



**CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH**  
City Commission Special Meeting  
Julius Litman Performing Arts Theatre  
17011 N.E. 19th Avenue  
North Miami Beach, FL. 33162  
**Monday, November 30, 2020**  
**7:00 p.m.**

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

City Manager Esmond K. Scott  
  
City Attorney Weiss Serota Helfman Cole and Bierman,  
Dan Espino  
  
City Clerk Andrise Bernard, CMC

**Special Commission Meeting Minutes**

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**1. ROLL CALL OF THE CITY OFFICIALS**

The Special City Commission Meeting was called to order at 8:43 p.m. Present at the meeting in Theatre were Mayor Anthony DeFillipo, Vice Mayor Barbara Kramer, Commissioner McKenzie Fleurimond, Commissioner Michael Joseph, Commissioner Daniela Jean, Commissioner Fortuna Smukler, and Commissioner Paule Villard. Manager Esmond Scott, City Attorney Dan Espino, and City Clerk Andrise Bernard were also present.

**2. INVOCATION**

Mayor Anthony DeFillipo prayed for God's blessings and unity on the Commission.

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

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mayor DeFillipo opened the meeting for **PUBLIC COMMENT**.

City Clerk Andrise Bernard read the rules of public comment.

There were no public comments.

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

## **5. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Greg Williams, Public Affairs Manager, congratulated the newly installed Mayor and Commissioners. He announced upcoming City events: Menorah lighting virtual video on December 10, 2020; Library featuring NMB Holiday Family Traditions December 13, 2020 from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. featuring Llama Llama and many fun activities; Library open-air movie night starting on December 19, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. with limited, assigned seating and RSVP at [www.nmblib.com](http://www.nmblib.com) City Manager Scott shared that some of the event plans will have to be modified based upon the COVID infection rates going up. Families are supposed to drive through a future Snow Fest holiday, tree-lighting event, but a resident shared that she didn't have a car, so the City is trying to see what might be a safe, inclusive alternative and the public is asked to stay tuned for further details.

## **6. CONSENT AGENDA**

### **6.2. Resolution 2020-114 - Approving a Change Order for KCI Technical Services**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING A CHANGE ORDER TO KESSLER CONSULTING INC. FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR SOLID WASTE CONTRACT; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN CONTRACTUAL DOCUMENTS AND TO EXPEND BUDGETED FUNDS, IN FURTHERANCE HEREOF; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

### **6.3. Resolution 2020-115 - Supporting the renaming of Dixie Highway to Harriet Tubman Highway**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE EFFORTS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO RENAME PORTIONS OF OLD, WEST, AND SOUTH DIXIE HIGHWAY AS HARRIET TUBMAN HIGHWAY; APPROVING THE CODESIGNATION OF SAME; URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE AND OTHER MUNICIPALITEIS TO DO SAME; PROVIDING FOR TRANSMITTAL AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Item 6.1 was pulled from the Consent Agenda upon the request of Mayor DeFillipo.

**Motion to approve** the Consent Agenda as amended made by Commissioner Villard, seconded by Commissioner Fleurimond.

**MOTION PASSED 7-0.**

## **DISCUSSION**

### **6.1. Resolution R2020-113 Approving Lease Vehicles with Enterprise Fleet Management (Jafeth Baez, P.E. MSCE, Director of NMB Water)**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE LEASE OF THIRTY-SIX (36) VEHICLES FOR THE PUBLIC UTILITIES DEPARTMENT IN AN ANNUAL ESTIMATED AMOUNT FOR YEAR ONE OF \$308,649.04 AND AN ANNUAL ESTIMATED YEAR TWO-FIVE OF \$253,726.56; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT AND TO EXPEND BUDGETED FUNDS, IN FURTHERANCE HEREOF; PROVIDING**

**FOR IMPLEMENTATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Mayor DeFillipo pulled this item from the consent calendar for discussion, and to allow the opportunity to newly installed Commissioner Jean to receive an introduction to the item. City Manager Scott provided background information on the item for the Mayor and Commission. He shared that in order to meet the water plant transition deadline that necessary vehicles will need to be leased due to delays related to COVID that have slowed the usual vehicle purchase timeframe.

**Motion to approve** the R2020-113 made by Commissioner Villard, seconded by Commissioner Fleurimond.

**MOTION PASSED 7-0.**

**7. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

City Manager Scott thanked staff for their great efforts and hard work to produce such a successful and beautiful installation ceremony in the Theatre.

**7.1 Update on Solid Waste Negotiation Update**

City Manager Scott shared that November 30, 2020 is the end of the contract with Waste Management, who did not bid on the current RFP, they have extended their contract for a maximum of two months, that he hopes to have the contract negotiations with Waste Pro completed in one month, and that he will have further, upcoming one-on-one meetings with the Mayor and Commission.

**7.2 Update on the CARE ACT**

Assistant City Manager Horace McHugh gave a presentation on the \$835,000 CARES Act grant COVID-19 Recovery Grant to the Mayor and Commission. The program will remain open until December 10, 2020 for the approximately \$300,000 residential grant for housing assistance, administered by the County, and December 11, 2020 for the approximately \$500,000 commercial grant, administered by an outside agency, or as long as funds remain available, for those negatively impacted by COVID, which will include a very extensive outreach program, including direct mailings to the businesses, websites, television ads, digital signs, radio ads, flyers, email distribution, social media, and more.

Commissioner Smukler asked what radio and TV stations will be used to communicate the programs, and Mr. McHugh responded that radio stations primarily targeting minority communities, such as the Creole and Hispanic communities, will be used, and that the Hispanic Chamber will also assist with communications. Commissioner Fleurimond thanked the County for releasing the funds for the City residents, and with the fast-approaching respective deadlines of December 10 and 11, 2020, he suggested that support might be needed to help residents apply for the funds.

Mayor DeFillipo shared that he has attended monthly County meetings to fight for these funds, that the County has been slow in delivering the funds and he thinks that it is unfair to ask individuals and businesses to sign up for the program with such a small application timeframe. He asked if there are other ways to directly reach businesses such as with a flyer to ensure that funds get to those who most need them. City Manager Scott is using the County application system for the residential fund applications, and an expert for the commercial fund applications, and that

the City is also trying to reach with flyers those who are not technologically savvy with help from code compliance, public works, and library staff.

Vice Mayor Kramer asked about the administration of the commercial grant funds with the outside agency and what different cities are doing. City Manager Scott responded that different cities are doing different things, but other agencies are also using the same administrator as the City for their commercial grant funds. She suggested that the Business Tax Receipt (BTR) department get emails for our mass business communications and that there be better email communications with residents and businesses for public events, different from non-residents, to communicate that there is a Chamber of Commerce that can help businesses, and for staff to request emails at each contact opportunity.

Commissioner Jean asked about targeting customers who come into City Hall to pay their water bills and City Manager Scott responded that flyers in English, Creole, and Spanish will be available in the lobby for the public and water customers. Commissioner Smukler suggested that residents receive text messages and robo calls. Mr. McHugh shared that many of the suggestions are being incorporated into the efforts as well as using Code Red system as a communication resource with extensive outreach.

Mayor DeFillipo asked if there are business emails available from the BTR and if they are collecting that information. Mr. McHugh shared that a new system will be available in three months that can accommodate that task but not the current system. The Mayor asked for staff to report back once that becomes available and that the City grab email provided on the applications. Mr. McHugh reported that the program information will return to the Commission for ratification. City Manager Scott hopes to receive a positive census complete count so that future federal dollars can help our residents, and that we can become an entitlement City. Commissioner Jean thanked everyone for their warm welcome, and shared that, with a woman majority on the Commission, she looks forward to getting to know all of the Commissioners and work hard for the residents.

**8. NEXT REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING is Tuesday, December 15, 2020.**

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the City Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

**Motion to adjourn** made by Commissioner Fleurimond, seconded by Commissioner Joseph.

**ATTEST:**

**(SEAL)**

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Andrise Bernard, CMC, City Clerk