

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE AND ECONOMIC RESILIENCY COMMITTEE AT ITS JULY 26, 2024 MEETING, TO PROCEED WITH THE FERAL CAT POPULATION SURVEY AT A COST NOT EXCEED 30,000 AS FIRST PHASE OF THE PROJECT TO TRAP, SPAY OR NEUTER, AND RELEASE OF ALL COMMUNITY CATS WITHIN THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH WITHIN AN EFFICIENT AND EXPEDITED TIMELINE.

WHEREAS, at its May 15, 2024 meeting, the Mayor and City Commission adopted Resolution No. 2024-33041, directing the Administration to prepare a plan and a cost estimate for trapping, spaying or neutering, and releasing all community cats within Miami Beach withing an efficient and expedited timeline, with the plan to be presented at the Finance and Economic Resiliency Committee ("FERC") at its July 26, 2024 meeting; and

WHEREAS, during the public discussion of the item at the May 15, 2024 City Commission discussion, Ms. Linda Diamond, a member of the Animal Welfare Committee, proposed several recommendations that should be included in the plan, including a team dedicated to conduct a feral cat population head count per area, during the night hours, in order to quantify the amount of the feral cat population in the City; and

WHEREAS, at the July 26, 2024 FERC meeting, the Administration presented an update and recommendation to hire a 6-person team (a two-person team in North Beach, Mid Beach, and South Beach) to work 40 hours a week, for a one-month period, responsible for counting the feral cat population in the City; and

WHEREAS, the estimated cost for this effort is approximately \$21,000, with a cap of \$30,000, previously approved at the July 12, 2014 FERC Budget Workshop; and

WHEREAS, following the Administration's presentation on July 26, 2024, the Committee made a favorable recommendation to move to the full Commission for final approval.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, that the Mayor and City Commission hereby accept the recommendation of the Finance and Economic Resiliency Committee at its July 26, 2024 meeting, to proceed with the feral cat population survey at a cost not exceed 30,000 as first phase of the project to trap, spay or neuter, and release of all community cats within Miami Beach within an efficient and expedited timeline.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____ 2024.

ATTEST:

Rafael E. Granado, Secretary

Steven Meiner, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION

City Attorney

8/23/2024
Date

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