



CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH

Public Budget Hearing
City Hall, Commission Chambers, 2nd Floor
17011 N.E. 19th Avenue
North Miami Beach, FL. 33162
Tuesday, September 10, 2024

Mayor Evan S. Piper
Vice Mayor Phyllis S. Smith
Commissioner Jay R. Chernoff
Commissioner McKenzie Fleurimond
Commissioner Daniela Jean
Commissioner Michael Joseph
Commissioner Fortuna Smukler

City Manager Mario A. Diaz
City Attorney Greenspoon Marder, LLP
City Clerk Andrise Bernard, MMC

Public Budget Hearing Minutes

ROLL CALL OF THE CITY OFFICIALS

The Budget Hearing was called to order at 6:13pm.

Mayor Evan Piper, Vice Mayor Phyllis Smith, Commissioner Jay Chernoff, Commissioner McKenzie Fleurimond (arrived after roll call), Commissioner Daniela Jean (arrived after roll call), Commissioner Michael Joseph, and Commissioner Fortuna Smukler were present.

LEGISLATION

Resolution R2024-97 Tentative Millage Rate for Fiscal Year 2025 (Sheron Stewart, Budget Administrator)

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA ESTABLISHING AND ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE LEVYING OF AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024 - 2025 IN THE AMOUNT OF 6.1000 MILLS WHICH IS 9.62% HIGHER THAN THE ROLLED-BACK RATE TO BALANCE THE GENERAL FUND; ESTABLISHING THE ROLLED BACK RATE TO BE 5.5647 MILLS; ESTABLISHING THE DEBT SERVICE MILLAGE RATE AT 0.2232 MILLS; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

City Clerk Andrise Bernard read the rules of public comment and the pledge of civility into the record.

The following person(s) made comments on the record:

1. Amy Salzman
2. Jose Diaz
3. Mubarak Kazan
4. Ketley Joachim

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

Motion to approve Resolution R2024-97 made by Commissioner Joseph, seconded by Commissioner Chernoff.

Roll Call Vote: Chernoff - **Yes**, Jean - **Yes**, Joseph - **Yes**, Smukler - **Yes**, Smith - **Yes**, Piper - **Yes**

MOTION PASSED 6-0 with Commissioner Fleurimond absent at the time of the vote.

(Commissioner Fleurimond arrived later in the hearing and stated that he approved the item therefore Resolution R2024-97 passed by a vote of 7-0).

Resolution R2024-98 Adopting the Tentative Fiscal Year 2025 Budget (Sheron Stewart, Budget Administrator)

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2024 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2025; 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 Manager Mario Diaz provided a presentation regarding the proposed budget.

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

City Clerk Andrise Bernard read the rules of public comment and the pledge of civility into the record.

The following person(s) made comments on the record:

1. Mubarak Kazan

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

The Mayor and Commission discussed the proposed budget.

Mayor Piper disclosed his affiliation with the North Miami Beach Chamber of Commerce and recused himself.

Motion to approve to remove the Chamber of Commerce item from the budget and conduct a separate vote made by Vice Mayor Smith, seconded by Commissioner Smukler.

Roll Call Vote: Fleurimond - **Yes**, Jean - **Yes**, Joseph - **Yes**, Smukler - **Yes**, Chernoff - **Yes**, Smith - **Yes**

MOTION PASSED 6-0 with Mayor Piper recused.

The Mayor and Commission continued to discuss the proposed budget.

Motion to approve Resolution R2024-98 without the Chamber of Commerce item made by Commissioner Joseph, seconded by Commissioner Smukler.

Roll Call Vote: Jean - **Yes**, Joseph - **Yes**, Smukler - **Yes**, Chernoff - **Yes**, Fleurimond - **Yes**, Smith - **No**,

Piper - **Yes**

MOTION PASSED 6-1 with Vice Mayor Smith opposed.

The Chamber of Commerce item was brought back for discussion and Mayor Piper recused himself.

Vice Mayor Smith opened the meeting for **PUBLIC COMMENT**.

The following person(s) made comments on the record:

1. Lynn Su
2. Mubarak Kazan

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

Motion to approve funding \$20,000 in the budget to the Chamber of Commerce made by Commissioner Smukler, seconded by Vice Mayor Smith.

The Commission discussed the item and the previous motion was withdrawn.

Motion to approve to receive an audit regarding the Chamber of Commerce made by Commissioner Smukler, seconded by Commissioner Joseph.

City Manager Mario Diaz and City Attorney Joe Geller discussed the item and the previous motion was withdrawn.

Motion to approve funding \$30,000 in the budget to the Chamber of Commerce in conjunction with a financial analysis made by Commissioner Smukler, seconded by Commissioner Joseph.


Roll Call Vote: Joseph - **Yes**, Smukler - **Yes**, Chernoff - **Yes**, Fleurimond - **Yes**, Jean - **Yes**, Smith - **Yes**

MOTION PASSED 6-0 with Mayor Piper recused.

ADJOURNMENT

The Budget Hearing was adjourned at 8:12pm.

ATTEST:



Andrise Bernard, MMC, City Clerk

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