

COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Dan Gelber and Members of the City Commission
Alina T. Hudak, City Manager

FROM: Rafael A. Paz, Acting City Attorney



DATE: July 28, 2021

SUBJECT: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA CALLING FOR A NOVEMBER 2, 2021 CITY OF MIAMI BEACH SPECIAL ELECTION, FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING TO THE ELECTORATE OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH A QUESTION ASKING WHETHER THE CITY'S LEASE WITH GREATER MIAMI JEWISH FEDERATION OF LAND LOCATED AT DADE BOULEVARD AND MERIDIAN AVENUE, THE SITE OF THE HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL, SHOULD AT NO COST TO CITY BE EXTENDED AN ADDITIONAL 21 YEARS AND THE LEASED PREMISES EXPANDED TO INCLUDE THE ADJACENT 12,000 SQUARE FOOT CITY PARKING LOT, PER RESOLUTION 2021-xxxx, WITH FEDERATION AT ITS SOLE EXPENSE CONSTRUCTING, OPERATING AND MAINTAINING A 7,000 SQUARE FOOT LEARNING CENTER PROMOTING TOLERANCE AND HUMAN RIGHTS.

The attached Resolution has been prepared calling for a City of Miami Beach Special Election to be held on November 2, 2021 for the purpose of submitting to the City's voters the following question:

Amending Lease of City Property:
Holocaust Memorial Site

The Holocaust Memorial at Dade Boulevard and Meridian Avenue is on City land leased to the Greater Miami Jewish Federation until 2099.

Shall City, at no cost to City, extend this Lease for 21 additional years and expand the leased premises to include adjacent 12,000 square foot City parking lot, per Resolution 2021-xxxx, with Federation at its sole expense constructing, operating and maintaining a 7,000 square foot Learning Center promoting tolerance and human rights?

The Holocaust Memorial property that is the subject of the proposed amended lease is within the Convention Center Campus, subject to the referendum requirement of City Charter Section 1.03(b)(3). The proposed Amended Lease is the subject of the companion agenda item being considered at today's July 28, 2021 Commission meeting. If the proposed transaction is approved

by the City Commission, final approval is required by 60% of the voters voting in a Citywide referendum, pursuant to Charter Section 1.03(b)(3).

Pursuant to directive of the Miami Dade County Elections Department, today is the last regularly-scheduled meeting of the City Commission at which a Resolution may be adopted placing a ballot question on the City's November 2, 2021 Special Election ballot.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

See attached "ESTIMATE-City of Miami Beach General Election" (applicable to the City's Special Elections held concurrent with City's General Election).