



**COMMISSION MEMORANDUM**

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Mayor Steven Meiner

DATE: July 24, 2024

TITLE: REFERRAL TO THE FINANCE AND ECONOMIC RESILIENCY COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS A REQUEST BY THE ALLISON ISLAND ASSOCIATION FOR A CITY SUBSIDY TO DEFRAY THE CAPITAL COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH IMPROVEMENTS TO THE ALLISON ISLAND GUARD HOUSE.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**BACKGROUND/HISTORY**

**ANALYSIS**

Please place on the July 24, 2024 agenda a referral to the September 20, 2024 Finance and Economic Resiliency Committee (the "Committee") meeting to discuss a request by the Allison Island Association for a City subsidy to defray the capital costs associated with necessary capital improvements to the Allison Island Guard House.

The Allison Island Security Guard Special Taxing District (the "Special Taxing District") was created pursuant to City Commission Resolution No. 89-19604, adopted on May 10, 1989, and Miami-Dade Ordinance No. 89-125, adopted on December 5, 1989, for the purpose of constructing a guardhouse and installing gates within City land at the entrance of the Special Taxing District; and providing a safety and sentinel security guard service. Pursuant to City Commission Resolution No. 2018-30575, adopted on October 17, 2018, and Miami-Dade County Resolution No. R-590-19, Miami-Dade County transferred control of the Special Taxing District to the City. Pursuant to City Commission Resolution No. 2020-31145, adopted on January 15, 2020, the City and Miami-Dade County entered into an Interlocal Agreement memorializing the transfer of control of the Special Taxing District from the County to the City.

Previously, the City provided the security guard services for the Special Taxing District pursuant to one or more professional services agreement(s) with private security service providers. Between June 17, 2023 and August 25, 2023, 41 of the 50 homeowners voted yes, authorizing the Association to take over the selection of the security company for the Special Taxing District and the increased expenditures for heightened security for the Special Taxing District. As a result, on December 27, 2023, the City and the Allison Island Association (the "HOA") entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (the "MOU") to permit the HOA to select and contract directly with a private security provider, and to authorize the City to reimburse the HOA with Special Assessment Revenue from the Allison Island Security Guard Special Taxing District.

The Allison Island guard house is in need of repairs and other capital improvements. The HOA has provided a budget for the improvements reflecting an estimated cost of \$300,000. Although the guard house was constructed on City land and is owned by the City, the HOA was responsible

for the costs of building the guard house and is responsible for the costs of maintenance and repairs. Nevertheless, the HOA has requested that the City consider a subsidy for all or a portion of the cost of the improvements.

The Facilities and Fleet Management Department should be prepared to address the Committee regarding this request.

### **FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

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

If applicable, the Business Impact Estimate (BIE) was published on .  
See BIE at: <https://www.miamibeachfl.gov/city-hall/city-clerk/meeting-notices/>

### **FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

### **CONCLUSION**

#### **Applicable Area**

Middle Beach

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

No

#### **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)**

#### **Condensed Title**

Ref: FERC - City Subsidy for Allison Island Guard House. (Meiner)