

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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**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

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### **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 AVAILIABLE 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 FACILTATE 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