



**CITY OF SOUTH MIAMI, FLORIDA
NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC
CITY COMMISSION MEETING**

In order to balance the need for the City of South Miami to function and conduct vital business during the COVID 19 pandemic and, at the same time, protect the health, safety, and welfare of our citizens and our staff, the City shall conduct its upcoming meetings, including the Planning Board and City Commission meetings virtually through communications media technology (CMT) as explained more particularly below.

In accordance with City of South Miami Code, Chapter 286.011, Fla. Stat, the City will be holding its **City Commission Meeting in person and VIRTUALLY. The meeting is scheduled to begin on Tuesday, March 7, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.**

The VIRTUAL MEETING will be held through communication media technology with the members of the City Commission, City staff, any applicant making a presentation, adjustment or determination of an issue, request or controversy within the jurisdiction of the City Commission, as well as the applicant's attorney and witnesses participating through video conferencing. This virtual meeting will be held on the Zoom platform used by the City Clerk for live remote participation. Members of the public may join and participate in the meeting in the following ways:

- via Zoom at (<https://zoom.us/j/3056636338>); and
- via a dedicated phone line that will be available so that any individual who does not wish (or is unable) to use Zoom, may listen to and participate in the **meeting by dialing +1-786-635-1003 Meeting ID: 3056636338.**

The public may view the meeting live without participating on the City's website: (<https://www.southmiamifl.gov/102/Agendas-Minutes>) ("Granicus") as well as Channel 667 on Atlantic Broadband or by AT&T U-Verse.

At the appropriate time, all participants who want to speak will be asked to raise their "virtual hand". If the Mayor/Chair requests that all or some speakers take their "virtual hands" down and if a participant fails to do so, or otherwise disrupts the meeting, the Mayor/Chair may permanently mute that persons microphone and video image for that meeting and said person will not be allowed to participant in that meeting. See the specific instructions below for raising your "virtual hand" using Zoom.

In addition to the foregoing, the City Commission Chambers at City Hall, located at 6130 Sunset Dr., will be open commencing at 6:30 p.m. on the day of the meeting in order to live stream public comment by those lacking an ability to participate and be heard through their own communication media technology.

Anyone who wishes to review pending applications and supporting documentation in person must make an appointment by calling 305-663-6340.

Note that pursuant to Florida Statutes 286.0105, a person who decides to appeal any decision made by a Board, Agency or Commission with respect to any matter considered at its meeting or hearing, a record of the proceedings will be required for said appeal and such person will be required to have a verbatim transcript of the proceedings including the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. ADA: To request a modification to a policy, practice or procedure or to request an auxiliary aide or service in order to participate in a City program, activity or event, you must on or before 4:00 p.m./a.m. 3 business days (not counting the day of the meeting) before the meeting deliver your request to the City Clerk by telephone: 305-663-6340 (voice) or by mail at 6130 Sunset Drive, South Miami, Florida or email at npayne@southmiamifl.gov.

ZOOM WEB-BASED VIRTUAL CITY MEETING PROCEDURE

Live Remote Public Comment Process

The City of South Miami is providing the ability to submit Live Remote Public Comments to its virtual Meetings.

The person wishing to submit a live remote public comment through the Zoom process, will appear live on the TV screens in Commission Chambers as well on the computer screen of the other participants, including members of the applicable board, committee or commission during the meeting and will be afforded three (3) minutes to speak.

You can test your connection to Zoom by clicking on the following link: <http://zoom.us/test>

Please make sure that your computer has a working speaker, microphone and, preferably, a working webcam so that you can hear and be heard and see and be seen on the City Hall monitors and by the other Zoom participants in the live streaming of the meeting. Some computers and/or smartphones have both features. Should it be impossible or undesirable for you to attend virtually by computer or smartphone, you may participate in the meeting by telephone by dialing: +1-786-635-1003 and entering Meeting ID: 3056636338 , and the participant's ID which is the same number (3056636338), or at City Hall, join the meeting using the system set up at City Hall. This notice of the meeting is posted at City Hall and also at <http://www.southmiamifl.gov/580/Public-Meetings-Notices>.

Each virtual participant in the Zoom virtual meeting will be automatically muted upon joining the meeting and only the Chair may unmute a participant. Members of the public who wish to speak will be allowed to do so at the appropriate time. When on the Zoom platform, if you wish to speak at public remarks or during a public hearing you must **raise your "virtual hand"**, **BUT ONLY WHEN CALLED UPON TO RAISE YOUR "VIRTUAL HAND"**. **If you are asked to take your "virtual hand" down, you must do so or the host of the meeting, the Mayor or the Chair, may prevent you from further participation. If you are disruptive, you may be permanently removed from that meeting.**

If you intend to participate by speaking at public remarks or at a public hearing through Zoom, you must activate the "Participants" by waving your mouse at the bottom of the screen to reveal the controls and clicking the icon that is labeled "Participants".



This will open a column, which normally appears to the far right of the screen, where you will see the names of all the participants.

AFTER YOU ACTIVATE "Participants" AND ONLY WHEN CALLED UPON BY THE MAYOR OR CHAIR FOR A SHOW OF "VIRTUAL HANDS" OF ALL THOSE WHO WISH TO SPEAK, CLICK ON THE HAND ICON IN THE LOWER RIGHT-HAND CORNER OF THE "Participants" COLUMN TO "RAISE YOUR VIRTUAL HAND" AND TO INDICATE YOUR INTEREST IN SPEAKING.



If you are participating via telephone, please dial *9 to “raise your virtual hand” to indicate your interest in speaking.

If you intend to participate over a telephone line, you must dial 786-635-1003, and when asked for the meeting ID, type in 305-663-6338. When asked for the participant ID type the same number, 305-663-6338.

if you are one of those people who have been asked to raise a “virtual hand” and you are using a telephone line to participate, then to raise your “virtual hand” when called upon, and only when called upon, enter the star symbol (or asterisk) on the phone keyboard and then the number 9. To take your “virtual hand” down, do the same thing a second time. if you want to mute yourself, enter the star (or asterisk) on the phone keyboard and then the number 6. To unmute yourself, do the same thing. If you mute yourself for privacy reasons the Mayor, or Chair of the meeting, may or may not be able to unmute you when they are ready to call upon you. They may need to ask you to unmute yourself. If they do, enter the star symbol and then the number 6. It may take a few seconds for it to work. If it does not, you may be asked to do it a second time to unmute your phone. The Mayor or Chair will wait 5 seconds and if you are not unmuted, they may take your “virtual hand” down and go to the next person in line.

When you raise your “virtual hand”, the meeting host will be aware of this and at the appropriate time indicate your interest in speaking to the Mayor, or Chair. The Mayor/Chair will call on you at the appropriate time and the meeting host will attempt to unmute your microphone and you will be allotted your time to make your remarks public. When the Mayor/Chair requests that you put your “virtual hand” down, you must do so, otherwise the Mayor/Chair may mute your microphone for the remainder of the meeting and if you continue to disrupt the meeting you may be permanently removed from this meeting.

If you wish to participate in a meeting using Zoom, you will need to download the Zoom program by going to Zoom.us and in the top banner you will need to click on the box that states: SIGN UP, IT’S FREE. When signing up you need to add your real name. The opening signup page has a column in the far left titled “PERSONAL” and below, the first work is “Profile”. Tick the word “Profile” and to the right is a place to add your real name. If you did not provide your real name in the user profile when you originally signed up, you will need to sign-in and go to the menu on the left side and tick the word “Profile” and to the right is a place to add or edit your real name. If you fail to add your real name you may not be called upon to speak depending on the circumstances.

During the meeting, you may need to change the screen from “full screen” to “gallery” or “speaker view”. to do this, wave your mouse in the upper righthand corner of your screen and you will see the options

We thank you for participating in this meeting and ask you to please wait patiently for your turn to speak.

If you wish to be part of the scheduled Zoom meeting, please join the meeting by clicking on the following URL link: <https://zoom.us/j/3056636338> or dialing: +1-786-635-1003 and entering Meeting ID: 3056636338.