

# MIAMI BEACH

## COMMITTEE MEMORANDUM

TO: Finance and Economic Resiliency Committee Members

FROM: Eric Carpenter, City Manager

DATE: March 26, 2025

TITLE: DISCUSS EXTENDING THE WRAP-AROUND PALM TREE LIGHTING ON 71ST STREET FROM EAST OF NORMANDY FOUNTAIN TO COLLINS AVENUE.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

The Administration recommends moving the item to the City Commission with a favorable recommendation to approve: 1) the installation of wrap-around palm tree lights on 71st Street, from east of the Normandy Fountain to Collins Avenue, 2) a bid waiver (since the amount exceeds \$200,000), and 3) to cover these costs, recommend that the City Commission consider including \$206,166.60 in the FY 2026 budget cycle.

### **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 (FERC) 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the Normandy fountain has undergone many upgrades by the Public Works Department, including the recent replacement of outdated lighting with LED fixtures and installation of palm tree wrap lights along 71st Street.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 FERC members 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.

This discussion was scheduled to be heard at the December 20, 2024 FERC meeting, however, the item was not reached. It is now scheduled to be heard on January 24, 2025.

### **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 and time clocks: \$105,286.60, a one (1) year maintenance: \$100,880.00, for a total cost of \$206,166.60 (Attachment B). There will be a potential 10% maintenance fee increase per year (i.e. year one (1): \$110,968.00; year two (2): \$122,064.80; year three (3): \$134,271.28). 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**

North 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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