



**CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH**  
City Commission Meeting  
Julius Littman Performing Arts Theater  
17011 N.E. 19th Avenue  
North Miami Beach, FL. 33162

**Thursday, April 22, 2021**

Mayor Anthony F. DeFillipo  
Vice Mayor Paule Villard  
Commissioner McKenzie Fleurimond  
Commissioner Daniela Jean  
Commissioner Michael Joseph  
Commissioner Barbara Kramer  
Commissioner Fortuna Smukler

City Manager Arthur H. Sorey III  
Interim City Attorney Hans Ottinot  
Ottinot Law, P.A.  
City Clerk Andrise Bernard, CMC

**City Commission Meeting Minutes**

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**ROLL CALL OF THE CITY OFFICIALS**

The Regular Commission Meeting was called to order at 6:07pm. Present at the meeting were Vice Mayor Paule Villard, Commissioner McKenzie Fleurimond, Commissioner Daniela Jean, Commissioner Michael Joseph, and Commissioner Fortuna Smukler. Mayor Anthony F. DeFillipo and Commissioner Barbara Kramer were absent. City Manager Arthur H. Sorey III, Interim City Attorney Hans Ottinot, and City Clerk Andrise Bernard were also present.

**INVOCATION** by Commissioner McKenzie Fleurimond.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was led by the Vice Mayor and Commission.

**REQUESTS FOR WITHDRAWALS, DEFERMENTS AND ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

City Clerk Andrise Bernard announced the following changes to the agenda:

Resolution 2021-44 titled KCI Insourcing Solid Waste will be moved to a future meeting at the request of the City Manager's Office.

An item from the previous Commission Meeting regarding residents receiving unwanted emails from elected officials will be added to the agenda.

An item regarding the naming of 159<sup>th</sup> Street between West Dixie Highway and N.E. 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue in honor of Miami-Dade County Commissioner Jean Monestime will be added to the agenda at the request of Commissioner Joseph.

**Motion to approve** the amended agenda made by Commissioner Smukler, seconded by Commissioner Joseph.  
Voice Vote: **MOTION PASSED 5-0** with Mayor DeFillipo and Commissioner Kramer absent.

## **PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSIONS**

Marketing Specialist Aja Dorsainvil provided an update regarding the branding implementation plan for the City of North Miami Beach and discussed the members of the branding committee, presented new NMB logo designs, talked about the Greater Miami Convention Visitors Bureau, and described the economic development efforts and initiatives.

Kathryn Lyon of the Corradino Group explained that the objectives of an affordable housing study are to review the current resources and needs for quality affordable housing, conduct an assessment, and propose recommendations for amendments to the City's comprehensive plan and land development regulations.

Chief of Police Richard Rand presented an update regarding the visionary policing in the North Miami Beach Police Department including license plate readers and body worn cameras and discussed recent crime statistics and PACT meetings in the Washington Park and Oak Grove communities.

Customer Service Manager Jim Tygart provided a presentation regarding the NMB Water customer service website portal implementation and discussed the features and benefits.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Vice Mayor Villard opened the meeting for **PUBLIC COMMENT**.

City Clerk Andrise Bernard read the rules of public comment and the following individuals made comments on the record:

1. Karen Harrold
2. Mubarak Kazan
3. Tricia Harris
4. Bruce Lamberto

The meeting was closed for **PUBLIC COMMENT**.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Public Affairs Manager Greg Williams announced upcoming City events including covid relief food drives on April 23 and April 29; covid vaccination sites at Asamblea Evangélica on April 24 and at Shaaray Tefilah and the Littman Theater on April 25; a Human Trafficking and Child Abuse Awareness panel discussion on April 28; a Jazz Appreciation Month event at the North Miami Beach Library on April 29; an Arbor Day event at Jack Chaiken Park on April 30; a Jewish-American Heritage Month book presentation at the North Miami Beach Library on May 6; a Mother's Day home delivery event on May 7; and summer camp enrollment begins on April 26.

## **CITY COMMISSION REPORTS**

Commissioner Fleurimond welcomed City Manager Arthur Sorey and discussed the need to inform residents about the upcoming increase to solid waste rates.

Commissioner Jean welcomed City Manager Arthur Sorey and discussed the recent Earth Day event and the need to inform residents about the upcoming increase to solid waste rates.

Commissioner Joseph welcomed City Manager Arthur Sorey and discussed the need to inform residents about the upcoming increase to solid waste rates.

Commissioner Smukler welcomed City Manager Arthur Sorey, recognized Ramadan and Earth Day, discussed advertising Commission Meetings on social media and the need to inform residents about the upcoming increase to solid waste rates, and thanked the North Miami Beach Department for keeping the City safe.

Vice Mayor Villard welcomed City Manager Arthur Sorey and talked about individuals discussing City issues on the radio.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

#### **Resolution R2021-41 Continuing Contract for Architectural and Engineering Services Authorization for Budgeted Expenditures (Jafeth Baez, Director of NMB Water)**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR DESIGNEE TO ENGAGE THE TWENTY-SEVEN (27) PRE-QUALIFIED ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICE FIRMS APPROVED UNDER RESOLUTION R2020-62, AND PROCURED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONSULTANTS' COMPETITIVE NEGOTIATION ACT, SECTION 287.055, FLORIDA STATUTES FOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS IN WHICH THE BASIC CONSTRUCTION COST DOES NOT EXCEED \$4,000,000.00 PER PROJECT, OR FOR STUDY, CONSULTING, AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE ACTIVITIES FOR WHICH THE FEE DOES NOT EXCEED \$500,000.00 PER PROJECT.

**Motion to approve** to move Resolution 2021-41 from the Consent Agenda made by Commissioner Smukler, seconded by Commissioner Joseph.

#### **Resolution R2021-42 Change Order #1 for N. Harris Computer Corporation (Jafeth Baez, Director of NMB Water)**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING A CHANGE ORDER, THEREBY AMENDING THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH AND N. HARRIS COMPUTER CORPORATION EXPANDING THE SCOPE OF SERVICES AND INCREASING THE ORIGINAL AMOUNT OF THE AGREEMENT BY TWO HUNDRED FOURTEEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$214,500.00) TO INCLUDE UTILITY BILLS PRINTING, MAILING AND POSTAGE; AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE THE CHANGE ORDER, AND TO DO ALL THINGS NECESSARY IN FURTHERANCE OF THE CHANGE ORDER.

#### **Resolution R2021-43 Purchase of Thirteen Bus Shelters (Judeen Johnson, Director of Public Works)**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH TOLAR MANUFACTURING COMPANY INC., FOR THE PURCHASE OF THIRTEEN BUS SHELTERS IN AN ESTIMATED BUDGETED AMOUNT OF \$159,055.00.

**Motion to approve** the Consent Agenda made by Commissioner Joseph, seconded by Commissioner Smukler. Voice Vote: **MOTION PASSED 5-0** with Mayor DeFillipo and Commissioner Kramer absent.

### **LEGISLATION**

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City Manager Arthur Sorey provided an explanation of Resolution 2021-41 regarding the qualified architectural and engineering firms that the City can use for projects.

Vice Mayor Villard opened the meeting for **PUBLIC COMMENT**.

1. Mubarak Kazan

The meeting was closed for **PUBLIC COMMENT**.

**Motion to approve** Resolution 2021-41 made by Commissioner Joseph, seconded by Commissioner Smukler. Voice Vote: **MOTION PASSED 5-0** with Mayor DeFillipo and Commissioner Kramer absent.

Commissioner Smukler introduced a discussion item regarding residents receiving unwanted emails from elected officials and stated that the City should create an option for residents to unsubscribe without being removed from receiving other emails from the City. Senior I.T. Manager Gil Sosa explained that the City can provide an option for residents to unsubscribe from emails sent by elected officials and still receive emails from the City.

**Motion to approve** to direct City staff to research the issue and provide the best course of action regarding emails to residents made by Commissioner Smukler, seconded by Commissioner Joseph.

Voice Vote: **MOTION PASSED 5-0** with Mayor DeFillipo and Commissioner Kramer absent.

**Resolution R2021-45 Fiscal Year 2021 April Budget Amendment (Janette Smith, Chief Financial Officer)**

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, 2020 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2021, FOR THE GENERAL FUND.

Chief Financial Officer Janette Smith provided an explanation of Resolution 2021-45 and the proposed budget amendment and Library Manager Edenia Hernandez discussed the need for a mobile library unit in the City of North Miami Beach.

Vice Mayor Villard opened the meeting for **PUBLIC COMMENT**.

City Clerk Andrise Bernard read the rules of public comment and the following individuals made comments on the record:

1. Mubarak Kazan
2. Bruce Lamberto
3. Tricia Harris

The meeting was closed for **PUBLIC COMMENT**.

**Motion to approve** Resolution 2021-45 made by Commissioner Smukler, seconded by Commissioner Joseph. Voice Vote: **MOTION PASSED 5-0** with Mayor DeFillipo and Commissioner Kramer absent.

**Resolution R2021-46 Naming 159<sup>th</sup> Street between West Dixie Highway and NE 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue to “The Honorable Jean Monestime Street”**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, NAMING 159<sup>th</sup> STREET FROM WEST DIXIE HIGHWAY TO N.E. 8<sup>th</sup> AVENUE AS “THE HONORABLE JEAN MONESTIME STREET”; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OF DESIGNEE TO PROMOTE SAME; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Commissioner Joseph provided an explanation of Resolution 2021-46 and discussed the contributions of Miami-Dade County Commissioner Jean Monestime to the City of North Miami Beach. The Vice Mayor and Commission expressed support for the resolution to honor Mr. Monestime.

Vice Mayor Villard opened the meeting for **PUBLIC COMMENT**.

1. Mubarak Kazan

The meeting was closed for **PUBLIC COMMENT**.

**Motion to approve** Resolution 2021-46 made by Commissioner Joseph, seconded by Commissioner Fleurimond.

**Roll Call Vote**

Fleurimond - **Yes**, Jean - **Yes**, Joseph - **Yes**, Smukler - **Yes**, Villard - **Yes**  
**MOTION PASSED 5-0** with Mayor DeFillipo and Commissioner Kramer absent.

**APPOINTMENTS**

Appointing Frances Ricca to the Beautification Committee as an alternate.

Appointing Winesther Telemaque to the Youth Advisory Board.

Appointing Makyla Meikle to the Youth Advisory Board.

Appointing Gabrielle Coard to the Youth Advisory Board.

Reappointmentning Adele Garber to the Commission on the Status of Women.

Reappointmentning Luckencie Pierre to the Commission on the Status of Women.

Reappointmentning Tricia Harris to the Commission on the Status of Women.

**Motion to approve** all of the appointments and reappointments made by Commissioner Smukler, seconded by Commissioner Joseph.

Voice Vote: **MOTION PASSED 5-0** with Mayor DeFillipo and Commissioner Kramer absent.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

City Manager Arthur Sorey thanked the Vice Mayor and Commission for their confidence and the residents who supported him and stated that he has been welcomed by members of the City staff and expressed that he is looking forward to working with the City.

**CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

Interim City Attorney Hans Ottinot welcomed City Manager Arthur Sorey and thanked Assistant City Manager Horace McHugh for working with the City Attorney's Office and stated that he sent a letter regarding the compensation of Assistant City Manager Horace McHugh during his time as Interim City Manager that was signed off by the Human Resources Department and needs Commission approval requesting the Mayor's execution or execution by the Vice Mayor should the Mayor be unavailable.

**Motion to approve** the execution of a letter regarding the salary of Assistant City Manager Horace McHugh during his service as Interim City Manager made by Commissioner Joseph, seconded by Vice Mayor Villard. Voice Vote: **MOTION PASSED 5-0** with Mayor DeFillipo and Commissioner Kramer absent.

**Motion to table** the Fiscal Year 2021 Second Quarter Financial Report to the next Commission Meeting made by Commissioner Joseph, seconded by Commissioner Smukler. Voice Vote: **MOTION PASSED 5-0** with Mayor DeFillipo and Commissioner Kramer absent.

**CITY COMMISSION REPORTS**

Commissioner Fleurimond recognized Ramadan, welcomed City Manager Arthur Sorey, and discussed different ways to use the Zoom platform.

Commissioner Jean had nothing to report.

Commissioner Joseph expressed the need to have more clarity and transparency and consistency when utilizing City funds and announced an upcoming covid vaccination event in the Highland Village community.

Commissioner Smukler thanked Assistant City Manager Horace McHugh for his time as Interim City Manager and discussed a water forgiveness program in the City.

Vice Mayor Villard thanked City staff for participating in the Commission Meeting and welcomed City Manager Arthur Sorey.

**NEXT REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING** is Tuesday, May 18, 2021.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the City Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 8:48pm.

**ATTEST:**

**(SEAL)**

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Andrise Bernard, CMC, City Clerk