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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: September 11, 2024

TITLE: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, CONSENTING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF VINCE SEIJAS, AS THE BUILDING DIRECTOR OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH.

RECOMMENDATION

Pursuant to the requirements of Article IV, Section 4.02 of the City Charter, it is recommended that the Mayor and the City Commission adopt the attached resolution consenting to the appointment of Vince Seijas as the Building Director for the City of Miami Beach.

BACKGROUND/HISTORY

Mr. Seijas has worked for over a decade in local government in the capacity of the Building Inspector and senior code officer for Miami-Dade County, as well as Building Official and Floodplain Administrator for the City of Doral. He also has an extensive career in construction project management for private and government renovation projects, such as the Calder Race Track remodel and various Jackson Memorial Hospital remodels, to name a few. Mr. Seijas has various State of Florida licenses as a Building Code Administrator, Building Inspector, Roofing Inspector, Association of State Floodplain Managers (ASFPM) Certified Floodplain Manager and General Contractor, among other relevant building & flood-related licenses and certifications. Mr. Seijas is the recipient of the 2024 Building Official of the Year award from the Building Official Association of Florida (BOAF). Additionally, he was recognized as the Building Official of the Year in 2021 and 2022 by the South Florida Building Official Association (SFBOA).

From 1997 to 2005, Mr. Seijas served in the United States Marine Corps and was honorably discharged with numerous medals, awards, and letters of accommodation. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Florida International University, as well as completing other educational programs and certifications. Mr. Seijas is a certified member of the Association of State Floodplain Managers, the Building Officials Association of Florida, and the South Florida Building Officials Association.

ANALYSIS

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 that the Mayor and the City Commission adopt the attached resolution consenting to the appointment of Vince Seijas as the Building Director for the City of Miami Beach.

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

Human Resources

Sponsor(s)

Co-sponsor(s)

Condensed Title

Consent Appointment of Vince Seijas as Building Director. HR

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, CONSENTING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF VINCE SEIJAS, AS THE BUILDING DIRECTOR OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH.

WHEREAS, the City Manager has appointed Vince Seijas, as the Building Director for the City of Miami Beach (the "City"); and

WHEREAS, Mr. Seijas has over a decade of local governmental experience regarding the Florida Building Code and Floodplain Management Provisions; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Seijas has extensive experience in managing and supervising various private and governmental renovation projects throughout Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Seijas holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Florida International University; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Seijas holds a State of Florida license as a Building Code Administrator, Building Inspector, Roofing Inspector, General Contractor, and other relevant building/flood-related licenses and certifications; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Seijas was honorably discharged from the United States Marine Corps where he served from 1997 to 2005 and received numerous medals, awards, and letters of accommodation; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 4.02(b) of the City Charter, the City Manager has the power to appoint the directors of City departments, except for the Legal Department and the City Clerk's Officer, with the consent of the City Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Commission wish to consent to the appointment of Vince Seijas as the Building Director for the City of Miami Beach, Florida.

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 consent to the appointment of Vince Seijas as the Building Director for the City of Miami Beach.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 11th day of September 2024.

ATTEST:

Steven Meiner, Mayor

Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION

City Attorney

9/3/2024

Date



VINCE SEIJAS

OBJECTIVE

Provide leadership in the preservation of life and reduce property loss through the advocacy of high standards and uniform enforcement of applicable codes within the building industry. Continue to promote and develop consensus while providing greater resilience and public safety through the steadfast advancement of the Florida Building Code and the Built Environment.

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PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- Association of State Floodplain Managers (ASFPM)
- Florida Floodplain Managers Association (FFMA)
- Building Officials Association of Florida (BOAF)
- South Florida Building Officials Association (SFBOA)

REFERENCES

Available upon request

EDUCATION

Florida International University

August 1996 – April 1999: Bachelor of Science

United States Marine Corps

September 1997 – May 2005: Nuclear, Biological & Chemical Defense Specialist
1998, Sergeants Education Program 2002, Hazardous Materials Tech 2003, Radiation Protection 2004

WORK EXPERIENCE

City of Doral Building Official & Floodplain Administrator

July 2021–Present: Enforce the provisions of the Florida Building Code Local Ordinances, and all relevant Laws & Rules governing the health, welfare, and safety of the citizens served in the City of Doral's Built environment.

Miami-Dade County RER Senior Code Officer

May 2017–Present: Explain, guide and mediate Floodplain Management Provisions of FBC, Organize and administer Flood Chiefs Meetings/CRS Users Group, Develop Building Code modifications and serve on Florida Building Commission Technical Advisory Committee & Hurricane Research Advisory Committee.

Miami-Dade County RER Building Inspector

February 2013–May 2017: Conduct daily inspection route, follow through with enforcement operations related to Florida Building Code.

Seico Construction Consultants

April 2009–February 2013: Manage and supervised all work for Jackson Hospital North 7th Floor remodel, Calder Race Track remodel, Autec Restoration & Repairs, VISEN 8-Miami VA Restoration & Repairs.

Y&Y Construction Project Manager/Superintendent

January 2006–April 2009: Manage and Supervise all work for the developments; Monaco at Coral Lakes, Evergreen, Exclusive Estates, City of Miami Recovery Program, Homestead Gardens, and more.

LICENSES

State of Florida Building Code Administrator	BU 2022
State of Florida Standard Plans Examiner	PX 3974
State of Florida Standard Building Inspector	BN 6510
State of Florida Standard Roofing Inspector	SRI 162
State of Florida Licensed Certified General Contractor	CGC1517898
State of Florida Licensed Certified Roofing Contractor	CCC 1329419
ASFPM Certified Floodplain Manager	US-16-09561



Vince Seijas

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3700 SW 129 AVE Miami, FL 33175

Languages:

English & Spanish

Work Experience:

July 2021-Present	Chief Building Official & Floodplain Administrator of the City of Doral, interpret and implement the Florida Building Code, Local Ordinances, and Legislative Mandates as passed, develop and submit code modifications, participate in all BCAIB meetings, Provide Instruction and training at various professional organization conferences (BOAF, FFMA, SFBOA), participate as a voting member of the FBC-Hurricane Research Advisory Committee, actively working on expedited permitting process with industry to satisfy SB 250 of the 2023 legislative session, manage the day to day inspection routes, plan reviews, and customer meetings, continuously work to streamline the permitting process within all statutory requirements
May 2017 July 2021	Senior Code Officer for Miami-Dade County, Department of Regulatory & Economic Resources, as such; Conducted Post Disaster Assessment & Evaluations of Building & Code performance, Supported & Guided FEMA Mat teams, NIST, FDEM & AECOM for Hurricane Irma. Explain, guide and mediate Floodplain Management Provisions of FBC, Organize and administer Flood Chiefs Meetings/CRS Users Group, Successfully advocated the Florida Building Commission for FIU Sea-Level Rise Study, modeling to be incorporated into future planning, 'Director At-Large', Florida Floodplain Managers Association, Secretary of South Florida Building Officials Association, Florida Building Commission-Hurricane Research Advisory Committee
Feb 2013- May 2017	Building Inspector with Miami-Dade County, Department of Regulatory & Economic Resources. Organize route, conduct inspections, educate public and enforce Florida Building Code. Trained incoming Inspectors and provided instruction on code changes.
May 2011- Feb 2013	Autec Various Restoration & Repairs, to include the supervision of the application of over 15,000 sq' of "Sealoflex" water proofing roof membrane, 42,000 sq' of tropical storm damaged shingle & tile roofs, and elasomeric roof coatings on the flat roofed buildings. Jackson Hospital Various Restoration & Repairs
Aug 2010- March 2011	Supervised Calder Race Track remodel, Manure Transfer Station, bathroom renovations, 17,000 sq' of metal roofing
April 2010- July 2010	Seico Construction Inc. supervised Jackson North Hospital 7th Floor remodel
May 2009- March 2010	Supervised intensive Care Unit Remodel Jackson Memorial Hospital
Feb 2009- April 2009	Supervised Homestead Gardens 5 Apt units for Miami-Dade Housing completed to HUD specs & requirements with flat, built-up, roll roofing
Jan 2008- April 2008	Supervised the remodel 20 commercial common area bathrooms and patient bathrooms at Jackson Memorial Hospital for ADA Compliance and accessibility
Sept 2008- Nov 2008	Supervised the remodel Arthur Mays 7 Town home units for Miami-Dade Housing completed to HUD specs & requirements
Sept 2007- Sept 2008	Supervised Jackson Memorial Hospital (North, South, Main) remodeling and repairing various areas of the Hospitals including OR, Elevators, Admin Office
Feb 2006- April 2007	Supervised 15 Replacement Homes for the City of Miami Community Development with over 30,000 sq' of shingle roofing, Casablanca Condominiums structural repairs & restoration

Jan 2006- June 2006	Supervised 3 Replacement homes for the City of Miami Community Development, Miami Recovery Program 20 Hurricane damaged homes repaired under City Program with barrel tile roofing and shingle roofing
Jan 2006- Jan 2010	Supervised the Developments: Coral Lakes site development, lake excavation, 154 Townhouse units, Exclusive Estates, 28 Estate Homes, Evergreen, 148 Single Family Homes, with over 900,000 sq' of barrel tile roofing combined, Concrete & Balcony Restoration 10 story Casablanca Condominium
Sept. 2004- May 2005	Deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom
Aug 1999- Dec 2005	Miami Coral Park Senior High School-Teacher, Football & Wrestling Coach

Education and Licenses:

State of Florida Licensed Building Code Administrator BU 2022
 State of Florida Licensed Standard Building Inspector BN 6510
 State of Florida Licensed Standard Roofing Inspector SRI 162
 State of Florida Licensed Standard Plans Examiner PX 3974
 State of Florida Licensed Certified General Contractor CGC 1517898
 State of Florida Licensed Certified Roofing Contractor CCC1329419
 State of Florida Licensed Home Inspector HI 1304
 State of Florida Licensed Mold Remediate MRSR 371
 State of Florida Licensed Mold Assessor MRSA 366
 State of Florida, Department of Education, Professional Educator's Certificate #811675
 Bachelor's in Science - Florida International University 1999
 ASFPM Certified Flood Plain Manager US-16-09561
 FDEP Qualified Storm Water Management Inspector 49366
 Green Advantage Certified Commercial and Residential Contractor

Military Service USMC Reserves Sept. 1997-Dec. 2005

*****Marine reserves timeline**
 1997 Entered Service
 1998 School of Infantry
 1998 Nuclear, Biological, & Chemical Defense Specialist
 1998 Chemical Decontamination Training Facility
 2001 Hazardous Material Tech. & Transporter
 2002 Radiation Safety Officer
 2003 Sergeants Leadership Course-Marine Corps Institute
 2004 Deployed OIF, NBC Chief, Assistant Logistics Chief, Truck Commander
 2005 Honorably Discharged

Medals, Awards and Letters of Commendation:

NAVY/MARINE CORPS ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL FOR LEADERSHIP
 NAVY/MARINE CORPS ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL WITH "V" COMBAT DISTINGUISHING DEVICE
 FOR ACTIONS UNDER FIRE
 COMBAT ACTION RIBBON
 NAVY/MARINE CORPS UNIT CITATION
 2 MERITORIOUS UNIT CITATIONS
 2 SELECTED MARINE CORPS RESERVE GOOD CONDUCT MEDALS
 NATIONAL DEFENSE MEDAL
 OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM SERVICE MEDAL
 GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM SERVICE MEDAL
 SEA SERVICE DEPLOYMENT RIBBON
 MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL WITH "M" DEVICE
 LETTER OF COMMENDATION FROM 10TH SPECIAL FORCES
 LETTER OF COMMENDATION FROM SPECIAL FORCES COMMAND
 SFBOA Member of the Year 2020 & 2022
 SFBOA Building Official of the Year 2021 & 2022
 BOAF Building Official of the Year 2024

Professional Associations & Committees:

Florida Building Commission-Hurricane Research Advisory Committee
 Florida Floodplain Managers Association-Director At Large & Legislative Chairman
 Association of State Floodplain Managers-Member in Good Standing
 Building Officials of Florida- Member-Legislative Committee
 South Florida Building Official's Association-President

References:

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