



CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH
Public Budget Hearing
Julius Littman Performing Arts Theater
17011 N.E. 19th Avenue
North Miami Beach, FL. 33162
Wednesday, September 21, 2022
5:00pm

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

City Manager Arthur H. Sorey III

City Attorney Hans Ottinot
Ottinot Law, P.A.

City Clerk Andrise Bernard, MMC

Public Budget Hearing Minutes

1. ROLL CALL OF THE CITY OFFICIALS

The Regular Commission Meeting was called to order at 5:51 p.m.

Present at the meeting in the Littman Performing Arts Theater were Mayor Anthony F. DeFillipo, Vice Mayor McKenzie Fleurimond, Commissioner Daniela Jean, Commissioner Michael Joseph, Commissioner Barbara Kramer, Commissioner Fortuna Smukler, and Commissioner Paule Villard. City Manager Arthur H. Sorey III, City Attorney Hans Ottinot, and City Clerk Andrise Bernard were also present.

2. LEGISLATION

2.1. Resolution No. R2022-143 Approving the Final Millage Rate for Fiscal Year 2023 (Marcia Fennell, Chief Financial Officer)

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING AND ADOPTING THE FINAL LEVYING OF AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 IN THE AMOUNT OF 6.1500 MILLS, WHICH IS 11.96% HIGHER THAN THE ROLLED-BACK RATE, TO BALANCE THE GENERAL FUND; ESTABLISHING THE ROLLED BACK RATE TO BE 5.4930 MILLS; ESTABLISHING THE DEBT SERVICE MILLAGE RATE AT 0.4743 MILLS; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

City Attorney Hans Ottinot read the title of Resolution No. R2022-143 into the record.

Mayor DeFillipo opened the meeting for public comment.

1. Former Commissioner Phyllis Smith
2. Former Commissioner Jay Chernoff

3. Irene Pillinger
4. Janice Coakley
5. Jeb Handwerger
6. Mark Sell
7. Karen Harold
8. Mark St. Vil

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

Mayor and Commission began discussion on final millage rate for fiscal year 2023.

Commissioner Villard requested the millage rate for fiscal year 2023 to be reduced to 6.10 mills.

Mayor and Commission continued discussion on final millage rate for fiscal year 2023.

Chief Financial Officer Marcia gave an example of assessed value home with the taxable amount of 6.15 mills.

Mayor and Commission continued discussion on final millage rate for fiscal year 2023.

City Manager Sorey III reported the effects of the budget if the millage rate is lowered from 6.15 mills to 6.10.

City Attorney Ottinot read resolution No. R2022-143 into the record and repeated the motion of reducing the millage rate to 6.10.

Motion to approve Resolution No. R2022-143 at a reduce final millage rate to 6.10 mills for fiscal year 2023 made by Commissioner Villard, seconded by Vice Mayor Fleurimond.

Roll Call Vote: Jean – Yes, Joseph – Yes, Kramer – No, Villard – Yes, Smukler – No, Fleurimond – Yes, DeFillipo – No.

MOTION PASSED 4-3 with Commissioner Kramer, Commissioner Smukler and Mayor DeFillipo oppose.

2.2. Resolution No. R2022-144 Adopting the Fiscal Year 2023 Budget (Marcia Fennell, Chief Financial Officer)

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE FINAL ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2022 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2023; AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS APPROPRIATED IN THE BUDGET; ACKNOWLEDGING THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF TAXES ON REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY AND OTHER REVENUES NECESSARY TO MEET THE EXPENDITURES PROVIDED IN THE BUDGET; PROVIDING FOR TRANSMITTAL BY THE CITY CLERK; CONFIRMING ADDITIONAL POWERS AND CONDITIONS; AUTHORIZING ENCUMBRANCES AND CARRY FORWARD; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

City Attorney Hans Ottinot read the title of Resolution No. R2022-144 into the record.

Mayor DeFillipo opened the meeting for public comment.

City Clerk Bernard read the rules of public comment into the record and the following person(s) made comments on the record:

1. Mireille Edward
2. Jeb Handwerger
3. Former Commissioner Phyllis Smith

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

City Manager Sorey III stated the solid waste fund has been amended to show an increase of \$204,000. He reported he has received several calls and emails from residents and commissioners regarding bulk trash pick-up. He advised the residents are putting out too much bulk trash and the company is skipping over picking up the bulk trash that is over 20 yards. He also advised the increase will allow the city to fund the overage of bulk trash that are over 20 yards instead of skipping the pick-up for a year.

Mayor and Commission began discussion on the adopting the fiscal year 2023 budget.

Public Works Director David Scott spoke regarding the comprehensive approach for bulk trash pick that are over 20 yards. He reported residents are putting out bulk trash that is larger than the allotted 20 cubic yards. The contract allows the contractor to pass by those piles because they are too larger. The contractor tags the pile, notify the resident that the pile is larger than 20 cubic yards and code enforcement comes out to reinforce. He also stated that the comprehensive approach will enhance the collection and in addition add a comprehensive community engagement where the city not only sent out postcards and notices but also go almost door to door, community by community, block by block with code enforcement to educate the residents. Public Works Director David Scott mentioned the bulk-up overages will be tracked.

Mayor and Commission continued discussion on the adopting the fiscal year 2023 budget.

Motion to approve increasing the Solid Waste Fund by \$204,000 made by Commissioner Joseph, seconded by Vice Mayor Fleurimond.

Roll Call Vote: Joseph – Yes, Kramer – Yes, Villard – Yes, Smukler – Yes, Jean – Yes, Fleurimond – Yes, DeFillipo – Yes.

MOTION PASSED 7-0.

Vice Mayor Fleurimond requested to set aside funds to the homeless trust fund, eliminate the pool entrance fees for residents and eliminate the \$300 fee for the driveway approach. He also requested the City Manager to look into the line item for the Public Affairs Manager and Chief of Staff positions to placed under one budget account instead of being split into 2 separate budget accounts.

Motion to approve to set aside \$30,000 to Homeless Trust fund, eliminate pool entrance fees for residents and eliminate the \$300 fee for the driveway approach made by Vice Mayor Fleurimond, seconded by Commissioner Joseph.

Roll Call Vote: Villard – Yes, Smukler – Yes, Jean – Yes, Joseph – Yes, Kramer – Yes, Fleurimond – Yes, DeFillipo – Yes.

MOTION PASSED 7-0.

Chief Financial Officer Marcia Fennell reported reducing the mileage rate to 6.1 mills would result in a decrease in ad valorem revenue of \$195,387 and would also result in changes to the CRA budget. The general fund revenue to the CRA would decrease by an additional \$17,001 and an additional decrease of \$3,400 in the annual transfer from the CRA to the general fund for administrative services expenses. She advised this would result in a net decrease in the CRA budget of \$13,601.

Mayor and Commission continued discussion on the adopting the fiscal year 2023 budget.

City Manager Sorey III reported the Lights, Camera, Action project is scheduled for October 1 to give out “Ring” door cameras. He also reported the city is looking into purchasing a kiosk for paying water bills during the day and probably after hours. He stated there is no specific line-item for economic development however there is a position added into the budget.

Commissioner Smukler requested additional staffing for Police Marine Patrol, Community Policing, and also extending the hours of operation for the library.

City Manager Sorey III spoke regarding additional funding for police overtime and the attempts to gain additional staffing.

Motion to approve Resolution No. R2022-144 the fiscal year 2023 budget made by Commissioner Joseph, seconded by Vice Mayor Fleurimond.

Roll Call Vote: Smukler – No, Jean – Yes, Joseph – Yes, Kramer – No, Villard – Yes, Fleurimond – Yes, DeFillipo – No.

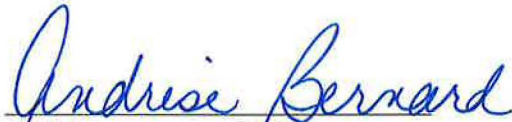
MOTION PASSED 4-3 with Commissioner Kramer, Commissioner Smukler and Mayor DeFillipo oppose.

3. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 7:51 pm

ATTEST:

(SEAL)



Andrise Bernard, MMC, City Clerk