



CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH

Public Budget Hearing
City Hall, Commission Chambers, 2nd Floor
17011 N.E. 19th Avenue
North Miami Beach, FL. 33162
Monday, September 29, 2025

Mayor Michael Joseph
Vice Mayor Daniela Jean
Commissioner Jay Chernoff
Commissioner McKenzie Fleurimond
Commissioner Phyllis S. Smith
Commissioner Fortuna Smukler
Commissioner Lynn Su

Interim City Manager Andrew Plotkin
City Attorney Greenspoon Marder, LLP
City Clerk Andrise Bernard, MMC

Public Budget Hearing Minutes

ROLL CALL OF THE CITY OFFICIALS

The Public Budget Hearing was called to order at 6:04pm.

Present at the meeting were Mayor Michael Joseph, Vice Mayor Daniela Jean, Commissioner Jay Chernoff, Commissioner McKenzie Fleurimond, Commissioner Phyllis Smith, and Commissioner Fortuna Smukler. Commissioner Lynn Su was absent.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by the Mayor and Commission.

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

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

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

1. Karen Harrold
2. Nancy Donohue
3. Susan Sandness
4. Louis Harkness
5. Irene Pilinger
6. Bruce Lamberto

7. Jeb Handwerger
8. Trish Miller
9. Dianne Doolity
10. Leslie Sardinia
11. Mubarak Kazan

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

LEGISLATION

Resolution R2025-145 Adopting the Final Millage Rate for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 (Sheron Stewart, Budget Administrator)

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 THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2025 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2026 IN THE AMOUNT OF 6.1000 MILLS WHICH IS 7.18% HIGHER THAN THE ROLLED-BACK RATE TO BALANCE THE GENERAL FUND; ESTABLISHING THE ROLLED BACK RATE TO BE 5.6914 MILLS; ESTABLISHING THE DEBT SERVICE MILLAGE RATE AT 0.2000 MILLS; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SCRIVENER'S ERRORS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Motion to approve Resolution R2025-145 made by Vice Mayor Jean, seconded by Mayor Joseph.

Roll Call Vote:

Chernoff - **Yes**
Fleurimond - **Yes**
Smith - **No**
Smukler - **Yes**
Jean - **Yes**
Joseph - **Yes**

MOTON PASSED 5-1 with Commissioner Smith opposed and Commissioner Su absent.

Resolution R2025-146 Adopting the Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 (Sheron Stewart, Budget Administrator)

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE FINAL ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2025 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2026; AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS APPROPRIATED IN THE FINAL BUDGET; ACKNOWLEDGING THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF TAXES ON REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY AND OTHER REVENUES NECESSARY TO MEET THE EXPENDITURES PROVIDED IN THE FINAL BUDGET; PROVIDING FOR THE AUTHORIZATION TO RE-APPROPRIATE CAPITAL OUTLAY LINE ITEMS AND ENCUMBERED PURCHASES IN THE 2024-2025 FISCAL YEAR TO THE 2025-2026 FISCAL YEAR; 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.

Interim City Manager Andrew Plotkin provided a presentation regarding the fiscal year 2025-2026 budget including ad valorem and general fund revenues, adjustments and additions made after the first budget hearing, expenditures and expenses, key capital projects, unrestricted fund balance, water fund and repeal of excess use surcharge impact, water relief act, sewer fund, and county wastewater rate pass-through.

The Mayor and Commission discussed the proposed fiscal year 2025-2026 budget.

Motion to amend Resolution R2025-146 to increase the budget \$35,000 for library shelving, \$100,000 for bathroom design and construction at the library, and \$15,000 for the North Miami Beach Chamber of Commerce made by Commissioner Chernoff, seconded by Commissioner Smith.

Voice Vote: **MOTION PASSED 6-0** with Commissioner Su absent.

Motion to approve the amount of \$150,000 (\$35,000 for library shelving, \$100,000 for bathroom design and construction at the library, and \$15,000 for the North Miami Beach Chamber of Commerce) to be taken from the unrestricted reserve funds for the budget to remain in balance made by Mayor Joseph, seconded by Commissioner Chernoff.

Voice Vote: **MOTION PASSED 6-0** with Commissioner Su absent.

Motion to amend Resolution R2025-146 to accept budget recommendations from City staff made by Commissioner Smukler, seconded by Mayor Joseph.

MOTION PASSED 4-2 with Vice Mayor Jean and Commissioner Smith opposed and Commissioner Su absent.

Motion to approve Resolution R2025-146 as amended made by Commissioner Chernoff, seconded by Mayor Joseph.

Roll Call Vote:

Fleurimond - **Yes**

Smith - **No**

Smukler - **Yes**

Chernoff - **Yes**

Jean - **No**

Joseph - **Yes**

MOTION PASSED 4-2 with Vice Mayor Jean and Commissioner Smith opposed and Commissioner Su absent.

The Mayor and Commission read a proclamation recognizing the attack in Israel on October 7, 2023.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02pm.

ATTEST:

(SEAL)

Andrise Bernard, MMC, City Clerk