

MIAMI BEACH

COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission
FROM: Ricardo J. Dopico, City Attorney
DATE: May 15, 2024

SUBJECT: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, DIRECTING THE CITY ADMINISTRATION TO EXPLORE THE VIABILITY OF CREATING POLICE SUBSTATIONS, SIMILAR TO THE POLICE SUBSTATION IN NORTH BEACH, IN THE COLLINS PARK NEIGHBORHOOD, AT CITY HALL, IN THE SOUTH OF FIFTH NEIGHBORHOOD, AND IN MID-BEACH, IN ORDER TO MAKE LAW ENFORCEMENT RESOURCES AND INCIDENT REPORTING MORE EASILY ACCESSIBLE AND READILY AVAILABLE FOR RESIDENTS AND VISITORS, AND TO MORE EFFICIENTLY ADDRESS CRIMINAL ACTIVITY THROUGHOUT THE CITY; AND FURTHER, DIRECTING THE CITY ADMINISTRATION TO REPORT THEIR FINDINGS AND PROPOSALS TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND NEIGHBORHOOD QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE AT ITS JULY 10, 2024 MEETING IN ORDER FOR THE COMMITTEE TO PROVIDE ITS RECOMMENDATIONS (INCLUDING THE FISCAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE IMPACT) TO THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION IN ADVANCE OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET PROCESS.

BACKGROUND/HISTORY

Was 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 name of lobbyist(s) and principal(s): N/A

ANALYSIS

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

SUPPORTING SURVEY DATA

N/A

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Administration is requested to be prepared to address the fiscal impact of this proposed measure at the July 10, 2024 Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee meeting.

Is this a "Residents Right to Know" item, pursuant to City Code Section 2-14?

No

Does this item utilize G.O. Bond Funds?

No

Legislative Tracking

Office of the City Attorney

Sponsor

Commissioner Alex Fernandez

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

 [Resolution](#)

RESOLUTION NO. _____

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WHEREAS, the City of Miami Beach (the "City") is a unique, coastal community which, due to a myriad of factors, including the influx of throngs of visitors year-round, consistently experiences petty crime and quality of life offenses, along with other more serious criminal law violations; and

WHEREAS, the protection of the health, safety, and general welfare of the City's residents and visitors is one of the fundamental functions performed by the City; and

WHEREAS, the City has approximately 80,000 residents and fifteen (15) square miles within its territorial jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS the Police Department presently divides the City into four (4) distinct areas: Area 1 (south of Dade Boulevard); Area 2 (from Dade Boulevard to 63rd Street); Area 3 (from 63rd Street to the North end of the City; and Area 4 (the "ADCD"), with its police headquarters located at 1100 Washington Avenue and a police substation located at 6840 Indian Creek Drive; and

WHEREAS, the Police Department's consistent utilization of proactive policing strategies has proven to be effective in maintaining public safety and strengthening police-community relations Citywide; and

WHEREAS, establishing police substations in various areas of the City will allow police officers to gain a better understanding of the needs of the area's residents and their expectations of the Police Department, and can provide police officers with more timely and accurate information concerning illegal activity occurring in their neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, the presence of police substations in the Collins Park Neighborhood, at City Hall, in the South of Fifth Neighborhood, and in Mid-Beach may allow for quicker response times to certain incidents and help facilitate more effective communication between police officers and citizens; and

WHEREAS, the creation of substations also generally allows police officers to get more involved in the community and help build a sense of security in the community; as well as potentially preventing the occurrence of certain quality of life offenses due to the presence of a police substation within the area; and

WHEREAS, additionally, police substations often serve as a resource for community members to seek assistance, report crimes, and engage with law enforcement in a variety of different contexts and ways including, but not limited to, community events and activations facilitated by the City and its Police Department.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA that the Mayor and City Commission hereby direct the City Administration to explore the viability of creating police substations, similar to the police substation in North Beach, in the Collins Park neighborhood, at City Hall, in the South of Fifth neighborhood, and in mid-Beach, in order to make law enforcement resources and incident reporting more easily accessible and readily available for residents and visitors, and to more efficiently address criminal activity throughout the City; and further, directing the City Administration to report their findings and proposals to the Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee at its July 10, 2024 meeting in order for Committee to provide its recommendations (including the fiscal and administrative impact) to the Mayor and City Commission in advance of the Fiscal Year 2025 budget process.

PASSED and ADOPTED this ____ day of May, 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

5/8/2024

Date

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