

# MIAMI BEACH

## COMMISSION MEETING

Hybrid Meeting - Commission Chamber and Zoom

1700 Convention Center Drive, Miami Beach, FL 33139

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July 24, 2024 - 8:30 AM

Mayor Steven Meiner  
Commissioner Tanya K. Bhatt  
Vice-Mayor Laura Dominguez  
Commissioner Alex Fernandez  
Commissioner Joseph Magazine  
Commissioner Kristen Rosen Gonzalez  
Commissioner David Suarez

City Manager Eric T. Carpenter  
City Attorney Ricardo J. Dopico  
City Clerk Rafael E. Granado

### **AFTER ACTION**

The Meeting was called to order at 8:32:17 a.m.

#### **8:32:30 a.m.**

Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk, explained the process for participating and for providing public comment during the Hybrid Commission Meeting and indicated the webpage to visit, the telephone numbers to call, and the location to go for participation.

#### **City Clerk's Note:**

On **July 24, 2024**, commencing at **8:30 AM**, the City of Miami Beach hosted a Hybrid Commission Meeting. During the Hybrid Commission Meeting, the City Commission was physically present in the Miami Beach City Hall, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Commission Chamber, 1700 Convention Center Drive, Miami Beach, FL 33139. Applicants and the public were encouraged to attend the meeting virtually (as provided below). However, members of the public who wished to attend the meeting or provide public comment in person appeared at the Commission Chamber.

#### **Observing the Commission Meeting:**

The Commission Meeting was broadcast live on Miami Beach TV (MBTV), viewable on the City's website at <https://www.miamibeachfl.gov/government/mbtv/>, as well as on Breezeline Cable channel 660, AT&T U-verse channel 99, Hotwire Communications channel 395, and ROKU device on PEG.TV channel. Closed captioning displays of the audio portion of the Commission Meeting were available in English and Spanish on MBTV. The Commission Meeting was also broadcast live on social media at <http://facebook.com/cityofmiamibeach>. Closed captioning displays of the audio portion of the Commission Meeting were available in English on Facebook.

#### **Submitting written public comment before the Commission Meeting:**

The public could submit written comments by sending an email to [CityClerk@miamibeachfl.gov](mailto:CityClerk@miamibeachfl.gov) by 5:00 p.m. the day before the Commission Meeting. Any such emails were included as a part of the meeting record.

of the Miami Beach Golf Course Renovation project that has a total project budget of \$9.2 million, of which \$1.0 million was appropriated in FY 2024.

FERC requested that the Administration provide a list of major capital projects with funding gaps, as well as a proposed funding plan for the Fire Station 1 project at the July 12, 2024, FERC meeting.

C6 E REPORT OF THE JUNE 28, 2024 FINANCE AND ECONOMIC RESILIENCY COMMITTEE MEETING.

Applicable Area: Citywide  
Finance

**Action:** Report was given.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE AND ECONOMIC RESILIENCY COMMITTEE AT ITS MARCH 22, 2024, MEETING TO DIRECT THE ADMINISTRATION TO INITIATE NON-BINDING DISCUSSIONS WITH LIVE NATION WORLDWIDE, INC. REGARDING THE POSSIBLE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW THEATER AT THE JACKIE GLEASON THEATER SITE; AND REFERRING THIS MATTER BACK TO THE FINANCE AND ECONOMIC RESILIENCY COMMITTEE FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION. Item deferred to the July 26, 2024, FERC meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

2. DISCUSS IDEAS TO INCREASE UTILIZATION OF BALLROOMS AT THE MIAMI BEACH CONVENTION CENTER. Item was heard and closed.

3. DISCUSS/TAKE ACTION TO POTENTIALLY ESTABLISH A PILOT PROGRAM FOR THE UTILIZATION OF CAMERA TECHNOLOGY IN ORDER TO ISSUE WARNINGS TO MOTORISTS CREATING EXCESSIVE AND UNNECESSARY TRAFFIC CONGESTION BY BLOCKING THE BOX IN VIOLATION OF STATE LAW. Commissioner Bhatt motioned to have this Item heard at the Commission with a favorable recommendation to make the "Block the Box" related state law adjustment a legislative priority. The Administration is to also issue an LTC on the PSS deployment. Commissioner Magazine seconded the motion.

4. A REFERRAL TO DISCUSS A PROPOSED RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING AS THE POLICY OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH THAT MEDICAL MARIJUANA IS MEDICINE AND NOT AN ILLICIT RECREATIONAL DRUG; THAT EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY WHO ARE PRESCRIBED MEDICAL MARIJUANA BY A PROPERLY LICENSED MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL IN COMPLIANCE WITH ALL REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA LAW SHALL BE PERMITTED TO USE THIS PROPERLY PRESCRIBED MEDICATION DURING NONWORKING HOURS AND SUFFICIENTLY IN ADVANCE OF ANY SCHEDULED WORK SHIFT IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT THE EMPLOYEE IS NOT IMPAIRED BY THE USE OF THE MEDICAL MARIJUANA WHILE ON THE JOB; AND DIRECTING THE CITY ADMINISTRATION TO DRAFT AND PROMULGATE WRITTEN DIRECTIVES EFFECTUATING THIS CITY POLICY. Item to be heard at the Commission with an unfavorable recommendation and to modify the resolution to allow for certain exemptions. The motion was made 2 to 1.

5. DISCUSS FUNDING FOR ARTISTIC WAYFINDING SIGNAGE AT CITY HALL. Commissioner Bhatt motioned to have this Item heard at the Commission with a favorable recommendation to direct the Administration to develop an artistic wayfinding signage program at City Hall. Commissioner Rosen Gonzalez seconded the motion. All in favor.