

C7 B A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXTEND THE OUTSIDE POSSESSION DATE FOR UP TO SIXTY (60) DAYS FOR THE CONVENTION CENTER HOTEL PROJECT (THE "PROJECT") BEING DEVELOPED PURSUANT TO THE DEVELOPMENT AND GROUND LEASE AGREEMENT WITH MB MIXED USE INVESTMENT, LLC ("THE DEVELOPER"), TO THE EXTENT REASONABLY REQUIRED FOR THE DEVELOPER TO ACHIEVE FINANCIAL CLOSE.

Applicable Area:

# MIAMI BEACH

## COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Eric Carpenter, City Manager

DATE: March 19, 2025

TITLE: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXTEND THE OUTSIDE POSSESSION DATE FOR UP TO SIXTY (60) DAYS FOR THE CONVENTION CENTER HOTEL PROJECT (THE "PROJECT") BEING DEVELOPED PURSUANT TO THE DEVELOPMENT AND GROUND LEASE AGREEMENT WITH MB MIXED USE INVESTMENT, LLC ("THE DEVELOPER"), TO THE EXTENT REASONABLY REQUIRED FOR THE DEVELOPER TO ACHIEVE FINANCIAL CLOSE.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Adopt the Resolution.

### **BACKGROUND/HISTORY**

On July 25, 2018, the Mayor and City Commission adopted Resolution No. 2018-30425, approving the Lease between the City of Miami Beach (the "City") and MB Mixed Use Investment Holdings, LLC (the "Developer"), approving the construction and development of the Miami Beach Convention Center Hotel (the "Hotel Project") at the site (the "Site") located at the northeast corner of Convention Center Drive and 17th Street as defined in the Hotel Lease.

On November 6, 2018, more than sixty percent (60%) of the voters voting thereon in a City-wide referendum approved of the Lease as required by Section 1.03(b)(3) of the City Code.

On December 9, 2019, the City approved the Grand Hyatt Hotel brand pursuant to Section 13.3 of the Hotel lease.

On March 4, 2020, the City and the Developer entered into an early access agreement (the "Early Access Agreement") to grant access to the Developer to the Site and to certain other areas, so that the Developer could perform certain pre-construction activities (the "Early Work") that would accelerate the timeline for construction of the Hotel Project.

On March 13, 2020, the Developer notified the City they were asserting a Force Majeure event and an Economic Force Majeure event with respect to the COVID-19 pandemic.

On April 14, 2022, pursuant to the Early Access Agreement, the Hotel Developer's contractor mobilized on the Site and commenced the initial phases of the Early Work.

On November 16, 2023, the Developer notified the City that they were asserting an Economic Force Majeure event due to impaired access to financial markets for development of projects in the United States similar to the Grand Hyatt Hotel project, which delayed their ability to finance the full construction of the hotel project. On November 17, 2023, LTC 515- 2023 advised the Mayor and City Commission that the Developer experienced a significant increase in project costs due to rising construction costs and interest rates and needed additional time to secure the

financing required to fund the Hotel project.

On April 9, 2024, the early site work Certificate of Completion was issued, making the site available for the commencement of the vertical construction upon site possession by the Hotel developer.

Following various meetings of the Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners (BCC), the City Commission and the RDA Board at which the grant agreement among the RDA, the Developer and the Public Finance Authority was discussed, approved, and modified, a grant agreement providing for up to \$92,500,000 in funding to allow for the expeditious development of the Hotel Project was approved by the BCC, the City Commission and the RDA Board, with the final necessary approval occurring at the November 20, 2024 meeting of the BCC.

## **ANALYSIS**

The Lease requires that the Project must achieve financial close on all required debt and equity sources for the full construction cost of the Project in order for Developer to take possession of the site. The Developer is currently finalizing all applicable financing documents in anticipation of loan closing and site possession. Coordination with multiple lenders and investors, as well as approval from Miami-Dade County on the final form of the Grant is required.

The current outside possession date required by the Lease is April 1, 2025 (the "Outside Possession Date"). The Developer anticipates that limited additional time may be required to be able to finalize all applicable loan documents and obtain approval from Miami-Dade County of the final form of the Grant.

## **FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

## **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**

The Administration recommends authorizing the City Manager to extend the Outside Possession Date for up to sixty (60) days for the Convention Center Hotel Project being developed pursuant to the Development and Ground Lease Agreement with MB Mixed Use Investment, LLC, to the extent the City Manager reasonably determines that any such extension is required for the Developer to achieve financial close and otherwise satisfy the Possession Conditions set forth in the Lease.

## **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**

Convention Center Hotel Project - Outside Possession Date Up To 60-Day Extension. CM

**Previous Action (For City Clerk Use Only)**

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXTEND THE OUTSIDE POSSESSION DATE FOR UP TO SIXTY (60) DAYS FOR THE CONVENTION CENTER HOTEL PROJECT (THE "PROJECT") BEING DEVELOPED PURSUANT TO THE DEVELOPMENT AND GROUND LEASE AGREEMENT WITH MB MIXED USE INVESTMENT, LLC ("THE DEVELOPER"), TO THE EXTENT REASONABLY REQUIRED FOR THE DEVELOPER TO ACHIEVE FINANCIAL CLOSE.**

**WHEREAS**, on July 25, 2018, the Mayor and City Commission adopted Resolution No. 2018-30425, approving the lease (the "Lease") between the City of Miami Beach (the "City") and MB Mixed Use Investment Holdings, LLC (the "Developer"), for the construction and development of the Miami Beach Convention Center Hotel (the "Hotel Project") at the site (the "Site") located at the northeast corner of Convention Center Drive and 17th Street as defined in the Lease; and

**WHEREAS**, on November 6, 2018, more than sixty percent (60%) of the voters voting thereon in a City-wide referendum approved of the Lease as required by Section 1.03(b)(3) of the City Code; and

**WHEREAS**, completion of the Hotel Project is essential to ensuring the viability of the Convention Center as a destination for high profile and high-economic-impact events; and

**WHEREAS**, on December 9, 2019, the City approved the Grand Hyatt Hotel brand pursuant to Section 13.3 of the Hotel lease; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 4, 2020, the City and the Developer entered into an early access agreement (the "Early Access Agreement") to grant access to the Developer to the Site and to certain other areas, so that the Developer could perform certain pre-construction activities (the "Early Work") that would accelerate the timeline for construction of the Hotel Project; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020, the Developer notified the City they were asserting a Force Majeure event and an Economic Force Majeure event with respect to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 14, 2022, pursuant to the Early Access Agreement, the Hotel Developer's contractor mobilized on the Site and commenced the initial phases of the Early Work; and

**WHEREAS**, on November 16, 2023, the Developer notified the City that they were asserting an Economic Force Majeure event due to impaired access to financial markets for development of projects in the United States similar to the Grand Hyatt Hotel project, which delayed their ability to finance the full construction of the hotel project; and

**WHEREAS**, on November 17, 2023, LTC 515-2023 advised the Mayor and City Commission that the Developer experienced a significant increase in project costs due to rising construction costs and interest rates, and needed additional time to secure the financing required to fund the Hotel project; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 9, 2024, the early site work Certificate of Completion was issued, making the site available for the commencement of the vertical construction upon site possession by the Hotel developer; and

**WHEREAS**, the Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners, the City Commission, and the Board of the Miami Beach Redevelopment Agency (the "RDA") each approved a Sixth Amendment to the RDA Interlocal Agreement to authorize additional funding (the "Grant") to allow for the expeditious development of the Hotel Project; and

**WHEREAS**, the Lease requires that the Project must achieve financial close on all required debt and equity sources for the full construction cost of the Project in order for Developer to take possession of the Subject Property; and

**WHEREAS**, the Developer is currently finalizing all applicable financing documents in anticipation of loan closing and site possession; and

**WHEREAS**, the Project development cost is approximately \$600 Million and will require coordination with multiple lenders and investors and obtain approval from Miami-Dade County of the final form of the Grant; and

**WHEREAS**, the current outside possession date required by the Lease is April 1, 2025 (the "Outside Possession Date"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Developer anticipates that limited additional time may be required to finalize all applicable loan documents and obtain approval from Miami-Dade County of the final form of the Grant; and

**WHEREAS**, the Administration recommends granting the City Manager the authority to approve, on behalf of the City, a sixty (60) day extension, to the Lease Outside Possession Date, to the extent reasonably required for Developer to finalize its financing, and to execute any documents required to evidence such extension.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA**, that the City Manager shall have the authority to approve, on behalf of the City, a sixty (60) day extension to the Lease Outside Possession Date, to the extent the City Manager reasonably determines that any such extension is required for Developer to achieve financial close and otherwise satisfy the Possession Conditions set forth in the Lease, and that the City Manager shall be authorized to execute any documents required to evidence such extension.

**PASSED and ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_, 2025

**ATTEST:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Steven Meiner, Mayor

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Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO  
FORM & LANGUAGE  
& FOR EXECUTION

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Attorney

3/12/2025  
Date