



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

Saturday, July 3, 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

Special Commission Meeting Minutes

ROLL CALL OF THE CITY OFFICIALS

The Special Commission Meeting was called to order at 6:05pm.

Present at the meeting were Mayor Anthony F. DeFillipo, Vice Mayor Paule Villard, Commissioner McKenzie Fleurimond, Commissioner Daniela Jean, Commissioner Michael Joseph, Commissioner Barbara Kramer, and Commissioner Fortuna Smukler.

City Manager Arthur H. Sorey III, Interim City Attorney Hans Ottinot, and City Clerk Andrise Bernard were also present.

City Manager Arthur Sorey discussed the recent evacuation of Crestview Towers located at 2025 N.E. 164th Street and announced that a telephone hotline has been set up to provide status updates regarding the situation.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor DeFillipo 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. Former Senator Ron Silver
2. Ron Book (Miami-Dade County Homeless Trust)

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

Commissioner Smukler stated that she visited Crestview Towers on July 2, 2021 and thanked and expressed appreciation to Ron Book, Vicky Mallette, North Miami Beach Police Officer Baker, City Manager Arthur Sorey and staff, Yona Lunger, Jovi Katz, Senator Jason Pizzo, Maggie Gerson, Fulford Methodist Church,

Miami-Dade County Mayor Daniella Levine Cava, Keith Myers, Charlotte Miller, Tricia Harris, the Miami-Dade County Homeless Trust, and Mark Rosenberg.

Commissioner Joseph thanked State Representative Christopher Benjamin, Miami-Dade County Commissioner Jean Monestime, City Manager Arthur Sorey, and Chief of Staff Willis Howard and discussed the possibility of drafting a resolution to request assistance.

Motion to approve to direct the City Manager to send a letter to the county, state, and federal government asking for resources that can be provided made by Commissioner Joseph, seconded by Commissioner Smukler. Voice Vote: **MOTION PASSED 7-0.**

Commissioner Jean thanked City Manager Arthur Sorey and staff and Chief of Police Richard Rand.

Commissioner Fleurimond thanked Ron Book and the Miami-Dade County Homeless Trust, local elected officials, and City Manager Arthur Sorey and staff.

City Manager Arthur Sorey recognized Senator Lauren Book and confirmed that the building has been evacuated and secured.

Mayor DeFillipo stated that he spoke to Senator Jason Pizzo and the office of Miami-Dade County Commissioner Sally Heyman and thanked Ron Book and the Miami-Dade County Homeless Trust and Senator Lauren Book. Mayor DeFillipo expressed desire to get the residents of Crestview Towers back in their homes if the building is deemed safe and livable.

Vice Mayor Villard thanked City Manager Arthur Sorey and staff and Chief of Police Richard Rand and his department.

Commissioner Kramer thanked Building Official Daniel Ozuna, City Manager Arthur Sorey and staff, and Chief of Police Richard Rand and his department.

Interim City Attorney Hans Ottinot discussed the situation at Crestview Towers and recommended to research and provide a legal memorandum with possible action that the City can take.

Motion to approve to direct the City Manager, the City Attorney, and the Building Official to provide a report to the Mayor and Commission with remedies the City has to ensure that repairs are completed with a timeline at Crestview Towers made by Commissioner Joseph, seconded by Vice Mayor Villard.

The Mayor and Commission discussed the proposed motion.

Commissioner Joseph rescinded the previous motion.

Mayor DeFillipo stated that the City Manager can call for a Special Commission Meeting before the next Regular Commission Meeting on July 20, 2021.

Maggie Gerson provided comments regarding Crestview Towers.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm.

ATTEST:

(SEAL)

Andrise Bernard, CMC, City Clerk