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Applicable Area:

# MIAMI BEACH

## COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Eric Carpenter, City Manager

DATE: April 23, 2025

TITLE: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXTEND THE "AD HOC CITY LIGHTING PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE," FOR AN ADDITIONAL YEAR, THROUGH MARCH 14, 2026, WITH THE SAME APPOINTED MEMBERS REMAINING ON THE COMMITTEE.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

The Administration recommends approving the Resolution.

### **BACKGROUND/HISTORY**

On March 13, 2024, the Mayor and City Commission (City Commission) approved Resolution No. 2024-32955 (Attachment A), establishing the "Ad HOC City Lighting Plan Advisory Committee". This Committee was intended to function for one (1) year (subject to earlier or later sunset by the City Commission), to perform reviews of existing lighting infrastructure, identify areas for improvement, and make recommendations to the City regarding a comprehensive lighting plan.

Since its approval, the Ad Hoc Committee has only met once, on March 24, 2025, due to difficulties of reaching quorum (quorum was reached on February 3, 2025). As such, the Administration recommends extending the Committee for an additional year, through March 13, 2026, with the same appointed members remaining on the Committee.

### **FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

No fiscal impact

### **CONCLUSION**

The Administration recommends approving the Resolution.

### **Applicable Area**

Citywide

**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

### **Department**

Public Works

**Sponsor(s)**

Commissioner David Suarez

**Condensed Title**

Extend Establishment of the "Ad Hoc City Lighting Plan Advisory Committee" for One Year.  
(Suarez) PW

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-32955

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING THE "AD HOC CITY LIGHTING PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE," FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR (SUBJECT TO EARLIER OR LATER SUNSET BY THE CITY COMMISSION), TO REVIEW EXISTING LIGHTING INFRASTRUCTURE, IDENTIFY AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT, AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE CITY REGARDING A COMPREHENSIVE LIGHTING PLAN FOR THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Miami Beach is committed to enhancing the safety, aesthetics, functionality and energy efficiency of lighting in public spaces, rights of way and commercial and residential areas for the benefit of residents and visitors; and

**WHEREAS**, an effective and comprehensive lighting plan is essential for promoting public safety, improving the overall atmosphere, and ensuring the vitality of the City; and

**WHEREAS**, a lighting plan should consider functional aspects, such as visibility and security, as well as aesthetic elements like ambiance and architectural lighting; and

**WHEREAS**, these aspects must be carefully balanced against the equally important objective of protecting sea turtles, nesting birds and other wildlife that grace our beautiful City by limiting glare and the adverse ecological impact of artificial lighting; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission recognizes the need for collaboration with, and input from, various stakeholders, including residents and businesses, to develop a well-informed and complete City-wide lighting plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and City Commission wish to establish an Ad Hoc City Lighting Plan Advisory Committee (the "Committee") for the purpose of making recommendations to the City regarding a comprehensive lighting plan for the City of Miami Beach; and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose, composition, power and duties of the Committee are set forth in **Exhibit 1** attached hereto.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA**, that the Mayor and City Commission hereby establish the "Ad Hoc City Lighting Plan Advisory Committee," for a period of one (1) year (subject to earlier or later sunset by the City Commission), to review existing lighting infrastructure, identify areas for improvement, and make recommendations to the City regarding a comprehensive lighting plan for the City of Miami Beach.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 13 day of March, 2024.

ATTEST:

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Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

Steven Meiner  
Steven Meiner, Mayor

(Sponsored by Commissioner David Suarez)



APPROVED AS TO  
FORM & LANGUAGE  
& FOR EXECUTION

JD 3-6-24  
City Attorney Date

**Exhibit 1**  
**Ad Hoc City Lighting Plan Advisory Committee Powers, Duties and Composition**

**A. Purpose**

1. The purpose of the Ad Hoc City Lighting Plan Advisory Committee (the "Committee") would be to review existing lighting infrastructure, identify areas for improvement, and make recommendations to the City regarding a comprehensive lighting plan for the City of Miami Beach that addresses safety, aesthetics, functionality and energy efficiency of lighting in public spaces, rights of way and commercial and residential areas for the benefit of residents and visitors.
2. The Committee consider functional aspects, such as visibility and security, as well as aesthetic elements like ambiance and architectural lighting.
3. The Committee shall make recommendations regarding the following elements that would be addressed in a Comprehensive Lighting Plan:
  - a. Safety and Security (Street Lighting and Public Spaces)
  - b. Environmental Impact
  - c. Architectural Lighting for Landmarks, Public Buildings and Monuments
  - d. Energy Efficiency
  - e. Lighting Design Guidelines for Commercial and Residential Structures
  - f. Such other matters as the Mayor and City Commission shall determine by Referral to the Committee
4. The Committee will meet on a monthly basis, or as frequently as the Committee deems necessary to make final recommendations. The Committee will sunset at the end of one (1) year unless determined by the Mayor and City Commission that it should be extended.

**B. Membership Composition**

1. The Committee shall be composed of seven (7) at-large appointments made by the Mayor and City Commission as a body.
2. Minimum membership criteria for the Committee: individuals must be residents of the City for a minimum of two (2) years, or demonstrate ownership/interest in, or employment relationship with a business established in the City for a minimum of two (2) years. Exceptions to the foregoing may be approved by a majority vote of the City Commission for the electrical engineer member.
3. The composition of the Committee shall be as follows:
  - a. Resident Members.
    - i. At least two (2) of the seven members must currently reside within the North Beach area, generally considered as that portion of Miami Beach located north of 63<sup>rd</sup> Street
    - ii. At least two (2) of the seven members must currently reside within the Mid Beach area, generally considered as that portion of Miami Beach located south of 63<sup>rd</sup> Street and north of 23<sup>rd</sup> Street
    - iii. At least two (2) of the seven members must currently reside within the South Beach area, generally considered as that portion of Miami Beach located south of 23<sup>rd</sup> Street

- b. Technical Member. At least one (1) of the seven members must be an electrical engineer, preferably with expertise in urban lighting
- 4. The Mayor and City Commission will consider the following additional criteria when making appointments:
  - a. Applicable knowledge and experience relevant to the Committee's purpose
  - b. Past and present community service, especially leadership roles and experience on other advisory committees or boards

**C. Conflict of interest.**

In accordance with Florida law, under circumstances presenting a conflict of interest, an advisory board member should abstain from voting with respect to any measure in which the advisory board member has a personal, private, or professional interest and which inures to his special private gain or the special gain of a principal by whom he is retained. The City Attorney's Office liaison shall assist advisory board members in addressing any potential voting conflicts, as necessary.

**D. Administrative Liaisons**

The supporting departments for the Committee shall be the City Manager's Office, the Planning Department and the Public Works Department. The City Attorney's Office shall provide counsel to the Committee.

# MIAMI BEACH

## COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission  
FROM: Rafael A. Paz, City Attorney  
DATE: March 13, 2024

SUBJECT: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING THE "AD HOC CITY LIGHTING PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE," FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR (SUBJECT TO EARLIER OR LATER SUNSET BY THE CITY COMMISSION), TO REVIEW EXISTING LIGHTING INFRASTRUCTURE, IDENTIFY AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT, AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE CITY REGARDING A COMPREHENSIVE LIGHTING PLAN FOR THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH.

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### **BACKGROUND/HISTORY**

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 name of lobbyist(s) and principal(s): N/A

### **ANALYSIS**

The attached Resolution was prepared at the request of the sponsor, Commissioner David Suarez.

### **SUPPORTING SURVEY DATA**

N/A

### **FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

N/A

**Is this a "Residents Right to Know" item, pursuant to City Code Section 2-14?**

No

**Does this item utilize G.O. Bond Funds?**

No

### **Legislative Tracking**

Office of the City Attorney

### **Sponsor**



Commissioner David Suarez

**ATTACHMENTS:**

**Description**

- Resolution

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**B. Membership Composition**

1. The Committee shall be composed of seven (7) direct appointments made by individual City Commissioners and the Mayor.
2. Membership criteria for the Committee: individuals must be residents of the City for a minimum of two (2) years, or demonstrate ownership/interest in, or employment relationship with a business established in the City for a minimum of two (2) years.

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**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2024, the Mayor and City Commission (City Commission) approved Resolution No. 2024-32955, establishing the "Ad Hoc City Lighting Plan Advisory Committee"; and

**WHEREAS**, this Committee was to be established for one (1) year (subject to earlier or later sunset by the City Commission), to review existing lighting infrastructure, identify areas for improvement, and make recommendations to the City regarding a comprehensive lighting plan; and

**WHEREAS**, since its establishment, the Committee did not convene for its first official meeting until March 24, 2025, due to difficulty confirming appointees and reaching quorum; and

**WHEREAS**, the Administration recommends extending the Committee for an additional year, through March 14, 2026, with the current appointed members continuing to serve in their existing appointments, in order to provide the Committee sufficient time to fulfill its intended purpose as an Ad Hoc Committee.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA**, that the Mayor and City Commission hereby extend the "Ad Hoc Lighting Plan Advisory Committee," for an additional period of one year, (subject to earlier or later sunset by the City Commission) through March 14, 2026, to continue to review existing lighting infrastructure, identify areas for improvement, and make recommendations to the City regarding a comprehensive lighting plan.

**PASSED and ADOPTED THIS** \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2025.

**ATTEST:**

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Steven Meiner, Mayor

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Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

(sponsored by Commissioner David Suarez)

APPROVED AS TO  
FORM & LANGUAGE  
& FOR EXECUTION

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

4/10/2025  
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Date