

RESOLUTION NO. 2025 - _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND NEIGHBORHOOD QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE, AT ITS MAY 14, 2025 MEETING, DIRECTING THE ADMINISTRATION TO CONSIDER AS PART OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET PROCESS DISCUSSING A LONG-TERM PUBLIC SAFETY PLAN FOR THE BAYWALK.

WHEREAS, at the February 3, 2025, City Commission Meeting, the Mayor and City Commission approved a referral to the Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee ("PSNQLC") to discuss a long-term public safety plan for the Baywalk; and

WHEREAS, the item was subsequently heard at the May 14, 2025 PSNQLC meeting and the Committee unanimously agreed to move the item to the full commission with a favorable recommendation to be considered as part of the FY 2026 budget process; and

WHEREAS, the Administration believes that staffing the Baywalk with appropriate personnel is needed to ensure that residents' quality of life is not adversely affected by unwanted and illegal activity such as loitering, narcotics use, alcohol consumption, fishing, illegal boat docking, and camping; and

WHEREAS, the Miami Beach Police Department ("MBPD") has considered four (4) recommended options to ensure that laws and rules are followed along the Baywalk; and

WHEREAS, Option 1 entails assigned police personnel, including two (2) police officers working from 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. with opposite days off, patrolling the entire neighborhood with the Baywalk and all parklets on foot, bicycle, and vehicles, as needed, at an approximate cost of \$406,000.00; and

WHEREAS, Option 2 entails contracting private security company engagement to patrol the Baywalk and Parklets, including two (2) security guards working the Baywalk's hours of operation, seven (7) days a week at an approximate cost of \$136,247; and

WHEREAS, Option 3 entails Park Ranger personnel engagement, including two (2) Park Rangers working from 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., seven (7) days a week, patrolling the Baywalk and Parklets and locking/unlocking the gates as necessary at an approximate cost of approximately \$115,673; and

WHEREAS, Option 4 engages with existing resources, including Police, Park Ranger and Code Compliance Department resources to include the Baywalk in their existing roving patrols, for which a fiscal impact has not yet been identified; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned fiscal impact statements do not include any additional costs relating to signage, city cameras, and lighting enhancements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, hereby accept the recommendation of the Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee, at its May 14, 2025 meeting, directing the Administration to consider as part of the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Process discussing a long-term public safety plan for the Baywalk.

PASSED and ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2025.

ATTEST:

Steven Meiner, Mayor

Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

(Sponsored by Commissioner Alex J. Fernandez and co-sponsored by Commissioner Laura Dominguez)

APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION



City Attorney

6/16/2025
Date