

RESOLUTION NO. 2025 - _____

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 JUNE 4, 2025 MEETING, DIRECTING THE ADMINISTRATION TO CONSIDER, AS PART OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET PROCESS, EXPLORING THE POSSIBILITY OF PURCHASING A MOBILE POLICE SUBSTATION TO ENHANCE LAW ENFORCEMENT RESOURCES, INCIDENT REPORTING, HIGH VISIBILITY AND CRIME DETERRENCE THROUGHOUT MIAMI BEACH.

WHEREAS, at the May 15, 2024 City Commission meeting, the Mayor and City Commission approved a referral to the Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee ("PSNQLC") to report the findings and proposals related to the viability of creating police substations; and

WHEREAS, the item was subsequently heard at the November 13, 2024 PSNQLC meeting where the item was moved to the City Commission with a favorable recommendation to refer the item to the Finance and Economic Resiliency Committee ("FERC") to explore the possibility of purchasing a mobile station; and

WHEREAS, at the February 3, 2025 City Commission Meeting, the Mayor and City Commission approved a referral to the FERC to discuss the potential funding for FY 2026 to purchase a mobile police substation to enhance law enforcement resources, incident reporting, high visibility and crime deterrence throughout Miami Beach; and

WHEREAS, the item was heard at the June 4, 2025, FERC meeting and the Committee unanimously agreed to move the item to the full commission with a favorable recommendation to be considered as part of the FY 2026 budget process; and

WHEREAS, the Miami Beach Police Department ("MBPD") currently has one (1) police substation in North Beach that provides limited in-person services for walk-in reporting during business hours; and

WHEREAS, a mobile substation provides strategic advantages in various locations without the constraints of a fixed facility, including increased law enforcement presence, community engagement opportunities, operational flexibility, and support for emergency response; and

WHEREAS, prominently marked with MBPD branding for clear identification as a public safety resource, the mobile substation would be equipped with communication systems, workstations, and community outreach materials; and

WHEREAS, the mobile substation option requires lower costs for maintenance, staffing, and space, in comparison to leasing or purchasing a fixed brick-and-mortar facility; and

WHEREAS, initial costs associated with acquiring a mobile substation are approximately \$450,000, including vehicle purchase and customization, communication and technology integration, and equipment and operational outfitting; and

WHEREAS, the vehicle will be serviced and maintained by the City Fleet, and it will come with a warranty from both the vehicle manufacturer and the vendor responsible for the upfit to meet the city's design specifications; and

WHEREAS, staffing one (1) brick-and-mortar substation would require a minimum of four (4) to six (6) officers and/or Public Safety Specialists ("PSS") to provide coverage from early morning and into the late evening with MBPD needing up to 16-24 additional police officers and/or PSSs when staffing is expanded to multiple facilities; and

WHEREAS, the MBPD is currently budgeted for a total of 437 sworn officer positions, of which 417 positions are filled and does not currently have unassigned available sworn or professional staff to work in brick-and-mortar substations throughout the city; and

WHEREAS, reassigning existing staff from their current assignments or scaling back commitments to expand specialized police services in other areas to staff multiple locations would be necessary, having an adverse impact on police visibility; and

WHEREAS, the preferred option at this time is the acquisition of a Mobile Police Substation, as it offers the greatest return on investment with flexibility to be deployed anywhere in the city and will significantly enhance MBPD's ability to proactively address public safety concerns while minimizing costs and staffing requirements compared to a fixed facility.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, that the Mayor and the City hereby accept the recommendation of the Finance and Economic Resiliency Committee, at its June 4, 2025 meeting, directing the Administration to consider, as part of the Fiscal Year 2026 budget process, exploring the possibility of purchasing a mobile police substation to enhance law enforcement resources, incident reporting, high visibility and crime deterrence throughout Miami Beach.

PASSED and ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2025.

ATTEST:

Steven Meiner, Mayor

Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

(sponsored by Commissioner Alex J. Fernandez)

APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION

City Attorney

6/16/2025
Date