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## City Commission Meeting

**The December 8, 2021 Commission Meeting  
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It will also be streamed live on MBTV Channel 660 on Atlantic Broadband or 99 on AT&T U-Verse, on the City's website, and on Facebook Live at [facebook.com/cityofmiamibeach](https://www.facebook.com/cityofmiamibeach).

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Via Zoom, 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. Or via phone, press \*9 to raise a hand to be placed in queue to speak.

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## Commission Meeting December 8, 2021

## These are Miami Beach United's Resolutions:

### REFERRAL TO DISCUSS PARKING REQUIREMENTS IN THE LINCOLN WEST PARKING SUBZONE

**C4-W**

#### **Executive Summary:**

The Commission has passed legislation eliminating the requirement for hotel uses on Lincoln Road to provide off-street parking in the hopes of incentivizing high-end hotel development; this seeks to extend that benefit west of Alton Road to encourage the same.

#### **Why It Matters:**

- With community support, the city adopted ordinances to diversify our economy away from over-dependence on the hospitality/entertainment industry.
- The Sunset Harbor Master Plan and Alton Road office height increase ordinances, passed unanimously, seek to incentivize office development, creating a live/work environment distinct from the erratic and seasonal hotel business.
- This proposal encourages hotel development in direct contradiction thereof, when our city really need diverse business and more apartment development for full time residents.

Miami Beach United **OPPOSES** this referral.

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### WRITTEN NOTICE TO MBPD BY ESTABLISHMENTS WITH 5AM ALCOHOL LICENSE REGARDING ANY PROMOTED EVENT OR CONCERT WITH LIVE MUSICAL PERFORMANCE OR ENTERTAINMENT

**R5-G - SECOND READING**

#### **Executive Summary:**

This item seeks to provide notice so the City of Miami Beach, via the Police Department, can better prepare for possible high-impact events at late night establishments.

#### **Why It Matters:**

- Large promoted events at late-night establishments can draw significant crowds.
- MBU recommends that this notification system apply to all establishments with a 2 a.m. liquor license as well.

Miami Beach United **SUPPORTS** this resolution.

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### DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING RETAIL FULFILLMENT CENTERS AND POTENTIAL RESTRICTIONS BY DISTRICT OR CITYWIDE

**Executive Summary:**

Due to the growth of online retailing, the face of brick-and-mortar retail is also changing, and the potential exists to impact neighborhoods if localized online retailers are not properly regulated.

**Why It Matters:**

- The City's current Land Development Regulations (LDR's), written decades ago, did not anticipate retail fulfillment centers; therefore, a new definition that more accurately captures the distinctions between retail fulfillment centers and convenience stores needs to be created.
- Per the proposed LDR, a neighborhood fulfillment center shall mean a retail establishment where clients collect goods that are sold off-site, such as with an internet retailer. Additionally, the establishment provides a hub where goods can be collected and delivered to clients' homes or places of business off premises by delivery persons that do not use cars, vans, or trucks."
- Retail fulfillment centers have been known to cause excess traffic and trash via truck deliveries and order deliveries to off-premises customers.
- The city needs to address and close any loopholes that might allow warehouse-like fulfillment centers to proliferate in our neighborhoods.

Miami Beach United **SUPPORTS** this item.

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## LANDSCAPE NEIGHBORHOOD OVERLAYS - TREE PRESERVATION AND PROTECTION

**Executive Summary:**

Improving our city's resiliency is a critical goal moving forward. Adding shade trees to our canopy is an important step in that goal, but it should not come at the expense of existing palm trees; it should be an additive step.

**Why It Matters:**

- It is also important to preserve prominent, iconic palm tree landscapes, which contribute to the unique, individual character of specific neighborhoods.
- This item allows for neighborhoods to have a say in their place-making landscape, rather than have it be dictated with no recourse.

Miami Beach United **SUPPORTS** this resolution.

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## ADOPT REGULATIONS ON THE USE OF GAS-POWERED LEAF BLOWERS WITHIN THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACHLIDING

**Executive Summary:**

This ordinance seeks to further reduce the use of gas-operated leaf blowers citywide to support the City's goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions while improving quality of life.

**Why It Matters:**

- In line with efforts to reduce emissions, municipal operations have begun transitioning away from gas-powered leaf blowers.
- The city's Public Works Department's Sanitation Division is already in the process of transitioning to electric/battery-powered blowers and expects to replace its existing gas-powered inventory by Spring of 2022.
- This ordinance paves the way for private individual users and business owners to do the same.
- Transitioning away from gas-powered leaf blowers is a positive step for communities and their residents, resulting in benefits including but not limited to reducing air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions, improving water quality, and mitigating noise pollution, and promoting operational effectiveness.

Miami Beach United **SUPPORTS** this resolution.

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ADDING SUTNICK HOUR TO P/A COMMISSION MEETINGS

**Executive Summary:**

This resolution seeks to prohibit apartment hotels in the South of Fifth neighborhood where all other transient/short term rentals are already prohibited.

**Why It Matters:**

- On January 12, 1991 , a Citizens' Forum was formally created by motion of the City Commission to provide an established time during Commission meetings for residents to address the City Commission.
- Since that time, the Sutnick Hour has been in place for regular Commission meetings. However, as the Commission increasing adds substantive policy matters to traditional Presentation and Awards meetings, the public does not have the opportunity to be heard at those meetings.
- This ordinance allows for a Sutnick hour to be instituted at P/A Commission meetings where matters of policy are to be addressed.
- MBU always advocates for transparency and open dialogue with residents, which includes allowing input from residents on items that materially affect their quality of lives within our community.

Miami Beach United **SUPPORTS** this resolution.

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REQUIREMENT TO INCLUDE A COMPREHENSIVE CAPITAL PLANNING OVERVIEW  
IN ANY DISCUSSIONS PERTAINING TO ANY GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND  
ISSUANCE FOR ARTS AND CULTURE CAPITAL PROJECTS, CONSISTING OF AN  
ITEMIZED LIST OF ALL PROPOSED CITY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS TO  
PROVIDE A HOLISTIC, MACRO VIEW OF THE CITY'S CURRENT AND FUTURE  
CAPITAL NEEDS

R7-T

**Executive Summary:**

This ordinance seeks to eliminate the possibility that the decision on the issuance of additional General Obligation Bonds to fund arts and culture projects be made in isolation.

**Why It Matters:**

- This ordinance seeks to promote sound budgetary decision making, as the development of the Comprehensive Capital Planning overview would assist the City Commission in assessing the City's capital improvement needs, and aid in the decision making process regarding prioritization of projects, timing of projects, and scope of projects, based on the limited resources available.
- This would then allow for an informed discussion on prioritizing the use of the City's limited general obligation debt capacity (at current ratings) to fund capital projects.
- Please note that MBU is not taking a position on whether any new GO bonds should be issued.
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