



Neighborhood Resiliency Projects Advisory Committee

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MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, June 11th, 2026 – 4:00 - 5:30 PM

City Manager's Large Conference Room

1700 Convention Center Drive, 4th Floor
Miami Beach, FL 33139

Zoom Information:

Please click the link below to join the webinar:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87629999648>

Webinar ID: 876 2999 9648

****Please note that Committee members are required to attend in person****

Call to Order/Roll Call

Committee Business

- 1) Approval of Minutes
- 2) Discuss Recommendations related to City Commission Item, Expand Stop the Pause Ordinance
- 3) Future Committee Topics

Public Comment

Adjournment

Future Meeting Dates

July 16

Sept 17

Nov 3

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Committee Purpose

The purpose of the Neighborhood Resilience Projects Advisory Committee is to act as an advisory board to City Commission and City Manager on neighborhood infrastructure programs and private property matters related to the City's resilience projects. This includes helping build awareness of existing and future projects within the community and seeking resident ideas and feedback to improve the planning and delivery of future projects. The Committee will not advise on matters that have specifically been reviewed by the City Commission to avoid creating fiscal impacts or undue delays in the implementation of critical resiliency projects.

Powers and Duties

The Committee shall have the following powers and duties:

- (1) Provide advisory recommendations and feedback on best approaches to enhance resident education and resident engagement.
- (2) Provide advisory recommendations and feedback regarding process improvements for flood mitigation.
- (3) Share input and evaluate general neighborhood aesthetics and utility and infrastructure improvements, such as location decision criteria for pump stations or other improvements.
- (4) Provide a forum for the Committee to share best practices and lessons learned from completed projects and/or ongoing projects, for potential incorporation as part of future projects.

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ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 2 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, ENTITLED “ADMINISTRATION,” BY AMENDING ARTICLE II, ENTITLED “CITY COMMISSION,” BY AMENDING SECTION 2-18 ENTITLED “STOP THE PAUSE POLICY” TO ESTABLISH MINIMUM VOTING THRESHOLDS FOR THE CITY COMMISSION RELATING TO SPECIFIED PROJECTS AT ADVANCED STAGES OF COMPLETION HAVING AN ESTIMATED CONSTRUCTION COST ABOVE A STATED THRESHOLD; TO FULLY INFORM THE PUBLIC OF THE DETAILS AND ADDITIONAL EXPENSE OF MATERIAL CHANGES TO SUCH PROJECTS; AND PROVIDING FOR REPEALER, SEVERABILITY, CODIFICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Miami Beach enacted Ordinance No. 2024-4648 on September 21, 2024, establishing voting thresholds for critical infrastructure projects; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission now desires to expand the coverage of the ordinance to include all capital projects having an estimated construction cost above a stated threshold at stated points of completion where substantial taxpayer funds have already been expended except in the case of unforeseen site conditions that materially impact the cost of the project; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission further finds that material changes to increase the scope of a project could result in significant cost overruns or negate the project entirely, and therefore should require a higher voting threshold than a simple majority; and

WHEREAS, these amendments will ensure clarity, fiscal responsibility, and continuity in the execution of capital projects, as well as greater transparency of their costs and consequences; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds that it is prudent to establish a higher threshold of approval by the Commission and heightened awareness by the public of the anticipated additional expense to pause, delay, stop, or materially modify capital projects at advanced stages to ensure continuity, timely completion, and accountability, while allowing for exceptions in the case of unforeseen site conditions that materially impact the cost of the project, and provided, this policy shall not in any way limit the City Commission’s ability to accept the recommendation of the City Manager to reject all bids or to take any action the Commission deems necessary to protect the City’s rights under a contract with a design consultant or contractor; and

WHEREAS, the City ~~provides~~ will ensure robust communications in advance of design and throughout the project, including public meetings, a project specific web page, a map of active projects, dedicated Public Information Outreach (PIO) firm, door-to-door distributions, onsite coordination, and other mechanisms to clarify information and timely address stakeholder questions and feedback, and

WHEREAS, the 30, 60, and 90-percent design completion points are significant milestones, and as the design advances, changes become more difficult and costly, and

~~WHEREAS, the City will continue to utilize robust communication methods to engage the community for feedback at important design milestones leading up to and including any action by the City to materially modify the specified projects; and~~

~~WHEREAS, the City will utilize robust communications to inform the community about the nature, process and critical timelines of important design milestones and engage the community for feedback prior to important design milestones being reached leading up to and including any action by the City to materially modify the specified projects.~~

~~WHEREAS, the City Commission finds that holding a public project “kick-off” meeting immediately following execution of the design contract will serve the community well by providing an opportunity for residents to meet the design consultants and provide feedback at the earliest phase of project development; and~~

~~WHEREAS, such early engagement will assist in the development of the 30% design documents, allowing community concerns and input to be meaningfully incorporated into the design process, provided such input remains within the authority and project definition resolved by the City Commission; and~~

~~WHEREAS, establishing such higher thresholds of approval and cost transparency to pause, delay, stop or materially modify projects will also result in substantial cost savings to taxpayers.~~

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Article II of Chapter 2 of the Code of the City Miami Beach is hereby amended to create Section 2-18 as follows:

**CHAPTER 2
ADMINISTRATION**

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ARTICLE II. CITY COMMISSION

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Sec. 2-18. Stop the Pause Policy.

(1) Definitions.

For purposes of this section only:

~~(a) critical infrastructure projects shall be defined to include:~~

- ~~(i) Projects relating to fire flow, stormwater systems, potable water, and sanitary sewer projects deemed by the city manager to be critical due to risk of failure;~~

~~(ii) Utility projects to replace and/or upgrade systems that are at or near capacity; and~~

~~(iii) Neighborhood Improvement Projects (“NIPs”) that have been approved by the city commission, that may include resiliency-related improvements such as road raising and harmonization.~~

~~(2) Voting Requirements to Pause, Delay, Stop or Materially Modify Critical Infrastructure Projects.~~

~~(a) A 5/7th vote of the City Commission shall be required before the City Commission may take any action that has the effect of pausing, delaying, stopping or materially modifying a critical infrastructure project (as defined herein) having an estimated construction cost of \$1,000,000 or more that is at least at 60% design.~~

~~(b) A 6/7th vote of the City Commission shall be required before the City Commission may take any action that has the effect of pausing, delaying, stopping or materially modifying a critical infrastructure project having an estimated construction cost of \$1,000,000 or more that has obtained all permits and is shovel ready.~~

~~(c) Notwithstanding the requirements of subsections (a) and (b), only a 4/7th vote shall be required for the Commission to take any action that has the effect of pausing, delaying, stopping or materially modifying a critical infrastructure project having an estimated construction cost of \$1,000,000 or more in the event of (i) unforeseen site conditions that materially impact the cost of construction, (ii) funding limitations, and/or (iii) funding emergencies, and provided, the provisions of this section shall not in any way limit the Commission’s ability, on a 4/7th vote, to accept the recommendation of the City Manager to reject all bids or to take any action the Commission deems necessary to protect the City’s rights under a contract with a design consultant or contractor.~~

~~(d) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this section, with regard to critical infrastructure projects having an estimated construction cost of \$1,000,000 or more, the approval of (i) material changes to increase the scope of any such critical infrastructure project or (ii) an increase to the contract price for any such project shall continue to require a simple majority (i.e. 4/7th) vote of the commission.~~

(1) Definitions.

For purposes of this section only:

(a) Capital projects shall include all projects contained in the City’s five-year Capital Improvement Program (CIP).

(b) 30% Design Completion Milestone shall mean the stage at which the overall vision and main ideas for the project have been developed. At this stage the design will reveal the project's size, shape, and purpose. Deliverables generally include:

(i) Site plan and basic floor plans showing overall layout, adjacencies, and key dimensions;

- (ii) Initial building systems approach (structural concept, preliminary (MEP) strategies);
 - (iii) Preliminary architectural concepts (massing, elevations, basic materials);
 - (iv) Initial code and regulatory analysis identifying major constraints; and
 - (v) Preliminary cost estimate
- (c) 60% Design Completion Milestone shall mean the stage at which drawings and documents have much more detail, showing how different systems and materials will come together and how the building will actually function, based on the concept developed at the 30% level. At 60%, the design has been substantially developed, enabling detailed cost reconciliation and value engineering decisions. Deliverables typically include:
- (i) Updated architectural drawings, including developed plans, elevations, and building sections;
 - (ii) Detailed engineering documents, including structural framing plans, MEP system layouts, and civil/utility design progress.
 - (iii) Outline specifications expanded to identify all major materials, equipment, and performance criteria.
 - (iv) More refined code compliance analysis.
 - (v) Second phase cost estimate from the Architect (required at each benchmark)..
- (d) 90% Design Completion Milestone shall mean documents are nearly complete and suitable for final cost setting and the start of permitting, including:
- (i) Full architectural and engineering construction drawings, nearing final coordination level.
 - (ii) Final technical specifications covering all divisions.
 - (iii) Integrated MEP, structural, civil, landscape, and specialty systems with minimal outstanding decisions.
 - (iv) Quality control and interdisciplinary coordination completed, with only minor adjustments anticipated.
 - (v) 90% cost estimate (A/E) supporting preparation of the City's bid documents or the CM's Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP)"

[\(2\) Public Outreach Requirements](#)

(a.) Immediately following execution of the design contract for any capital project subject to this section, the City shall hold a public “project kick-off” meeting for the purpose of introducing the design consultants, presenting the scope and objectives of the project, and obtaining community feedback. Input received at this meeting shall be considered in the development of the 30% Design Completion Milestone documents, to the extent such input remains within the authority and project definition resolved by the City Commission.

(2)(3)-Voting Requirements to Pause, Delay, Stop or Materially Modify Capital Projects.

- (a.) A 5/7th vote of the city commission shall be required before taking any action that has the effect of pausing, delaying, stopping, or materially modifying (including, without limitation, material modifications increasing or decreasing the project scope) a capital project having an estimated construction cost of \$1,000,000 or more that has reached or exceeded the 60% Design Completion Milestone.
- (b.) A 6/7th vote of the city commission shall be required before taking any action that has the effect of pausing, delaying, stopping, or materially modifying (including, without limitation, material modifications increasing or decreasing the project scope) a capital project having an estimated construction cost of \$1,000,000 or more that has reached or exceeded the 90% Design Completion Milestone and has obtained all required permits necessary for commencement of construction.
- (c.) In connection with any vote taken by the City Commission pursuant to subsections (a) or (b), a detailed cost estimate of the modification shall be included in any public information provided by the City prior to the vote, and the amount of such estimate shall be stated in the text of any resolution for approval of same.
- (d.) Notwithstanding subsections (a) and (b), only a 4/7th vote shall be required for the city commission to take such action in the event of unforeseen site conditions that impact the cost of construction and provided, the provisions of this section shall not in any way limit the commission’s ability, on a 4/7th vote, to accept the recommendation of the city manager to reject all bids, to value engineer a project to reduce costs if it is more than 10% over budget, or to take any action the commission deems necessary to protect the city’s rights under a contract with a design consultant or contractor.

SECTION 2. REPEALER.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY.

If any section, subsection, clause or provision of this Ordinance is held invalid, the remainder shall not be affected by such invalidity.

SECTION 4. CODIFICATION.

It is the intention of the Mayor and City Commission of the City of Miami Beach, and it is

hereby ordained that the provisions of this Ordinance shall become and be made part of the Code of the City of Miami Beach, Florida. The sections of this Ordinance may be renumbered or relettered to accomplish such intention, and the word "ordinance" may be changed to "section," "article," or other appropriate word.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Ordinance shall take effect on the _____ day of _____, 2026.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2026.

ATTEST:

Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

Steven Meiner, Mayor

(Sponsored by Commissioner Alex J. Fernandez)

Underline denotes additions

~~Strikethrough~~ denotes deletions

Double underline denotes additions on second reading

APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION

City Attorney *RR*

Date

From: [Batlle, Sabrina](#)
To: [Batlle, Sabrina](#)
Subject: FW: Stop the Pause Ordinance
Date: Thursday, May 28, 2026 11:54:51 AM
Attachments: [Outlook-signature .png](#)

From: Alonso, Sydney <SydneyAlonso@miamibeachfl.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2026 4:17 PM
To: Centorino, Joseph <JosephCentorino@miamibeachfl.gov>; Knowles, Amy <AmyKnowles@miamibeachfl.gov>
Cc: Fernandez, Alex <Alex@miamibeachfl.gov>
Subject: Re: Stop the Pause Ordinance

Hello Mr. Centorino,

We have already shared a draft of the ordinance, featuring your original edits as well as some of the feedback/edits that were provided by the Committee with the Committee members. I've attached that ordinance here.

I am also looping in Amy Knowles, who can share the change in language with the Committee, if possible.

The Commissioner is out of the country and won't be returning until June 9th. The Committee will be meeting to speak about the revised text on June 11th at 4pm, if you would be kind enough to join. I will make sure to brief the Commissioner before then.

Thank you sincerely.

Best,



Sydney Alonso, Esq., Commission Aide to Commissioner Fernandez

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From: Centorino, Joseph <JosephCentorino@miamibeachfl.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2026 4:08 PM

To: Alonso, Sydney <SydneyAlonso@miamibeachfl.gov>

Cc: Fernandez, Alex <Alex@miamibeachfl.gov>

Subject: Stop the Pause Ordinance

Hello Sydney,

Following a discussion that I had with Audit Committee members at our last meeting about strengthening the Stop the Pause II Ordinance, I have drafted revised language for the suggested ordinance change I previously sent. Ron Starkman, who chairs the Audit Committee and also sits on the Neighborhood Resiliency Projects Advisory Committee agreed with the change. We feel it is more aligned with other language in the ordinance and provides a more comprehensive notice to the public.

The proposed additional language appears in the attachment in subsection (2)(c) where the phrase, **“a detailed cost estimate of the modification”** has been replaced with the following language: **“a detailed estimate of additional costs expected to be incurred due to any pause, delay, stop, or material modification.”**

We appreciate the opportunity provided by the Commissioner to have input on this matter. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Regards,

Joe Centorino



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