

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE AND ECONOMIC RESILIENCE COMMITTEE, MADE AT ITS MAY 24, 2024 MEETING, TO INCREASE FUNDING FOR WATERWAY CLEAN-UP AND MAINTENANCE TO A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$520,000 IN THE FY 2025 BUDGET; AND FURTHER, DIRECTING THE ADMINISTRATION TO REVIEW A POTENTIAL INCREASE IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL & SUSTAINABILITY FRANCHISE FEE RATE FOR THE FUTURE WASTE HAULER AGREEMENT TO HELP COVER THE ADDITIONAL COST.

WHEREAS, maintaining clean waterways has always been a priority for the City of Miami Beach; and

WHEREAS, Biscayne Bay is an aquatic preserve and its associated waterways provide habitat for a variety of marine life, and litter in the waterways harms that wildlife, creates unpleasant conditions for recreation, and is an aesthetic concern for residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, keeping our waterways free from debris also aids in lowering the amount of nutrients like nitrogen and phosphorus entering the waterways and Biscayne Bay. This is important because increased nutrients are one of the main pollutants that are degrading the water quality and health of Biscayne Bay; and

WHEREAS, the current contractor works three (3) days per week removing litter from the waterways, including major hotspots for trash/litter accumulation. The litter is removed by hand by a barge operator so as to not entrap or harm living organisms; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission desires a higher level of service, to expand waterway cleanup from three (3) to five (5) days per week and to include organic material such as coconuts, floating seaweed, and grass clippings; and

WHEREAS, based on this cost estimate, the advanced level of service may increase the cost from approximately \$160,000 to \$520,000 annually; and

WHEREAS, the amount currently allocated in the Public Works Sanitation Division budget for FY 2024 is \$231,000 for the waterway cleanup and maintenance; and

WHEREAS, at the May 24, 2024 Finance and Economic Resilience Committee, item eleven (11) was discussed and the Committee unanimously moved the item to be heard at City Commission with a favorable recommendation of increasing funding for waterway clean-up to \$520,000 for the FY 2025 budget process and directed staff to review a potential increase in the Environmental & Sustainability franchise fee rate for the future Waste Hauler agreement to help cover the additional cost.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, that the Mayor and City Commission hereby accept the recommendation of the Finance and Economic Resilience Committee, made at its May 24, 2024 meeting, to increase funding for waterway clean-up and maintenance to a total amount of \$520,000 in the FY 2025 budget; and further, direct the Administration to review a potential increase in the Environmental & Sustainability franchise fee rate for the future waste hauler agreement to help cover the additional cost.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 26th day of June, 2024.

ATTEST:

Steven Meiner, Mayor

Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION



City Attorney

6/18/2024

Date