

MIAMI BEACH

COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission

FROM: City Attorney Ricardo J. Dopico

DATE: June 26, 2024

TITLE: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, DIRECTING THE ADMINISTRATION TO DEVELOP A PLAN TO STRATEGICALLY IMPLEMENT ENHANCED PUBLIC SAFETY MEASURES PERIODICALLY THROUGHOUT THE YEAR AND TO PRESENT THE PLAN FOR DISCUSSION AT THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND NEIGHBORHOOD QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 18, 2024.

ANALYSIS

The attached Resolution was prepared at the request of the sponsor, Commissioner Alex Fernandez.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

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

City Attorney

Sponsor(s)

Commissioner Alex Fernandez

Co-sponsor(s)

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, DIRECTING THE ADMINISTRATION TO DEVELOP A PLAN TO STRATEGICALLY IMPLEMENT ENHANCED PUBLIC SAFETY MEASURES PERIODICALLY THROUGHOUT THE YEAR AND TO PRESENT THE PLAN FOR DISCUSSION AT THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND NEIGHBORHOOD QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 18, 2024.

WHEREAS, the safety and well-being of residents, visitors, and businesses in the City of Miami Beach are of paramount importance to the Mayor and City Commission; and

WHEREAS, the City of Miami Beach is committed to maintaining a high standard of public safety and quality of life for all who live, work, and play in the City; and

WHEREAS, to promote public safety, the City has implemented high-impact and other measures during high-impact periods throughout the year; and

WHEREAS, high-impact periods have historically correlated to increased visitor activity, particularly during spring break and Memorial Day weekend; and

WHEREAS, the City has taken measures including, but not limited to, modified traffic configurations, suspension of business tax receipts for dance and entertainment events, License Plate Reader (LPR) details, limitation on beach access, prohibition of certain objects on the beach, parking facility restrictions, and suspension of sidewalk café operations; and

WHEREAS, the implementation of these measures has drawn criticism as these have been perceived to be targeting specific populations as opposed to the intent of the City to address the crime and public safety concerns which have been historically experienced within the city during certain high-impact periods; and

WHEREAS, to address the perceptions surrounding the high-impact measures and to ensure that the City advances with its public safety initiatives on a year-round basis, and not solely during certain high-impact periods, it is essential to develop a comprehensive and proactive plan that addresses public safety throughout the year; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Commission recognize the importance of engaging with the City's Chief of Police and community stakeholders to develop effective and sustainable public safety strategies; and

WHEREAS, the Commission desires to direct the Administration to develop a plan to strategically implement enhanced public safety measures periodically throughout the

year for discussion, feedback, and collaboration on the proposed measures at the September 18, 2024 Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee meeting.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, that the Mayor and City Commission hereby direct the Administration to develop a plan to strategically implement enhanced public safety measures periodically throughout the year and to present the plan at the Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee Meeting on September 18, 2024.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of June, 2024.

ATTEST:

Steven Meiner, Mayor

Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

(Sponsored by Commissioner Alex J. Fernandez)

APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION

City Attorney

6/17/2024

Date