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# MIAMI BEACH

## COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission

FROM: City Attorney Ricardo J. Dopico

DATE: June 26, 2024

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### **ANALYSIS**

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

### **FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

### **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 Attorney

### **Sponsor(s)**

Commissioner David Suarez

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

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**WHEREAS**, as neighboring municipalities, the City of Miami Beach and North Bay Village (collectively referred to as the "Municipalities") recognize the importance of cooperation on matters of public safety, infrastructure, environmental sustainability, and quality of life for their respective communities; and

**WHEREAS**, North Bay Village has submitted a non-binding Letter of Intent ("LOI") (attached as Exhibit A) establishing a framework for cooperation between the Municipalities with the goal of promoting mutual benefits and leveraging shared resources, expertise, and strategic initiatives to address common challenges and opportunities common to both Municipalities, including, but not limited to:

- Coordinating emergency response services and disaster preparedness plans.
- Collaborating on the planning, development, and maintenance of transportation systems, utilities, and public facilities.
- Joint initiatives for environmental protection, waste management, and sustainability.
- Enhancing recreational facilities, parks, and community programs.
- Exploring the potential for a joint water taxi service; and

**WHEREAS**, the LOI contemplates that the Municipalities may mutually agree to execute one or more binding Interlocal Agreement(s) and/or Memorandum(a) of Understanding to address specific projects and/or areas of cooperation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and City Commission wish to authorize the City Administration to negotiate, finalize, and execute the LOI with North Bay Village for cooperation on public safety, infrastructure, environment, and quality of life matters, subject to review and approval by the Office of the City Attorney.

**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 authorize the City Administration to negotiate, finalize, and execute a non-binding Letter of Intent ("LOI") with North Bay Village to establish the framework for cooperation on public safety, infrastructure, environment, and quality of life matters, subject to review and approval by the Office of the City Attorney.

**PASSED and ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.


**ATTEST:**

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Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

(sponsored by Commissioner David Suarez)

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Steven Meiner, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO  
FORM & LANGUAGE  
& FOR EXECUTION

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Attorney  6/17/2024  
Date



**DR. RALPH ROSADO**

*Village Manager*

June 6, 2024

Interim City Manager Rickelle Williams  
City of Miami Beach  
1700 Convention Drive  
Miami Beach, FL 33139

Subject: Letter of Intent for Cooperation on Public Safety, Infrastructure, Environment, and Quality of Life Matters

This Letter of Intent ("LOI") sets forth the agreement between North Bay Village ("Municipality 1") and the City of Miami Beach ("Municipality 2") (collectively referred to as the "Municipalities") to cooperate on various matters of public interest, including but not limited to public safety, infrastructure, environmental sustainability, and overall quality of life for our respective communities.

**Purpose**

The purpose of this LOI is to establish a framework for cooperation between North Bay Village and the City of Miami Beach with the goal of promoting mutual benefits in the areas mentioned above. This cooperation aims to leverage shared resources, expertise, and strategic initiatives to address common challenges and opportunities.

**Areas of Cooperation**

The Municipalities intend to cooperate in the following areas:

**a. Public Safety**

- Coordinating emergency response services and disaster preparedness plans.
- Sharing resources and information related to law enforcement, fire services, and emergency medical services.

**b. Infrastructure**

- Collaborating on the planning, development, and maintenance of transportation systems, utilities, and public facilities.
- Sharing best practices and technical expertise for infrastructure projects.
- Jointly advocating for improvements along the Kennedy Causeway, including requesting the area to be added to the PD&E scope, gathering support letters, holding joint meetings with FDOT, and requesting causeway improvements in the 5-Year FDOT Plan.

#### c. Environment

- Joint initiatives for environmental protection, waste management, and sustainability.
- Developing and implementing policies to reduce carbon emissions and promote green energy.
- Joint advocacy on amending regulations affecting the environment (e.g., water quality) and quality of life (e.g., derelict vessels, water-based businesses, and mooring fields).

#### d. Quality of Life

- Enhancing recreational facilities, parks, and community programs.
- Collaborating on health and social services to improve the well-being of residents.
- Exploring the potential for a joint water taxi service.

#### Implementation

To facilitate the implementation of this cooperation, the Municipalities will:

- Establish a Joint Steering Committee composed of representatives from both Municipalities to oversee and coordinate activities.
- Develop a detailed action plan outlining specific projects, timelines, and responsibilities.
- Hold regular meetings to review progress, address challenges, and adjust strategies as needed.

#### Duration and Termination

This LOI will remain in effect for a period of five (5) years, commencing on the date of the last signature below, and renewable subject to mutual agreement of the Municipalities. Either municipality may terminate this LOI with thirty (30) days' written notice to the other party.

#### Non-Binding Nature

This LOI is non-binding and does not create any legally enforceable obligations. It reflects the intent of the Municipalities to cooperate in good faith and pursue the areas of collaboration outlined herein. The Municipalities may mutually agree to execute one or more interlocal agreement(s) and/or memorandum(a) of understanding to address specific projects and/or areas of cooperation.

#### Confidentiality

Any information that is exempt from the Public Records Act and disclosed by one Municipality (the "Disclosing Municipality") pursuant to this LOI will be treated by the receiving Municipality (the "Receiving Municipality") as confidential and will not be disclosed to any third party without the prior written consent of the Disclosing Municipality, except as required by law.

Governing Law

This LOI will be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ralph Rosado", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Dr. Ralph Rosado, Village Manager  
North Bay Village

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