

# MIAMI BEACH

## COMMITTEE MEMORANDUM

TO: Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee Members

FROM: Eric Carpenter, City Manager

DATE: December 2, 2024

TITLE: DISCUSS POTENTIAL LOCATIONS FOR THE RELOCATION OF THE SANITATION DEPARTMENT'S OPERATIONS OFFICE, WHICH IS CURRENTLY LOCATED ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF THE 17TH STREET PARKING GARAGE.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

The Administration remains open to the relocation of the occupancy of the Sanitation Division currently housed at the 17<sup>th</sup> Street Garage. However, while this topic has been considered from time to time, no alternative location has been identified or project has come to fruition that offers the space and parking needed for the workforce that operates out of this location maintaining the Lincoln Road and surrounding areas.

### **BACKGROUND/HISTORY**

On October 30, 2024, at the request of Commissioner Laura Dominguez, the Mayor and City Commission (City Commission) approved a referral to the Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee (PSNQLC), item C4 AH (Attachment A) to discuss the potential locations for the relocation of the Public Works Sanitation Department's Operations office, which is currently located on the first floor of the 17<sup>th</sup> Street Parking Garage.

### **ANALYSIS**

There are currently about 170 personnel of the Sanitation Division that are deployed for approximately 20 hours a day, seven days a week. There is a relatively small, air-conditioned break room (referred in the title as an Operations office), tool storage lockers, and portable bathroom facilities currently in use within the ground floor of the 17<sup>th</sup> Street Garage. In addition, there are about 40 trucks and pieces of equipment belonging to Sanitation and staggered parking for approximately 150 personal vehicles for personnel. The Sanitation Division also has administrative office space as well as large vehicle storage/deployment at Terminal Island where parking and traffic challenges currently exist.

The 17<sup>th</sup> Street Garage has approximately 1,500 parking spaces as well as office space utilized by the Parking Department and some storage areas. There are spaces at the rear of the garage dedicated to the Sanitation Division in close proximity to the break area.

In addition to crews and equipment dispatched from the garage, there are crews that leave on foot to their respective assignments daily as well as during special events along Lincoln Road. It is a central location that has served as a base for Sanitation for decades. The area currently in use by the Sanitation Division was upgraded about five years ago to include air conditioning, microwaves, and a refrigerator. The existing bathroom facilities on the ground floor have proven too small and are currently closed which has resulted in the utilization of two temporary trailer facilities.

Ideally, a central location could be identified that would not only accommodate the current needs of Sanitation that occupies the 17<sup>th</sup> Street Garage, but inclusive of the entire operation to offer a more efficient and consolidated base of operations for the Division.

### **FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

To be determined.

### **CONCLUSION**

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### **Applicable Area**

South 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

### **Department**

Public Works

### **Sponsor(s)**

Commissioner Laura Dominguez

### **Condensed Title**

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