

MIAMI BEACH

COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission
FROM: Commissioner Tanya K. Bhatt
DATE: February 21, 2024

SUBJECT: REFERRAL TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND NEIGHBORHOOD QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER A REVISION TO THE CITY'S CURRENT PROCESS FOR HANDLING FINES AND PENALTIES FOR SIGNAGE AND OTHER SMALL CITY CODE VIOLATIONS.

BACKGROUND/HISTORY

Was this Agenda Item initially requested by a lobbyist which, as defined in Code Sec. 2-481, includes a principal engaged in lobbying? No

If so, specify name of lobbyist(s) and principal(s): N/A

ANALYSIS

Please place on the February 21, 2024 agenda a referral to the Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee to discuss a revision to our current process for handling fines and penalties for signage and other small City Code violations. Specifically, I suggest transitioning from the current Special Magistrate process to an automatic fine system based on best practices and set by the City Commission, in order to streamline the process for these quality of life violations.

I believe that adopting an automatic fine system for small violations would improve the efficiency of our enforcement process, resulting in faster resolution of these nuisance violations which would both enhance the quality of life for residents, and indicate to violators that nuisance violations need to be resolved expeditiously. As part of this referral, I would ask for the Code Compliance Department and City Attorney's Office to be prepared to identify and discuss those violations in Chapter 58 and the City's Land Development Regulations that have an immediate, fixed fine vs. those fines that require an adjudication by the Special Magistrate prior to imposition of the fine for a violation of the City Code; and to propose a schedule of fines based on best practices.

SUPPORTING SURVEY DATA

N/A

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

N/A

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

No

Does this item utilize G.O. Bond Funds?

No

Legislative Tracking

Commissioner Tanya K. Bhatt

February 21, 2024
City of Miami Beach Hybrid Commission Meeting

C4 P REFERRAL TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND NEIGHBORHOOD QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS RE-NAMING "MIAMI BEACH DRIVE" AS THE "MIAMI BEACH PROMENADE."

Mayor Steven Meiner

ACTION: The Item was referred. **Mark Taxis to place on the Committee Agenda. Jose Gonzalez to handle.**

C4 Q REFERRAL TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND NEIGHBORHOOD QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE A DISCUSSION REGARDING THE CO-NAMING OF A MIAMI BEACH STREET IN HONOR OF WOMEN WHO HAVE SIGNIFICANTLY IMPACTED THE CITY'S HISTORY AND CULTURE.

Commissioner Tanya K. Bhatt

ACTION: The Item was referred. **Mark Taxis to place on the Committee Agenda. Jose Gonzalez to handle.**

C4 R REFERRAL TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND NEIGHBORHOOD QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER A REVISION TO THE CITY'S CURRENT PROCESS FOR HANDLING FINES AND PENALTIES FOR SIGNAGE AND OTHER SMALL CITY CODE VIOLATIONS.

Commissioner Tanya K. Bhatt

ACTION: The Item was referred. **Mark Taxis to place on the Committee Agenda. Hernan Cardeno to handle.**

9:33:55 p.m.

C4 S REFERRAL TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND NEIGHBORHOOD QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS NEW STRATEGIES AND MORE EFFICIENT ALLOCATION OF POLICE RESOURCES FOR TRAFFIC CONTROL DURING PEAK TRAFFIC PERIODS.

Mayor Steven Meiner

Co-sponsored by Commissioners Fernandez and Magazine

ACTION: The Item was referred. Vice-Mayor Rosen Gonzalez separated the Item from the Consent Agenda. Vice-Mayor Rosen Gonzalez made a motion to refer the Item; Seconded by Commissioner Magazine. Voice Vote: 6-0. Absent: Commissioner Bhatt. **Mark Taxis to place on the Committee Agenda. Chief Wayne Jones to handle.**

DIRECTION:

- Mayor Meiner encouraged his colleagues and staff to join him on February 29, 2024, to go to the Traffic Management Center at the FDOT District Six Office. This will be a tour of the facility to gain greater knowledge of how it operates. **Jose Gonzalez to handle.**
- Reach out to Green Light and get more information on their use of AI in alleviating traffic. **Jose Gonzalez to handle.**

Vice-Mayor Rosen Gonzalez stated that she has received a lot of complaints regarding the traffic on 41st Street as well as complaints about the Police Officers assigned to alleviate traffic