

MIAMI BEACH

COMMITTEE MEMORANDUM

TO: Finance and Economic Resiliency Committee Members
FROM: Eric Carpenter, City Manager
DATE: December 20, 2024
TITLE: DISCUSS EXTENDING THE WRAP-AROUND PALM TREE LIGHTING ON 71ST STREET FROM EAST OF NORMANDY FOUNTAIN TO COLLINS AVENUE.

RECOMMENDATION

The Administration recommends the Committee approve the extension of the decorative lighting and return to Commission with a recommendation for consideration of including \$206,166.60 in the FY 2026 budget cycle. If a mid year appropriation is recommended then a bid waiver would be required (since the amount exceeds \$200,000) to install the wrap-around palm tree lights on 71st Street, from east of the Normandy Fountain to Collins Avenue.

BACKGROUND/HISTORY

On November 20, 2024, at the request of Mayor Steven Meiner, the Mayor and City Commission (City Commission) approved item C4I (Attachment A), a referral to the Finance and Economic Resiliency Committee to discuss the extension of wrap-around palm tree lights to 71st Street, from east of the Normandy Fountain to Collins Avenue.

The area near the Normandy fountain has undergone many upgrades by the Public Works Department, including the recent replacement of outdated lighting with LED fixtures and installation of palm tree wrap lights along 71st Street. While the wrap around lighting along 71st Street has been welcomed by the residents and businesses, Mayor Meiner would like for the Committee to consider extending the wrap-around palm tree lights on 71st Street, from east of the Normandy Fountain to Collins Avenue, to further beautify the area, increase safety for residents and visitors, and attract pedestrian traffic to the businesses on Collins Avenue.

ANALYSIS

Public Works staff has reached out to the City's authorized vendor, R&D Electric, Inc. to obtain a cost proposal. The estimated cost for wrap lights on palm trees on 71st Street, from east of the Normandy Fountain to Collins Avenue, including lights, time clocks and one (1) year maintenance is \$206,166.60 (Attachment B), with a potential 10% yearly maintenance fee increase each year from there on (from \$100,880). There is no current appropriation or identified funding source for this project.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

\$206,166.60 for lighting, time clocks and one (1) year maintenance, currently unfunded.

CONCLUSION

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Applicable Area

Middle Beach

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

Public Works

Sponsor(s)

Mayor Steven Meiner

Condensed Title

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