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A meeting of the Finance and Economic Resiliency Committee was held on Friday, July 17, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom. Attendance: Mayor Dan Gelber, Commissioners Ricky Arriola, Mark Samuelian, David Richardson, Steven Meiner, Micky Steinberg, and Michael Góngora. Members from the Administration and the public were also attendance.

Meeting began at 1:51 p.m.

BUDGET BRIEFING

1. FISCAL YEAR 2021 PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET

Office of Management and Budget

ACTION

John Woodruff, Chief Financial Officer, presented the item. He explained that today's focus would be on the operating budget and what it takes to balance the budget. He would also provide a short update on the proposed capital budget in the second item on the agenda. He mentioned that in this presentation he would give an update on property values, go over the reductions necessary to balance the COVID-19 as well as the Non-COVID-19 gap, we will talk about how much of the reserves we are planning on utilizing, have a conversation about Parking, highlights on some other funds, and next steps.

John Woodruff explained the property values number gets updated on July 1st and the updated number is 4.1%. He spoke about the property value chart, including the new construction trend. He said the existing property value trend chart is the chart he pays most attention to. He said if we are looking ahead a year from now we have concerns that COVID-19 will have an impact on commercial properties. He said there was a ruling that hotels statewide could be reassessed at lower property values. He spoke about that we did take a look at the construction pipeline; we will have some, just not as much as this year. He mentioned the consultant did some analysis and they looked at the 6-year period and noticed the 3-year downward trend. Some of the key findings were mentioned and were noted in the presentation. He will present the full presentation regarding the property values analysis at one of the upcoming meetings. The following was discussed:

- Commissioner Arriola pointed out this is important for everyone to understand. Existing property values will probably go down and not up in Miami Beach for the coming years. We need to start

thinking about what our budget is going to look like in the coming years. Our existing property base is not looking good. He would like John Woodruff to run some scenarios for them to see what it would look like if commercial properties took a 5% or 10% dip for example so we can start planning what future years will look like. He said which is why he says it is important for the Economic Development Director to really drive economic development, we are looking conservatively at single digit dips in property values and then double digit in future years. He continued to talk about new development as a key economic driver.

John Woodruff continued with the presentation and touched on the planned use of RDA funds. He then went into the preliminary FY 2021 budget gap and noted the numbers that were presented at the last meeting with the COVID-19 and Non-COVID-19 gap. Since then we received the July 1st property values, the Non-COVID-19 was reduced, but the COVID-19 gap stayed the same. He explained how we obtained more money with the property value increase. He continued on to talk about the COVID-19 gap and explained the reductions, which include cumulative savings from Resort Tax Programs (Trolleys, QOL, Arts, Debt Service), a freeze on non-essential expenditures, one-time use of RDA funds, GMCVB contractual savings, a hiring freeze, and unpaid furlough days (1 to 5 day tiers for all employees), VCA savings, reduced lifeguard and boat coverage, training and travel freeze, tuition reimbursement freeze (non-essential) . He went into an explanation about the balancing with the GMCVB and how they were very cooperative in the process and he thanked them as well as the VCA. He explained the approach for the furlough days and all employees will participate. All of the changes took us to \$10 million for the use of General Fund Reserve instead of the \$15 million discussed prior. He continued on with the Non-COVID-19 gap and explained the reductions, which include savings from renegotiated contracts, health insurance adjustment, Police OT savings from staffing plan, internal cost allocation adjustment, excess pension adjustment, Fleet consolidation into Property Management (2 positions), golf fee CPI increase, Environment Management-1 position, Police civilization- 2 positions, Emergency Management- 1 position, Finance- 1 position, City Manager- 1 position, ODPI consolidation into HR-1 position, Human Resources-1 position, and Living wage CPI increase. We ended up with a positive \$2 million based on the recommended cuts and we weren't expecting the property values to come in better so it helped us. The recommendation is to reduce the use of the General Fund Reserve from \$10 million to \$8 million. Option 2 would be to offset the \$2 million gap in the North Beach Oceanside Park program to avoid phasing the project or deferring 4 existing projects. He continued to discuss the use of reserves. Based on how much we will be using we will remain with \$67.8 million in the General Fund reserve and \$10.2 million in the Resort Tax reserve. The following was discussed:

- Commissioner Arriola thanked John Woodruff and the team for the comprehensive presentation and hard work.
- Commissioner Samuelian added his kudos to the team to get us this far. He also gave a shoutout the Budget Advisory Committee, who are not easy graders, expressed their happiness with the balancing plan. He said we are very fortunate in terms of reserves. He said for us to get the reserves where they need to be so we are ready for the next storm.
- Commissioner Richardson thanked John Woodruff and his staff for all of the hard work. He mentioned he was happy we brought down the use of the reserves. He also mentioned in regard to the 300 Alton Road project he challenged the Administration and the developer to get the positive cash flow to come sooner rather than later. If that referendum is successful we will receive the \$5 million deposit and the next year \$10 million. He recommends taking some of that and putting it in our reserves. He said another thing we should consider is that the \$10 million is refundable and if something were to fall through we would have to return some of that money, so we need to be mindful. Commissioner Arriola agreed with the comments.

John Woodruff continued on to talk about the Parking Fund, which is the fund that has been impacted the most by COVID-19. Parking is an Enterprise fund where the revenues support the expenses and 80% of parking demand is from visitors. We have been working on right sizing the operation to navigate COVID-19 and the negative trend from ridesharing. In addition, the bonds require a minimum debt service reserve and bond surety. The FY 2021 budget gap is \$13.8 million, which is very significant. There are some very difficult decisions within the balancing plan and they wouldn't be recommended unless they are absolutely

necessary. He went into the details of the Parking balancing plan which includes suspension of all pay stations (\$1.7 million), reduce Parking funded positions in other departments (\$509,000), service reductions in level of service (\$2 million), reduction in full-time positions (\$500,000), right-sizing parking enforcement (\$1.2 million). We have come up with a hybrid model for parking enforcement of having 50% in-house and 50% of it contracted, in the coming year it is 25% because we are planning on 75% level of service. In addition, the proposal includes refinancing savings (\$2.6 million), miscellaneous (\$300,000), and reduced contribution to renewal and replacement (\$5 million). The following was discussed:

- Commissioner Arriola asked John Woodruff to highlight the potential downgrading of the parking bonds credit rating, what would happen and what would it mean to us. John Woodruff said rating agencies have highlighted parking systems, airports, etc. on their watchlist of potential entities to downgrade as they are getting hit the hardest from COVID-19. We were successful for our FY 2020 balancing plan, but now the measures we are proposing here are what they would review to show that we could get through next fiscal year as well. They are going to look and see what will end up getting adopted in the budget. The true impact from the credit rating is when we want to issue debt, which we won't be issuing any time soon, but it does impact the secondary market if you own City of Miami Beach Parking bonds. It would negatively affect the reputation of the City's Parking system and the City in general.
- Commissioner Arriola said as we become a carless society we are starting to see capacity in garages and on-street parking decline, which a lot of cities use as a piggybank. There is a fixed cost, but no revenue coming in during this time, which is why the Parking Department was the first place we looked at. We do have to address the cost of our operations. We want to do right by our City employees and unions for sure, but we have to be cognizant that our current structure doesn't work and will not work going forward.
- Commissioner Richardson said that many of the comments Commissioner Arriola made were things he was going to say, municipalities have garages and have the fixed costs and the model has been successful. For the City of Miami Beach the Parking Department has been successful and also able to give money to the General Fund, but that is not happening anymore. The demand for parking is clearly going down. We have to right-size this department. He has some other ideas and have provided to the Administration and he thinks we need to do a little more work on how we right-size this department. We need to figure out what the long-term plan is for some of our assets. He is not prepared to make a final decision on the Parking Department today because he thinks there are some other options and other things to look at. He thanked John Woodruff for the hard work on this.
- Commissioner Góngora said John Woodruff has done a very good job with the budget because he sees it from a financial perspective. As elected members of the community they look at it from a different perspective, they have to look at these issues with their minds and their hearts as well. He does think the Parking Department has changed dramatically. He said there are still parts of the City that don't have parking now, in certain areas in North Beach and Flamingo Park neighborhood. He referenced the \$1.2 million reduction in the parking department employees, he asked how many full time employees and how many part-time employees would be impacted. John Woodruff said for the whole department 33 full time employees would go to part-time, 32 are filled and 1 vacant, of the eliminated positions, 16 are vacant and 24 are filled. Commissioner Góngora would like to know how much of the savings is coming from eliminating part timers and how much of the savings is coming from reclassifying full timers to part timers. John Woodruff said he would recommend we generate that information and bring it to the 3rd budget meeting next week to make sure all of that information is accurate. Commissioner Góngora said he doesn't think we need to do the right-sizing in one shot he thinks we can do the plan over 2-3 years where we let people know we are heading in a certain direction so employees can apply for other positions as they become available or apply for jobs outside the city. He is not in favor of downgrading full time employees to part time employees in one shot. Commissioner Arriola said he agrees with some of those comments, but he also wants all city employees to understand that just because you work for the City doesn't mean you have lifetime employment, you still have to perform. There are situations where we do have to make hard decisions in crises. We have to be disciplined when building our budget. He said we will try to do right by as many people here, but we do have to address this issue.

- Commissioner Richardson agreed with Commissioner Arriola's sentiments. He has already raised additional options on how to right-size the department, he is not ready to make a decision today on this. He would like John Woodruff to touch on the lack of profitability related to issuing citations. It was costing the city more to issue citations than we were actually receiving. He would like to know if we have analysis of what it costs to issue citations and how much we are receiving in profit. John Woodruff said he was using FY2019 as a more normal year, the cost of enforcement was \$5 million and revenue was \$3.3 million. Under the new proposal, we are trying to do an apples to apples comparison, we would only be upside down \$580,000. Commissioner Richardson would ask the Administration to look at best practices in the industry, it is troubling that we are under water on this. We need to figure out where our inefficiencies are.
- Commissioner Arriola said he is hearing that people particularly in the MXE district and parking for free or we are not enforcing parking violations. Saul Frances, Parking Director, said from the onset of the pandemic we have been doing lenient enforcement, the direction to the officers have been unless there is an egregious offence or a blocked driveway, etc and having a lenient approach as well if there is parking availability, or if the person that received a citation goes up to an officer and they are by their car they have the authority to take back the citation as a courtesy. In the residential areas there is a lot of leniency there because residents are sheltering in place or working from home. We have done an uptick in our residential areas when beaches opened and dining opened.
- Commissioner Góngora said we need to start enforcing more in the MXE district and asked why some of our parking lots are still closed. Saul Frances said all of our parking lots are open at this point with 2 exceptions one adjacent to Nikki Beach and South Pointe Park, we were managing access to the park and beach.
- Jimmy L. Morales, City Manager, said parking tickets have been at \$18 for a long time and they are bringing that up at the County, while the cost of operating a parking department continue to rise, the ticket remained the same. It also means people can get a ticket cheaper than it is to park in valet. Saul Frances said that the fines did go up October 2019, prior to that the citation was about 20 years old. The County increased it, it is now \$36.
- Towing was discussed. We are being lenient because of the pandemic.

John Woodruff continued with the presentation to highlight some of the other funds. He touched on the Transportation fund. The proposal is to eliminate 2 positions. In addition, the trolley has been significantly impacted. The service is anticipated to start August 1st and we are reducing the level of service. The following was discussed:

- Commissioner Samuelian asked in a typically year what our cost is for the trolleys. Jimmy L. Morales said the cost is around \$12 million. Commissioner Samuelian said he is concerned about the trolley in regard to the demand and he hopes we are financially strong enough to continue the trolleys. He said we should be at least prepared if we need additional revenue maybe that residents would ride free, but the non-residents would be paying for something. He would like to understand what it would look like.

John Woodruff spoke about the Fleet Fund. The Fleet will be a new division under the Property Management Department. He mentioned we have been working very hard with Jorge Cano from Fleet on right-sizing the number of vehicles and prioritizing conversion to hybrid and electrical vehicles.

John Woodruff touched on the Stormwater Fund and mentioned the one-time enhancements and also that there will be no rate increase planned for FY 2021.

John Woodruff touched on the Water & Sewer Fund and noted the pass-through rates from Miami-Dade County and no rate increase in FY2021. He mentioned the one-time enhancements and recurring enhancements.

John Woodruff spoke about the Sanitation Fund briefly, there are some pending items on hold due to COVID-19 from the Zero-based budget exercise including the recycling fee pass-through and the alternate side parking program implementation. In addition, the revenue contribution from parking for sanitation

services has been reduced. Sanitation worked very hard to cut \$1.2 million from their budget, there may be some decreased response time from service requests on occasion. Over the next 3-6 months they will look at some other cost savings ideas. Jimmy L. Morales noted that the sanitation fund is still waiting for Hurricane IRMA reimbursement from FEMA. We are trying to get into a position to replenish the fund.

John Woodruff continued with the Convention Center Fund. He said we had a strong reserve at the end of FY 2019 totaling \$12.9 million and because we are not able to have events in the center at least for the rest of FY2020, because there aren't going to be as many events going on even in FY 2021 we are projecting to be left with only \$4.1 million by the end of FY 2021. The following was discussed:

- Commissioner Samuelian asked what we should be thinking about in terms of contingencies. John Woodruff said he thinks it is best to bring it back as part of next week's update as follow up items. We can talk a little bit about parking, the trolley and talk a little bit more about this and maybe bring in the professionals to share their opinions.

John Woodruff noted the position count trend. He said with the recommendations that are currently baked into the budget, a lot of them are in Parking, this could change depending on what happens at the next budget briefing meeting. We actually have 3% less full-time positions than we did 15 years ago with a lot more services. Since 2017 we cut 6.2% of our full-time positions.

John Woodruff mentioned the millage rate assumes no change except for the debt service piece to 0.3227 driven by the first tranche of GO bonds. At the July 29th Commission meeting we will adopt the maximum millage rate. The combined millage rate is still well below from where we were 15 years ago.

John Woodruff noted the 3rd budget briefing meeting will be next week on July 24th and the 2 public hearings will be in September.

Public comment was provided.

Ozzy Garcia, CWA President, spoke. He explained his union is being impacted the most. He said there are more than 33 employees being impacted, the meter techs are being demoted as well. He said they are very angry. He mentioned a meeting with Saul Frances and Eric Carpenter and said the numbers were going to be looked at as the revenues come in. The employees that are being affected have been employees for many years and are being impacted greatly. He is concerned about the employee's insurance as well that will not be taken care of after the end of the fiscal year. He also mentioned the salaries at the employees at the top of the department. He continued to express his concerns including privatizing the department. He asked if the union leaders and parking leaders can sit down with the City Manager about their ideas to generate additional revenue. He reiterated that a lot of families are being impacted by these decisions.

Monique Coney, Vice-President of CWA, spoke. She concurred with what Mr. Garcia said. She said there is a bargaining agreement and not an agreement that can just be turned on and off at the City's leisure. She said they think there are a lot of measures that can be taken. She said they had many meetings with the Assistant City Manager and Saul Frances. She said they've brought up that the parking enforcement employees could enforce the masks. She said they do not want this proposal to go through and for the City to meet with the union and keep these employees employed. She supports the union's stance.

Wayne Roberts, resident, spoke. He agreed that we should contract work when it is cost effective to the City and he is in support of looking at different solutions. He said he knows why we are losing money, it is not because cars are being utilized it is because we are giving spaces away to valet operators. The narrative is off and the direction of the City needs to be on fact.

Daniel Ciraldo, resident, spoke on the Sanitation fund, he said that is an issue in the MXE district. He thinks we need to improve our service in regard to sanitation. The sanitation crew keeps the district looking very nice in time for our visitors. He asked to please consider what the impact to the service levels will be and if it will make the district cleaner.

Xavier Mare, dispatcher from the Parking Department, spoke. He said he makes sure that Parking is there within 15 minutes when someone calls. We have the best service compared to any other city. He agreed with what Monique and Ozzy said.

David Wallack, business owner, spoke. He said he listened intently to what Commissioner Arriola said in the beginning of the meeting, he thinks he is absolutely right. We are really going to see a decline in our budget in the coming years. There will be rollbacks in Police and Fire, as well as cutbacks in city services. Our City is so tied to the recovery of our businesses and the Parking and Resort Taxes.

Parking enforcement officer spoke. He said we lost a lot of money in Miami Beach when we weren't enforcing as much with citations at the beginning of the pandemic.

Mitch Novick, business owner, spoke. He said as a tax-payer, business owner, and resident, he is disappointed. We have spent more money on the wrong things. He said the MXE zoning has turned his neighborhood into a craphole.

Commissioner Arriola thanked everyone for their comments. We are going to do our best to do the right thing with these difficult decisions.

DIRECTION: Come back to the July 24th budget briefing meeting to further discuss and finalize the operating budget.

2. **FISCAL YEAR 2021 PROPOSED CAPITAL BUDGET UPDATE**

Office of Management and Budget

ACTION

John Woodruff, Chief Financial Officer, presented the item. He explained they have highlighted the changes to the FY 2021 Proposed Capital Budget that have been made from the last meeting. He spoke about Fleet and the QOL in North Beach funding. In PAYGO in order to generate some more money they found some PAYGO dollars in the West Avenue Phase II project and are able to swap it out for 2003 G.O. Bond funds. The Middle Beach Water Tower painting was added to the budget as requested from the last meeting. We are proposing an additional \$500,000 for North Beach Oceanside Park, but we are still \$2 million short to fully fund the project.

John Woodruff provided some background and project scope on the North Beach Oceanside Park Project as indicated in the presentation. He also spoke about the funding. He presented some options for the project that include, use available funds and phase project elements which the Administration is not recommending, the Administration is recommending either fully funding the project by deferring 4 other North Beach projects, or fully funding with additional PAYGO funding. He did check with David Martinez if we allocate \$2 million to this project, more than likely we will get some better pricing we just don't know how much it will be.

David Martinez said when we bid the job last year, we had 4 or 5 bids, they ranged from \$12-17 million. We have done a deep dive and met with the contractors. There were three key components driving the project numbers, one is the amount of concrete for pathways, two was an impact of doing that having to relocated hundreds of trees which brought in a huge risk, and third we were requiring that the park because phases so that it wouldn't close at one time, which created a lot of logistical issues. We have simplified that pathway network to still provide adequate accessibility to the park in a much better fashion than today and minimize the impact of the trees by 85%. We also don't need to phase in the work because we have Altos Del Mar park and we can open the playground that was completed recently. We are down to a \$10 million structure cost estimate, but then we have the soft costs, so the project totals almost \$13 million, which is where the \$2 million gap comes in.

Commissioner Samuelian asked about the money that was from the developer from the 87th Street project. His understanding was that we did receive 100% of the money that we were due and that those funds have come to the City.

John Woodruff said he meant to underscore that point, he has responded to several inquiries and people seem to have thought we have not received the money, but we have and the developer has lived up to everything in that agreement. We are ready to move forward with the project as soon as we can rebid.

Commissioner Samuelian said we need to be protective of our reserves in this environment. He is concerned. We have to keep in mind that the real estate values' negative impact has not channeled through. If we can add \$2 million more to our reserves it seems attractive to him.

Commissioner Richardson said he is curious to see what we could do if we didn't add the \$2 million.

David Martinez said that would bring us to option 1, which we would not include the playground, the dog park, architecture cleaning up the whole fence-line on Collins Avenue and reducing scope on a lot of the maintenance. If we do remove the playground, we will lose a \$250,000 grant that we have right now. There are a lot of different things going on in the park, there isn't one big ticket item that makes up the price.

Commissioner Richardson asked if there are ways to phase in some of the aspects of the project. It is a lot of money to spend.

Jimmy L. Morales, City Manager, said we did pull out \$1 million of the beachwalk portion of these funds. He suggested that portion being phased in later and getting some FDOT money to replace it.

David Martinez said we do have a \$1 million grant from FDOT and they are ready to give us that money in 30 days. He explained the funding of the beachwalk comes from different sources. He said the plan on the beachwalk is to advertise it out to bid sometime in September of this year. We have been receiving bids a little under budget for the beachwalk projects and the best-case scenario is that we end up under budget here.

Commissioner Richardson said this doesn't show good optics on spending the extra few million dollars when we are laying people off.

Discussion continued about the budget for the project.

Commissioner Arriola brought up the history of this project and it has been going on for 6 years. He is leaning towards moving forward and funding the gap.

Commissioner Steinberg said she is glad Commissioner Arriola brought up the history of the park. She said money from the 87th Street project was supposed to be allocated to the park. She asked what our share is that we are putting into the park. She wants to know how much money from the 87th Street project is going to this project. She thinks we need to bring the contractor back to the table and renegotiate to bring the number down for everyone to be comfortable with in this pandemic.

John Woodruff said of the original \$10.1 million that was budgeted we ended up using \$500,000 for the log cabin and another project and then there is \$250,000 from the grants. We also had money set aside for the beachwalk.

David Martinez said the procurement process when we went out to bid ended. All bids were thrown out officially as we do when bids come in over budget. We would have to go out to bid again. We need to have this project permitted; a lot of things have changed. We think we can put this out to bid before the end of this year, which means we would be awarding in Spring of 2021.

Jimmy L. Morales said this is a long-term investment, he thinks since we made the level of investment at South Pointe Park in South Beach, the North Beach residents deserve the park as well. This is a larger park than South Pointe Park and is costing less money 20 years later.

Commissioner Arriola agreed with the City Manager.

Commissioner Steinberg would like to know how much of the \$12 million are Miami Beach dollars.

John Woodruff said the City's part is about \$4 million, we have \$2 million, we are looking for \$2 million.

Commissioner Steinberg doesn't want to short-change the project. She asked for John Woodruff to touch on the money that we could take from other projects.

John Woodruff said we had option 2a and 2b that would be recommended. In option 2a there are 4 other North Beach projects that would be utilizing QOL funds and those add up to the money needed and we can defer those projects, free up that money for this project, wait to see how the bids come in and any savings that is available we can once again fund some of the projects that were deferred and then fund the rest of them in next year's capital budget process. Option 2b would be use the money from when we balanced the Non-COVID-19 gap scenario of \$2 million or we can use that \$2 million to lower the use of the reserve from the COVID-19 gap from \$10 million to \$8 million.

Commissioner Góngora asked we have been assuming the only use for this \$2 million is for North Beach Oceanside Park, but he confirmed this is General Fund money we could use for other projects or other expenses. He said when it comes to this project, he supports getting it done and funding it adequately. The beachwalk is also very important to connecting our City.

John Woodruff confirmed it is General Fund money that would be used for other things.

Commissioner Góngora said he needs to go and item #7 is his item, he doesn't think we have the money in this cycle, he would like to defer it until we see if there are any surplus funds to perhaps accommodate the request.

Commissioner Góngora said he wants the park done and hopefully we can get it to come under budget, whatever we don't use of the \$2 million can be used for anything else in the General Fund we need to fund.

Commissioner Samuelian said it sounds like there is good support to do this project and do it right. He asked if there is anything in option 2a that is time sensitive. He asked if we can put the \$2 million back into the reserves, see what happens over the coming year and then do the projects 12 months from now

John Woodruff said we went through all of the capital projects and identified these because they needed to add up to \$2 million and secondly the timing, but for example the sign for North Beach isn't fully funded unfortunately and it is likely not going to get done in the short term. We think all 4 of these projects can be pushed out to the next fiscal year and be okay.

Commissioner Samuelian confirmed we can fully fund the North Beach Oceanside Park the way we want, keep \$2 million for reserves, by just deferring these 4 projects.

John Woodruff confirmed and said if the project comes under with good bids, we can always reallocate the difference to one or more of the projects and get the rest funded next capital budget process.

Commissioner Samuelian said he is in favor of option 2a.

Commissioner Richardson said it sounds like the Administration is recommending 2a.

John Woodruff said we are recommending either 2a or 2b.

Commissioner Richardson said he is in favor if 2a.

Commissioner Arriola is in favor of 2b. He said that it will delay the project.

Commissioner Samuelian said under 2a, we are going to do everything for the park that was recommended. He is willing under 2a to defer the other projects.

Commissioner Richardson agreed.

Matis Cohen, business owner, spoke. He thanked John Woodruff for underscoring that \$10.1 million was being funded by the developer. He said we have value engineered this project for years. He said to use the money wisely, get the park going.

John Woodruff confirmed that the direction is to pursue option 2a and if the bids come in lower and we are able to save some of the \$2 million that is being allocated from the deferral of the 4 projects that we can use that money to try and fund them during the fiscal year and then continue funding them through next year's capital budget process.

The Committee confirmed.

DIRECTION: Pursue option 2a for North Beach Oceanside Park.

REGULAR AGENDA: OLD BUSINESS

3. DISCUSSION REGARDING EARLY CHILDHOOD FUNDING

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Organizational Development

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Commissioner Arriola opened the item and provided some background on the item. Pre-K is an essential time for children. There are desperate outcomes for children to access early learning. It tends to favor people that have the means to afford it. He spoke about the demographics. He would like to have a Pre-K stipend and have families remain here on the Beach. He would like to see money available to help families stay in Miami Beach to offset the cost of Pre-K. Anything we can do now is more important based on the current stressors right now on families during COVID-19.

Leslie Rosenfeld, Chief Learning Officer, spoke. At the request of this Committee we conducted extensive research to better understand the early childcare program currently provided by the State. She met with the Early Learning Coalition of Miami-Dade County and also had conversations with the Florida State Board of Education to get their input of what we are contemplating in this conversation. The pilot program that is being proposed is to expand early access. Currently the State funds up to 3 hours of VPK and any hours beyond that in private providers or from public schools. The funds we are potentially talking about would not be needed until FY 2022 because we would reimburse the identified providers and the services would not begin until October of FY 2022. She referenced the details in the memorandum where we would provide a full day of Pre-K and help to fund that for families with children. If there is an interest we are seeking direction on which children are eligible, which childcare centers would be eligible to partner with us, the funding structure, and whether or not we want to participate in the teach scholarship program to provide an incentive to childcare teachers to further their education to enhance the education in those centers.

Commissioner Meiner thanked Dr. Rosenfeld for the materials that have been put together. He confirmed 2 of the options would have an income-based qualifier. His view would be not to tie it to an income qualifier.

In his opinion, the purpose of the program is to bring diverse families into Miami Beach. He said we do a great job with supplementing education like with the STEAM program. We are basically saying that the parents need to send their kids to a Miami Beach school to be eligible and he understands that point, but he goes back to the purpose of this VPK would be. It is to attract families to live in Miami Beach. He also inquired about the administrative fee.

Leslie Rosenfeld said if we are looking at the eligibility requirements, A and B have to do with the eligible requirement of the child beginning at a certain age and requirement of the family to reside in Miami Beach throughout the year the child is participating in the program. She also mentioned the childcare providers that would want to participate and that we can expand and include childcare providers outside of Miami Beach if there is a desire. The administrative fee is necessary for other reasons like screening the providers and screening the children, etc.

Commissioner Meiner said he agrees that since this is a Miami Beach program it has to be Miami Beach residents only, he is looking at the location of the school. Looking at the purpose of the program is to attract and maintain families, but for practical reasons and convenience reasons they may not be sending their kids to a Pre-K program here.

Commissioner Samuelian thanked Commissioner Arriola for bringing this forward. Education is so critical and this program provides the opportunity to bring and attract families and also keep families. Picking up on what Commissioner Meiner said he does think we want to have the broader options of participations. He would like to keep it open to people. If there is a way to do better on the administrative cost that would be better. He is supportive of this.

Commissioner Arriola said he thinks this is a good thing to try and less costly than other things we have done. We can help a lot of families for not a lot of money.

Commissioner Meiner said he believes the State of Florida and NYC does not use an income qualifier.

Commissioner Richardson said he would like to hear from John Woodruff since these are recurring dollars.

John Woodruff, Chief Financial Officer, said the good news is the allocation wouldn't be needed for the FY 2021 budget, but the bad news is FY 2022 doesn't look good at this point based on the property value trends. The Administration is not recommending adding any recurring costs to the budget, but this is a policy decision for the Commission.

Commissioner Arriola said one idea he had which he brought up before is when the Convention Center Hotel comes online, the revenue stream that is dedicated to education could be used for this since we haven't decided how that will be allocated yet. He also mentioned item #8 and maybe finding revenue there. It is all to be determined, but he prefers that we don't move forward because we are tight on budget dollars, we should try to be creative.

Dr. Allan Jacob spoke. He agreed with Dr. Rosenfeld's proposal. He referenced Denver County's program. It is a lot of work qualifying families. He said if you want the program to work, the simplest way to do it is if you have a preschooler you get a flat fee amount, not to do it hourly. He said if you want to see how it goes in this one year pilot, look to make it as welcome as possible so when it comes time to renew it you can see whether there is really a demand. It needs to be set up to succeed.

Wayne Roberts, resident, spoke. He agreed with Dr. Allan Jacob, he thinks we take the money and divide amongst the applicants. He also suggested a lottery and make sure it is equitable and distributed evenly. He said preschool is very important and we need to do more for education.

Commissioner Samuelian said he would like to move forward; he does think it is important we are talking about a pilot to see how this works. He would like to proceed without the income qualifier and see anything we can do to reduce the administrative cost. He would make that motion with those stipulations.

Commissioner Arriola asked if this just rolls over to the budget and becomes a line item for us to make sure we can pay for it and finally approve it at the full Commission.

John Woodruff said the way it would work we would commit to doing it when we adopt the FY 2021 budget. The timing of needing the money really affects the FY 2022 budget. He thinks we should include it in the proposed FY 2021 budget as an item that is going to hit in FY 2022 so that way it can be heard at the public hearings in September and we can anticipate that we are going to build in the amount of funding needed during next year's budget process.

Commissioner Arriola asked Commissioner Samuelian to rephrase his motion.

Commissioner Samuelian said his motion is that we proceed with this program with 2 stipulations, 1 being to proceed with the option without income qualification (option A) and 2 to encourage the Administration to make every effort possible to reduce the administrative cost so the we can provide more scholarships.

Commissioner Arriola mentioned the Miami Beach only schools and asked the other Commissioners what they think.

Commissioner Samuelian said he would agree with what Commissioner Meiner said about having it as broad as possible, he wants little restrictions. In his opinion it should be open to the other schools.

Commissioner Arriola said he thinks that needs to be in the motion.

Leslie Rosenfeld said it sounds like option A is the one everyone wants and if we go with the \$250,000 it will help around 92 families. With the eligibility requirement it sounds like we are selecting option D which would be an early childcare center that meets the Florida Statute applicable sections. Regarding the child eligibility, she wants to make sure that is captures as well, they have to be 4 years old which is option A and the parent must be a resident during their participation in the program, which would be option B.

Commissioner Samuelian said he is comfortable with that.

Leslie Rosenfeld said if we have applications beyond the funding at a level of \$2,700, we would go to a lottery. She explained the process with the providers. She thinks we should do a monthly reimbursement for services provided, that was strongly suggested by the State and the Early Learning Coalition. This is what she recommends. From a timing perspective we would need the providers selected and onboard in early November so we can then report that to the community and then have a selecting in December, so the families would know the funds are available. Even though it is not 100% approved she still needs to begin the process.

Commissioner Richardson expressed his disappointment that he was not allowed to speak and the program has already been decided said he is not a fan of this program because it is recurring dollars, if we want to fund education, there are a lot of things we can do in public schools. It is clear to him the deal has already been made and Dr. Rosenfeld has already described how the program will work. He will just take the recommendation of the Administration and he is not going to support this and there is no need for him to talk anymore.

Commissioner Arriola said he did not see that his hand was raised to speak and he doesn't appreciate the accusation that he would not call on him.

Commissioner Richardson said Dr. Rosenfeld explained the structure of the program and the discussion was had without him being able to comment.

MOTION: Commissioner Samuelian moved that we proceed with this program with 2 stipulations, 1 being to proceed with the option without income qualification (option A) and 2 to encourage the Administration to

make every effort possible to reduce the administrative cost so the we can provide more scholarships. In addition, proceed with the other descriptions Dr. Rosenfeld provided. Commissioner Arriola seconded it.

REGULAR AGENDA: NEW BUSINESS

4. DISCUSS THE LIVING WAGE RATES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020/2021, IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE VI, DIVISION 6, SECTION 2-4, OF THE CITY CODE

February 12, 2020 – C4 B

Procurement

ACTION

Alex Denis, Procurement Director, presented the item. He said according to the City Code, the living wage rate increase must be discussed every year and will be effective January 1, 2021. The current rate is \$15 with healthcare benefits or \$11.78 with healthcare benefits of at least \$3.22. the Code requires that any increases be calculated on either the CPI increase from the preceding year or the maximum COLA increase that has been approved for unclassified staff. The first table in the memorandum provides the impact and rate for the CPI increase. The second table includes the 1% COLA increase cap. If we go with the 1% increase we are looking at a rate next year of \$15.15 per hour or \$11.90 per hour with healthcare benefits of \$3.25. The fiscal impact overall is \$121,000, \$41,000 of that is towards the General Fund.

Commissioner Richardson asked what our legal obligation is.

Rau Aguila, City Attorney, said under the City's living wage ordinance the Committee is required to review the living wage annually during the budget process. You can enact a resolution electing to increase it or not, it is at the Commission's discretion. He said in past years we did a phase in living wage. There is no obligation to increase it.

Alex Denis said this year is the last year of the phase in approach. If the Commttee doesn't pass an increase today the rate of \$15 per hour will carry over to next year. The Administration doesn't have a recommendation on this, we are just required to provide the information. SEIU is on the call and is lobbying for the 3%, but that is not possible in the Code we are capped at a 1% increase if the Committee approves any increase at all. He explained the phase in, in January 2018 the rate went to \$13.88 per hour, in January 2019 the rate went to \$14.44 per hour, and in January 2020 the rate went to \$15 per hour. The goal of the Commission in 2017 was to get the rate to \$15 per hour, that happened at the end of the 3 year phase in which is this year.

Commissioner Richardson said he is comfortable with making a motion for the 1% to increase the rate per hour to \$15.15. He motioned to support the 1% increase.

Commissioner Samuelian seconded it.

Commissioner Arriola said he was comfortable with it as well.

MOTION: Commissioner Richardson motioned to increase the rate 1%. Commissioner Samuelian seconded it. All in favor.

5. 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

Heather Shaw, Tourism and Culture Assistant Director, presented the item. The Cultural Affairs Committee has a fund balance and an endowment, which are funds that can be used in an emergency. In April with the leadership of Commissioner Richardson we asked for \$1 million to support an emergency grant for our cultural organizations. We are going to bring the actual grants to the Commission at the end of this month. Since that time the CAC in their last meeting made a motion and had a discussion that the cultural organizations are really struggling. They are struggling coming up with the funds to respond to COVID-19. One of the things that the CAC recommended is to use additional funds from the fund balance to continue to support our cultural organizations and presenters. There is money in the fund balance to support additional funding. The Administration recommends that we assign another \$1 million to support our cultural organizations.

Commissioner Richardson asked if this proposal to give them their full funding and use another \$1 million for emergency purposes. He asked Joh Woodruff to confirm the money is there.

John Woodruff said we made sure the CAC was fully funded and we checked the reserve was at about \$1.7 million, so if we take an additional \$1 million, we will leave about \$650,000 in the reserve. There aren't really cash flow needs for the reserve. It is more for these kinds of events.

Commissioner Richardson said he doesn't want to give the money too quickly. He would motion that we authorize up to \$1 million, but only appropriate \$500,000 and then see how the fiscal year goes and the additional \$500,000 would have to come back to the Commission for approval of the spending.

John Woodruff said we could do that, but this money would be available after October 1st and doesn't have to be available as of October 1st. you can choose when the grant cycle could start and the criteria for the money could be different than the first \$1 million that was allocated before. If you choose a number like \$500,000 then it might impact the criteria. The recommendation would be to maybe set a timeframe and come back and tighten it up in the Fall.

Commissioner Richardson said he would like the option for them to review the use of the money again.

Mayor Gelber said he doesn't care how this is done, but at some point we know this is going to be behind us and how we emerge from it is going to be pretty important. They are the organizations that fall off when there are rough times. In many respects he thinks they are going to be what define us when he get out of this pandemic. Whatever we can do to send a message to the cultural world that this is very valued here in Miami Beach we should. We are going to get our groove back after this and it must have a cultural profile. The biggest most important message we can send is what he hopes we will do.

Commissioner Richardson said he agreed with the Mayor, but he doesn't think it would be prudent to authorize and appropriate 100% of the \$1 million and it all gets spent in October, November, and December and then we don't have any money left. In the timeframe before we get to the details, the Administration can come back with a detailed recommendation on how to do it. He sees it as 2 different cycles of grants. However, we need to try to help the organizations as much as we can.

Commissioner Samuelian thanked Mayor Gelber for bringing this forward. It is critical for our community. He likes how Commissioner Richardson described it and it is important how we sequence the grant. He seconded the motion.

MOTION: Commissioner Richardson moved to allocate the \$1 million but provide \$500,000 now and then have the Administration come back to the Commission with a detailed plan for the next \$500,000. Commissioner Samuelian seconded it. All in favor.

6. **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

ACTION

Commissioner Samuelian said this is a recommendation that has been vetted through the Animal Welfare Committee and through the Administration. The Administration has put some money forward through the budget process.

Jay Fink, Public Works Assistant Director, spoke and said what is in the budget is \$24,000. Between 2021 and present we have had grants up to \$288,000 to trap, neuter, release the feral cat population. We have around 15,000 cats citywide. We have only been able to neuter about 1/3 of them. The \$24,000 is grossly inadequate expressed by the Animal Welfare Committee, there ask is considerably more at \$68,000 for an annual budget. He defers to the Committee and the finances of the City to balance that and make it a priority. He said we put forward a budget enhancement for the difference of \$44,000, during the budgeting process he believes many of the budget enhancements have been put on hold.

John Woodruff, Chief Financial Officer, confirmed the enhancements are put on hold.

Commissioner Samuelian asked if there is any part of the \$44,000 that we recommend being funded.

Jay Fink said even if we were to complete the funding request it is still inadequate, we have a cat population that is very large and unless we put more money behind this program it is going to continue to be a problem for residents and visitors.

Commissioner Arriola and Commissioner Richardson said this is not something that they know a lot about to provide an opinion.

John Woodruff said given the financial situation the Administration is not recommending adding any recurring expenditures to the budget. Most of the enhancements that were recommended by city departments were not recommend being funded besides the one that were indicated in the presentation.

Commissioner Richardson said he supports the recommendation of the Administration not to fund the enhancement.

Commissioner Samuelian said he understands and asked if we can add \$5,000 to the \$24,000.

Commissioner Richardson said to add \$10,000. He asked if there are grant opportunities available in this area for the purposes of doing this work.

Jay Fink said we have had grants up to this point and also looking for additional money. To date nothing has materialized. We have asked for volunteers to help with the program and have been leaning on the County to provide surgeries.

MOTION: Commissioner Richardson motioned to add \$10,000 to the budget for this program. Commissioner Samuelian seconded. All in favor.

7. 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 December 18, 2020 FERC meeting, pending surplus funds from the budget.

8. **DISCUSSION REGARDING REFERENDUM QUESTION TO DEDICATE PROCEEDS RECEIVED BY THE CITY FROM MARINA PARK PROJECT SALE**

June 24, 2020 – R7 A

Sponsored by Commissioner Góngora and Commissioner Samuelian
Office of the City Attorney

ACTION

Commissioner Samuelian opened the item. He said this initially came as a suggestion from the public that we allocate some of these funds if the voters desire to proceed with the Marina project to workforce housing. The Convention Center Hotel went to the ballot, but we also gave direction to the community of how we would spend the funds. Commissioner Góngora and himself put forward that this funding would go towards 4 buckets including resiliency, affordable/workforce/teacher housing, programs to benefit the elderly, and increasing our budget reserves. The intent is if the voters approve the project that the funds in some proportion would be dedicated to those 4 areas.

Raul Aguila, City Attorney, said there was a correction requested to the ballot question that we delete phrase in equal portions and just leave it up to the Commission to determine how they want to allocate the buckets.

Commissioner Samuelian said yes that is an important correction, he thanked Raul Aguila for that comment.

Commissioner Richardson asked in doing this if we can take care of the situation with the reserve and the deposit. For example, the \$5 million deposit would be nonrefundable, but the next two \$5 million payments, a total of \$15 million deposit. His understanding is if part or all of the \$10 million deposit would have to be paid back if the deal were to unwind after the referendum passed. He would not recommend we spend that money until we know we are going to keep it with 100% certainty. He doesn't know if there is a way to address the issue here. He agreed with the buckets identified. He doesn't know if we should spend the first \$15 million in case we had to give any of it back.

Raul Aguila said he thinks by deleting the term equal portions, what was intended by that was to give the Commission the type of discretion that Commissioner Richardson is foreseeing they are going to need. Also, this is obviously a policy statement, so we wanted to give maximum flexibility. If the Commission is on board with Commissioner Richardson's concept, when we do the ballot questions we do it with an accompanying voter's guide and a voter's guide is to explain each question. If the Commission is okay with Commissioner Richardson's concept that could be something included in the voter's guide in terms of prioritizing the reserves.

Commissioner Richardson asked how his colleagues feel about his proposal.

Commissioner Arriola asked about the ballot language with the 4 potential buckets and if we are listing them because in order to get voter approval, we think it will be helpful for the voters to know where the money will go.

Raul Aguila said that is correct. If this ballot question does pass it is expected that the Commission will spend the \$55 million towards those 4 buckets. There is no requirement to say that, but ballot questions have to be by law and factually correct in terms of describing the proposed measure. The passage of this ballot question would bind the City Commission to spend the \$55 million towards these 4 buckets.

Commissioner Arriola asked if we want to go in a different direction and not have to make this decision today of binding us and future Commissions of how this money is used when the future is so uncertain. He asked if we want to pursue this or want to give ourselves wiggle room with a caveat that it may make it

harder for voters to approve this if they want to know specifically what the money will be used for. He worries about binding future Commissions of how money gets used.

Commissioner Richardson asked if anyone has asked the developer if he thinks it will help the referendum item.

Raul Aguila said he doesn't want to have that discussion because we aren't putting this measure on to advocate one way or another. He thinks the idea that Commissioners Samuelian and Góngora had was since we are getting this money from the developer and in keeping what we did for the Convention Center Hotel and separate this money for these stated public purposes.

Commissioner Samuelian said he agrees about the first \$15 million towards the reserves like Commissioner Richardson said, he wouldn't want us to spend money we don't have. Also, if we are putting this forward to the voters we want them to at least give the every consideration. If they want to proceed with this project, he wants to show the voters what might we do. He said he thinks the areas are broad enough we would need the money in these areas.

Commissioner Meiner asked how the buckets were determined. He also asked if it is typical that we would tie it to certain expenditures.

Raul Aguila said the buckets were determined by the sponsors. The only precedent before this was from the Convention Center Hotel ballot question.

Commissioner Richardson said he doesn't know that this will necessarily help. He said there is risk with adding more referendum items. He thinks these 4 items are the ones he would pick and he just doesn't know if they help or hurt. He would hope we wouldn't spend the \$15 million until we know if we are going to keep it and he doesn't know when we will get the balance of the \$40 million it may not be until 2023 which is a long ways away. He is not opposed to the 4 buckets, but he does worry about the \$15 million.

Raul Aguila said they wanted the Committee wanted to discuss this, but they don't have to make the decision today, but they did want the Committee to provide direction. The last day we have to approve all of our November ballot questions is July 29th.

Commissioner Arriola said he shares Commissioner Richardson's concern about spending money we don't know if we have right away and one of his top priorities is to replenish the reserves ASAP. He suggested Commissioner Richardson to craft a resolution that would at least bind this Commission that any money we receive from the developer we won't actually commit to anything other than to add to the reserves, if he did that he would co-sponsor it with him. That way it is not on the ballot, but we would discipline ourselves

Raul Aguila said one of the options if this Committee is okay with the recommendation to prioritize the payment to the reserves before we spend any money for the other buckets. He would be happy to work with Commissioner Richardson on something and can submit it as an additional option to Commissioners Samuelian and Góngora's question.

Commissioner Richardson said he likes Commissioner Arriola's idea of doing a separate resolution that the first \$15 million has to go to reserves before money is spent in the other buckets.

Raul Aguila said that is very smart.

Commissioner Richardson asked if we have ever done a straw poll and asked the public what they think we should spend money on. He proposed to move this to the Commission on July 29th and he is not opposed to the 4 buckets. In the meantime, he will work with legal to craft the resolution to clarify that the first \$15 million will go to reserves and not be spent until we are sure we can keep that \$15 million.

Commissioner Arriola said he will co-sponsor the resolution.

Rafael Paz, Deputy City Attorney, said if that resolution is adopted when we do the voter's guide we would include and specify that the Commission adopted a resolution to dedicate the \$15 million or whatever amount is decided to allocate to the reserves as the priority category.

Public comment was provided.

Wayne Roberts, resident, spoke. He said these buckets were intended to trick the public into voting for the referendum, that is not the way government should operate. It is not a popularity contest, they are facts. He said this whole discussion is terrible and it is not the way the government should operate.

Frank Del Vecchio, resident, spoke. He said he has an opinion and it has 3 elements to it. He believes the Marina Park ballot question should stand and succeed or fail on its own merits and not be influenced by the companion question. He asked why it would be binding legally and if it is binding legally why should it bind future City Commissions, if it not binding legally, it may be considered politically binding. It does not give the flexibility that certain circumstances may require.

Raul Aguila said it would bind whatever Commission is in office as to the expenditure of the \$55 million towards the buckets.

Victor Diaz, President of the North Beach Senior Center, spoke and thanked the Committee for their service. He spoke on behalf of the senior community in Miami Beach and said the senior community represents 20% of the voting population in Miami Beach. He said most of the seniors are living on fixed income. He mentioned based on the upcoming budget shortfalls the senior funding will be the first to be cut, he commended Commissioner Samuelian for one of the buckets going to seniors. He also commended Commissioner Richardson on wanting to replenish the budgetary reserves. By adding nonrefundable to the ballot question, you can solve the issue of not expending the money before it becomes nonrefundable. He thinks it is important policy statement particularly in a time of crisis that we need as a community to reaffirm the commitment to the most vulnerable population. He thinks at this time the seniors deserve our support. He thinks there is a lot of flexibility with the ballot question. He agreed with the companion resolution as well. He said they should move forward with the statement of intent.

Raul Aguila said the Committee doesn't have to do anything. It will be before the City Commission on July 29th. He has received direction so far to work with Commissioner Richardson on the companion resolution and also to delete the unequal portions.

Commissioner Richardson said he thinks they can accomplish the goal in the resolution, and they won't have to tinker with the language for the ballot. He also said he listened to Mr. Diaz's comment about adding nonrefundable, it might confuse people if they don't know the details. We can accomplish the same thing with the resolution. He offered for his colleagues to join him in adopting the resolution.

Commissioner Samuelian said this board did its role and thinks we have a better product coming out of it and looks forward to the discussion at the full Commission.

DIRECTION: Raul Aguila to work with Commissioner Richardson on the companion resolution about the \$15 million to replenish the reserves and not to be spent until it is certain we can keep the money.

DEFERRED ITEMS

9. 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.

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

May 16, 2018 – C4 R

Sponsored by Commissioner Samuelian
Transportation & Mobility

ACTION

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

11. 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.

12. 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.

13. 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.

14. 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.

15. DISCUSSION REGARDING THE BIGBELLY PROGRAM

October 16, 2019 – R7 H

Public Works

ACTION

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

16. DISCUSS FUNDING THE DESIGN WORK FOR THE NORTH BEACH SKATEPARK EXPANSION

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

ACTION

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

17. DISCUSS INVESTING IN PLAYGROUNDS IN LUMMUS PARK

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

ACTION

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

18. UPDATE ON BYRON CARLYLE RFP NEGOTIATIONS

October 16, 2019 – R7D
Economic Development

ACTION

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

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

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

20. 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 28, 2020 FERC meeting.

21. DISCUSS PROGRAMMING THE NORMANDY FOUNTAIN PLAZA

June 24, 2020 – C4 E
Sponsored by Commissioner Arriola and Co-Sponsored by Commissioners Góngora, Richardson, & Mayor Gelber
Tourism and Culture

ACTION

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

22. DISCUSS FUNDING A NEW YEAR'S EVE FIREWORKS SHOW AT COLLINS PARK

June 24, 2020 – C4 F

Sponsored by Commissioner Arriola

Tourism and Culture

ACTION

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

23. DISCUSS THE 2015 BIKE PEDESTRIAN MASTER PLAN

June 24, 2020 – C4 G

Sponsored by Commissioner Arriola

Transportation

ACTION

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

24. DISCUSSION ON THE CITY'S DEPENDENCE ON TOURISM REVENUES AND HOW TO MITIGATE

June 24, 2020 – C4 I

Sponsored by Commissioner Samuelian

Office of Management and Budget

ACTION

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

25. 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 September 18, 2020 FERC meeting.

26. 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.

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

January 15, 2020 – C4 A

ACTION

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

28. DISCUSSION REGARDING ESTABLISHING A HISTORIC PRESERVATION FUND

April 11, 2018 – C4 O

Sponsored by Commissioner Arriola

Planning

ACTION

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

29. 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.

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 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 October 23, 2020 FERC meeting.

32. 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.

33. 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.

34. 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

DIRECTION: Update to be provided at the October 23, 2020 FERC meeting.