

New Business and Commission Requests - R9 H

MIAMI BEACH

COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission
FROM: Vice-Mayor Mark Samuelian
DATE: October 14, 2020

SUBJECT: DISCUSSION ON THE POLICE CITIZEN RELATIONS COMMITTEE'S MOTION EXPRESSING CONCERN AND REQUESTING ENHANCED REVIEW OF SIDEWALK CAFE PERMIT APPLICATIONS.

ANALYSIS

During their September 15, 2020 meeting (see attached LTC) the Police Citizen Relations Committee (PCRC) passed the following via acclamation and this item asks that the motion be discussed by the Mayor and Commission (the LTC referenced by the PCRC in this motion on the Sidewalk Cafe Index Pilot Phase I update is also attached):

Motion #3 issuance of sidewalk cafe permits:

- (1) Expressing severe concerns regarding the City's approval of all 466 sidewalk cafe permits requested over the past three fiscal years notwithstanding the alarming findings of the Sidewalk Cafe Index Pilot Phase I, presented in LTC 170-2020, which reported recurring instances of overcharging, menu items offered with no price, and aggressive hawking.
- (2) Urging the City Commission to (a) request an enhanced review of sidewalk cafe permit applications being submitted for renewal in 2020; (b) request an investigation into the sidewalk cafe permit approval and renewal process; and, (c) request findings on how the approval and renewal process can be improved to ensure the full accountability of permittees consistent with the Code of Conduct and other adopted regulations.

Applicable Area

Citywide

Is this a "Residents Right to Know" item, pursuant to City Code Section 2-14?

Yes

Does this item utilize G.O. Bond Funds?

No

Legislative Tracking

Vice-Mayor Mark Samuelian

Sponsor

Co-sponsored by Commissioner Meiner

ATTACHMENTS:**Description**

- ☐ [9.15.2020 PCRC Motions](#)
- ☐ [Sidewalk Cafe Index Pilot Phase I Update](#)