

C6 D REPORT OF THE DECEMBER 13, 2024 PUBLIC SAFETY AND NEIGHBORHOOD
QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE
Applicable Area:

MIAMI BEACH

COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission
FROM: Eric Carpenter, City Manager
DATE: February 3, 2025
TITLE: REPORT OF THE DECEMBER 13, 2024 PUBLIC SAFETY AND NEIGHBORHOOD
QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE

RECOMMENDATION

BACKGROUND/HISTORY

ANALYSIS

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Does this Ordinance require a Business Impact Estimate?

(FOR ORDINANCES ONLY)

If applicable, the Business Impact Estimate (BIE) was published on:

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

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

CONCLUSION

Applicable Area

Citywide

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

No

**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

City Manager

Sponsor(s)

Co-sponsor(s)

Condensed Title

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OF LIFE COMMITTEE

Previous Action (For City Clerk Use Only)

MIAMI BEACH

PUBLIC SAFETY AND NEIGHBORHOOD QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE

Hybrid Meeting - Commission Chambers and Zoom

After Action

December 13, 2024 - 10:00 AM

Commissioner Laura Dominguez, Chair
Commissioner David Suarez, Vice-Chair
Commissioner Kristen Rosen Gonzalez
Commissioner Joseph Magazine

Mark Taxis, Liaison
Stephanie Rey Brooks, Support Staff

NEW BUSINESS

1. DISCUSS UTILIZING 7605 COLLINS AVENUE AS A POTENTIAL BASE OF OPERATIONS FOR OCEAN RESCUE.
Applicable Area: North Beach
Building
Commissioner Kristen Rosen Gonzalez
Commissioner David Suarez
October 30, 2024 – C4 AC
Action- The Item was deferred to the January PSNQLC meeting,
2. DISCUSS TIMELINE FOR CONSTRUCTION OF MIAMI BEACH CONVENTION CENTER HEADQUARTER HOTEL AND ANTICIPATED OPENING DATE.
Applicable Area: Citywide
City Manager's Office
Commissioner Laura Dominguez
Commissioner Alex Fernandez
October 30, 2024 – C4 AJ
Action- The Item was heard and will return to the January 2025 PSNQLC meeting with an update on the timeline of the Hotel. G.O Bond will handle the item.
3. DISCUSS NEXT STEPS TO ESTABLISH A MARINE PARK OR CONSERVATION AREA IN SOUTH BEACH.
Applicable Area: South Beach
Environment and Sustainability
Commissioner Laura Dominguez
Commissioner David Suarez
June 26, 2024 – C7 BE
Action- The Item was heard and concluded; the committee unanimously agreed to move

this item to Commission with a Favorable recommendation to FERC. Commissioner Fernandez will be added as a Co-sponsor; Environment and Sustainability will handle the item.

4. DISCUSSION REGARDING POSSIBLE AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 54, ENTITLED "FLOODS," ARTICLE III, ENTITLED "RESILIENCE STANDARDS FOR TIDAL FLOOD PROTECTION" TO ENHANCE ENFORCEMENT MECHANISMS FOR PUBLIC SAFETY AND QUALITY OF LIFE
Applicable Area: Citywide
Environment and Sustainability
Commissioner Alex Fernandez
Commissioner Laura Dominguez
October 30, 2024 – C4 G
Action- The item was heard and Concluded; No action needed as this it was dually referred to LUSC.
5. DISCUSS A POTENTIAL PARTNERSHIP WITH BEACH BOX FOR THE INSTALLATION OF BEACH BOX KIOSKS AND/OR PORTABLE LOCK BOXES ON THE CITY'S BEACHES.
Applicable Area: South Beach
Facilities and Fleet Management
Commissioner Laura Dominguez
July 24, 2024 – C4 N
Action- The item was Heard and concluded; The committee unanimously agreed to move this item to Commission for discussion. Facilities and Fleet will handle the item.
6. DISCUSS POTENTIALLY MOVING THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION ("PSCD") FROM UNDER THE AUSPICE OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT BACK TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.
Applicable Area: Citywide
Fire
Commissioner Alex Fernandez
May 15, 2024 – C4 F
Action- The Item was deferred by the Sponsor; The item will be heard at the January 2025 PSNQLC meeting; Fire department will handle the item.
7. DISCUSS THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH NEW HOPE C.O.R.P.S., INC.
Applicable Area: Citywide
Housing and Community Services
Commissioner Alex Fernandez
October 30, 2024 – C7 K
Action- The item was withdrawn as per the Sponsor.
8. DISCUSS ENSURING PUBLIC PARKS, GOLF COURSES AND OTHER FACILITIES ARE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC IN SOME CAPACITY AT ALL TIMES.
Applicable Area: Citywide
Parks and Recreation

Commissioner Alex Fernandez

October 30, 2024 – C4 AL

Action-The item was heard and Concluded; No Action needed at this time.

9. DISCUSS/TAKE ACTION ON ACTIVATING THE UNDERUTILIZED SPACES IN ALTOS DEL MARK PARK.

Applicable Area: North Beach

Parks and Recreation

Commissioner Tanya K. Bhatt

October 30, 2024 – C4 AG

Action- The item was heard and will return to the February 2025 PSNQLC meeting with an update on activations; Parks & Recreation and Tourism & Culture Department will handle the item.

10. DISCUSS THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A BLUE LIGHT SAFETY AND EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION SYSTEM ALONG THE BEACHWALK AND BAYWALK.

Applicable Area: Citywide

Police

Commissioner Tanya K. Bhatt

Commissioner Joseph Magazine

October 30, 2024 – C4 AK

Action- The item was heard and will return to the January 2025 PSNQLC meeting with an update on a possible plan and locations for the communication boxes; Police and Fire will handle the item.

11. DISCUSS EXPANDING THE CAPABILITIES OF PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION TO SUPPORT CALLS REGARDING SUSPECTED HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH.

Applicable Area: Citywide

Police

Commissioner Alex Fernandez

Commissioner Laura Dominguez

June 26, 2024 – C4 AN

Action- The item was heard and concluded; The Committee unanimously agreed to move the item with a favorable recommendation to support training PSCD and patrol division officers in recognizing and responding to signs of human trafficking. A motion was also passed to establish a dedicated section on the City website, complemented by a marketing campaign to promote the City's initiatives addressing this issue. The item will be handled by Police, Fire, and Marketing & Communication Department. Add Commissioner Magazine & Rosen Gonzalez as co-sponsor.

12. DISCUSS IMPLEMENTATION OF RAIN GARDENS AND INCREASED NATURAL VEGETATION ALONG CITY ROADWAYS TO ENHANCE STORMWATER RUNOFF

Applicable Area: Citywide

Public Works

Commissioner David Suarez

June 26, 2024 – C4 AQ

Action- The item was heard and closed.

13. DISCUSS POTENTIAL LOCATIONS FOR THE RELOCATION OF THE SANITATION DEPARTMENT'S OPERATIONS OFFICE, WHICH IS CURRENTLY LOCATED ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF THE 17TH STREET PARKING GARAGE.
Applicable Area: South Beach
Public Works
Commissioner Laura Dominguez
October 30, 2024 – C4 AH
Action- The item was heard and will return to the January 2025 PSNQLC meeting; Public Works will work with Facilities and Fleet to identify possible locations for
14. DISCUSS TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES ON MERIDIAN AVENUE BETWEEN 42ND AND 47TH STREET, INCLUDING IDENTIFYING THE APPROPRIATE AREAS WHERE THESE MEASURES WILL BE IMPLEMENTED.
Applicable Area: Middle Beach
Transportation and Mobility
Vice-Mayor Alex Fernandez
Commissioner Joseph Magazine
October 30, 2024 – C4 AM
Action- The item was heard and concluded; The Committee unanimously recommends moving the item to the Commission with a favorable recommendation to explore installing rubberized speed cushions on Meridian Avenue in advance of the installation on permanent speed tables.

OLD BUSINESS

15. DISCUSS THE CREATION OF CODE COMPLIANCE AREA CAPTAIN POSITIONS FOR SOUTH BEACH, MID BEACH, AND NORTH BEACH
Applicable Area: Citywide
Code Compliance
Commissioner Alex Fernandez
Commissioner Joseph Magazine
May 15, 2024 – C4 T
Action- The item was heard and concluded; The Committee unanimously agreed to move the item to the commission with a favorable recommendation. Code Compliance will handle the item.
16. DISCUSS THE POTENTIAL IMPLEMENTATION OF A TEXT MESSAGING SYSTEM TO FACILITATE THE REPORTING OF CODE COMPLIANCE COMPLAINTS
Applicable Area: Citywide
Code Compliance
Commissioner Alex Fernandez
Commissioner Joseph Magazine
April 3, 2024 – C4 T
Action- The item was Deferred by the Sponsor; Will be heard at the January 2025 PSNQLC meeting; Code Compliance will handle the item.
17. DISCUSSION REGARDING BEACH CONCESSIONS, REGULATIONS, AND LAYOUT TO ENSURE THAT SUFFICIENT AREA REMAINS AVAILABLE AT ALL TIMES FOR

PUBLIC ENJOYMENT OF BEACHES.

Applicable Area: Citywide

Facilities and Fleet Management

Commissioner Alex Fernandez

November 16, 2024 – C4 F

Action- The item was Deferred by the Sponsor; Will be heard at the January 2025 PSNQLC meeting; Facilities and Fleet will handle the item.

18. DISCUSS ANALYSIS AND REMOVAL OF ALL PLACED SIGNAGE AND ROAD OBJECTS THAT ARE SUPERFLUOUS POTENTIALLY SUCH AS DIGITAL TRAFFIC MESSAGE BOARDS, CONES, BARRICADES AND OTHER ROAD SIGNAGE

Applicable Area: Citywide

Public Works

Commissioner Joseph Magazine

Commissioner Laura Dominguez

Commissioner Tania Bhatt

June 26, 2024 – C4 AM

Action- The Item was heard and concluded