

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE AND RESILIENCY COMMITTEE, AT ITS JANUARY 24, 2025 MEETING, TO CONSIDER FUNDING DURING THE FY 26 BUDGET PROCESS FOR A COMPREHENSIVE INFRASTRUCTURE STUDY FOR NORTH BEACH.

WHEREAS, On November 20, 2024, at the request of Commissioner Tanya Bhatt, the Mayor and City Commission (City Commission) approved item C4H, a referral to the Finance and Resiliency Committee (FERC) to discuss funding for a comprehensive infrastructure study for North Beach; and

WHEREAS, the referral referenced a proposed comprehensive hydraulic infrastructure study targeting South Beach, which would be essential for assessing the City's water, sewer, and stormwater systems. This study would also help identify and address infrastructure deficiencies in that area; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Bhatt would like to explore funding opportunities to conduct a study in North Beach, as it faces unique infrastructure challenges that have yet to be addressed in a comprehensive or holistic way. These challenges include, but are not limited to, the following:

- No-contact water advisory surrounding Park View Island since February 2020, due to elevated bacteria levels, affecting the health and safety of the area's residents and visitors
- A sinkhole caused by a raw sewage force main break, into which a truck fell in 2022, located just off of Indian Creek, highlighting vulnerabilities in the existing sewage infrastructure
- 13 new significant development projects in an eight by six block area in Town Center, all of which are impacting the local infrastructure and creating new demands on water, sewer, and stormwater systems
- Thousands of residential units under development in North Bay Village, contributing to increased strain on already stressed infrastructure systems
- A sports/community complex scheduled to be built on the site of the surface parking lot at 72 Street, an area that contains critical water and sewer pipes beneath the surface; and

WHEREAS, on January 24, 2025, FERC members held a discussion about the need for an infrastructure study in North Beach as requested by Commissioner Bhatt. FERC members made a motion to proceed to the City Commission with a favorable recommendation to consider funding during the FY 26 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 Resiliency Committee, at its January 24, 2025 meeting, to consider funding during the FY 26 budget process for a comprehensive infrastructure study for North Beach.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____ 2025.

Steven Meiner, Mayor

ATTEST:

Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk