

# MIAMI BEACH

## COMMITTEE MEMORANDUM

TO: Finance and Economic Resiliency Committee Members

FROM: Eric Carpenter, City Manager

DATE: May 7, 2025

TITLE: DISCUSS CONSIDERING BEAUTIFICATION OF THE ALLEYWAYS BEHIND ROASTERS 'N TOASTERS AND CAFÉ AVANTI ON THE 41ST STREET CORRIDOR

### **RECOMMENDATION**

The Administration recommends prioritizing the milling and resurfacing of the alleys behind Roasters 'N Toasters and Café Avanti within the annual appropriation and refreshing the landscaped medians.

### **BACKGROUND/HISTORY**

At its February 26, 2025 meeting, the Mayor and City Commission (City Commission) at the request of Commissioner Kristen Rosen Gonzalez, approved a referral item C4Z (Attachment A) to the Finance and Economic Resiliency Committee (FERC), to discuss the beautification of the 41<sup>st</sup> Street alleyways, behind Roasters 'N Toasters (533 Arthur Godfrey Road) and Café Avanti (732 West 41<sup>st</sup> Street).

Sponsoring Commissioner Rosen Gonzalez expressed a belief that the alleyways behind these establishments could benefit from an improved aesthetic and an enhancement of the overall neighborhood environment. Commissioner Rosen Gonzalez requested that Committee members consider options for funding, design, and implementation of a pavement project, in which local stakeholders and property owners could collaborate in.

### **ANALYSIS**

Public Works conducted a search of the parcels and confirmed that both alleyways fall within the City's jurisdiction and are currently maintained by the Public Works Sanitation Division once a week. The alleyways provide access for both pedestrian and vehicular traffic (from deliveries, trash collection, to regular service of utility poles, manholes, grates, and other public utilities serviced from the alley). The alleyways also connect to two (2) parking lots. The parking lot across from Roasters 'N Toasters belongs to the City, and the parking lot across from Café Avanti belongs to CVS Pharmacy.

In its present condition, both alleyways could be improved with milling and resurfacing of the asphalt pavement. The estimated cost per alley is between \$30,000 - \$40,000 or about \$80,000 for both, currently funded.

With regards to beautification, since the parking lot across from Roasters 'N Toasters belongs to the City, Public Works Greenspace Management will be installing sod in the medians within the next couple of weeks. However, the private parking lot by Café Avanti would need to be enhanced by the property owner.

### **FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

The estimated cost for milling and resurfacing of both alleys is \$80,000, funded within the department's annual appropriation.

**CONCLUSION**

The Administration recommends prioritizing the milling and resurfacing of the alleys behind Roasters 'N Toasters and Café Avanti within the annual appropriation and refreshing the landscaped medians.

**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

**Department**

Public Works

**Sponsor(s)**

Commissioner Kristen Rosen Gonzalez

**Condensed Title**

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