

MIAMI BEACH

COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Commissioner Tanya K. Bhatt

DATE: October 30, 2024

TITLE: REFERRAL TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND NEIGHBORHOOD QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A BLUE LIGHT SAFETY AND EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION SYSTEM ALONG THE BEACHWALK AND BAYWALK.

RECOMMENDATION

BACKGROUND/HISTORY

Please place on the October 30, 2024 City Commission agenda a referral to the Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee to discuss the implementation of a Blue Light Safety and Emergency Communication System along the entire length of the Beachwalk, Cutwalk and Baywalk.

The City is consistently looking for methods to address public safety and quality of life concerns that adversely affect residents and visitors.

A Blue Light Safety and Emergency Communication System, recognized for its glowing blue light at the top of pole-like structures, allows anyone to easily locate the system and provides a direct line of communication to emergency services. These systems are generally found in public areas such as campuses, parking lots, and urban streets as part of a robust public safety plan.

There are various features associated with a Blue Light Safety and Emergency Communication System, including, but not limited to, Activation Buttons - which trigger a strobe light and/or loud speaker to alert individuals nearby of an emergency; Communication Services - which use cellular signal to connect the caller directly to a dispatcher or security team member; Location Tracking - which integrate with GPS to help first responders locate the caller; and Audio and Video Monitoring - which stream audio and video to help first responders assess the situation and help dispatch the appropriate emergency services.

As part of the referral, I would request that the City Administration, including the Police Department and the Code Compliance Department, be prepared at Committee to discuss the possibility and costs associated with implementing a Blue Light Safety and Emergency Communication System, along with any hurdles or concerns.

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-notice/>

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 Tanya K. Bhatt

Sponsor(s)

Commissioner Tanya K. Bhatt

Co-sponsor(s)

Condensed Title

Ref: PSNQLC - Implementation of Blue Light Safety & Emergency Communication System.
(Bhatt)