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Commission Meeting



Wednesday, July 28, 2021 • 8:30 a.m.

City Hall Commission Chamber
1700 Convention Center Drive, 3rd Floor

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Commission Meeting July 28, 2021 These are Miami Beach United's Resolutions:

PARKLETS ON WASHINGTON AVENUE AND SUNSET HARBOUR

R5-A

Executive Summary:

This resolution seeks to create a sidewalk cafe parklet program on Washington Avenue and Sunset Harbour to permit outdoor seating on a more permanent basis.

Why It Matters:

1. Public Safety restrictions related to the COVID-19 pandemic significantly limit the number of diners allowed safely indoors.
2. These same restrictions greatly limit economic activity in the City of Miami Beach, including restaurants.
3. this resolution would allow for the safety of residents, guests and staff and for local businesses to remain viable.

Miami Beach United **SUPPORTS** this resolution.

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

Read the Commission documents by clicking [HERE](#)

PROHIBITION OF RENTAL OR DELIVERY OF CERTAIN MOTORIZED VEHICLES INTO THE CITY

R5-C

Executive Summary:

The proliferation of rental mopeds and other nuisance motorized vehicles exacerbates the out-of-control situation on Ocean Drive and now bad behavior has spread throughout South Beach and beyond. These ordinances seek to give the City more tools to curb the situation.

Why It Matters:

- Safeguards previously enacted have not provide sufficient relief or have failed.
- These additional measures should enable the City to limit access to the vehicles, and to shut down bad operators during high-impact weekends.

Miami Beach United **SUPPORTS** this resolutions.

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COMMERCIAL HEIGHT LIMITS ON ALTON ROAD

R5-K

Executive Summary:

This resolution seeks to incentivize Class-A office space development in an on-going effort to diversify our economy beyond real estate and tourism.

Why It Matters:

- An increase in maximum building height from 50 feet and 60 feet to 75 feet has been proposed, applicable on the west side of Alton Road between 8th Street and 11th Street and between 14th Street and 17th Street.
- Safeguards have been built into the ordinance to limit usage to appropriate uses that will further the goal of attracting more businesses seeking Class A office space(i.e. not hotel, no rooftop special events, no exceptions re: outdoor speakers, etc.)
- The overall height increases are proportional to the surrounding area (i.e. no high rises will be allowed).
- The Planning Board requested the following two points be added to the language of the ordinance:
 1. Include aspirational criteria that provides that where possible existing structures should be adaptively reused.
 2. Require that a progress report be provided to the Planning Board after 4 developments are approved that take advantage of the office height incentive.

Miami Beach United **SUPPORTS** this resolution **ONLY WITH THE ADOPTION OF THE TWO RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE PLANNING BOARD.**

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SUNSET HARBOUR OVERLAY

R5-L

Executive Summary:

Neighbors came together to create a Neighborhood Vision Plan for how they wanted to see their community evolve, and to protect their quality of life.

Why It Matters:

- MBU urges the city to approve the ordinance, but NOT the recent change to the applicability clause which carves out an area for a hotel suite recently proposed by a developer. The suite hotel as proposed will attract the group tourism demographic that has wreaked havoc elsewhere in Miami Beach. Thus, the suite hotel project is in direct opposition to the goals of Sunset Harbour and the goals of economic diversification.
- MBU applauds The Sunset Harbour Neighborhood Association (SHNA) for taking responsibility for initiating a process to articulate the character of Sunset Harbour and setting a more comprehensive set of urban design criteria for development which evolved into the Neighborhood Vision Plan (NVP).
- The vision plan includes: setbacks to prevent shadow casting, widened sidewalks, defined crosswalks, rooftop design criteria, sound mitigation, use prohibitions, view corridors, and incentives for economic diversification (via office/mixed use development).

Miami Beach United **SUPPORTS** this resolution.

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RFP for Possible Sale of Public Land

R7-AC

Executive Summary:

This authorizes the City Manager to put initiate a request for proposal that would put in motion the potential sale and development of city-owned properties, including but not limited to oceanfront facilities and plots in North Beach.

Why It Matters:

- This is being proposed to help fund the shortfall between the proposed \$50 million North Beach aquatic center sold to residents as part of the GO Bond, but which is now estimated to cost over \$100 million.
- Selling off city properties should be reserved for either great opportunities or emergencies, neither of which applies in this circumstance. .
- This is a divisive issue, and is being handled without the requisite transparency and community involvement, and as such, should be tabled until those steps have been taken. This is listed as a "residents right to know" item, but is being treated in the exact opposite manner.

Miami Beach United **OPPOSES** this resolution.

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SPECIAL ELECTION TO ADDRESS ALCOHOL HOURS OF SALE IN CERTAIN AREAS OF OUR CITY

R7-B AND R7-C

Executive Summary:

This is another step in trying to address the unruly behavior in the current MXE/Entertainment District. While we are generally supportive of the efforts overall, we

cannot support this ordinance as currently proposed.

Why It Matters:

- The Commission should deal with the issue of alcohol sales hours in a comprehensive manner throughout the City, and not make incremental changes which will leave some neighborhoods exposed to possible spillover effects.
- Any change to the hours governing alcohol sales is a citywide issue and should not be reserved to one section of the city.
- Miami Beach United's opposition to the amendment also takes into consideration that in a previous referendum in 2017 the voters of Miami Beach overwhelmingly opposed the 2 am alcohol ban.

Miami Beach United **OPPOSES** this resolution.

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