




City of North Miami Beach, Florida
Office of the City Manager

TO: The Honorable Mayor and Commission
FROM: Arthur H. Sorey, III, City Manager  obo Arthur H. Sorey III.
CC: Kemarr L. Brown, Assistant City Manager
Gedel Merzius, Assistant City Manager
DATE: June 23, 2022

SUBJECT: **Press Release June 21, 2022 City Commission meeting**

This memorandum is intended to provide notification to the Mayor & Commission regarding an incident that occurred during the June 21, 2022, City Commission meeting.

In this memorandum we are providing City Manager Arthur H. Sorey III statement in response to a press release issued to media sources by Mayor Anthony DeFillipo.

We remain available to answer any questions you may have.

CC: City Manager Arthur H. Sorey June 23, 2022, Statement
Mayor Anthony DeFillipo June 23, 2022, Press Release



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For Immediate Release

Statement from Arthur H. Sorey, III, City Manager The City of North Miami Beach

In response to the incident that occurred on Tuesday, June 21, 2022, during the City of North Miami Beach Commission Meeting where North Miami Beach resident Mubarak Kazan left an unattended device on the Julius Littman Theatre stage and exited the building.

“My number one priority is to ensure the safety of our residents and elected officials. During the Commission Meeting held on Tuesday, June 21, 2022, staff informed our North Miami Beach Police Department when Mubarak Kazan left an unattended device on the stage and exited the Julius Littman Theatre. NMB Police Officers, who were present at the meeting, inspected the device to determine if it presented any danger to the residents and elected officials in attendance. After concluding it was a recording device, it was immediately returned to Mr. Kazan and I publicly invited him back into the meeting. However, Mr. Kazan had already left. Mr. Kazan is welcome to attend all future Commission Meetings. During these trying times in our community and nation, we must remain on high alert at all public gatherings and be vigilant to ensure the safety of our residents, visitors, and elected officials. We should speak up when we see unattended devices or bags,” said Arthur H. Sorey, III.

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About City of North Miami Beach

Truly at the “Crossroads of South Florida,” North Miami Beach is located midway between Miami and Ft. Lauderdale and adjacent to the Golden Glades Interchange where I-95, Florida’s Turnpike, and the Palmetto Expressway meet. The central location, easy access, and major arteries including West Dixie Highway, Biscayne Boulevard, and 163rd Street, have transformed North Miami Beach into one of South Florida’s best known regional destinations for dining, shopping, and business ventures. The City is operated by 460 full-time employees and 10 departments. For more information, visit www.CityNMB.com.

**Mayor Anthony DeFillipo
City of North Miami Beach
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June 23, 2022

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**NORTH MIAMI BEACH RESIDENT MUBARAK KAZAN'S CIVIL RIGHTS VIOLATED BY
CITY ADMINISTRATION**

On Tuesday, June 21, 2022, North Miami Beach resident Mubarak Kazan was forced to leave a City Commission meeting by City Manager Arthur Sorey under the pretext that his recording device was a "security issue."

Mr. Kazan is a long-time resident and activist, who holds public officials accountable for their actions, including the fiscal mismanagement being perpetrated by the current administration.

Mr. Kazan criticized the City Manager during public comment, who in turn, retaliated by having the Police Chief and four officers prevent him from attending the City Commission meeting.

This egregious incident was just the culmination of a multitude of questionable actions by the City Manager since April of 2021, which I will enumerate at today's press conference.

LOCATION: North Miami Beach City Hall
17011 NE 19 Avenue
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TIME: 4:00 PM

I will also be taking questions by the media.

For further information, please call (305) 582-0867.

MAYOR ANTHONY DEFILLIPO

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