of the mopeds are 30 mph. they cannot operate on sidewalks or bike lanes. They cannot operate on causeways that have a high operating speed. In our city they could not operate on the Julia Tuttle Causeway or the MacArthur Causeway. There are different ways they can structure the revenue share model; they can provide the revenues through a permit fee through the City.

Commissioner Arriola asked if we know how the City of Miami is doing with their revenue share.

Jose Gonzalez said the City of Miami started the program right before the pandemic began, so they don't have a good indication of the revenue yet. He said we can certainly look at other cities and what the revenue share is. There are other electric scooter companies that operate throughout the country and may be interested if the City issues a solicitation.

Commissioner Richardson asked where these scooters would be parked and if you can leave them anywhere.

Jose Gonzalez said there are a few different ways to approach that. They typically park in regular on-street parking spaces. The model that Revel has for the City of Miami, the user of the moped does not have to pay for parking, Revel has already paid as part of the revenue share that they have paid to the City of Miami on a quarter basis. They would just park in on-street parking spaced and deferred to Saul Frances in terms of parking in parking garages.

Saul Frances, Parking Director, said the idea would be for the curbside spaces or the surface lots, we don't allow mopeds or motorcycles in our garages because of the gated equipment and it detects the vehicle that is in the loop and sometimes it doesn't detect scooters or motorcycles. Sometimes the gate comes down. Curbside and lots can be an option.

Commissioner Richardson asked if you finish a trip in a certain location if you just leave the moped there.

Jose Gonzalez said yes, in a designated parking space. He also said that Revel mentioned they look for dead zones on streets areas where that aren't sufficiently large to park a vehicle and are typically striped off, they try to capitalize in those areas to park the mopeds.

Saul Frances said we would work with them on those, depending on the location we would look at those on a case by case basis.

Commissioner Richardson asked about the new parking garage west of City Hall and why we don't allow motorcycles and mopeds to park in there if there are no gates.

Saul Frances said there is that garage and one on 42<sup>nd</sup> Street and there are sections for scooters, mopeds, and motorcycles and is metered parking, which are the two exceptions we have.

Commissioner Richardson asked if the recommendation is to move forward with a competitive pilot program.

Jose Gonzalez said that is correct. He said typically the pilots are at least a year, that is what we have been discussing with Citi Bike for electric assisted bicycles.

Commissioner Richardson motioned to move this item for a pilot period not to exceed two years and he thinks some additional work needs to be done for parking.

Commissioner Arriola asked for Commissioner Richardson if his motion is to move forward with Revel or a request for proposals.

Commissioner Richardson said the Administration is recommending a competitive process and he would certainly like for this company to participate, but his motion is for a competitive process.

Commissioner Samuelian said he is supportive of moving forward with this. The Administration appears supportive of this and he appreciates the competitive process and if there is only one player that fits the criteria then so be it, but he thinks we are moving in the right direction. He said in regard to Commissioner Richardson's motion, 2 years seems long and he wanted to know if he would be willing to motion for no longer than 1 year. He would like to have a good amount of time, but 2 years seems long.

Commissioner Richardson said he is perfectly fine with a pilot not to exceed 1 year as well.

Commissioner Samuelian seconded the motion with the amendment that Commissioner Richardson made.

**MOTION:** commissioner Richardson motioned to move forward with a competitive solicitation for a pilot program not to exceed one year. Commissioner Samuelian seconded. All in favor.

# 9. DISCUSS IMPLEMENTING THE PRODUCTION INDUSTRY COUNCIL'S DECEMBER 12, 2019 MOTION

February 12, 2020 – C4 C Sponsored by Commissioner Samuelian Tourism and Culture

### **ACTION**

Commissioner Samuelian said that he thinks this motion that was passed is very important even more so given the economic development challenges that we have. The essence of this is that we want to make sure that Miami Beach is recognized for our arts and want to make sure to continue to promote a brand, he believes the brand we have been utilizing is Miami Beach Art Week and wants to make sure we are continuing to do that. It also looks like we are doing a URL.

Heather Shaw, Tourism and Culture Assistant Director, spoke. She said the other item to this is the PIC wanted to recommend that we trademark Miami Beach Art Week going forward. In collaboration with Communications we have been utilizing that. As Commissioner Samuelian said the PIC is concerned that Art Week isn't just for Miami, but Miami Beach has it as well. It is even more important as we want to expand our cultural assets and what we are going to do during that week. There are some costs involved, some are nominal. The PIC came back with some costs. For a trademark it is around \$2,000.

Commissioner Samuelian said that is relatively nominal. He also mentioned we have been doing marketing around this and said he wanted to highlight we need to keep promoting this and that there is a level of funding because it is an important asset.

Commissioner Arriola said he is supportive of this. These sorts of efforts help to diversify our local economy.

Commissioner Richardson said he is fully supportive.

Heather Shaw confirmed that the direction is that we can move forward with trying to get a trademark and continue to utilize this in a more permanent matter.

Commissioner Arriola said the dollar amount sounds miniscule.

Commissioner Richardson said yes to the trademark.

Commissioner Samuelain agreed as Heather Shaw stated.

Tonya Daniels, Marketing and Communications Director, asked if we can look into the details on that, because she believes it will be more than just a few thousand dollars because you have to trademark certain areas and we also have to utilize our trademarking attorney and the funds we use for that are from resort tax for marketing and right now all of that is frozen. As we look into the next fiscal year, she would like to look into, what the actual cost will be because she thinks a few thousand is a little bit low.

**DIRECTION:** Move forward with looking into the trademarking and the cost.

# 10. UPDATE ON BYRON CARLYLE RFP NEGOTIATIONS

October 16, 2019 – R7 D Economic Development

### **ACTION**

Amy Mehu, Economic Development Assistant Director, presented the item. She explained that we were working on meeting with and evaluating the two proposers before COVID-19 along with Procurement and CBRE. She said we would like to take an opportunity to reevaluate both proposals and changing one of them or starting new. We need to take a moment to adapt to the new environment with COVID-19.

Commissioner Richardson asked if we have had recent participation from the community about this.

Amy Mehu said that would be the next step even before we met with the proposers. There was a lot of input from the North Beach Master Plan, but this does require the community to reevaluate and reengage.

Commissioner Richardson asked how soon that could be done.

Amy Mehu said that first we are going to reevaluate the proposals with the new COVID-19 guidelines and come back to the Committee with feedback on whether we will reengage with one of these proposals or go back to the drawing board and then at that point we can reach out to the community again to get some more feedback with the new proposal. There are still 2 options on the table.

Eric Carpenter, Assistant City Manager said we were directed to go back and reevaluate and negotiate a best and final offer with both proposers.

Amy Mehu reiterated we are going back to the drawing board and reevaluating to see if either of the proposals are still best in our new situation or whether we need to seek new ones. There is still a lot being discussed with hotels and offices because of COVID-19.

Commissioner Richardson said he is not in favor of starting this process completely over. He said whatever work needs to be done should not be delayed. He said we have two qualified bidders and we need to move on this. He asked what staff would be ready to come back to the Committee. He asked if we can do it before the August break.

Commissioner Samuelian said the good news is we do have interested parties. He also does not want to start the process over and we need to have a conversation before August recess, he thinks it should be on the July agenda to discuss. He said some of the proposals have been one-time cash payments and that may be okay, but he wants to know if there is an option to translate some of that into a recurring revenue stream. He asked if we can get some sort of sharing agreement that could impact our annual budget. He wants to know if there are options where we can be addressing recurring needs through some of these relationships. He would like the Administration to address that with the bidders.

Amy Mehu said one of the proposals was favored because it does provide for some more revenue to be provided to the City on an ongoing basis.

Commissioner Samuelian said he was also referring to some of the things in the agreement up front. Those can also be in a recurring format as well.

Commissioner Arriola said that this is an important item especially with the current state of our economy. To the extent we have 2 bidders ready to engage with the City, he would take them up on their offer and start those negotiations and try to get a firm recommendation back from staff on what those might look like and not delay this any further. That property is not going anywhere, and it is in bad shape. He would ask we don't over study this and go back to those proposers and start negotiating.

Matis Cohen, business owner, spoke. He said they have been working on this project for over 3 years and have gone through a rigorous RFP and a lot of public input. He said there was an item on the Commission agenda that gave the City Manager instruction to negotiate with both parties. He said he was speaking equally on his behalf and the other proposer, they each had one meeting with the City. He would urge the City not to throw out 3 years of work. He said we have a unique opportunity that two landowners in the area responded to the RFP. He urged the City to negotiate with them.

Amy Mehu said she appreciated Matis Cohen's feedback, but she doesn't want to mislead and be under the impression that somehow the Administration doesn't think that RFP process is important and that we would engage the community prior to working with either proposer. The request for the pause was to come back to the Committee with a fair evaluated recommendation and getting the proposers' feedback and input.

Discussion continued.

The Committee made it clear they do not want to start the process over and they want to make sure the negotiations are continued with the current bidders. The Committee expects to have more specificity when staff comes back in July.

Rafael Paz, Deputy City Attorney, said within the next 4 weeks the Administration can ask the proposers to update their term sheets and timelines because we have been seeing on other projects that the pandemic does affect financing and does affect construction periods. We definitely need the updated proposals and we can currently meet with the proposers, but to fully negotiate a term sheet in 3 weeks and engage in simultaneous negotiations while also in negotiations with other projects with hard deadlines.

Commissioner Richardson said he agrees that they cannot come back with a term sheet in 3 weeks, but he wants us to get moving.

Commissioner Arriola agreed with the sentiment of Commissioner Richardson. He said there is agreement that the Committee wants the current bidders to be negotiated with and staff to come back with a recommendation. They don't want to reopen the bid process which was years in the making.

Matis Cohen, business owner, said he wanted to confirm that the direction is to actually engage with the bidders and to negotiate changes that the City was looking to see. They need to have conversations with the City and not just send another offer.

Daniel Veitia, resident and business owner, spoke. He said that this is the 4<sup>th</sup> RFP that we have done since he has been active in this community, it is the 4<sup>th</sup> time that we have responded to the viable project. He supports what the Committee has expressed here today, we need to continue pushing to an outcome regardless of who we select to keep the Byron Carlyle from being vacant.

**DIRECTION:** Come back to the July 28, 2020 FERC meeting with an update on negotiations with the bidders and provide a recommendation.

11. REVIEW THE POSSIBILITY OF APPROPRIATING AND AUTHORIZING UP TO \$700,000 FROM THE CITY GENERAL RESERVE FUNDS TO SUPPORT RENT, MORTGAGE, AND UTILITIES ASSISTANCE PROGRAM(S) FOR QUALIFIED CITY RESIDENTS DUE TO THE ECONOMIC CRISIS

May 28, 2020 - C4 A

Sponsored by Commissioner Richardson and Co-Sponsored by Commissioner Góngora Office of Housing and Community Services

### **ACTION**

Commissioner Richardson explained that we had 2 tranches of housing assistance from federal dollars and it is not adequate. When we first started conversations on the budget reaction with the COVID-19 crisis, he was very interested in the use of reserve funds being \$5 million as an aspirational goal and we got it down to about \$5.1 million as of a few weeks ago. He feels we have some cushion here and spend a little more money on housing and still stay within the \$5 million because we will get some of the money returned to us. He wanted to propose we use an amount up to \$700,000 for additional rent support and this would come out of our city funds. This money could be recovered under the County program, it could be that we wouldn't even be funding it and we would just be funding the cash flow. 447 people have applied and we know we are not going to have enough money for all of those people.

Commissioner Samuelian said this is a critical issue for the community, so many people have been challenged during this time. He asked if we know if this is reimbursable in some form or if it would be the use of City funds.

Eric Carpenter, Assistant City Manager, said he doesn't believe we have that in a certainty, we are still looking into it.

Commissioner Samuelian said that there is a comment in the conclusion of the memorandum that said may need up to 3 months. He asked if this will meet enough people's need for enough time or if there is something else that is needed to be done, that wasn't clear to him from the memorandum.

Maria Ruiz, Director of Housing and Community Services, said that we are seeing people who are coming in for their rent assistance appointment who are already being called back to work. If this is what is going to be reflective of what is going to happen over the next few weeks or so, the good news is the demand for the rent assistance will have a book end to it for most people. Her bigger concern is the people who are working in the hotels or restaurants and they have not been called back to work. That is going to be the industry that does have a foreseeable book end. She said she ran some numbers after this morning's Commission meeting and the average rent assistance today is \$2,158 per household, which shows us we are paying closer to 2 months of rent at this juncture.

Commissioner Richardson asked how much money we had in the first and second tranche.

Maria Ruiz said the \$200,000 in the first tranche will not be available until after October 1<sup>st</sup>, so we had \$330,000 the first time around and an additional \$336,000 in the second tranche.

Commissioner Samuelian asked if the \$700,000 will be the final tranche and if the Administration's recommendation is to proceed with this and it would be the amount that we need at this point.

Maria Ruiz said that we have had the first 2 tranches of money and we have the \$200,000 that kicks in October 1<sup>st</sup>, the \$700,000 would probably be the last through the end of the year because she doesn't foresee there being an increase in need.

Commissioner Samuelian said he is very supportive of this. We invested a fair amount, we know the \$700,000 is not going to meet everyone's needs, but it is an important step forward. He also said the Homelessness Committee supported efforts to do whatever we could to deal with homelessness.

Commissioner Richardson thanked Commissioner Samuelian for the support. He said he also wanted to tweak this a little bit since we have additional information. He said we learned that 474 people applied for assistance and the average assistance is for \$2,158, which is just slightly over \$1 million. His initial proposal was up to \$700,000, but what he would like to do is suggest that today we recommend a third tranche of \$330,000 of this \$700,000 and then let's wait and see if we are going to need more money in a fourth tranche, rather than making a recommendation with the entire amount right now. He said we may have to pay this out of our reserves, so he would like to authorize the \$330,000 today and hold the rest for further consideration.

Commissioner Samuelian said he is open to that suggestion. His only question is to the Administration and if there is any concern or issue they should be aware of breaking the \$700,000 up into 2 tranches with the \$330,000 and the rest later if needed.

Maria Ruiz said she thinks that this is a sensible way to approach this. She would ask in this third tranche that the money be made available for residents of the City of Miami Beach, but not necessarily have to have U.S. citizenship residency because that is by far the biggest reason we have had to turn people away because of that requirement. We would need to check if that reimbursement from the federal government allows that qualifier because we are the City administering the money. That is where the greatest need is.

Commissioner Richardson said that he would fully support that and he would go a little bit further. He said he would say this money should only be restricted as it relates to the CARE Act's program. It has a lot more flexibility than what we used for the first 2 tranches. He doesn't want to have more restrictive guidelines, if we can be more flexible under the CARE Act, he wants us to use that flexibility to make as many people eligible as possible.

Commissioner Samuelian and Commissioner Arriola are supportive.

Commissioner Richardson asked if we move this recommendation for the \$330,000 today, he asked if we can keep the item in the Committee and have the balance up to \$700,000 without a new item going back to the Commission. He asked if the item would need to be referred again to discuss the balance of the \$700,000.

Rafael Paz, Deputy City Attorney, said the Commtitee can recommend the \$330,000 and continue to discuss the balance of the \$700,000 in the Committee.

Valerie Navarrete, resident and Committee on Homelessness member, spoke. She asked about 2 out of the 5 people that were mentioned in the Commission meeting prior to this meeting, if they will be able to be helped or if they will be subjected to homelessness if they don't get this assistance.

Maria Ruiz said under the CARE Act's funds that were awarded through HUD, we could not serve people that did not meet the residency requirement if the City is the distributor of the funds. She said she would have to read the legislation on the broader funds, because it would depend on which department is releasing the funds. Under the HUD guidelines we were not allowed to do so.

# **VOTE OF ACCLAMATION TO ALLOCATE \$330,000 TO RENT ASSISTANCE**

**DIRECTION:** Staff to come back to the July 28, 2020 FERC meeting to discuss the needs for remainder of the \$700,000 for tranche 4.

# **DEFERRED ITEMS**

### 12. DISCUSS FUNDING ARTISTIC PAINTING OF THE MID BEACH WATER TANKS

March 18, 2020 – C4 N Sponsored by Commissioner Arriola Tourism and Culture

# **ACTION**

**DIRECTION:** Defer to the June 16, 2020 budget briefing meeting to be discussed as part of the capital budget process.

# 13. 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 June 16, 2020 FERC Budget Briefing meeting.

### 14. REVIEW OF ALL CITY DEPARTMENTS FOR JUSTIFICATION AND EFFICIENCY

October 16, 2019 – C4 U Sponsored by Commissioner Góngora Office of Management and Budget

# **ACTION**

**DIRECTION:** Defer to the July 24, 2020 FERC Budget Briefing meeting.

### 15. DISCUSSION REGARDING EARLY CHILDHOOD FUNDING

January 15, 2020- C4 C Sponsored by Commissioner Arriola Organizational Development

### **ACTION**

**DIRECTION:** Defer to the July 17, 2020 FERC Budget Briefing meeting.

# 16. 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 July 17, 2020 FERC Budget Briefing meeting.

### 17. DISCUSS INCREASING THE BUDGET OF THE CULTURAL ARTS COUNCIL

February 12, 2020 – C4 AB Sponsored by Mayor Gelber and Co-sponsored by Commissioner Góngora Tourism and Culture

# **ACTION**

**DIRECTION:** Defer to the July 17, 2020 FERC Budget Briefing meeting.

# 18. 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 July 17, 2020 FERC Budget Briefing meeting.

# 19. DISCUSSION REGARDING THE LGBTQ ADVISORY COMMITTEE MOTION REGARDING FUNDING FOR LGBTQ COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

April 22, 2020 -C4 A Sponsored by Commissioner Góngora Office of Management and Budget

# **ACTION**

**DIRECTION:** Defer to the July 17, 2020 FERC Budget Briefing meeting.

# 20. 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 July 28, 2020 FERC meeting.

# 21. DISCUSSION REGARDING THE REVIEW OF THE JULIA TUTTLE BUS RAPID TRANSIT DEMONSTRATION PROJECT-QUARTERLY UPDATE

May 16, 2018 – C4 R Sponsored by Commissioner Samuelian Transportation

# **ACTION**

**DIRECTION:** Defer to the July 28, 2020 FERC meeting.

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

April 10, 2019 – C4 D Sponsored by Commissioner Richardson Office of Housing and Community Services

# **ACTION**

**DIRECTION:** Update to be provided at the July 28, 2020 FERC meeting.

# 23. REVIEW THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF SUPER BOWL 2020 AND THE MIAMI HERALD ARTICLE REGARDING TALKS OF A FREE CONCERT

February 12, 2020 – R9 R

Sponsored by Commissioner Meiner and Co-sponsored by Commissioner Góngora

Tourism and Culture/Finance

# **ACTION**

**DIRECTION:** Defer to the July 28, 2020 FERC meeting.

# 24. 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 July 28, 2020 FERC meeting.

# 25. 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 July 28, 2020 FERC meeting.

# 26. DISCUSSION REGARDING THE BIGBELLY PROGRAM

October 16, 2019 - R7 H

**Public Works** 

# **ACTION**

**DIRECTION:** Defer to the July 28, 2020 FERC meeting.

# 27. DISCUSSION REGARDING A FINANCIAL PLAN FOR THE WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM MASTER PLAN

January 15, 2020 - C4 A

Public Works

### **ACTION**

**DIRECTION:** Update to be provided at the September 18, 2020 FERC meeting.

# 28. DISCUSSION REGARDING NEGOTIATIONS PURSUANT TO ITN 2019-099-KB COLLINS PARK ARTIST WORKFORCE HOUSING PROJECT

March 18, 2020 - C4 B

**Economic Development** 

## **ACTION**

**DIRECTION:** Defer to the September 18, 2020 FERC meeting.

### 29. DISCUSSION REGARDING CITY'S HOMELESS WALK-IN CENTER

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

# **ACTION**

**DIRECTION:** Defer to the September 18, 2020 FERC meeting.

30. 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 September 18, 2020 FERC meeting.

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

September 12, 2018 – R9 E Sponsored by Commissioner Arriola Office of the City Manager

### **ACTION**

**DIRECTION:** Defer to the October 23, 2020 FERC meeting, due to COVID-19.

32. 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 Manager

### **ACTION**

**DIRECTION:** Defer to the October 23, 2020 FERC meeting, due to COVID-19.

33. 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 5<sup>TH</sup> STREET AND 15<sup>TH</sup> 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**

**DIRECTION:** Defer to the October 23, 2020 FERC meeting.