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City Commission Meeting Staff Report

Meeting Date: 6/17/2025
 (First Reading)

File No: 24-04

Application Name:
 Public Arts Ordinance

Request:

An ordinance of the City of North Miami Beach, Florida, approving to amend the City’s Code of Ordinances Chapter XXIV entitled “Zoning and Land Development” by creating and establishing Article XX entitled “Public Arts”.

City Commission Motion:

1. **Move to approve** the Ordinance (File# 24-04), to Chapter XXIV, entitled “Zoning and Land Development,” Article XX by creating a new section entitled “Public Arts” to create regulations and processes to enhances the City's heritage, values, and visions for the future through Public Art integrated in the architecture, infrastructure, and landscape; by finding that the request is consistent with the City Charter and the Comprehensive Plan, and does meet the criteria’s set forth in the Zoning and Land Development Regulations.

2. **Move to deny** the Ordinance (File# 24-04), to Chapter XXIV, entitled “Zoning and Land Development,” Article XX by creating a new section entitled “Public Arts” to create regulations and processes to enhances the City's heritage, values, and visions for the future through Public Art integrated in the architecture, infrastructure, and landscape; by finding that the request is inconsistent with the City Charter and the Comprehensive Plan, and doesn’t meet the criteria’s set forth in the Zoning and Land Development Regulations.

3. **Move to continue** with direction

Background:

At the request of the City Commission, staff is proposing to establish a Public Art Ordinance to outline clear procedures for integrating diverse forms of artwork into applicable land use areas for new development projects, redevelopment projects, and recreational/open space areas. The proposed ordinance will include general provisions, implementation, and funding opportunities through the creation of public art and various forms of artwork. This task will be spearheaded by the Community Development Department with the assistance and support from the City’s Beautification Committee, who will review submissions of all artwork and make recommendations to the Mayor and City Commission. The purpose of the City of North Miami Beach Public Arts Ordinance is to promote the general welfare of the community, increase property values, and enhance the built environment through the integration of Public Art.

The ordinance creates opportunities for collaboration between artists and developers to enhance properties and new developments throughout the City. In addition to, the ordinance outlines provisions for the applicable land use areas where public art shall be incorporated, review standards for various types of art, including murals. The Ordinance also include guidelines on the ownership and maintenance of artwork, the creation of a Public Art Fund, and Public Art Fees. The City Commission will ultimately approve the artwork, recommendations, donations, and/or acquisitions of public art to fulfill the requirements of the ordinance. Various municipalities operate under similar concepts toward art in public places.

Staff Analysis:

After thorough research and analysis of public art across comparable municipalities, the City acknowledges that incorporating diverse forms of artwork into its built environment contribute to a richer, more vibrant living and working environment and also contributes to economic growth. Public Art not only attracts visitors and potential residents but also stimulates the local economy by creating job opportunities, cultural identity, community engagement, and place-making. This initiative advocates the City's goals and objectives.

Comprehensive Plan Consistency:

Staff finds that the proposed Ordinance furthers the following goals, objectives, and policies of the City of North Miami Beach Comprehensive Plan listed below:

I. Future Land Use Element

Goals, Objectives, and Policies

Policy 1.8.1 (a): Create and/or enhance community-benefiting assets. These community benefiting assets can include increased park and to accommodate new residents particularly east of US 1, cultural institutions, [public art](#), open space, gazebos, fountains, plazas, seating areas, colonnades, shaded landscaped areas, or similar features.

Policy 1.8.1 (d): Promote distinctive, attractive projects with a strong sense of place through its unique architecture, site planning, walkability, connection to a variety of transportation choices, enhancement of neighborhood identity, and its choice of landscape materials, or similar.

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