

The City of Aventura



19200 West Country Club Drive Aventura, FL

City Commission Workshop Meeting

November 17, 2011
Immediately Following Special Meeting
Executive Conference Room

AGENDA

1. **2012 Meeting Schedule (City Manager)***
2. **Legislative Program And Priorities (City Manager)***
Future Action Required: Resolution
3. **Adjournment**

* **Back-up Information Exists**

This meeting is open to the public. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, all persons who are disabled and who need special accommodations to participate in this meeting because of that disability should contact the Office of the City Clerk, 305-466-8901, not later than two days prior to such proceeding.



COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULE

January Commission Meeting	January 3, 2012	6:00 P.M.
January Workshop Meeting	January 19, 2012	9:00 A.M.
February Commission Meeting	February 7, 2012	6:00 P.M.
February Workshop Meeting	February 16, 2012	9:00 A.M.
March Commission Meeting	March 6, 2012	6:00 P.M.
March Workshop Meeting	March 22, 2012	9:00 A.M.
April Commission Meeting	April 3, 2012	6:00 P.M.
April Workshop Meeting	April 19, 2012	9:00 A.M.
May Commission Meeting	May 1, 2012	6:00 P.M.
May Workshop Meeting	May 17, 2012	9:00 A.M.
June Commission Meeting	June 5, 2012	6:00 P.M.
June Workshop Meeting	June 21, 2012	9:00 A.M.
July Commission Meeting	July 10, 2012	6:00 P.M.
July Workshop Meeting	July 19, 2012	9:00 A.M.
August	NO MEETINGS	
September Commission Meeting	September 4, 2012	6:00 P.M. **
September Workshop Meeting	September 20, 2012	9:00 A.M. **
October Commission Meeting	October 2, 2012	6:00 P.M.
October Workshop Meeting	October 18, 2012	9:00 A.M.
November Commission Meeting	November 13, 2012	6:00 P.M.
November Workshop Meeting	November 15, 2012	9:00 A.M.
December	NO MEETINGS	

** Two Budget Public Hearings to be held in September will be scheduled in July.

Workshop Meetings are held in the 5th floor Executive Conference Room
Commission Meetings are held in the Commission Chamber on the 2nd Floor.

Aventura Government Center, 19200 W. Country Club Drive, Aventura, FL 33180

CITY OF AVENTURA LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM AND PRIORITIES



2012

**Mayor Susan Gottlieb
Commissioner Zev Auerbach
Commissioner Bob Diamond
Commissioner Teri Holzberg
Commissioner Billy Joel
Commissioner Michael Stern
Commissioner Luz Urbaez Weinberg
City Manager Eric M. Soroka
City Clerk Teresa M. Soroka
City Attorney Weiss Serota Helfman Pastoriza Cole & Boniske, P.L.**

**CITY OF AVENTURA
LEGISLATIVE PROGRAMS AND PRIORITIES
2012**

This document is intended to provide direction to the City Manager, City Attorney and Legislative Lobbyist as to the official City position regarding issues and pending legislation which would affect the operation of local government. This document further provides priorities for the acquisition of supplemental funding (grants) for various programs.

The City of Aventura will endorse and support legislation that will:

1. Provide a dedicated revenue source for Charter School capital improvements at the same levels provided to the local school boards.
2. Increase or maintain educational funding levels for Miami-Dade County public schools.
3. Amend State law allowing a more economical method of advertising for a public hearing relating to Comprehensive Plan adoption and/ or amendments.
4. Adopt the 2012 Policy Statement of the Florida League of Cities.
5. Enact a law that would prohibit an individual from writing, sending or receiving text messages while operating a motor vehicle.
6. Enact a law enabling cities to prohibit smoking at city sponsored events or activities and/ or at city parks and facilities.
7. On a state-wide level, ban the use of handheld phones by persons operating motor vehicles, but allowing hands free phone devices.
8. Provide a dedicated revenue source to cities that are located within 1 mile of a facility that houses legalized gambling to offset police and road impact costs to the community.
9. Preserve municipal authority for red light camera safety programs.
10. Seek legislation to encourage automobile insurance carriers to offer reduced insurance premium rates for vehicle owners and operators residing within jurisdictions utilizing red light camera safety programs.