

MIAMI BEACH

COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission
FROM: Commissioner Alex Fernandez
DATE: February 3, 2025
TITLE: REFERRAL TO THE FINANCE AND ECONOMIC RESILIENCY COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS THE ALLOCATION OF FUNDING FOR THE INSTALLATION OF TEMPORARY LIGHTING AT THE POLO PARK BASKETBALL COURTS.

RECOMMENDATION

Please place on the February 3, 2025, City Commission agenda a referral to the Finance and Economic Resiliency Committee (“FERC”) to discuss potentially allocating funds for the installation of temporary lighting at the Polo Park basketball courts.

On December 2, 2024, the Nautilus Area Homeowners Association (“NAHA”) adopted a Resolution (please see attached Exhibit “A”) for the temporary installation of lights at the Polo Park basketball courts. In considering the balance between providing enhanced recreational facilities and maintaining the integrity of Polo Park, NAHA recommended the installation of temporary lighting at the basketball courts, on a 6-month trial basis, in conjunction with certain conditions. These conditions include stipulations that: the lights shall automatically turn off each evening at 9 p.m.; a Miami Beach Park Ranger shall be present each weekday evening until the park is closed (and at all times on weekends); noise control signage shall be installed throughout the park; the City shall maintain and monitor the temporary lighting; and NAHA will conduct a review of the temporary lighting’s impact after a period of six (6) months.

Accordingly, I would request that the City Administration be prepared at Committee to discuss the cost for the installation of temporary lighting at the Polo Park basketball courts (including any maintenance and use costs), in conjunction with the conditions set forth by NAHA. I would further request that the Administration be prepared to address any other foreseeable issues or concerns and provide the Committee with its recommendation.

BACKGROUND/HISTORY

ANALYSIS

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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?

Yes

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 Commissioner Alex Fernandez

Sponsor(s)

Commissioner Alex Fernandez

Co-sponsor(s)

Commissioner Tanya K. Bhatt

Condensed Title

REF: FERC - Installation of Temporary Basketball Court Lighting at Polo Park.
(Fernandez/Bhatt)

Previous Action (For City Clerk Use Only)