

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-XX

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH (CITY), FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR DESIGNEE TO EXPEND FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$250,000.00) FROM THE FUNDS RECEIVED BY THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH UNDER THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL RELIEF TO RESIDENTS WHO MAY SUFFER FINANCIAL INSECURITY DUE TO COVID-19 AND MANDATORY WATER RATE INCREASE FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS OF THE WATER PLANT; PROVIDING THE CITY MANAGER AND CITY ATTORNEY WITH THE AUTHORITY TO DO ALL THINGS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE RESOLUTION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (“ARPA”) is a \$1.9 trillion economic stimulus bill passed by the 117th United States Congress and signed into law by President Joe Biden on March 11, 2021, to speed up the United States’ recovery from the economic and health effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and the ongoing recession; and

WHEREAS, the ARPA includes \$65 billion in recovery funds for cities across the country; and

WHEREAS, ARPA funds are intended to provide support to state, local, and tribal governments in responding to the financial impact of COVID-19 to their communities, residents and businesses and the United States Department of Treasury has adopted guidance regarding the use of ARPA funds; and

WHEREAS, the City, in response to the pandemic, has had expenditures and anticipates future expenditures consistent with the Department of Treasury’s ARPA guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the City has been allocated Twenty-One Million Five Hundred Fifty-Seven Thousand Two Hundred Forty-Two and 00/100 Dollars (\$21,557,242.00) that are being distributed in two (2) disbursements; and

WHEREAS, the City approved Resolution No. R2021-96 on the 23rd day of September 2021 approving the allocation of CARES Act Funds to assist residents who are experiencing financial insecurity with water bills and has given the authority to the City Manager to make additional allocations in an amount not-to-exceed Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00); and

WHEREAS, the City approved Ordinance No. 2019-04, which provides for mandatory water rate increases of 4.5% for five consecutive Fiscal Years to support capital improvements to the water plan, and such rate increases which will be effective October 1 of each year; and

WHEREAS, significant parts of the City’s population are considered to be suffering from financial insecurity and are being affected by growing affordability challenges, impacting NMB Water’s ability of collecting past due credits from utility account holders; and

WHEREAS, City Administration is strategically planning a one-time subsidy of \$250,000.00 to offset the rate increase and will provide credits to Single and Multi-Family Residentials for Fiscal Year 2023 (October 1 to September 30) and the credit will be shown in the utility bill; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission deems it to be in the public interest to adopt this Resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DUTLY RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Commission of the City of North Miami Beach, Florida, as follows:

Section 1. The City Commission hereby authorizes the City Manager or Designee to expend funds in the amount of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) received by the City of North Miami Beach under the American Rescue Plan Act to provide relief to residents suffering from financial insecurity due to Covid-19 and mandatory water rate increase for capital improvements to the NMB Water Plant for fiscal year 2022-23; and

Section 2. The City Commission hereby authorizes the City Manager and the City Attorney to do all things necessary to effectuate this Resolution.

Section 3. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this ___ day of _____, 2022.

ATTEST:

ANDRISE BERNARD, MMC
CITY CLERK

ANTHONY F. DEFILLIPO
MAYOR

(CITY SEAL)

APPROVED AS TO FORM &
LANGUAGE & FOR EXECUTION

HANS OTTINOT
CITY ATTORNEY

SPONSORED BY: Commissioner Paule Villard