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# Commission Meeting



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**Wednesday, December 9, 2020**  
**8:30 a.m.**



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The city is following CDC-recommended safety guidelines to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

**In-Person Public Participation** Members of the public who do not have access to a computer and wish to provide public comment at the Commission meeting, may appear in-person at Miami Beach City Hall, First Floor Conference Room, 1700 Convention Center Drive, Miami Beach, FL 33139. At this location, members of the public will be provided access to a computer to provide public comment (only in audio form) on an agenda item and/or at the Dr. Stanley S. Furick's Citizens Forum from 8:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

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## The December 9, 2020 Commission Meeting will be held VIRTUALLY.

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### IF YOU WISH TO SPEAK ON AN ITEM DURING THE MEETING:

Please click the "raise hand" button on the screen to raise your hand as soon as the item is called. This will pull you to the top of the list and make it easier for the team to find you in the list of attendees.

**Commission meetings start at 9 a.m. at the Commission Chambers.  
There is a Sutnick Hour, at which residents may address the Commission on any  
subject, from 8:30-9:00 a.m. and from 1:00-1:30 p.m.  
Want to read the proposed Commission agenda items and get info about the  
Commission meeting on Wednesday? Click [here](#).  
Want to contact your elected officials directly? Click [here](#).**

## Commission Meeting December 9, 2020 These are Miami Beach United's Resolutions

### REFERRAL TO THE LAND USE AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS AMENDMENTS TO LAND USE DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS

**C4A**

#### Executive Summary:

A referral for review of Land Use Development Regulation (LDR) amendments by the Historic Preservation Board (HPB) in order to regulate the height, massing and scale of specific projects within the City's local historic districts.

#### Why It Matters:

- It is important that the Historic Preservation review any change in the LDRs that impact height, massing or scale within the City's local historic districts before LDRs are considered by the Planning Board.
- Many LDR amendments are often put forth to move a specific project without adequate representation of the actual project proposed.
- Allows the Historic Preservation Board to make informed recommendations on amendments.

Miami Beach United **SUPPORTS** this resolution.  
Read the MBU Resolution in its entirety by clicking [HERE](#)  
Read the Commission documents by clicking [HERE](#)

## ALLOW CREDIT/DEBIT CARD PAYMENT METHODS FOR TOWING SERVICES BY CURRENT AND FUTURE TOWING PERMITTEES

**C7Q**

### **Executive Summary:**

This resolution seeks to require that credit/debit cards be accepted as a method of payment for towing services in Miami Beach. Currently, the tow permittees accept cash-only, which is antiquated, inconvenient and lacks transparency. The world is moving towards a cashless society and so should Miami Beach.

### **Why It Matters:**

- Cashless payments lower crime rate by preventing money laundering, creating a digital trail, and is an easier method for international visitors.
- Credit card requirement is codified in most of South Florida, including the City of Miami.

Miami Beach United **SUPPORTS** this resolution.  
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## MODIFICATIONS TO FAR EXEMPTIONS

**R5A**

### **Executive Summary:**

Following the results of the recent election in which residents voted in favor of this FAR exemption, we urge the Commission to implement the will of the voters in a manner which ensures that the new exclusions from the calculation of FAR are not abused, and to utilize the staff estimates to establish maximum square footage that can be excluded from FAR calculations for each purpose.

### **Why It Matters:**

- Left unchecked these FAR exemptions could be abused by developers to build more dense structures.
- The Commission should codify the recommended changes to limit open-ended increases.

Miami Beach United **OPPOSES** this resolution.  
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## RENTAL PROHIBITION OF CERTAIN MOTOR VEHICLES

**R5M**

**Executive Summary:**

A resolution that seeks to implement additional controls on moped, motorcycle, and motorized bicycle rentals in an effort to control the out-of-control situation on Ocean Drive, South Beach, and more recently throughout other parts of Miami Beach.

**Why It Matters:**

- The current situation places residents, visitors and motorists alike in danger.
- Safeguards already enacted, including being able to reach business operators 24/7 in the case of problematic behavior, have failed and more restrictions, and enforcement, are essential to ensure safety on our streets.

Miami Beach United **SUPPORTS** this resolution.

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Read the Commission Documents by Clicking [HERE](#)

**INCENTIVIZING COMMERCIAL OFFICE SPACE****R5O and R9L****Executive Summary:**

A resolution that seeks to modify land use regulations on Terminal Island and Alton Road and grant height increases to incentivize commercial office development citywide.

**Why It Matters:**

- Lumping together land use regulations for Terminal Island and Alton Road makes no sense, as they are totally different parts of the city with vastly different needs, issues, and opportunities.
- A one-size-fits-all approach to issues in the city does not take into account the different character and possibilities within our neighborhoods' ecosystem.

Miami Beach United **OPPOSES** this resolution.

Read the MBU Resolution in its entirety by clicking [HERE](#)

Read the Commission Documents by Clicking [HERE](#) and [HERE](#)

**CREATION OF NORTH BEACH CRA OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE****R5S****Executive Summary:**

A resolution to create an oversight committee for the North Beach Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) giving residents from within the CRA boundaries a full seat at the table to ensure their needs, goals, and concerns are taken into account as this planning process gets underway.

**Why It Matters:**

- You cannot redevelop a community with significant ongoing input from that community!
- Successful CRAs are achieved through maximum resident involvement and input.
- North Beach residents who will be affected by, but have no financial stake in, the CRA need a vehicle to express concerns regarding the CRA process and its impact

on their quality of life.

Miami Beach United **STRONGLY SUPPORTS** this resolution.  
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## BYRON CARLYLE THEATER REDEVELOPMENT

**R7F**

### Executive Summary:

North Beach residents and activists are overwhelmingly opposed to this development as currently proposed and have asked the City to consider other ideas which would benefit the community, add value to the neighborhood, and retain as much as possible of the beloved community icon that is the Byron Carlyle.

### Why It Matters:

- The Byron Carlyle is an important cultural and historical site in North Beach.
- Creating a vision in North Beach that could provide flexible and diverse spaces for more events and the arts would make more sense.
- There is a need to provide opportunity for a range of activities, programming, and events in a walkable distance so that residents and tourists alike don't spend their discretionary dollars elsewhere, nor find themselves at loose ends with nothing to do locally.

Miami Beach United **OPPOSES** this resolution.  
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We hope all of you, our neighbors, friends, colleagues and greater community, are staying safe and are #stayinghome. We know that there is untold hardship for far too many with this silent stealthy disease, which is wreaking havoc on lives in every possible way - health, emotional well-being, financial survival. We commend all for taking the necessary precautions, and for toeing the line when it goes against the very nature of this city, to stay apart and keep our heads down. However, the faster we get through this, the more we learn, and the quicker we can adapt, adjust, rebuild and soar to greater heights, together. The City of Miami Beach has been doing a remarkable job of communicating. If you haven't already signed up for the City's CORONAVIRUS direct emails, or text alerts to your phone, you can do so via [this link](#) on the City's website. On behalf of the entire Board...stay safe. Stay home. See you on the flip side!