

MIAMI BEACH

COMMITTEE MEMORANDUM

TO: Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee Members

FROM: Eric Carpenter, City Manager

DATE: September 18, 2024

TITLE: DISCUSS EXTENDING METERED PARKING HOURS FOR SPACES LOCATED ADJACENT TO NORTH BEACH BUSINESSES.

RECOMMENDATION

The City Administration (“Administration”) recommends that the Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee (“PSNQLC” or “Committee”) discuss and recommend a modification to the City of Miami Beach (“City”) Code Section 106-55 entitled “Parking Rates, Fees, and Penalties; Exceptions”, Subsection (a)(5), to extend the metered parking hours in North Beach adjacent to businesses and non-profit organizations affected by the proposed North Beach Restricted Residential Parking Permit (“RRPP”) Zone 26 Pilot Program.

BACKGROUND/HISTORY

At the July 24, 2024 City Commission meeting, at the request of Commissioner David Suarez, the City Commission referred an agenda item (C4 S) to the PSNQLC to discuss extending the metered hours for parking spaces adjacent to North Beach businesses.

During the July 24, 2024 City Commission meeting, the City Commission adopted Resolution No. 2024-33222 (Attachment A) authorizing the Administration to create one (1) unified RRPP Zone (“Zone 26”) in North Beach comprised of the following four (4) neighborhoods: Town Center, North Shore, Biscayne Beach, and Normandy Isle, as part of a 12-month Pilot Program (“Pilot Program”). Given the longstanding parking challenges in North Beach due to high demand and limited parking inventory, the RRPP Pilot Program is intended to prioritize on-street parking for North Beach residents and is expected to launch on November 1, 2024.

The creation of the North Beach RRPP Zone 26, however, is anticipated to create an increase in competing uses among residents, business patrons, and employees for the limited on-street metered parking spaces adjacent to area businesses, particularly after 6 p.m. when the existing metered spaces are available to the public free-of-charge. To help mitigate the impacts to the employees and patrons of North Beach businesses as well as non-profit organizations, an amendment to Section 106-55 of the City Code, entitled “Parking Rates, Fees, and Penalties; Exceptions” (Attachment B), would be required to extend the current enforceable metered hours beyond the current end time of 6 p.m. **Extending the metered hours via a Code amendment would aim to improve parking availability and convenience for employees and patrons of businesses and non-profit organizations located within or adjacent to the proposed North Beach RRPP Zone 26.**

ANALYSIS

Section 106-55, entitled “Parking Rates, Fees, and Penalties; Exceptions” of the City Code, Subsection (a)(5), provides for all metered parking in North Beach (north of 63 Street) to be enforced from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., seven (7) days a week. After 6 p.m., all metered spaces become available to the public free-of-charge. Therefore, after 6 p.m., these metered spaces, in addition to non-metered on-street parking spaces within Zone 26, may be used by residents registered for the North Beach RRPP Pilot Program. The implementation of the North Beach RRPP Zone 26 may affect local businesses and non-profit organizations located within or adjacent to RRPP Zone 26 by reducing the availability of metered on-street and off-street parking spaces for their patrons and employees after 6 p.m.

To facilitate the Committee’s discussion on this item, the Parking Department has prepared a map illustrating the locations of local businesses within and adjacent to the existing on-street metered parking spaces and off-street metered parking lots (Attachment C).

To help mitigate the impact on business patrons and employees, extending the metered parking hours beyond 6 p.m. would be a beneficial adjustment. The extension would aim to increase the availability of on-street and off-street metered parking during the evening hours while businesses remain in operation, ensuring that patrons and employees have access to proximate metered parking while also maintaining a balance between residential and commercial parking needs.

It should be noted that the enforceable metered hours throughout the City vary depending on the parking needs of the area. Pursuant to Section 106-55 of the City Code, the metered hours are currently as follows:

- **South Beach Entertainment District Parking Zone:** Enforced 24 hours a day, seven (7) days a week;
- **South Beach Parking Zone:** Enforced from 9 a.m. to 3 a.m., seven (7) days a week;
- **East Middle Beach Parking Zone:** Enforced from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., seven (7) days a week;
- **West Middle Beach Parking Zone:** Enforced from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., seven (7) days a week; and
- **North Beach Zone:** All metered parking north of 63 Street shall be enforced from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., seven (7) days a week.

Currently, the majority of the existing RRPP zones in the City are located in South Beach, adjacent to or including metered parking spaces enforced from 9 a.m. to 3 a.m. daily to effectively balance the parking needs of businesses in the proximate area. Extending the enforceable metered hours in North Beach beyond 6 p.m. could replicate this success.

In preparation for the implementation of the North Beach RRPP Pilot Program on November 1, 2024, the Parking Department is in the process of reaching out to businesses located within and adjacent to the proposed North Beach RRPP Zone 26 to obtain a better understanding of the parking needs of their employees and patrons to

determine the optimal enforceable hours of the on-street metered parking spaces and off-street metered parking lots within and adjacent to RRPP Zone 26.

Should the PSNQLC recommend extending the enforceable metered hours in North Beach, and the City Commission adopt a Resolution accepting the Committee's recommendation, a Code amendment would be required via City Commission adoption of an Ordinance on two (2) readings.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Should the PSNQLC and the City Commission approve the extension of the enforceable metered hours in North Beach, via a Code amendment, the extension is anticipated to generate additional parking revenues to the City as the existing metered parking spaces would be enforceable for a longer period of time.

Does this Ordinance require a Business Impact Estimate? (FOR ORDINANCES ONLY)

The Business Impact Estimate (BIE) was published on .

See BIE at: <https://www.miamibeachfl.gov/city-hall/city-clerk/meeting-notice/>

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

N/A

CONCLUSION

To help mitigate the anticipated impacts of the proposed North Beach RRPP Pilot Program on the employees and patrons of area businesses as well as non-profit organizations located within or adjacent to the RRPP Zone 26, the Administration recommends amending Section 106-55, entitled "Parking Rates, Fees, and Penalties; Exceptions" Subsection (a)(5) of the City Code to extend the current metered hours for on-street and off-street parking in North Beach and increase parking availability for business patrons and employees of the area.

Applicable Area

North Beach

Is this a "Residents Right to Know" item, pursuant to City Code Section 2-17?

Yes

Is this item related to a G.O. Bond Project?

No

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 the name of lobbyist(s) and principal(s):

Department

Parking

Sponsor(s)

Commissioner David Suarez

Co-sponsor(s)

Condensed Title

Discuss Extending The Parking Meter Rates In North Beach.