



COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Commissioner Laura Dominguez

DATE: September 11, 2024

TITLE: REFERRAL TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND NEIGHBORHOOD QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS ADDITIONAL POLICE DEPARTMENT BUDGETARY ITEMS RECOMMENDED BY THE POLICE/CITIZEN RELATIONS COMMITTEE.

RECOMMENDATION

Please place on the September 11, 2024 agenda a referral to the Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee to discuss the potential funding of additional Police Department budgetary items that have been recommended by the Police/Citizen Relations Committee.

The City is committed to ensuring the safety and security of its residents and visitors through the effective and efficient operation of its Police Department. To that end, the Police/Citizen Relations Committee's ("PCRC") was established with the mission to recommend and endorse programs and projects that will enhance the well-being of the residents and visitors of the City and to provide advice to the City Commission pertaining to community/police relations. As such, the PCRC has reviewed the proposed Fiscal Year 2025 budget for the City and identified several unbudgeted items that the Committee believes are necessary to further enhance the capabilities of the Police Department.

Specifically, the PCRC has recommended the inclusion of three (3) budgetary allocations to augment the Police Department's personnel in the following squads in order to ensure adequate coverage and police responsiveness in the following vital areas:

Marine Patrol (In order to reduce burglaries emanating from the water since the City is a water community and many residences are on the water. In addition, there has been a huge increase in boater activity, including illegal charters and rentals of both boats and jet skis).

Driving Under the Influence (In order to patrol the roadways and waterways to enforce the "DUI" and "BUI" laws).

Beachwalk ATV (In order to add police officers on the Beachwalk at nighttime to aid in ensuring public safety).

Accordingly, I would request that the City Administration be prepared at Committee to discuss the cost of each, along with a recommendation as to whether each item would be of sufficient benefit to the Police Department so as to justify such expenditure

BACKGROUND/HISTORY

ANALYSIS

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

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

If applicable, the Business Impact Estimate (BIE) was published on:
See BIE at: <https://www.miamibeachfl.gov/city-hall/city-clerk/meeting-notices/>

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

CONCLUSION

Applicable Area

Citywide

Is this a "Residents Right to Know" item, pursuant to City Code Section 2-17?

Yes

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 Commissioner Laura Dominguez

Sponsor(s)

Commissioner Laura Dominguez

Co-sponsor(s)

Condensed Title

Ref: PSNQLC - Additional Police Department Budgetary Items. (Dominguez)