

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-061

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH, FLORIDA ESTABLISHING THE CITY OF HIALEAH BUSINESS ECONOMIC AND RECOVERY TASK FORCE TO DEVELOP A COMMUNITY-WIDE ACTION PLAN FOR THE RESUMPTION OF BUSINESS IN THE CITY OF HIALEAH AND TO GENERALLY OPEN UP THE CITY; ADVISE THE CITY AND THE HIALEAH BUSINESS COMMUNITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City is in the midst of a prolonged state of emergency due to the unique Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic; and

WHEREAS, as the City looks toward resuming operations under a "new normal," and the City wants to help economically stimulate our local business with input from community leaders, and local stakeholders to provide feedback and expert knowledge to the City regarding how best to resume business and provide economic growth opportunities, all the while continuing to operate in line with best medical and health practices; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and the City Council desire to receive input from local stakeholders regarding how best to open businesses and the City to residents in returning to a new normal as the City emerges from the pandemic, and once the City has emerged from this current crisis; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and the City Council desire to provide aide to reactivate the City and the task force can assist in developing and providing advice to the Mayor and City Council on issues related to an economic recovery, stimulus and best practices that directly impact businesses in the City as a result of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Labor awarded National Disaster Dislocated Worker Grant (NDWG) funding to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity to provide assistance to the Dislocated Workers in the South Florida Workforce as a result of the pandemic, and the City can only use authorized funds to provide temporary (6 months) Direct Job Placement (DJP) opportunities for activities tied to the declared disaster; and

WHEREAS, the creation of a task force can help to identify and develop resources, ideas, events, grants, loans, and other financial assistance and/or stimulus that may be available or might be developed to assist businesses within the City, which would be then presented to the Mayor and City Council; and

WHEREAS, as the City of Hialeah is the City of PROGRESS it is only fitting that the Business Recovery Task Force have a P.R.O.G.R.E.S.S. Representative to assist in being proactive to reactivate opportunities, provide guidance, assure results in this economy, generally stimulate success, and who can be a link and help provide communication within the City among businesses and residents by visiting locations to provide guidelines and discuss concerns or opportunity for growth to ensure that the City is at the forefront of the recovery efforts with economic growth; and

WHEREAS, the task force for reactivation of the City's economy will focus on stimulating the economy while hosting and promoting opportunities for growth for small businesses, research Grant/Federal Dollar Opportunities and make available the P.R.O.G.R.E.S.S. Representative to assist with this; and

WHEREAS, the task force will focus on Public Safety and the P.R.O.G.R.E.S.S. Representative can assist the public by visiting parks, public spaces and places throughout the City and distribute essential items or materials or provide information to the public concerning safety measures; and

WHEREAS, the task force will provide opportunities for restaurant businesses within the City to be promoted in City initiatives and economic stimulus opportunities, and the P.R.O.G.R.E.S.S. Representative will provide assistance regarding guidance in outdoor seating capacity and precautionary ideas; and

WHEREAS, the task force will help stimulus success within over 400 Hospitality Businesses within the City; and

WHEREAS, the task force will provide communication and support within the field of Education by communicating with higher education institutions within the City for continued learning and safeguards for young adults and their families, and provide them with possibilities regarding constructive events; and

WHEREAS, the task force will provide guidance and growth initiatives within the new normal in our parks, libraries, community development, businesses, residents, and other events while ensuring that proper precautions are adhered to; and

WHEREAS, the task force will focus on Mental Health Awareness in the community in areas of alcohol abuse as the City has over 600 retail outlet alcohol stores, of which the City will try to target at least 30% of these; and

WHEREAS, the task force will develop continued care opportunities for our most vulnerable group of seniors and communicate with medical field providers within our City concerning this, and more broadly residents as the pandemic unfolds; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and the City Council direct that a Business Recovery Task Force to be created that shall provide critical information, feedback, and recommendations to the Mayor and City Council concerning its public outreach, which may require administrative actions and/or council approval to aid and expedite the economic recovery with proper precaution while facilitating growth within the City; and

WHEREAS, the task force shall develop a comprehensive community-wide action plan to be presented to the Mayor and the City Council as soon as practical.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH, FLORIDA, THAT:

Section 1: The foregoing "Whereas" clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution upon adoption hereof.

Section 2: The Business Economic And Recovery Task Force is hereby established to provide feedback and recommendations to the Mayor and the City council on how best to resume business operations in the City during and following the COVID-19 pandemic and to develop a proposed comprehensive community-wide action plan to be presented to the Mayor and the City Council on how best to assist residents and businesses in returning to a new normal once the City has emerged from this current crisis, as well as providing assistance to the senior and the vulnerable community in the City, and residents.

Section 3: Membership. That the task force shall consist of nine (9) members.

The membership shall be comprised of the following:

1. Small business owner - Ozzie Herrera, Social Center Adult Day Care
3. Higher Education Representative Dr. Anthony Cruz, President of Miami Dade College Hialeah Campus
4. Citrus Health - Lisa Tamburello, Healthy Me Program Administrator
5. Hialeah Medical Hospital Professional- pending
6. Mayor's Nominee
7. City Council Nominee – Monica Perez
8. Hospitality/ Restaurant- Alexis Osorio, Kush Hospitality- Stephens Delicatessen/ La Cocina
9. Large Retail Business – Mauro Oliveri, Marketing Director of Westland Mall

All appointments shall be confirmed by the City Council. Any vacancies in the task force shall be filled in the same manner as the initial appointment. The P.R.O.G.R.E.S.S. Representative shall be appointed by the task force.

Section 4: Term. The task force terms shall commence once members are ratified by the City Council, which task force shall sunset one (1) year after that date.

Section 5: Chair and Vice Chair. That the task force shall select from among its membership a Chair and Vice Chair.

Section 6: Meetings. The task shall hold regular and special meetings at such times as may be appropriate at City Hall by arranging for a meeting room with the City Clerk, and the meetings shall be open to the public and minutes of the meetings shall be kept showing any action taken, and such shall be filed with the City Clerk.

Section 7: Quorum. That meetings shall be called to order when a quorum is present, which shall be at least a majority of the members present, and a decision of a majority of the members comprising the task force present and voting shall be a decision of the task force.

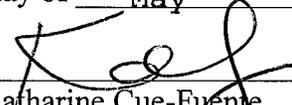
Section 8: Compensation. That all members of the task force shall serve without compensation.

Section 9: Compliance. The task force shall be governed by any and all legislation enacted by the Mayor and the City Council, administrative policies, including, but not limited to the provisions of the City Code.

Section 10: Costs. That costs incurred for notifications, mailings, printings, legal and/or courtesy advertisements, and other items necessary to conduct the business of the task force may borne by the City. Expenditures must be approved in advance as provided in the City Charter.

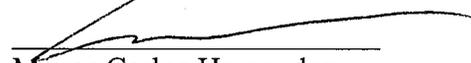
Section 11: Effective Date. This resolution shall become effective upon signature of the Mayor of the City of Hialeah, Florida or at the next regularly scheduled City Council meeting, if the Mayor's signature is withheld or if the City Council overrides the Mayor's veto.

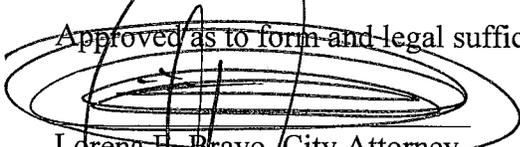
PASSED AND ADOPTED this 28 day of May, 2020.


Katharine Cue-Fuente
Council President Pro Tem

Attest: Approved on this 4 day of June, 2020.


Marbelys Fatjo, City Clerk


Mayor Carlos Hernandez

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:

Lorena H. Bravo, City Attorney

Resolution was adopted by a 5-0-2 vote with Councilmembers, Cue-Fuente, Garcia-Roves, Perez, Tundidor and Zogby, voting "Yes" and with Council President Hernandez and Council Vice President De la Rosa absent.