

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND NEIGHBORHOOD QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE, AT ITS NOVEMBER 6, 2024, MEETING, DIRECTING ADMINISTRATON TO ESTABLISH A SUMMER CAMP PROGRAM AT THE SOUTH SHORE COMMUNITY CENTER, SUBJECT TO FUNDING THROUGH A FUTURE BUDGET AMENDMENT.

WHEREAS, during the June 26, 2024 City Commission meeting, at the request of Commissioner Joseph Magazine, the Mayor and City Commission referred a discussion to the Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee ("PSNQLC") and the Finance and Economic Resiliency Committee ("FERC"), to highlight the demand for the Miami Beach Summer Camp program, and explore the expansion of the Miami Beach Summer Camp Program ("Camp"), if needed (Exhibit A); and

WHEREAS, at the July 26, 2024 FERC meeting, the Administration was directed to find creative new spaces to expand offerings to meet the demand of the growing number of children on the camp waitlists, due to the overwhelming popularity of the Parks and Recreation Camps and limited capacity; and

WHEREAS, during the November 6, 2024 PSNQLC meeting, the Committee gave a favorable recommendation directing Administration to establish a summer camp program at the South Shore Community Center, subject to funding through a future budget amendment; and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Department (the "Department") offers fun filled summer camp programs for toddlers and school aged children in grades K-12 at South Pointe Park, Flamingo Park, Scott Rakow Youth Center, Muss Park, and North Shore Park; and

WHEREAS, this past summer, the nine (9) week Camp began on June 10, 2024, and concluded on August 9, 2024; and

WHEREAS, camp hours were Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. and included activities such as arts and crafts, sports, swimming, ice skating, bowling, field trips, special events, and more; and

WHEREAS, the fee for Miami Beach residents was \$803.00 (sibling rate: \$401.50) and the non-resident fee was \$1,339.00; and

WHEREAS, a total of 905 children enrolled in the 2024 Camp, and due to high demand, certain age groups, at different facilities, reached capacity quickly; and

WHEREAS, the 2024 waitlist capped at 190; and

WHEREAS, camp capacity is based on venue occupancy and recommended staff-to-child ratios, for safety purposes, licensing, and to maintain the quality of the Camp experience; and

WHEREAS, to meet FERC's direction to explore creative new spaces for expansion, the Department collaborated with the Economic Development Department, Asset Management Division, and Education and Performance Initiatives teams to examine achievable options; and

WHEREAS, the Department has explored the South Shore Community Center as a potential use for an additional programming site not only for summer camp, but also for multi-generational programs for toddlers, adults, and seniors; and

WHEREAS, the space can host up to 80 campers from ages Kindergarten through 3rd grade for the summer; and

WHEREAS, in order to begin operating daily programming and summer camp from the South Shore Community Center, there are some immediate one-time purchases/renovations that need to be made for approximately \$98,500.00; and

WHEREAS, using the space for year-round programming and summer camp also comes with an increase in operating expenses and personnel expenses, which are not currently part of the Department's approved FY 2025 budget; and

WHEREAS, the Department has provided an estimated budget for the South Shore Community Center option and will work together with the Office of Management and Budget to refine the request if there is direction by the full Commission to move forward; and

WHEREAS, the Department will continue looking into partnerships with public/private/charter schools in Miami Beach to help support this initiative.

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 Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee, at its November 6, 2024 meeting, directing Administration to establish a summer camp program at the South Shore Community Center, subject to funding through a future budget amendment.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____ 2024.

ATTEST:

Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

Steven Meiner, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION



City Attorney

Date

12/1/2024