



**COMMISSION MEMORANDUM**

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Mayor Steven Meiner

DATE: June 26, 2024

TITLE: DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION REGARDING MOU BETWEEN THE CITY AND MIAMI-DADE COUNTY FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF TWO (2) CRIMINOLOGIST TECHNICIANS DESIGNATED TO PROVIDE DRUG TESTING SERVICES FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE MIAMI BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT, THE MIAMI-DADE STATE ATTORNEY'S OFFICE AND THE CITY'S MUNICIPAL PROSECUTION TEAM.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**BACKGROUND/HISTORY**

Please place a discussion item on the June 26, 2024 City Commission agenda for an update from the City Administration as to the status of Resolution 2024-32900, regarding the City reimbursing Miami-Dade County for all costs associated with the employment of two (2) additional criminalist technicians, designated to provide drug testing services for the benefit of the Miami Beach Police Department ("MBPD"), the Miami-Dade State Attorney's Office and the City's Municipal Prosecution Team.

The Miami-Dade Police Department's Forensic Services Division Crime Laboratory ("Crime Lab") provides forensic services to all local agencies within the County, as well as to state and federal agencies. The utilization of forensic services within the County has significantly increased, as more items per case are being submitted for analysis and the Crime Lab is overwhelmed with the amount of services being requested County wide.

As such, I proposed to proactively collaborate with the County and fund two (2) Criminalists to work in the Crime Lab to provide drug testing services for those cases brought by MBPD.

At the January 31, 2024 City Commission meeting, the enactment of Resolution 2024-32900, directed the MOU to have an initial term of one (1) year with up to nine (9) annual renewal terms, upon mutual agreement of the parties and providing for an initial base salary for each technician, plus benefits and other payroll related expenses, in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00, subject to increases for payroll expenses in subsequent years. It further authorized the City Manager and City Clerk to execute the final negotiated agreement with Miami-Dade County.

**ANALYSIS**

**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

**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/>

**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)**