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MIAMI BEACH

COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Rickelle Williams, Interim City Manager

DATE: June 26, 2024

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RECOMMENDATION

Recommending the appointment of Jose Smith as Chief Special Magistrate.

BACKGROUND/HISTORY

On April 1, 2024, Chief Special Magistrate Enrique Zamora notified the Office of the City Clerk that he does not intend to seek reappointment when his current term expires on August 23, 2024. Pursuant to Section 30-36 of the City Code, upon prior recommendation of the City Manager, the City Commission, by a majority vote, may appoint a Chief Special Magistrate, who shall be authorized to hold hearings and impose fines, liens, and other noncriminal penalties against violators of City or County codes and ordinances. The Code stipulates that the Chief Special Magistrate shall be an individual who shall have been determined by the City Manager and City Attorney to have the knowledge, skills, and abilities to perform as chief special magistrate.

ANALYSIS

Following discussions with those expressing an interest in the role, I am recommending appointing Jose Smith, Esq. as Chief Special Magistrate. I am of the opinion, and City Attorney Ricardo J. Dopico has concurred, that Mr. Smith possesses the knowledge, skills, and attributes to undertake this important role. Attached are two (2) Resolutions providing for the appointment by the City Commission of Mr. Smith. The first Resolution appoints Mr. Smith as Chief Special

Magistrate for Code Enforcement violations under Chapter 30 of the City Code; the second Resolution appoints Mr. Smith to hear appeals from citations and violations or denials, suspensions, and revocations of certificates of use pursuant to Chapter 102 of the Miami Beach City Code. Language has been added to the Resolutions prohibiting the Chief Special Magistrate and each Special Magistrate that they appoint from participating in a practice that represents clients in matters adverse to the City of Miami Beach, and from lobbying the City during their service with the City.

Jose Smith is an attorney with extensive experience in municipal, administrative, land use, and constitutional law, and has a long-standing commitment to public service. A Miami Beach resident since 1961, Mr. Smith's career reflects his dedication to improving the community and serving the public. He served as a Miami Beach City Commissioner from 1997 to 2005, where he authored key legislation on ethics, campaign, and procurement reforms. During his tenure, he chaired the City's Finance Committee, successfully securing upgrades to the City's bond ratings, and chaired the City Attorney's Oversight Committee. He played a pivotal role in transforming Miami Beach into a global arts and culture destination, including helping to bring Art Basel to the City.

Mr. Smith continued his public service as City Attorney for Miami Beach from 2006 to 2014 and for North Miami Beach from 2014 to 2018. His efforts earned him recognition as one of South Florida's top government attorneys by South Florida Legal Guide and Florida Trend Magazine. Currently, Mr. Smith is a Florida Supreme Court Certified Civil Mediator at Salmon & Dulberg, where he mediates complex disputes.

Mr. Smith's public service record is extensive and impactful. Since 2021, he has served as the City of North Miami Special Magistrate and has been the Chairman of the North Beach Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Advisory Committee. He has held various leadership roles, including Chair of the City of Miami Beach Finance and Citywide Projects Committee (2001-2005), Chair of the City of Miami Beach Community Affairs Committee (1998-2001), and Vice-Chair of the City of Miami Beach Neighborhoods Committee (1998-2001). Additionally, he was a member of the Metropolitan Planning Organization (2001-2005) and Chair of the City of Miami Beach City Attorney's Oversight Committee (1998-2005). His other contributions include serving on the Miami Beach Community Development Advisory Committee (1994-1996), chairing the Normandy Shores Neighborhood District Advisory Council (1994-1996), and participating in the Miami Beach Charter Review and Revision Board (1992-1993).

Mr. Smith's academic credentials include a Juris Doctor with honors from the University of Florida, College of Law, and a Bachelor of Arts with honors from the same institution. His professional memberships include the Florida Bar, the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida, and various legal associations. He has published scholarly articles and frequently lectures at South Florida universities, contributing his expertise to legislative drafting and public policy.

In addition to his legal career, Mr. Smith has been involved in several business ventures, serving as co-owner and general counsel for multiple commercial properties in Florida. His extensive contributions to public service, municipal government, and community development highlight his exceptional organizational skills, trial and appellate experience, and unwavering dedication to the public good. Given his vast experience and dedication to public service, Jose Smith, Esq. is highly qualified for the role of Chief Special Magistrate for the City of Miami Beach. His resume is included for further review.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

Does this Ordinance require a Business Impact Estimate?

(FOR ORDINANCES ONLY)

The Business Impact Estimate (BIE) was published on N/A. See BIE at:
<https://www.miamibeachfl.gov/city-hall/city-clerk/meeting-notice/>

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

\$26,000.00 – Account number: 011-0210-000312-03-400-579-00-00-00

Note: Expenditures on or after October 1, 2024, are subject to approval of the FY 2025 Budget.

CONCLUSION

Mr. Smith has the knowledge, demeanor, skills, and abilities, to perform as Chief Special Magistrate. Upon approval by the City Commission, he will serve this City with honor and distinction, and his appointment will best serve the interests of the City. As such, the subject Resolutions should be adopted.

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 Clerk

Sponsor(s)

Co-sponsor(s)

RESOLUTION NO. _____

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WHEREAS, Chief Special Magistrate Enrique Zamora has informed the Office of the City Clerk of his decision not to seek reappointment upon the expiration of his current term on August 23, 2024; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 30-36 of the City Code, the City Commission may appoint a Chief Special Magistrate, based on the recommendation of the Interim City Manager, who shall possess the requisite knowledge, skills, and abilities to adjudicate Code Enforcement violations and hear appeals in accordance with the City Code; and

WHEREAS, after thorough consideration and consultation with relevant parties, it has been determined that Jose Smith, Esq. is highly qualified for the position of Chief Special Magistrate, as attested by Interim City Manager Rickelle Williams and City Attorney Ricardo J. Dopico; and

WHEREAS, the Interim City Manager hereby recommends appointing Mr. Smith as Chief Special Magistrate for the City of Miami Beach, for a term commencing on August 24, 2024 and ending on February 23, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Smith's extensive legal background, public service record, and dedication to Miami Beach make him uniquely suited to undertake the responsibilities of Chief Special Magistrate; and

WHEREAS, Section 30-2 of the Code of the City of Miami Beach provides for an alternative Code enforcement system wherein Special Magistrates are authorized to hold hearings and impose fines, liens, and other non-criminal penalties against violators of City and County Codes and Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, Section 30-36 of the City Code, entitled "Appointment of Special Magistrates," provides for the appointment of a Chief Special Magistrate to fulfill the above-referenced duties; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 30-36 of the City Code, the appointment of the Chief Special Magistrate is established upon the City Commission's acceptance, by a majority vote, of the recommendation for appointment by the Interim City Manager; and

WHEREAS, all other matters set forth within Chapter 30 of the City Code, including, without limitation, Sections 30-37 and 30-38 regarding compensation and duties of the Special Magistrates, shall continue to apply and remain in full force and effect; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Special Magistrate and each Special Magistrate shall be prohibited from engaging in practice where they represent a client in a manner adverse to the interests of the City of Miami Beach, and shall further be prohibited from lobbying the City during their service with the City.

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 accept the recommendation of the Interim City Manager, pursuant to Section 30-36 of the Code of the City of Miami Beach, concerning the appointment of Jose Smith, Esq. to serve as Chief Special Magistrate, for a term commencing on August 24, 2024, and ending on February 23, 2024; provided further that the Chief Special Magistrate shall be authorized to hold hearings and impose fines, liens and other non-criminal penalties against violators of City and County Codes and Ordinances; and further incorporating all other matters set forth within Chapter 30 of the City Code including, without limitation, Sections 30-37 and 30-38 thereof, concerning the compensation of the Special Magistrates.


PASSED and ADOPTED this ____ day of _____ 2024.

ATTEST:

Steven Meiner, Mayor

Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION



City Attorney

6/10/2024

Date

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WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 30-36 of the Code of the City of Miami Beach, upon prior recommendation of Interim City Manager Rickelle Williams, the City Commission, by a majority vote, may appoint a Chief Special Magistrate, who shall be authorized to hold hearings and impose fines, liens, and other non-criminal penalties against violations of City Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, at its meeting on June 26, 2024, the Mayor and City Commission adopted Resolution No. _____, appointing Jose Smith, Esq., as Chief Special Magistrate for a term commencing on August 24, 2024 and ending on February 23, 2025; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 102-356, the Interim City Manager may also approve a "designee," who shall be authorized to hear appeals from citations for violations of City and County Codes and Ordinances and to conduct hearings regarding denials, suspensions, and revocations of occupational licenses, certificates of use and permits, as provided by the City Code; and

WHEREAS, accordingly, the Interim City Manager hereby recommends Mr. Smith to serve as the Interim City Manager's "designee," for a six (6) month term commencing on August 24, 2024 and ending on February 23, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Special Magistrate (including, as in the instant Resolution, where they are acting in their capacity as the Interim City Manager's "designee" under Section 102-356 of the City Code), shall be prohibited from engaging in practice where they represent a client in a manner adverse to the interests of the City of Miami Beach, and shall further be prohibited from lobbying the City during their service with the City.

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 approve and appoint, pursuant to Section 102-356 of the City Code, Jose Smith, Esq. (Chief Special Magistrate appointed pursuant to Resolution No. _____), as the Interim City Manager's "designee" under Section 102-356 of the City Code; said designation commencing with Mr. Smith's term as Chief Special Magistrate on August 24, 2024 and ending on February 23, 2025.

PASSED and ADOPTED this ____ day of _____ 2024.

ATTEST:

Steven Meiner, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION

Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

City Attorney

6/17/2024
Date

City Clerk

FY24 APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF SPECIAL MAGISTRATE

Account:	FY 2024 Cost of Agreement:	FY 2024 Budgeted Amount:	Variance:	Account Avail. Bal. as of 6/18/2024:
011-0210-000312	\$ 7,428.57	\$ 108,000.00	\$ 100,571.43	\$ 27,604.08

For City Clerk FY 2024, the total budgeted amount for "Special Magistrate services" is **\$108,000**.
The FY 2024 budgeted amount in the account (011-0210-000312) is **sufficient to cover** the full FY 2024 portion of the agreement.

Account:	FY 2025 Cost of Agreement:	FY 2025 Preliminary Budgeted Amount:	Variance:
011-0210-000312	\$ 18,571.43	\$ 108,000.00	\$ 89,428.57

For City Clerk FY 2025, the preliminary budgeted amount for "Special Magistrate services" is **\$108,000**.
The FY 2025 funding availability is contingent upon the adoption of the FY 2025 budget to cover the full FY 2025 portion of the agreement

Support:

2024: 011-0210-000312-03-400-579-00-00-00-

Account Inquiry - OBPIGonl - City of Miami Beach

Account

Fund011General Fu

Org01100740General Fu

Object000312Profession

Project

Acct011-0210-000312-03-400-579-00-00-00

Acct nameProfessional Services

TypeExpense

Rollup

Sub-Rollup

☐ MultiYr Fund

4 Year Comparison	Current Year	History	4 Year Graph	History Graph
Yr/Per 2024/08	Fiscal Year 2024		Fiscal Year 2023	Fiscal Ye
Original Budget	183,000.00		160,000.00	135,0
Transfers In	5,600.00		18,000.00	50,0
Transfers Out	.00		.00	
Revised Budget	188,600.00		178,000.00	185,0
Actual (Memo)	111,073.42		145,836.38	174,3
Encumbrances	19,922.50		.00	
Requisitions	30,000.00			
Available	27,604.08		32,163.62	10,6
Percent used	85.36		81.93	

Central Budget Entry

Search: Professional Accounts

Change ProjectionAdd Detail

Accounts1011-0210-000312-0Professional Services

Budget Detail

Year2024

Period1

Line10

Quantity1

Unit Cost\$ 108,000

Amount\$ 108,000

Vendor#

Commodity

Inventory Item#

UOM

Freight%

Bid#

DescriptionSpecial Magistrate services to hold hearings and impose fines, liens & other non-criminal penalties against violators of City or County Codes, Ordinances, and Florida Statutes.

Justification

ts\$183,000.00

Employee

Central Budget Entry

Search: Professional Accounts

Change ProjectionAdd Detail

Accounts1011-0210-000312-0Professional Services

Budget Detail

Year2025

Period1

Line10

Quantity1

Unit Cost\$ 108,000

Amount\$ 108,000

Vendor#

Commodity

Inventory Item#

UOM

Freight%

Bid#

DescriptionSpecial Magistrate services to hold hearings and impose fines, liens & other non-criminal penalties against violators of City or County Codes, Ordinances, and Florida Statutes.

Justification

ts\$193,000.00

Employee



JOSE SMITH

CONTACT

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EDUCATION

JURIS DOCTOR • 1973
University of Florida, College of Law
J.D. (with honors)

BACHELOR OF ARTS • 1971
University of Florida, B.A. (with
honors)

KEY SKILLS

Municipal law
Ethics legislation
Legal opinions
Trial and appellate experience
Excellent organization skills

INTERESTS

Travel
Sports
Mountain hiking

PROFILE

Jose Smith, a Miami Beach resident since 1961, was a Member of the Miami Beach City Commission from 1997 to 2005, gaining extensive experience in municipal, administrative, land use, and constitutional law. As Commissioner, he also chaired the City Attorney's Oversight Committee. He was City Attorney for Miami Beach from 2006-2014, and City Attorney for North Miami Beach from 2014-2018. Mr. Smith is currently a Florida Supreme Court Certified Civil Mediator, experienced in successfully mediating controversial and difficult disputes.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2020-PRESENT

Salmon & Dulberg, Miami, Florida
Florida Supreme Court Certified Civil Mediator

2018-2019

Bryant, Miller, Olive, Miami, Florida
Labor, Employment, and Municipal Law

1983-2001

Smith & Suprasky, P.A., North Miami Beach, Florida
Founder and Senior Partner
General Civil Litigation; Construction, Real Estate and Commercial litigation. Land Development and Condominium Law; Landlord Tenant Law, Banking and Lender litigation.

1974-1983

Feldman & Abramson, P.A./Feldman, Abramson, Smith,
Magidson & Levy, P.A., Miami, Florida
Personal Injury & Wrongful Death; Medical Malpractice;
Insurance and general litigation; Appellate Practice; Worker's Compensation

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

The Florida Bar, admitted in 1974
U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida
American Bar Association
Association of Trial Lawyers of America
Academy of Florida Trial Lawyers
Florida Bar Grievance Committee (1993-1996)
Florida Bar Professional Ethics Committee (1997-1998)
Florida Bar State Standing Committee on the Unauthorized Practice of Law (1983-1988)
Florida Bar Board Certified Civil Trial Lawyer (1992-1997)

CAREER ACHIEVEMENTS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

During his term as a Miami Beach City Commissioner, Mr. Smith wrote and sponsored legislation involving ethics, campaign, and procurement reforms. While a commissioner, Jose chaired the city's Finance Committee and led delegations to all three Wall Street rating firms. His presentations resulted in several upgrades to the city's bond ratings. He also worked closely with then City Attorney Murray Dubbin to protect the city's legal interests in pending litigation. Mr. Smith also testified before U.S. Congressional Committees and before State of Florida officials to help secure grants and funding for city projects. Perhaps his proudest legacy was working with his colleagues on the City Commission to make the city a world class destination dedicated to the arts, culture, great architecture, and historic preservation. He led the original city delegation to Basel, Switzerland. Along with many other community leaders, Jose helped to bring to the City Art Basel Miami Beach, the world's greatest art festival.

While serving as City Attorney for Miami Beach, Jose Smith enhanced the prestige and reputation of the office. He has been recognized in the "South Florida Legal Guide" as one of "South Florida's Top Government Attorneys." Mr. Smith was also featured in Florida Trend Magazine as a top government attorney in "Florida Legal Elite." He has published law review articles (Co-Author, "Worker's Compensation Immunity: In Search of a Defendant," 32 University of Miami Law Review, 1311, Oct. 1978), and is a frequent lecturer at South Florida universities. He often assists other cities draft or interpret legislation on issues of public importance. As a member of the Dade League of Cities Legal Advisory Committee Mr. Smith helped publish its "Elected Officials Handbook."

BUSINESS INTERESTS/INVESTMENTS

GREYNOLDS PARK VILLAGE SHOPPES

North Miami Beach, Florida

Former Co-Owner and General Counsel of 15,000 sq. ft. shopping/professional center featuring fine dining and upscale tenants

BAY HARBOR PROFESSIONAL CENTER, INC.

1160 Kake Concourse

Bay Harbor, Florida

Co-Owner and General Counsel of 4-story luxury professional office building with ground floor retail tenants in the heart of Bay Harbor's commercial district

S & S EQUITIES, INC.

2450 NE Miami Gardens Drive

North Miami Beach, Florida

Former Co-Owner and Landlord of a 2-story professional office building used primarily as law offices for attorneys and other professionals

CARIBBEAN TOWERS CONDOMINIUMS

7545 E. Treasure Drive

North Bay Village, Florida

Principal investor and General Counsel in a 103-unit condo conversion project in North Bay Village, Florida

PUBLIC SERVICE

City of North Miami Special Magistrate	2021-Present
Chairman, North Beach Community Redevelopment Advisory Committee	2021-Present
Miami Beach City Attorney	2005-2014
Miami Beach City Commissioner	1997-2005
Chair, City of Miami Beach Finance and City Wide Projects Committee	2001-2005
Chair, City of Miami Beach Community Affairs Committee	1998-2001
Vice-Chair, City of Miami Beach Neighborhoods Committee	1998-2001
Metropolitan Planning Organization	2001-2005
Chair, City of Miami Beach City Attorney's Oversight Committee	1998-2005
Miami Beach Community Development Advisory Committee	1994-1996
Chairman, Normandy Shores Neighborhood District Advisory Council	1994-1996
Miami Beach Charter Review and Revision Board	1992-1993
Jackie Gleason Theater Booking Policy Committee	1992-1993
Board of Directors, Normandy Shores Homeowners Association	1992-1997
Board of Directors, North Beach Development Corporation	1996-1997
Miami Beach Tourist and Convention Center Expansion Authority	1986-1991
City of Miami Beach Committee of Young Professionals	1986

MAJOR LEGISLATION AUTHORED OR SPONSORED AS AN ELECTED OFFICIAL

"Vendor Ordinance" - prohibiting campaign contributions by city vendors.

"Cone of Silence" - protects integrity of the competitive bid process from undue influence by lobbyists.

"Conflict of Interest" legislation prohibiting elected officials from engaging in certain business or professional relationships.

"Bid Protest Ordinance" - establishing a mechanism for resolving bid disputes outside the Political arena.

"Code Violation Reform" - requiring large fine mitigations be approved by the City Commission.

"False Claims Ordinance" - sanctions contractors and city vendors who file fraudulent claims.

"Local Preference Ordinance" - giving Miami Beach vendors a competitive advantage.

Sexual Offender Ordinance (landlord provisions)

Human Rights and Anti-Discriminatory Ordinances.

"Anchor Ordinance" - limiting the proliferation of derelict and abandoned vessels in city waters.

PROUDEST ACCOMPLISHMENTS AS AN ELECTED OFFICIAL

Participated in and voted for the largest down zoning in the City's history, which improved the quality of life for every resident.

Spearheaded efforts to fund and build the North Beach Youth Center.

Initiated efforts and voted to submit to referendum the \$92 Million General Obligation Bond issue.

Presented testimony to U.S. Congressional Committee seeking funds for city transportation initiatives.

Led city's delegations to Wall Street ratings firms which resulted in several upgrades in city's bond ratings.

Began efforts and led the negotiations to acquire the Byron-Carlyle Theater.

Participated in Settlement negotiations with the Continuum Group.

Participated in Settlement efforts to resolve the Portofino litigation.

Participated in Settlement efforts to resolve the Royal Palm/Crown Plaza controversy.

Led the city's efforts to acquire the Altos del Mar parcels from the State of Florida for recreational use.

Led the original delegation to Basel, Switzerland, which resulted in an agreement to bring Art Basel to Miami Beach.

Conceived and helped to implement dissolution of the South Point Redevelopment District allowing funds to be used city-wide.

Assisted in negotiations and drafting of an Inter-local Agreement with Miami-Dade County allocating \$55 million in Convention Development Taxes to the Miami Beach Convention Center.

Encouraged and succeeded in getting the Dade County School Board to use Miami Beach-generated impact fees to improve local schools.

As chairman of the City's Finance Committee, oversaw the most successful economic and budgetary recovery in the City's history.

