



**COMMISSION MEMORANDUM**

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Mayor Steven Meiner

DATE: June 26, 2024

TITLE: REFERRAL TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND NEIGHBORHOOD QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS THE IMPLEMENTATION OF "PROJECT BLUE LIGHT PROGRAM," AUTHORIZING PRIVATE BUSINESS CAMERAS TO HAVE A DIRECT FEED INTO THE REAL-TIME INTELLIGENCE CENTER.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**BACKGROUND/HISTORY**

Please place on the June 26, 2024 City Commission agenda a referral to the Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee to discuss the implementation of "Project Blue Light Program," authorizing private business cameras to have a direct feed into the Real-Time Intelligence Center.

The Miami Beach Police Department ("MBPD"), in collaboration with the Information Technology Department and the Facilities and Fleet Management Department is in the process of establishing a Real-Time Intelligence Center ("RTIC"). MBPD has built a significant network of video surveillance cameras covering many city facilities, parks, buildings, offices, public thoroughfares, roadways, and critical infrastructure. Furthermore, MBPD has implemented a Patrol Drone Operator program; augmented the Unmanned Aerial Systems program that supports SWAT, Traffic Homicide, Crime-Scene, and other specialized missions; and expanded the use of platforms designed to identify and monitor criminal activity. The creation of this dedicated RTIC allows all these systems to be brought together and actively monitored by dedicated personnel with specialized training.

In 2016, the Detroit Police Department ("DPD") partnered with various gas stations citywide that installed real-time camera connections to police headquarters as part of a ground-breaking crime-fighting partnership between local businesses and the City of Detroit. "Project Green Light Detroit" was a public-private-community partnership which combined a mix of real-time crime-fighting and community policing aimed at improving neighborhood safety, promoting the revitalization and growth of local businesses, and strengthening DPD's efforts to deter, identify, and solve crime.

As part of the referral, I would request that the City Administration, including the Police Department and Information Technology Department be prepared at Committee to discuss the possibility of implementing "Project Blue Light Program" which connects private businesses in Miami Beach with the RTIC.

**ANALYSIS**

**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

**Does this Ordinance require a Business Impact Estimate?**  
(FOR ORDINANCES ONLY)

The Business Impact Estimate (BIE) was published on . See BIE at:  
<https://www.miamibeachfl.gov/city-hall/city-clerk/meeting-notice/>

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

**CONCLUSION**

**Applicable Area**

Citywide

**Is this a “Residents Right to Know” item,  
pursuant to City Code Section 2-17?**

**Is this item related to a G.O. Bond  
Project?**

No

**Was this Agenda Item initially requested by a lobbyist which, as defined in Code Sec. 2-481,  
includes a principal engaged in lobbying?** No

If so, specify the name of lobbyist(s) and principal(s):

**Department**

Office of Mayor Steven Meiner

**Sponsor(s)**

Mayor Steven Meiner

**Co-sponsor(s)**