



**CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH**  
City Hall, Commission Chambers, 2nd Floor  
17011 NE 19th Avenue  
North Miami Beach, FL 33162  
**Tuesday, September 17, 2024**  
**6:00 PM**

Mayor Evan S. Piper  
Vice Mayor Phyllis S. Smith  
Commissioner Jay R. Chernoff  
Commissioner McKenzie Fleurimond  
Commissioner Daniela Jean  
Commissioner Michael Joseph  
Commissioner Fortuna Smukler

City Manager Mario A. Diaz  
City Attorneys Greenspoon Marder LLP  
City Clerk Andrise Bernard, MMC

Notice to All Lobbyists

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**City Commission Meeting Agenda**

- 1. ROLL CALL OF CITY OFFICIALS**
- 2. INVOCATION**
- 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 4. REQUESTS FOR WITHDRAWALS, DEFERMENTS AND ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**
- 5. PRESENTATIONS / DISCUSSIONS**
  - 5.1. Fiscal Year 2023 Audit Presentation (Andrew Fierman, Caballero Fierman Llerena + Garcia, LLP)**
- 6. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**To All Citizens Appearing Under Public Comment**

The Commission has a rule which does not allow discussion on any matter which is brought up under Public Comment. We are, however, very happy to listen to you. The reason for this is that the Commission must have Staff input and prior

knowledge as to the facts and figures, so that they can intelligently discuss a matter. The Commission may wish to ask questions regarding this matter, but will not be required to do so. At the next or subsequent Commission meeting you may have one of the Commissioners introduce your matter as his or her recommendation. We wish to thank you for taking the time to bring this matter to our attention. Under no circumstances will personal attacks, either from the public or from the dais, be tolerated.

### **Speaking Before the City Commission**

There is a three (3) minute time limit for each speaker during public comment and a three (3) minute time limit for each speaker during all public hearings. Your cooperation is appreciated in observing the three (3) minute time limit policy. If you have a matter you would like to discuss which requires more than three (3) minutes, please feel free to arrange a meeting with the appropriate administrative or elected official. In the Commission Chambers, citizen participants are asked to come forward to the podium, give your name and address, and the name and address of the organization you are representing, if any. If you are speaking on a public hearing item, please speak only on the subject for discussion. Thank you very much, in advance, for your cooperation.

### **Pledge of Civility**

A resolution was adopted by the Mayor and City Commission of the City of North Miami Beach recognizing the importance of civility, decency, and respectful behavior in promoting citizen participation in a democratic government. The City of North Miami Beach calls upon all residents, employees, and elected officials to exercise civility toward each other. (Resolution Nos. R2007-57, 11/06/07 and R2011-22, 4/26/11)

### **Unattended Personal Items Notice**

Please be advised that personal belongings and electronic devices cannot be left unattended. All unattended personal belongings and electronic devices will be confiscated.

#### **7. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **8. CITY COMMISSION REPORTS**

#### **9. CONSENT AGENDA**

**9.1. Pre-Budget Workshop Minutes of July 9, 2024 (Andrise Bernard, MMC, City Clerk)**

**9.2. Commission Conference Minutes of August 27, 2024 (Andrise Bernard, MMC, City Clerk)**

**9.3. Regular Commission Meeting Minutes of August 27, 2024 (Andrise Bernard, MMC, City Clerk)**

**9.4. Resolution No. R2024-96 to Approve Annual Software Agreement with CentralSquare Technologies, Inc. (Ricardo Castillo, Chief Information Officer)**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF THE COMPUTER AIDED DISPATCH AND POLICE RECORDS MANAGEMENT SYSTEM FROM CENTRALSQUARE TECHNOLOGIES FOR THE NORTH MIAMI BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR DESIGNEE TO DO ALL THINGS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THIS RESOLUTION; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SCRIVENER ERRORS, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND SUBJECT TO THE BUDGET APPROPRIATION AND AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**9.5. Resolution No. R2024-99 Approving a Piggyback Contract with Insituform Technologies, LLC. for Trenchless Rehabilitation and Maintenance of Pipeline Infrastructure Services (Pedro Melo, Interim NMB Water Director)**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING A PIGGYBACK CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY AND INSITUFORM TECHNOLOGIES, LLC, FOR THE PURCHASE OF TRENCHLESS REHABILITATION AND MAINTENANCE OF PIPELINE INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES; IN A BUDGETED AMOUNT OF \$227,000.00; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR DESIGNEE TO DO ALL THINGS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THIS RESOLUTION; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SCRIVENER ERRORS, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**9.6. Resolution No. 2024-100 Multiple Vendor Change Order for the Purchase of Body Armor and Ballistic Resistant Products (Nelson Camacho, Acting Chief of Police)**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING A CHANGE ORDER TO THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY AND MULTIPLE VENDORS FOR THE PURCHASE OF BODY ARMOR AND BALLISTIC RESISTANT PRODUCTS; INCREASING THE CONTRACT AMOUNT BY \$300,000.00; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR DESIGNEE TO DO ALL THINGS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THIS RESOLUTION; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SCRIVENER ERRORS, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND**

**SUBJECT TO THE BUDGET APPROPRIATION AND AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**9.7. Resolution No. R2024-101 Calling for the City of North Miami Beach General Election (Andrise Bernard, MMC, City Clerk)**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH CALLING FOR A GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 5, 2024 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING PERSONS TO FILL FOUR CITY COMMISSION SEATS (GROUPS 1, 3, 5 AND 7); PROVIDING FOR A RUNOFF ELECTION IF REQUIRED TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 19, 2024; PROVIDING FOR CONDUCT OF SAID ELECTIONS BY THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT; PROVIDING THAT VOTING PRECINCTS FOR SAID ELECTIONS SHALL BE THOSE AS ESTABLISHED BY MIAMI-DADE COUNTY; PROVIDING FOR NOTICE OF SAID ELECTIONS; PROVIDING FOR THE FORMS OF BALLOT; AND PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT FOR CONDUCTING ELECTIONS TO MIAMI-DADE COUNTY; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**10. QUASI-JUDICIAL**

**10.1. Resolution No. R2024-102 World Class Properties Request for Four Variances and Site Plan Approval (Edward Ng, Interim Community Development Director)**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING/DENYING A VARIANCE FROM SECTION 24-48(D)(2) TO ALLOW A MINIMUM LOT AREA OF SIX THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED AND TWENTY FIVE (6,525) SQUARE FEET, IN LIEU OF THE REQUIRED FIFTEEN THOUSAND (15,000) SQUARE FEET; APPROVING/DENYING A VARIANCE FROM SECTION 24-48(D)(4), TO ALLOW FOR AN INTERIOR SIDE SETBACK OF SIX (6) FEET SIX (6) INCHES, WHERE TWENTY (20) FEET IS REQUIRED; APPROVING/DENYING A VARIANCE FROM SECTION 24-48(D)(4) TO WAIVE THE THIRTY (30) FOOT CORNER SETBACK TO PERMIT A TWENTY SEVEN (27) FOOT SETBACK; APPROVING/DENYING A VARIANCE FROM SECTION 24-48(D)(3) TO ALLOW FOR A MINIMUM LOT WIDTH OF SIXTY THREE (63) FEET, WHERE ONE HUNDRED (100) FEET IS REQUIRED; AND APPROVING/DENYING THE SITE PLAN APPLICATION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A THREE (3) STORY, THREE (3) UNIT BUILDING, CONSISTING OF TWO (2) BEDROOMS, AND A LOFT**

**EACH, LOCATED AT 1400 NE 171 STREET; PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS OF FACT; CONFIRMING EXPIRATION AND LIMITATION OF APPROVAL; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**10.2. Resolution No. R2024-103 Ohayon Residence Request for Minimum Rear and Side Setback Variances (Edward Ng, Interim Community Development Director)**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING/DENYING A VARIANCE FROM SECTION 24-41(D)(3) TO ALLOW AN INTERIOR SIDE SETBACK OF FOUR (4) FEET FOR AN ALUMINUM SHADE STRUCTURE, WHERE TWENTY-FIVE (25) FEET IS REQUIRED; APPROVING/DENYING A VARIANCE FROM SECTION 24-41(D)(3) TO ALLOW A REAR SETBACK OF ZERO (0) FEET, WHERE EIGHT (8) FEET IS REQUIRED, LOCATED AT 3380 NE 170th STREET; PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS OF FACT; CONFIRMING EXPIRATION AND LIMITATION OF APPROVAL; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**10.3. Ordinance No. 2024-12 (First Reading) The Offices of NMB, LLC. Request for Zoning Map Amendment (Edward Ng, Interim Community Development Director)**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING/DENYING THE REZONING APPLICATION TO ALLOW FOR AN AMENDMENT IN THE ZONING CODE MAP FROM RM-23: RESIDENTIAL MID-RISE MULTIFAMILY (HIGH DENSITY) DISTRICT TO B-1: LIMITED BUSINESS DISTRICT, FOR PARCELS LOCATED AT 17031 AND 17051 NE 20th AVENUE; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; CODIFICATION; AND FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**11. LEGISLATION**

**11.1. Ordinance No. 2023-02 (Second Reading) Administrative Site Plan Review Text Amendment (Edward Ng, Interim Community Development Director)**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, BY AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH BY AMENDING CHAPTER XXIV, ENTITLED "ZONING AND LAND DEVELOPMENT," ARTICLE XV "OTHER DEVELOPMENT REVIEW PROCEDURES," SECTION 24-172**

**“SITE PLAN REVIEW,” TO DELETE SUBSECTION (K) ENTITLED “LIMITED ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITY FOR SITE PLAN AMENDMENTS” AND CREATE A NEW SUBSECTION 24-172.1 ENTITLED “ADMINISTRATIVE SITE PLAN REVIEW”; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY, AND CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**11.2.Ordinance No. 2024-13 (First Reading) Text Amendment for Multifamily Parking Regulations (Edward Ng, AICP, Interim Community Development Director)**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 24 OF THE CITY CODE ENTITLED “ZONING AND LAND DEVELOPMENT” BY SPECIFICALLY AMENDING ARTICLE 5 ENTITLED “ZONING USE DISTRICTS” TO MODIFY THE RESIDENTIAL CATEGORY MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM REQUIREMENTS FROM SECTION 24-58.1 FULFORD MIXED-USE TOWN CENTER DISTRICT “TABLE MU/TC-5 MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM PARKING REQUIREMENTS BY USE”, SECTION 24-58.2 MIXED-USE EMPLOYMENT CENTER DISTRICT “TABLE MU/EC-5 MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM PARKING REQUIREMENTS BY USE”, SECTION 24-58.3 MIXED-USE NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER DISTRICT “TABLE MU/NC-5 MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM PARKING REQUIREMENTS BY USE”, SECTION 24-58.4 ARCH CREEK MIXED-USE CORRIDOR DISTRICT “TABLE MU/C-5 MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM PARKING REQUIREMENTS BY USE”, SECTION 24-58.5 SOUTHERN MIXED-USE WATERFRONT DISTRICT “TABLE MU/SWF-5 MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM PARKING REQUIREMENTS BY USE”, SECTION 24-58.6 NORTHERN MIXED-USE WATERFRONT DISTRICT “TABLE MU/NWF-5 MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM PARKING REQUIREMENTS BY USE”, SECTION 24-58.7 - EASTERN MIXED-USE WATERFRONT DISTRICT “TABLE MU/EWF-5 MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM PARKING REQUIREMENTS BY USE”, SECTION 24-58.8 - INTERNATIONAL BOULEVARD DISTRICT (MU/IB), PART III. URBAN DESIGN STANDARDS, “TABLE MU/IB-7. MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM PARKING REQUIREMENTS BY USE”; AND TO AMEND ARTICLE IX SECTION 24-93 ENTITLED “PARKING LOT DESIGN STANDARDS” TO CREATE SUBSECTION (L) “MULTI-FAMILY TANDEM PARKING” AND SUBSECTION (M) “VALET PARKING” AND SUBSECTION (N) “FEE-BASED PARKING”; AND AMEND ARTICLE IX SECTION 24-95 ENTITLED “MINIMUM SPACE REQUIREMENTS” TO CLARIFY AND INCREASE PARKING SPACE REQUIREMENTS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY AND**

**CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**11.3. Resolution No. R2024-80 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)  
Reallocations (Marline Monestime, Chief of Staff)**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE REALLOCATION OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS (SLFRF) FROM TRANCHE ONE AND TRANCHE TWO; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO MAKE ADDITIONAL ALLOCATIONS IN AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$250,000.00); AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ESTABLISH PROGRAMS AND GUIDELINES, AS NEEDED, TO ENSURE THE TIMELY DISBURSEMENT OF GRANT FUNDS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND ALL OTHER PURPOSES.**

**11.4. Resolution No. R2024-87 to Approve RFP-24-015-KC Design,  
Supply & Install Holiday Lighting and Decor (Andrew Plotkin,  
Parks & Recreation Director)**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS NO. RFP-24-015-KC DESIGN, SUPPLY AND INSTALL HOLIDAY LIGHTING AND DÉCOR; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE HIGHEST RANKED FIRM; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR DESIGNEE TO DO ALL THINGS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THIS RESOLUTION; AND SUBJECT TO THE BUDGET APPROPRIATION AND AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**11.5. Resolution No. R2024-93 to Approve Change Order with Country  
Bill's Maintenance, Inc. (Sam Zamacona, Public Works Director)**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING A CHANGE ORDER TO THE CONTRACT WITH COUNTRY BILL'S LAWN MAINTENANCE, INC., INCREASING THE CONTRACT AMOUNT BY \$300,000.00; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR DESIGNEE TO DO ALL THINGS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THIS RESOLUTION; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SCRIVENER ERRORS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; SUBJECT TO THE BUDGET APPROPRIATION AND AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**11.6. Resolution No. R2024-94 Resolution to Approve Contract Renewal with Garland/DBS Inc. (Sam Zamacona, Public Works Director)**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING A FIVE (5) YEAR CONTRACT RENEWAL WITH GARLAND/DBS, INC. FOR ROOFING SUPPLIES, SERVICES, WATERPROOFING AND RELATED PRODUCTS & SERVICES; IN A TOTAL BUDGETED AMOUNT OF \$8,000,000.00; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR DESIGNEE TO DO ALL THINGS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THIS RESOLUTION; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SCRIVENER ERRORS, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; SUBJECT TO THE BUDGET APPROPRIATION AND AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**11.7. Resolution No. R2024-95 Approving the Award of Request for Proposal No. RFP-24-020-SG Conveyance of City-Owned Property for Construction of an Affordable Home (Mario Diaz, City Manager)**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NO. RFP-24-020-SG CONVEYANCE OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY FOR CONSTRUCTION OF AN AFFORDABLE HOME; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH PALMETTO HOMES URBAN DEVELOPMENT GROUP; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR DESIGNEE TO DO ALL THINGS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THIS RESOLUTION; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SCRIVENER ERRORS, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**11.8. Resolution No. R2024-104 Transfer of the Public Services Administration (PSA) Building from the Water Utility Enterprise Fund to the Building Services Enterprise Fund (Sophia Taylor, Finance Director)**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING TRANSFER OF PSA BUILDING FROM WATER UTILITY FUND TO BUILDING FUND DEPARTMENT; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SCRIVENER ERRORS, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**11.9. Resolution No. R2024-105 Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Amendment (Sophia Taylor, Interim Finance Director)**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF**



**THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA APPROVING A BUDGET AMENDMENT TO THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR OCTOBER 1, 2023, TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2024, FOR VARIOUS FUNDS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SCRIVENER ERRORS, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

- 12. BUSINESS TAX RECEIPTS - None**
- 13. APPOINTMENTS - None**
- 14. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS - None**
- 15. DISCUSSION ITEMS**
  - 15.1.City Events Policy for Discussion and Possible Action (Commissioner Phyllis S. Smith)**
  - 15.2.Singer Building (Commissioner Phyllis S. Smith)**
  - 15.3.Communication Consulting Services Discussion and Possible Action (Mario A. Diaz, City Manager)**
  - 15.4.Coastal Waste & Recycling of Florida- Contractual Obligation Donation Review and Allocations for Discussion and Possible Action (Marline Monestime, Chief of Staff)**
  - 15.5.Key to the City & Proclamation Procedures for Discussion and Possible Action (Commissioner Phyllis S. Smith)**
  - 15.6.High Water Usage One-Time Forgiveness Policy & We Care Program Modifications for Discussion and Possible Action (Mario A. Diaz, City Manager)**
  - 15.7.Library (Commissioner Phyllis S. Smith)**
- 16. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**
  - 16.1.City Manager's Monthly Report (August 2024)**
  - 16.2.NMB Water Updates & Highlights (August 2024)**
  - 16.3.NMBPD Monthly Report (August 2024)**
  - 16.4.Capital Improvement Program Report**
- 17. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT**
  - 17.1.Increasing the Number of City Commission Meetings (Commissioner Phyllis S. Smith)**
- 18. CITY COMMISSION REPORTS**
- 19. MAYOR'S DISCUSSION**
- 20. NEXT REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING**

**Tuesday, October 15, 2024**

**21. ADJOURNMENT**