



COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Commissioner Kristen Rosen Gonzalez

DATE: March 19, 2025

TITLE: REFERRAL TO THE FINANCE AND ECONOMIC RESILIENCY COMMITTEE –
DISCUSS PLANTING 100 JAMAICAN TALL COCONUT PALMS AT LUMMUS
PARK.

RECOMMENDATION

BACKGROUND/HISTORY

Please place on the March 19, 2025 agenda a referral to the Finance and Economic Resiliency Committee (the “Committee”) to discuss planting 100 Jamaican tall coconut palms at Lummus Park (the “Park”). These palms, which are already a key feature of the park's landscape, are a distinctive part of Miami Beach's aesthetic and contribute to the unique tropical atmosphere enjoyed by both residents and visitors.

The Jamaican tall coconut palms are well-adapted to our local environment, and planting additional palms would enhance the park’s beauty, further solidifying the Park as a landmark destination within the City.

The Administration should be prepared to present the following information to the Committee for discussion:

- appropriate planting locations within the Park;
- costs involved; and
- funding sources for the project.

To the extent funding for this project is not available in the FY 2025 budget, I would request that the Committee recommend making this a budget priority during the FY 2026 budget process. I believe this initiative will not only enhance the visual appeal of Lummus Park but also preserve the iconic look that has become synonymous with Miami Beach.

I look forward to discussing the logistics, costs, and benefits of this proposal with the Committee and gathering feedback on how we can move forward.

ANALYSIS

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

NA

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

Citywide

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

Yes

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

Yes

**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 Commissioner Kristen Rosen Gonzalez

Sponsor(s)

Commissioner Kristen Rosen Gonzalez

Co-sponsor(s)

Condensed Title

Ref: FERC - Plant 100 Jamaican Tall Coconut Palms at Lummus Park. (Rosen Gonzalez)

Previous Action (For City Clerk Use Only)