

# MIAMI BEACH

## COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission  
FROM: Mayor Steven Meiner  
DATE: February 3, 2025  
TITLE: DISCUSS/TAKE ACTION – UPDATE ON UTILIZATION OF DRONES TO ASSIST WITH POLICE ENFORCEMENT, 911 EMERGENCY CALLS AND TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

### **BACKGROUND/HISTORY**

On July 20, 2022, I prepared a Commission Memorandum (attached hereto) in which I requested a referral to the Public Safety and Neighborhood and Quality of Life Committee (“PSNQLC”) to discuss the potential utilization of drones, possibly pursuant to a pilot program, for the purpose of police enforcement and providing first responders the capability of acquiring nearly immediate situational awareness, regarding 911 emergency calls for service anywhere in the City, within a few minutes irrespective of the incident location or traffic conditions.

The item was heard at the November 16, 2022 PSNQLC meeting and, at the time, the Police Department informed the Committee that it was advertising for available drone operator positions.

Accordingly, I would request that the City Administration be prepared to update the City Commission at our February 3, 2025 meeting as to the progress that has been made, not only with regard to the hiring of additional drone operators, but also with the availability and integration of drone technology into the Real-Time Crime Center, the Police Department’s overall drone law enforcement strategy and Traffic Management.

### **ANALYSIS**

### **FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

### **Does this Ordinance require a Business Impact Estimate?** (FOR ORDINANCES ONLY)

If applicable, the Business Impact Estimate (BIE) was published on:  
See BIE at: <https://www.miamibeachfl.gov/city-hall/city-clerk/meeting-notice/>

### **FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

## **CONCLUSION**

### **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**

Office of Mayor Steven Meiner

### **Sponsor(s)**

Mayor Steven Meiner

### **Co-sponsor(s)**

### **Condensed Title**

Discuss/Action, Update on Utilization of Drones for Police Enforcement. (Meiner)

### **Previous Action (For City Clerk Use Only)**