

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 MARCH 26, 2025, MEETING, AND DIRECTING THE ADMINISTRATION TO INSTALL TEMPORARY LIGHTING AT THE POLO PARK BASKETBALL COURTS BEGINNING WITH A SIX (6) MONTH PILOT ON NOVEMBER 2, 2025.

WHEREAS, during the February 3, 2025, City Commission meeting, at the request of Commissioner Alex Fernandez, the Mayor and City Commission referred a discussion item to the Finance and Economic Resiliency Committee ("FERC") regarding the allocation of funding for the installation of temporary lighting at the Polo Park basketball courts. (Exhibit A); and

WHEREAS, during the March 26, 2025, Finance and Economic Resiliency Committee Meeting, Commissioner Bhatt motioned to have this item heard at Commission with a favorable recommendation to install temporary lighting at Polo Park basketball courts; and

WHEREAS, staff communicated that they would start with a six (6) month pilot during daylight savings time, beginning on November 2, 2025, and there will be no costs as these security light towers are currently owned by the Parks and Recreation Department; and

WHEREAS, on December 2, 2024, NAHA adopted a Resolution for the temporary installation of lights at the Polo Park basketball courts; and

WHEREAS, in considering the balance between providing enhanced recreational facilities and maintaining the integrity of Polo Park, NAHA recommended the installation of temporary lighting at the basketball courts, on a six (6) month trial basis, in conjunction with certain conditions:

- 1) The lights shall automatically turn off each evening at 9:00 p.m.
- 2) A Miami Beach Park Ranger is to be present on site every weeknight until the park is closed and shall also be present throughout the entire weekend.
- 3) Noise control signage shall be installed throughout the park.
- 4) The City shall maintain and monitor the temporary lighting.
- 5) NAHA will conduct a review of the temporary lighting's impact after a period of six (6) months; and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Department (the "Department") has come up with two (2) lighting options:

- 1) Permanent Lighting (Musco Sports Lighting) – Estimated \$315,000
- 2) Temporary Security Light Towers – No cost as the Department owns security light towers that can be used; and

WHEREAS, the Department has tested the security light towers at the Polo Park Basketball courts and believes it can be a solution for the six (6) month pilot, which is recommended to begin on Sunday, November 2, 2025; and

WHEREAS, an employee will turn the lights on and off each day and a roving Park Ranger will be present on weeknights and weekends; and

WHEREAS, permanent lighting and Park Ranger coverage will be reviewed upon the completion of the pilot; and

WHEREAS, if NAHA wishes to move forward with permanent sports lighting after the six (6) month pilot, approval from the City Commission will be necessary, along with a capital budget request that can be submitted through the FY 2026 budget process.

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 March 26, 2025, meeting, and direct the Administration to install temporary lighting at the Polo Park basketball courts beginning with a six (6) month pilot on November 2, 2025.

PASSED and ADOPTED THIS ____ day of _____ 2025.

ATTEST:

Steven Meiner, Mayor

Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

(Sponsored by Commissioner Alex Fernandez)

APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION

City Attorney

4/15/2025

Date