

COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Dan Gelber and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Rafael Paz, City Attorney *RK for*

DATE: December 8, 2021

SUBJECT: **A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, CLARIFYING, PURSUANT TO SECTION 2-11 OF THE CITY CODE, THAT A DR. STANLEY SUTNICK CITIZENS' FORUM SHALL BE HELD DURING CITY COMMISSION PRESENTATION AND AWARD MEETINGS FOR A MINIMUM PERIOD OF FIFTEEN (15) MINUTES, BUT ONLY AT PRESENTATION AND AWARD MEETINGS WHERE THERE ARE SUBSTANTIVE AGENDA ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION, IN ADDITION TO PROCLAMATIONS AND AWARDS.**

The above-referenced Resolution, sponsored by Commissioner Mark Samuelian, is submitted for consideration by the Mayor and City Commission at the December 8, 2021 City Commission meeting.

BACKGROUND

On January 12, 1991, a Citizens' Forum was formally created by motion of the City Commission to provide an established time during Commission meetings for residents to address the City Commission. On July 28, 1993, pursuant to City Commission motion, the Citizens' Forum was renamed the "Dr. Stanley Sutnick Citizens' Forum" (the "Sutnick Hour") in recognition of the civic activist who contributed to the creation of the formal forum.

Over the years, the schedule for the Sutnick Hour has been changed, and upon the adoption of Resolution No. 2013-28440, the City Commission modified the times for the Sutnick Hour to reflect the following schedule: from 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., and from 1:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. during regular City Commission meetings.

ANALYSIS

Currently, the Mayor and City Commission only hold Sutnick Hours during regular monthly City Commission meetings, and not during City Commission Presentation and Awards meetings, which are intended to be limited to proclamations and awards.

The attached Resolution clarifies that a Sutnick Hour will be held during Presentation and Award meetings only in such instance where, in addition to proclamations and awards, there will be substantive agenda items for consideration by the Mayor and City Commission, and that if a Presentation and Award meeting will only include proclamations and awards, a Sutnick Hour shall not be required.