

MIAMI BEACH

COMMITTEE MEMORANDUM

TO: Finance and Economic Resiliency Committee Members
FROM: Eric Carpenter, City Manager
DATE: November 8, 2024
TITLE: DISCUSS FENCING FOR CITY OWNED VACANT/ABANDONED LOTS

RECOMMENDATION

The Administration recommends the Finance and Economic Resiliency Committee (“FERC” or the “Committee”) consider the prescribed improvements to the properties identified. If the Committee decides to move forward with the work, the Administration requests a funding appropriation needed to execute.

BACKGROUND/HISTORY

On January 31, 2024, the Mayor and City Commission discussed item R5 E, the second reading of amended and adopted Ordinance No. 2024-4583 which mandates fencing of vacant and abandoned lots. At said Commission meeting, there was discussion regarding if City-owned properties should be exempt from the Ordinance. Following deliberations on the item, the Mayor and City Commission approved a referral, sponsored by Commissioner Rosen Gonzalez, to the FERC to research and discuss government properties.

This item was discussed at the June 28, 2024, FERC meeting. The Administration presented eighteen (18) City-owned properties considered for landscape and/or fencing. Many of the properties are on Collins Ave between 79th Street and 87th Street (the “West Lots”) and are composed of two (2) or more folios totaling four (4) parcels. After reviewing the inventory of City-owned properties that fit the description of “Vacant” or “Abandoned” lots, it was decided that not all City lots classified as such would benefit from fencing, nor did they all require extensive landscaping. The Committee directed the Administration to review the lots originally contemplated in Exhibit A “Recommended Improvements to City Owned Vacant Lots and Associated Fiscal Impact” and return to Committee with recommendations that would best serve each of the properties. This item was included on the October 18, 2024, FERC agenda but was deferred.

ANALYSIS

In assessing the needs of the selected City-owned lots, the Facilities Management Division visited all the properties and documented the existing conditions of each. Only the portions of the properties that required remediation were considered for estimates. Of the eighteen (18) properties originally proposed, five (5) properties were identified as needing some degree of landscaping. These properties are all located in the North Beach area, primarily in the West Lots. No properties were found to need additional fencing.

The Facilities Management Division collaborated with the Greenspace Division to arrive at reasonable estimates based on existing City contracts for landscaping services and market rates for watering trucks. Exhibit B, attached hereto, provides an itemized estimate to enhance landscape on the selected sites.

The total fiscal impact to perform the landscape remediation on the selected sites is approximately \$49,650.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Total fiscal impact to perform the landscape remediation on the selected sites is \$49,650.

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-notices/>

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing, the Administration recommends the Committee consider the prescribed improvements to applicable City properties and their fiscal impact. If the Committee would like to move forward with the work as recommended, an appropriation in the amount of \$49,650 through the budget process would be required to improve the properties identified.

Applicable Area

Citywide

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

Facilities and Fleet Management

Sponsor(s)

Commissioner Kristen Rosen Gonzalez

Co-sponsor(s)

Commissioner Tanya K. Bhatt

Condensed Title

Discuss Fencing for City Owned Vacant Lots

