

# MIAMI BEACH

## COMMITTEE MEMORANDUM

TO: Finance and Economic Resiliency Committee Members

FROM: Rickelle Williams, Interim City Manager

DATE: June 28, 2024

TITLE: DISCUSS THE HIRING OF ADDITIONAL MBPD DETENTION OFFICERS AS PART OF THE FY 2025 BUDGET PROCESS

### **RECOMMENDATION**

The Administration recommends that the Mayor and City Commission consider prioritizing the hiring of two (2) additional Miami Beach Police Department Detention Officers as part of the Fiscal Year 2025 budget process.

### **BACKGROUND/HISTORY**

At the May 15, 2024 City Commission meeting, at the request of Commissioner Tanya K. Bhatt, the Mayor and City Commission approved a referral (C4 X) to the Finance and Economic Resiliency Committee ("FERC") to discuss the hiring of additional Miami Beach Police Department ("MBPD") Detention Officers as part of the FY 2025 budget process.

### **ANALYSIS**

The Administration understands the need for police officer visibility. To alleviate and minimize police officers being out of service for extended periods of time due to paperwork and transporting prisoners both to the MBPD holding facility and to the Turner Guilford Knight Correctional Center ("TGK") in the City of Miami, the Administration agrees that increasing the current budget request from one (1) Detention Officer to two (2) would provide increased relief.

The addition of two (2) Detention Officers to the current police force will significantly reduce the need for a police officer to be pulled away from his or her patrol activities to carry out jail and transport duties. The Department is presently budgeted for eight (8) Detention Officers. If the budget enhancement request is approved, the Department would be able to staff at least three (3) officers per shift.

### **FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

The cost and financial impact for one full-time Detention Officer position during Year 1 is \$172,000 which includes all necessary equipment. This impact decreases to \$118,000 for Year 2. The total impact of adding two (2) Detention Officer positions to the Department budget through an enhancement would total \$344,000 for Year 1 and \$236,000 for Year 2.

### **CONCLUSION**

The Administration recommends that the Mayor and City Commission consider prioritizing the hiring of two (2) additional Miami Beach Police Department Detention Officers as part of the Fiscal Year 2025 budget process.

### **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**

Police

**Sponsor(s)**

Commissioner Tanya K. Bhatt

**Co-sponsor(s)**