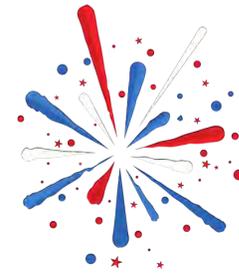


July 2022



City Manager's

# Monthly Report



A digital publication highlighting the City of North Miami Beach's latest news, events, and projects.

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***Anthony F. DeFillipo***  
Mayor



***Fortuna Smukler***  
Commissioner



***Paule Villard***  
Commissioner



***Daniela Jean***  
Commissioner



***McKenzie Fleurimond***  
Vice Mayor



***Barbara Kramer***  
Commissioner



***Micheal Joseph Esq.***  
Commissioner

# Arthur H. Sorey, III

## City Manager's

### *Message*



Dear Mayor & City Commissioners,

As we wrap up the summer season, I'd like to highlight our accomplishments and the special programming we've offered our residents. From summer camps to City events, our residents have experienced different cultures, learned about our new community initiatives, and interacted with NMB staff. On July 7th, we kicked off the month by hosting the Swearing-In Ceremony for our new Chief of Police Harvette S. Smith. Chief Smith brings a revitalizing energy to the NMB Police Department with her extensive experience and her dedication to making our communities a safer place to live.



On July 21st, our Community Planning & Development Department hosted an Affordable Housing Town Hall Meeting. This gathering provided our residents with an in-depth synopsis of our newly created **Affordable Housing Study**. The purpose of the meeting was to educate and share the findings of the study with our residents.

During the weekend of July 23rd and 24th, the City of North Miami Beach and the NMB Friends of the Library honored **Peru's Independence Day** by hosting the 2nd annual "Y Se Llama Perú" Festival. The celebration drew over 1,000 attendees to the NMB Discovery Library & Amphitheater. This event was an opportunity for our community to immerse themselves in a different culture while learning about Peru's rich history, food, dance, and music.

As you'll notice in this month's report, we have incorporated a new section called "Grant Dollars Search & Awards." We hope this section provides you with valuable insight into the additional funding we've been able to secure as well as evaluate for feasibility in order to enhance our communities and to build future development projects.

Thank you for taking the time to review this month's report. I look forward to seeing you at our next Commission Meeting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. Sorey".

Arthur H. Sorey, III

# Hurricane Preparedness at NMB

## Commissioner Daniela Jean hosts the Emergency Preparedness Drive in partnership with Home Depot

On Thursday, July 28th, the City of North Miami Beach and Commissioner Daniela Jean hosted the 2022 Emergency Preparedness Drive at the Kevin R. Sims Aquatics Center at Victory Park. We extend a special thanks to the **Home Depot** team for sponsoring this event which provided residents with Emergency To-Go Bags filled with essential items like a crank radio, a first aid kit, batteries, flashlights, non-perishable food items, water, a FEMA booklet, a Miami-Dade County Hurricane Preparedness Guide, two free COVID-19 at-home testing kits, and more! To view more images, visit our Flickr album.



# Grant Dollars Search & Awards

## Addressing Environmental Changes and Creating Storm Water Solutions

**Congresswoman Frederica Wilson** submitted an application within the Community Project Funding Grant category on behalf of North Miami Beach in the amount of **\$1,141,038** for the City of North Miami Beach Drainage Improvement. These funds will address critical storm water projects in Pickwick neighborhood and West Dixie Highway industrial zone, which are vulnerable to environmental change. As the Congressional representative for the 24th District of Florida, Congresswoman Wilson remains committed to ensuring that Miami-Dade and Broward municipalities receive the necessary assistance to maintain their organizations' financial health while supporting residents and children. Congresswoman Wilson, we thank you!

## Washington Park Playground

The City received notice from Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program (FRDAP) that it awarded **\$200,000** toward the new Washington Park playground, which will consist of ADA accessible equipment with a ramping system, poured in place safety surfacing, swings, and shade canopies.

# Grants (Continued)



## The Children's Trust Youth Development Programs

In August 2022, NMB will begin its fifth year of a 5-year \$2M grant awarded by The Children's Trust for afterschool and summer programming at Uleta Park, Highland Village, Washington Park, and our NMB Library. As a result of the award, our youth received literacy coaching, social and life skills training, physical fitness, nutrition education, arts and culture, weekly field trips, and introduction to robotics and coding classes. This award augmented additional program services, activities, and events funded by The Children's Trust such as a STEM Program, as well as AutoCAD (Computer-Aided Design) software. Additional enrichment activities include social emotional learning, academic support, test preparation, cultural arts, and family engagement events.

The Children's Trust is a dedicated source of revenue derived from property taxes and established by voter referendum in 2002. Their mission is to partner with the community to plan, advocate for, and fund strategic investments that improve the lives of all children and families in Miami-Dade County. Their vision is for a community that works together to provide the essential foundations to enable every child to achieve their full potential.

The City intends to apply for the next Children's Trust 5-year funding cycle, for contract years 2024-2029, through its upcoming RFP for Youth Development programs scheduled for release in October 2022.

# Public Works

## City Hall's Southern External Wall Restoration

Restoration work on City Hall's southern external wall has been completed. The contractor, Garland Company, Inc., completed the work on August 4th. The work progressed safely and smoothly with no incidents. The closed off section of City Hall's parking lot has been reopened for regular vehicular and pedestrian traffic.



## Driveway Approach Program

The City is preparing to implement the Driveway Approach Program which launched on April 1st, 2022. The program's goal is to assist homeowners with the repair/replacement of their driveway approaches. Under the program, the owner agrees to the terms and conditions for eligibility, acceptance, and participation in the Program. Once accepted, the City, through its contractor, will reconstruct the property's driveway approach. The City will cover up to \$3,100 and the owner contributes \$300 toward the improvements. The City is currently finalizing sixteen (16) resident agreement packages for distribution to eligible homeowners.

## Fleet Division

The City of North Miami Beach is moving toward a more efficient and responsive fleet management program. We have completed the development of a Take Home Vehicle Policy. Our Department Directors are in the process of reviewing draft Loaner Vehicle, Vehicle Replacement, and Accident Incident Reporting policies. This information will allow for improved tracking and management of our fleet. We will continue to work towards optimization of the fleet management software. An internal evaluation is underway.

# Coastal Waste & Recycling Transition

The City continues to inform NMB residents and commercial customers about the new service schedules during our transition to Coastal. The following updates highlight the progression of our transition.



**MPU** = Missed Pickup  
**CSA** = Customer Service Agreement

**Property Dmg** = Property Damage  
**Svc. Complaint** = Service Complaint

## Coastal Citywide Bulk Clean-up

Coastal Waste & Recycling committed to a citywide bulk clean-up as part of their contract with the City. During the first 60 days of the transition, this initiative included the deployment of additional equipment to clean up residual bulk and illegally dumped trash within NMB boundaries. Coastal has also strengthened locked-down areas with the placement of master locks. Moreover, Coastal, Code Enforcement, and Solid Waste have worked in tandem to identify illegal dumping “hot spots,” which will be monitored regularly.

## Recycling Updates

NMB code officers are continuing the initiative of distributing informational recycling door hangers throughout NMB neighborhoods. As residents are adjusting to the new recycling schedule of every other week, they are reporting fewer missed pick-up calls to customer service. NMB is committed to providing ongoing communications to support residents through the solid waste transition.

# Capital Improvement Projects



## Washington Park Community Center

In our continued efforts to deliver a state of art facility, the City is currently working to improve and continue moving forward with the design phase of this project. The goal is to finalize the design and begin planning for the construction phase. The permitting process should begin in early 2023.

## City Hall 2nd Floor Renovation Project

The City received a letter dated July 22, 2022, from the contractor, Bespoke Construction Management LLC, stating that it is unable to complete the above referenced project due to its insolvency. In response, the City is pursuing every available option to deliver the project. Time is of the essence. Further delays by the contractor may potentially delay other projects, contractors, and City office relocations.



## The Senior Center

In preparation for the Senior Center groundbreaking event on Friday, October 14, 2022, the building's exterior will be painted and the courtyard will be brought to life. Painting is to be completed by the middle of August. Architects have begun the process of design development and will provide 3D renderings at the groundbreaking event.

## NE 151 St & NE 14 Ave Roundabout

Construction of the long-awaited roundabout at **NE 151 Street** and **NE 14th Avenue** is set to begin in upcoming weeks. The roundabout is intended to mitigate the dangers on the intersection. Residents have had to endure numerous accidents over the years. The safety of our residents and anyone driving through this area is our top priority. The project will take 180 days to complete.



## NMB Police Department Restroom Remodel

The renovation of the men and women's restrooms in our NMB Police Department will begin in a matter of weeks. The project will include removal and replacements of all plumbing fixtures as well as installing new floors, wall tiles, and replacing all of the partitions.

# NMB CRA & Economic Development

## Small Business Workshops coming to NMB!

The North Miami Beach CRA partnered with **Florida Small Business Development Center (SBDC) at FIU** to present a series of four Small Business Workshops to local entrepreneurs. Residents may view the workshops online or attend in-person at the City Hall Commission Chambers (2nd Floor). From Finance 101 to Marketing Tips, participants will be able to learn the necessary skills to take their business to the next level. All workshops are held from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

These workshops serve as a continuation of our partnership with FIU's Pino Global Entrepreneurship Center. The goal is to inspire our residents to keep growing their businesses while providing them with valuable tools and resources.

In an effort to promote the workshops, the flyer has been scheduled on all of our City's social media platforms and it is being emailed via Constant Contact every week.

THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH CRA PARTNERS  
WITH SBDC FIU TO PRESENT:

**SMALL BUSINESS WORKSHOPS**  
All workshops are held from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

**AUGUST 3, 2022**  
**START UP, START RIGHT**  
This workshop will cover basic steps to turn your idea into a reality. Like any big goal, we'll start by breaking it down into smaller tasks. This course will cover the Business Planning, Legal, Financial and Marketing aspects you'll be able to tackle in order to get started.  
To register: [Go.FIU.edu/StepUp](https://Go.FIU.edu/StepUp)

**AUGUST 23, 2022**  
**MARKETING FOR SMALL AND MICRO BUSINESSES**  
During this webinar, we will explore the benefits of marketing for mini and micro businesses. Learn how to create a marketing plan for a mini or micro business and tips for budget-conscious marketing.  
To register: [Go.FIU.edu/Marketing](https://Go.FIU.edu/Marketing)

**AUGUST 30, 2022**  
**SMALL BUSINESS FINANCE 101**  
Need to increase your financial acumen and understand how to obtain the financial capital for funding to fuel your business growth? Join us for this workshop covering a basic review of these financial statements and basic concepts.  
To register: [Go.FIU.edu/Finance101](https://Go.FIU.edu/Finance101)

**SEPTEMBER 22, 2022**  
**BUILDING NETWORKS TO SUCCESSFULLY SECURE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS**  
This webinar will show you how to evaluate if government contracting is right for your business and how to search for opportunities and develop the best plan to be successful.  
To register: [Go.FIU.edu/Local](https://Go.FIU.edu/Local)

To attend the workshops in-person:  
North Miami Beach City Hall  
(Commission Chambers, 2nd Floor)  
17011 NE 19th Ave, North Miami Beach, FL 33162

**FIU** Pino Global Entrepreneurship Center

## Project Highlights at Parks



### July is Parks & Recreation Month!

To culminate this special month, Vice Mayor McKenzie Fleurimond and Parks & Recreation Director Andrew Plotkin (pictured above on the right) handed out cold drinks and fresh fruit to residents who were enjoying the trails at Snake Creek Canal on July 28th.

### RecTrac

Our new software is scheduled to launch in August which will allow residents to make Parks & Recreation requests online.

### Aquatics Class Recap

The Parks and Recreation Aquatics team taught a total of **464** participants in various learn to swim classes over the summer.



### Summer Camp Show

After a two-year hiatus, the yearly end of summer camp show will be held on Thursday, August 4th, at 7 p.m. This year's theme will be "Blast from The Past."

### Summer Camp Registration Recap

The Parks and Recreation Department serviced a total of **417** children during the summer camp program.

### After School Registration Begins

After School registration for Highland Village Community Center, Uleta Community Center, Washington Park Community Center, and the YES Center began August 1, 2022, for North Miami Beach Residents.

# NMB Library Programs

## Celebrating Peru's Independence Day at NMB



The City of North Miami Beach and the NMB Friends of the Library celebrated Peru's Independence Day by hosting the 2nd annual "Y Se Llama Perú" Festival. The weekend celebration took place on Saturday, July 23rd, and Sunday, July 24th, 2022, from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. at the NMB Discovery Library & Amphitheater.

This year's "Y Se Llama Perú" Festival drew **over 1,000 attendees** and it was hosted by Aurelio Espinoza, Peruvian Radio Host, and Cynthia de Costa, Host on Telemundo's News Café Show.



The event showcased Peru's rich culture, music, food, folkloric dance, and art. Guests enjoyed live performances by renown Peruvian rock band, Grupo Rio, Peruvian Cumbia singer Pedro Loli, Christian Silva, Afrodisiaco, DJ Angelo 305, Jhony Mora, Peruvian Folkloric music performers Hermanos Sulca, Christian Zuarez, Andean Dance Group Sumaj Tusuy, and Peruvian Marinera Dancer Abigail Lopez.



The festival also featured a variety of food and artisanal vendors, an art expo, and a fashion show debuting the latest collection by Peruvian Designer **Maritza Guevara**.

## Oceans of Possibilities Summer Reading Camp

Every year, NMB Discovery Library helps our community fight the summer slide, a reference to the learning loss that takes place when students are out of school. This summer, we returned to in-person summer reading camp and hosted 30 students. Diving off the summer theme of learning about the ocean and bodies of water, the Sharp Sharks Summer Camp included pre-tests, reading, and vocabulary development time as well as special daily programs and weekly field trips. One librarian, two reading teachers, college students, and volunteer counselors oversaw the program. The students were exposed to marine biologists, visited turtle rescue centers as well as State of Florida and National Parks. The successful summer program resulted in improved summer reading and comprehension scores for all attendees. Students who joined the program saw an increase of 3-4 months of learning rather than experiencing the traditional summer slide. The NMB Friends of the Library supported this program with prizes and special activities for the students. We look forward to hosting a new set of students next summer!



# Development in the Pipeline

The Community Development Department is composed of the Planning & Zoning, Business Licensing, and Code Enforcement Divisions. The Department's goal is to ensure the implementation of the objectives and policies of the City's Comprehensive Plan and Code of Ordinances.

## Projects Under Review



### Prestige Boardwalk

#### 16651 NE 18th Avenue

Proposed mixed-use development consisting of a 15-story building with **370** residential dwellings and 33,008 sq. ft. of ground floor retail, a parking facility, and related amenities. Property is within the Fulford Mixed Use Town Center zoning district.



### New Northtown Apartments

#### 15530, 15540, & 15780 West Dixie Hwy.

Applicant intends to develop a mixed-use property with 1,565 residential units spread across 6 buildings, 28,700 sq. ft. of ground-floor retail use, and two parking facilities. There will also be four private pools and four clubhouses spread across the property.

Development located within the Mixed-Use Employment Center zoning district.



### BH 164

Applicant is proposing a mixed-use development located at **2261 NE 164th Street** within the Fulford Mixed-Use Town Center zoning district. The approximately 85,334 sq. ft. property will consist of **400** residential units, a recreational deck, pool, amenities, and 900 sq. ft. of ground floor retail space.



### Uptown Harbor (aka. Intracoastal Mall)

Proposed project to develop **29.08** acres of land located within Mixed Use East Waterfront district at **3501 Sunny Isle Boulevard, 3745 NE 163 Street, and 3909 NE 163 Street**. The mixed-use development would consist of 375,000 sq. ft. of commercial/retail space, 200,000 sq. ft. of office space, **2000** residential units, and **250** hotel units in accordance with the approved development program.



### North Academy

Formerly known as “Beauty School of America,” it is located at **1813 NE 163rd Street** within the Mixed-Use Town Center zoning district. The applicant is seeking a change of use from a vocational school to an educational facility for special needs students. This change of use requires a Conditional Use approval to go forward.

### Orthopedic Care Center

Located at **17200-40 NE 19th Avenue** within the Residential Office zoning district. The site was also previously used as a medical office. However, this use was paused for more than 180 days which makes a conditional use approval necessary according to section 24-34 of the Zoning and Land Development Code.



### McDonald's Site Plan Modification

**2239 NE 163rd Street**

Applicant is seeking minor site plan modifications and elevation changes to a McDonald's restaurant located within the Fulford Mixed Use Town Center zoning district.



### MUV North Miami Beach

**16635 NE 19th Avenue**

Applicant is seeking a minor site plan modification and conditional use approval for the operation of a medical marijuana dispensary within an existing 3,977 sq. ft. building.

Site is located within the Fulford Mixed Use Town Center zoning district.

### Trulieve Dispensary

Applicant is seeking a site plan modification and Conditional Use approval for the operation of a medical marijuana dispensary approximately 3,700 sq. ft. in size located at **2250 NE 163rd Street** within the Mixed-Use Employment Center zoning district. Proposed development will be on a property with an existing shopping center.





### **Soleste on the Bay 16375 Biscayne Blvd.**

Applicant is seeking Site Plan approval for the construction of a mixed-use development consisting of **363** apartment units, 14,582 sq ft. of ground-floor commercial and restaurant space, and **645** parking spaces.

Development will be located within the Mixed-Use South Waterfront zoning district.

### **North Miami Beach Comprehensive Plan Text Amendment**

An amendment to the Comprehensive Plan to add a property rights element as required by section 163.3177(6)(i) of the Florida Statutes. This section which was created by the Florida Legislature in the 2021 Legislative Session, requires that government entities respect judicially acknowledged and constitutionally protected private property rights.

### **Code Enforcement**

Code Compliance Officer Ali Cassim Jr. passed level 4 certification. This certification helps the officer develop skills from hostile encounters. It also provides the training that can grow with the officer by enhancing professionalism and problem solving skills.

## **NMB Water**



### **Eastern Shores Watermain System Rehabilitation – Phase 1**

The 12-inch watermain pipe project is progressing by the Contractor, along **NE 35th Avenue** between **NE 168th Street** and **NE 171st Street**. There are six (6) pipe segments that have now been installed in this area. This project replaced aging water lines that had a history of multiple breaks.



### **Corona del Mar Collection System – Phase 2**

The manhole rings and covers have been installed. Material has been ordered that is required to relocate the 24” water line on **NE 161st Street**. The CIP Team is continuing to monitor the sewer mainline installation by the Contractor. This project involves construction of a new gravity sewer system.



### **Honey Hills Watermain Rehabilitation**

The installation of the watermain has begun on the western portion of the project. Piping work on **NE 201st Street** and crossover connections in the intersections of **NE 200th Terrace** are the only sections remaining. This project replaced aging water lines that had a history of multiple breaks.

# The Human Resources Corner

## July Safety Awareness Topic – Beat the Heat!

In an effort to beat the heat this summer and as a follow up to last month's Heat Stress Training, the City continues to reinforce precautions employees can take to minimize the risk of heat-related illnesses. On July 20th, the HR/Risk Team distributed portable 5 gallon coolers and half gallon beverage coolers to staff as we continue to remind employees the importance of staying hydrated. Additional Safety Trainings will be held in the month of August.



## Rising Talent at the City of North Miami Beach

As we continue to grow our NMB Team, we're happy to welcome the following new employees to our City:

**Water Meter Reader – David Siegle**

**Utility Locator – Ariel Gabarro**

**Staff Accountant – Julio Santillana**

**Public Works Director – David Scott**

Mr. Scott is an experienced Municipal Government Administrator with more than 30 years of experience in the public sector. Mr. Scott has a demonstrated record of successfully implementing strategic initiatives and organizational process improvements, overseeing a diverse portfolio of municipal operations. Mr. Scott holds a Bachelor's Degree in Engineering and a Master's Degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Maryland (Go Terrapins!!). Join us in extending a warm welcome to our newest team member as he begins his journey at City of North Miami Beach.



## The EC-Council's Certified Chief Information Security Officer Program

Our Chief Information Officer, Ricardo Castillo, recently completed the Certified Chief Information Security Officer (CCISO) Certification, an industry-leading program that recognizes the real-world experience necessary to succeed at the highest executive levels of information security. The CCISO does not focus solely on technical knowledge but on the application of information security management principles from an executive management point of view. The CCISO Program requires candidates to take official CCISO Training or Self Study. Once training has been completed, applicants who sit for the CCISO Exam are required to have 5 years of verifiable Information Systems management experience in 3 of the 5 CCISO domains which include Governance, Risk and Compliance; Security Controls and Audit Management; Program Management and Operations; Information Security Core Competencies; and Strategic Planning, Finance, Procurement.



***Congratulations to Ricardo A. Castillo, CGCIO, CCISO!***

You are amongst the few Information Technology Directors in the State of Florida to hold such a distinguished title!

# NMB Police Department



## Chief Harvette Smith's Swearing-In Ceremony



On Thursday, July 7, 2022, Chief Harvette Smith was sworn in as Chief of Police for the North Miami Beach Police Department (NMBPD). Chief Smith made history as she became the first African American to lead the NMBPD. During her inaugural speech, Chief Smith spoke about her vision and mission of the agency as well as the importance of community engagement and involvement. Chief Smith's primary goals are to continue to recruit and retain a diverse police department. She also plans to work on enhancing NMBPD's technology to increase our crime fighting abilities and reduce crime.

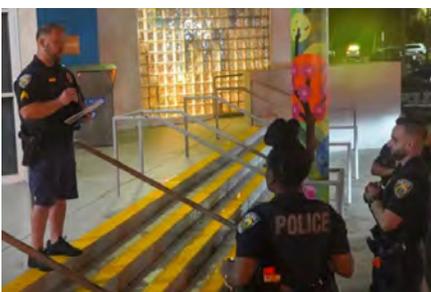
## Active Shooter in the Workplace Awareness Course



Detective Rey Hernandez and Major Jason Ochoa (pictured on the left) taught NMB employees how to recognize potential workplace violence indicators. Attendees also learned ways to prevent and prepare for potential active shooter incidents.

## Civilian & Officer of the Year Awards

On Thursday, June 23, 2022, Chief Harvette Smith awarded the 2021 Civilian & Officer of the Year. The Officer of the Year award was given to Detectives Zoila Exculusa, and Ingrid Ruiz (pictured on the top right). This year's Civilian award recipient was Police Communication Officer Crystal White (pictured with Chief Smith on right). Congratulations!



## Midnight Roll Call at the NMB Library

Throughout this month, the Operation Division has been conducting roll calls at the North Miami Beach Library. The NMBPD has taken a proactive stance these last few months to help prevent crime before it happens. The high police presence around the library has reduced crime and strengthened community and social structures with our police officers and residents by conducting these off-site roll calls. We plan to continue these roll calls in the near future.

**#9PM ROUTINE**

FOLLOW THESE TIPS

- REMOVE VALUABLES FROM VEHICLE
- LOCK YOUR VEHICLE DOORS
- LOCK YOUR HOME
- KEEP EXTERIOR RESIDENCE LIGHTS ON OR USE MOTION DETECTING LIGHTS
- CLOSE OVERHEAD GARAGE DOORS

TEXT NMBPDAPP TO 95577 TO DOWNLOAD THE NMBPD MOBILE APP

## 9 PM Routine Campaign

During the last week in July, NMBPD shared various #9pmRoutine tips via social media. The goal of this campaign was to help NMB residents keep their homes and vehicles safe from burglars. This campaign will be extended into the month of August to ensure our messaging makes a greater impact and reduces crimes.

## Emotional Support Dog Training

Sergeant Rafael Florencio, Supervisor of the NMBPD's K9 Unit, assisted the Miami-Dade School Board Police Department's (MDSBPD) K9 Unit with their emotional support dogs. Sergeant Florencio discussed several behavior techniques and assisted the MDSBPD K9 team in developing training policies.

# Building Department



## Crestview Condominium

The Building Department as well as Planning & Zoning approved the permits for the new permanent generator, stand pipes, and fire pump. However, the Crestview Association is in the process of hiring a new contractor and has asked for a 10 day extension. We are currently waiting until they select a contractor.

## SKYGARDEN Residences, Aura, and NMB Venus

These three development projects have been progressing and are currently in the same stage. Our courtesy review was approved by engineering, Planning & Zoning as well as FEMA. The plans are being reviewed by the County. Once the plans are approved by the County, those plans will be sent to Planning & Zoning, Public Works (Engineering, and the Building Department. Planning & Zoning as well as Public Works will review the plans for final approval.



# Finance Department

## Updates from the Finance Team

The Finance Department completed the Annual Financial Audit and the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR). This report was submitted to the Florida Auditor General in accordance to the June 30th due date. The ACFR is a comprehensive summary of the City's financial position for the period of October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021. To review the full report, [click here](#).

The Finance Department continues to work on the **FY23 budget and five-year CIP review** with the City Manager and Budget Committee. This process involves a comprehensive review of departments request for future fiscal year funding.



# ARPA Funding Updates from City Departments

The City of North Miami Beach received American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for the 2022 fiscal year. The following updates have been provided by City Departments regarding their projects:

## **Mortgage & Rental Assistance** (Economic Stabilization)

Funding Amount: \$200,000

As of the end of July, \$26,800 has been dispersed to 10 residents who qualified for the program.

## **Job Training Programs/Certificates** (Economic Stabilization)

Funding Amount: \$50,000

This program will assist the NMBPD with resources to acquire cadets to be trained as certified police officers. There are currently two cadets who completed the academy. NMBPD is working on vetting applicants for enrollment.

## **Home Rehabilitation** (Economic Stabilization)

Funding Amount: \$680,000

Currently being implemented and managed by the CRA/Economic Development staff.

## **Business Assistance** (Economic Stabilization)

Funding Amount: \$300,000

This program will assist local North Miami Beach businesses to alleviate job loss caused by business closures related to social economic disturbances caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. The program offers grants to assist with operations to enable retention. Applications are currently under review.

## **Vulnerability Study** (Planning)

Funding Amount: \$100,000

This reimbursement grant was awarded to Community Development. These funds will be used to help them conduct a city wide assessment to identify critical assets, vulnerabilities, mitigation and resiliency. Pending contract execution with consultant.

## **Urban Forestry Master Plan** (Planning)

Funding Amount: \$30,000

Grant awarded to Community Development. Pending contract execution with consultant.

## **Affordable Housing Study** (Planning)

Funding Amount: \$15,000

Town Hall Meeting hosted by Community Development held on July 21st. Pending resolution.

## **Parking Study** (Planning)

Funding Amount: \$65,000

Community Development is working on receiving a final quote from the parking consultant for the parking study and amendment. The purchase order is expected to be approved within the next 2 weeks.

## **NMB Police** (Mental Health Awareness)

Funding Amount: \$30,000

NMBPD hosted an Employee Wellness Picnic on Saturday August 6, 2022. This family orientated picnic encouraged staff to focus on their psychological well-being by promoting relaxing activities like social interactions, massages, and mindfulness.

## **CIP Projects**

### **City Hall 2nd Floor Renovations** (Infrastructure Upgrades)

Funding Amount: \$73,965

ARPA funds were used to assist with the HVAC system for the ongoing renovation project located on the 2nd floor of City Hall. This system will be installed in Phase Two of the project.

### **15th Avenue Bridge over Snake Creek Canal** (Infrastructure Upgrades)

Funding Amount: \$225,530

The 15th Ave Bridge over Snake Creek Canal had a noticeable crack near one of its 8 expansion joints. The City acquired structural engineering services to provide a repair plan. The repairs were solicited and ARPA funding under the infrastructural community benefit became the source of the construction funding.

## **Senior Center** (Development Readiness)

Funding Amount: \$1,500,000

The City is currently using ARPA as the source funding for the redevelopment of the upcoming Senior Center. The center will provide community seniors a place to engage with each other in a welcoming and stimulating environment.