

MIAMI BEACH

COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Rickelle Williams, Interim City Manager

DATE: June 26, 2024

TITLE: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND NEIGHBORHOOD QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE, MADE AT ITS APRIL 17, 2024 MEETING TO REOPEN UNIDAD RESTROOMS AS A PILOT PROGRAM FOR A PERIOD OF THREE (3) MONTHS AT THE TOTAL COST OF \$71,571.00 TO BE FUNDED VIA A MID-YEAR APPROPRIATION.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Mayor and City Commission adopt the Resolution.

BACKGROUND/HISTORY

The North Beach Senior Center (the "Center" or "UNIDAD building") is a City-owned building located at 7251 Collins Avenue. The Center provides programs and recreational activities to the City's elderly residents.

Since September 2022, the restrooms located on the ground floor of the facilities have remained closed Monday-Friday based on complaints from residents of the Burleigh House Condominiums and the continued threat to the safety of the Center's patrons. The complaints mainly centered around increased vagrancy in the park, use of the restrooms for bathing by the area's homeless population, vandalism, the use of the restrooms for illicit activity, and the inability to maintain the restrooms in acceptable working order due to extraordinary wear and tear imposed on the facility, including the presence of biohazardous material. Unlike the beach restrooms located .2 miles away at 75th Street (Altos Del Mar), the Center's restrooms are fully enclosed, making them more difficult to police. The closure of the restrooms did achieve the outcome of making the area around the 72nd Street safer for the generally more vulnerable population that frequents the Center.

On June 28, 2023, the Mayor and City Commission approved the referral of item C4 U, at the request of Commissioner Kristen Rosen-Gonzalez, to the Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee ("PSNQLC" or the "Committee") to discuss keeping the public restrooms at the UNIDAD building open daily.

ANALYSIS

At the April 17, 2024, PSNQLC meeting, the item to consider the reopening of the exterior public restrooms located in the Center was presented and discussed. The Committee recommended in favor of reopening the UNIDAD restrooms, Monday-Friday, as a pilot program for a period of three (3) months, using appropriate janitorial and security staff to maintain the restrooms clean and safe.

The Parks and Recreation Department, the Facilities Division, and the Miami Beach Police agree that the Center's restrooms can be reopened with enhanced janitorial services and additional

security to the area (the “Services”).

Services

- Janitorial costs for the pilot period of twelve (12) weeks have been quoted by the City’s janitorial contractor at \$22,430.95. This will provide for one (1) porter assigned exclusively to the two (2) restrooms located at the Center (Monday- Friday).
- Park Ranger, coverage would require 91 overtime hours weekly, at a cost of \$4,095 (\$45/hour). The maximum potential cost of a Park Ranger for the 12-week pilot would be \$49,140. Regardless of the decision, this Park Ranger position is budgeted for in the FY 2025 budget, starting October 1, 2024.

The Administration shall monitor the usage and conditions of the restrooms and seek input from the staff to assess the need for additional security.

The Administration estimates that in order to implement the pilot program, the approximate cost for Services during three (3) months is \$71,570.95. In order to fund these Services, a mid-year budget appropriation is required, and this pilot program can commence immediately upon approval from City Commission.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The fiscal impact of this pilot program is \$71,570.95, and it is proposed to be funded through a mid-year budget appropriation.

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

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

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CONCLUSION

The Administration recommends that the Mayor and City Commission accept the Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee’s recommendation, made at its April 17, 2024, meeting to reopen the UNIDAD restrooms as a pilot program for a period of three (3) months in the total cost of \$71,571.00 to be funded via a mid-year appropriation.

Applicable Area

North Beach

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): N/A

Department

Facilities and Fleet Management

Sponsor(s)

Commissioner Kristen Rosen Gonzalez

Co-sponsor(s)