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CITY COMMISSION APPROVES MIAMI 21 ON FIRST READING

Miami, FL – The Miami City Commission approved Miami 21, a new zoning code for the City of Miami, on First Reading with a vote of 4-1.

“I thank the Miami Commission for supporting Miami 21, our blueprint for a sustainable, prosperous Miami,” said Mayor Diaz. “I also thank the many residents that participated in the crafting of Miami 21. It was truly inspiring to see our residents participate in this public process.”

Mayor Diaz called the Special Commission Meeting due to the tremendous outpouring of support from Miami constituents, and the expressed desire of several City of Miami Commissioners to revisit Miami 21. The meeting included several hours of public hearing.

“Miami 21 is a people-friendly zoning code. It will increase park space, improve walkability, and make Miami a more sustainable place to live, among other benefits,” said Joe Sanchez, City Commission Chairman. “As with any type of overhaul, there will be issues and concerns. I call upon the administration to address these concerns before the Second Reading and make sure we vote on a version of Miami 21 that brings the people the zoning code they deserve.”

Miami 21 is a blueprint for the City of Miami of the 21st century and beyond. It takes a holistic approach to land use and urban planning, broadening the scope of a traditional master plan to become a truly comprehensive plan. The Miami 21 Zoning Code aims to provide new City regulations that are streamlined, progressive, and relevant to the needs of a changing city. These regulations will encourage the development of safe, vibrant, pedestrian and transit-friendly neighborhoods, so that future generations will reap the benefits of well-balanced neighborhoods and rich quality of life.

The plan must still go before the Commission for a second reading before becoming effective.

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