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Applicable Area:

# MIAMI BEACH

## COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Eric Carpenter, City Manager

DATE: February 3, 2025

TITLE: 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, AND DIRECTING THE ADMINISTRATION TO INCLUDE BUDGETARY ITEMS RELATED TO INCREASES IN PERSONNEL ALLOCATIONS TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S DUI TRAFFIC, ATV BEACHWALK AND MARINE PATROL SQUADS IN THE FIRST BUDGET WORKSHOP IN MAY 2025, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE POLICE/CITIZENS RELATIONS COMMITTEE VIA LETTER TO COMMISSION.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

The Administration recommends accepting the Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee's (PSNQLC) recommendation to include budgetary items related to increases in personnel allocations for the Police Department as delineated in the attached Resolution.

### **BACKGROUND/HISTORY**

At the November 6, 2024 PSNQLC meeting, the committee heard and agreed to forward the item to the Commission with a favorable recommendation to be included in the City's first budget workshop in May 2025.

### **ANALYSIS**

The City Commission legislatively requested many priorities of the Miami Beach Police Department (MBPD). The Police Citizens/Relations Committee (PCRC) and their Budget Advisory Subcommittee raised concerns that many of the mandated legislative priorities were unfunded and suggested budgetary items related to increases in personnel allocations to various Police Department units via LTC 379-2024.

The Resolution recommends including three increases to Police Department personnel in the May 2025 Budget Workshop.

See attached Resolution.

### **FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

Fiscal impact is to be determined at the May 2025 Budget Workshop.

### **CONCLUSION**

The Administration encourages the City Commission to consider the Resolution and accept the Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee's recommendation to include budgetary items related to increases in personnel allocations for the Police Department in the May 2025 Budget Workshop.

**Applicable Area**

Citywide

**Is this a "Residents Right to Know" item, pursuant to City Code Section 2-17?**

No

**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**

Police

**Sponsor(s)**

Commissioner Laura Dominguez

**Co-sponsor(s)**

**Condensed Title**

Include Police Department Budgetary Items at May 2025 Budget Workshop. (Dominguez) PD

**Previous Action (For City Clerk Use Only)**



**COMMISSION MEMORANDUM**

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Commissioner Laura Dominguez

DATE: September 11, 2024

TITLE: REFERRAL TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND NEIGHBORHOOD QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS ADDITIONAL POLICE DEPARTMENT BUDGETARY ITEMS RECOMMENDED BY THE POLICE/CITIZEN RELATIONS COMMITTEE.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Please place on the September 11, 2024 agenda a referral to the Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee to discuss the potential funding of additional Police Department budgetary items that have been recommended by the Police/Citizen Relations Committee.

The City is committed to ensuring the safety and security of its residents and visitors through the effective and efficient operation of its Police Department. To that end, the Police/Citizen Relations Committee's ("PCRC") was established with the mission to recommend and endorse programs and projects that will enhance the well-being of the residents and visitors of the City and to provide advice to the City Commission pertaining to community/police relations. As such, the PCRC has reviewed the proposed Fiscal Year 2025 budget for the City and identified several unbudgeted items that the Committee believes are necessary to further enhance the capabilities of the Police Department.

Specifically, the PCRC has recommended the inclusion of three (3) budgetary allocations to augment the Police Department's personnel in the following squads in order to ensure adequate coverage and police responsiveness in the following vital areas:

Marine Patrol (In order to reduce burglaries emanating from the water since the City is a water community and many residences are on the water. In addition, there has been a huge increase in boater activity, including illegal charters and rentals of both boats and jet skis).

Driving Under the Influence (In order to patrol the roadways and waterways to enforce the "DUI" and "BUI" laws).

Beachwalk ATV (In order to add police officers on the Beachwalk at nighttime to aid in ensuring public safety).

Accordingly, I would request that the City Administration be prepared at Committee to discuss the cost of each, along with a recommendation as to whether each item would be of sufficient benefit to the Police Department so as to justify such expenditure

**BACKGROUND/HISTORY**

**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-notices/>

## **FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

## **CONCLUSION**

### **Applicable Area**

Citywide

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Office of Commissioner Laura Dominguez

### **Sponsor(s)**

Commissioner Laura Dominguez

### **Co-sponsor(s)**

### **Condensed Title**

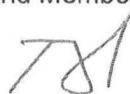
Ref: PSNQLC - Additional Police Department Budgetary Items. (Dominguez)

LTC # **379-2024**

## LETTER TO COMMISSION

TO: Honorable Mayor Steven Meiner and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk



DATE: September 4, 2024

SUBJECT: **Police/Citizens Relations Committee's Budget Concerns**

The purpose of this Letter to Commission (LTC) is to inform the Mayor & Commission of the Police/Citizens Relations Committee's concerns over the upcoming Fiscal Year 2025's budget and police allocations.

Over the past year, many priorities were requested by the Commission of the Miami Beach Police Department (MBPD) to include enhanced DUI enforcement and increased marine patrols, among others. Being sensitive to these requests, the Department put together a list of budget items that would enable them to accomplish these tasks. As the end of the budget process nears, the Police/Citizens Relations Committee and its Budget Advisory Subcommittee are concerned that many of these items have not been funded. The committees are also concerned that the Department would be held responsible for accomplishing many unfunded priorities.

The original list of enhancements had over 25 budget requests. Being realistic, the committee understands that all the items would not be approved. Therefore, the list has been pared down to the following items. As you are completing the budget process, please consider adding some of these items to next year's budget. The goal is to provide the City's Police Department with all the tools necessary to keep Miami Beach safe.

### **1. DUI Traffic Enhancement**

- a. Requested by the City Commission. The creation of a squad to patrol the causeways and waterways to enforce DUI laws. Originally, the request was for 12 officers. Due to budget sensitivity, PD leadership is suggesting to begin with six (6) officers.

### **2. ATV Beachwalk Squad**

- a. Requested by the City Commission. The beachwalk and City beaches are not safe at night as evidenced by the recent sexual assault of a woman in Mid Beach. Patrol personnel is needed on the beaches at night.

### **3. Marine Patrol Squad**

- a. Requested by the City Commission. Miami Beach is a water community. Many homes are on the water. Many burglaries come from the waterside and not from the front of a house. In addition, there is a large increase in boater activity, illegal charters of both vessels and jet skis, and DUI activity on the water.

### **4. Peer Support Consultant**

- a. Requested by the Police Chief to support and counsel police personnel.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025 - \_\_\_\_\_**

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**WHEREAS**, City of Miami Beach's Police/Citizens Relations Committee's (PCRC) was established with the mission to recommend and endorse programs and projects that will enhance the well-being of the residents and visitors of the City and to provide advice to the City Commission pertaining to community/police relations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Committee created a Budget Advisory Subcommittee through which to understand the Police Department's budgetary requests and advocate for the tools necessary to keep residents and visitors safe; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission legislatively requested many priorities of the Miami Beach Police Department (MBPD), and the PCRC and Subcommittee raised concerns that many of the budget enhancements formally requested by the Department through which to accomplish the City Commission's priorities were not formally funded; and

**WHEREAS**, cognizant of budgetary limitations, the Committee examined those priorities of highest value and recommended via LTC 379-2024 the review of allocations for additional increases in personnel to the DUI traffic, ATV Beachwalk and Marine Patrol Squads; and

**WHEREAS**, the Administration recognizes the current limitations by the Police Department in staffing the new positions and deemed it appropriate to revisit the funding request with any necessary additions for the Fiscal Year 2026 budget; and

**WHEREAS**, at the November 6, 2024 the Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee directed the Administration to include the three budgetary items recommended above in the first budget workshop scheduled for May 2025.

**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, made at its November 6, 2024 meeting, and direct the Administration to include budgetary items related to increases in personnel allocations to the Police Department's DUI Traffic, ATV Beachwalk and Marine Patrol squads in the first budget workshop in May 2025, as recommended by the Police/Citizens Relations Committee via Letter To Commission.


**PASSED and ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

**ATTEST:**

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Steven Meiner, Mayor

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Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO  
FORM & LANGUAGE  
& FOR EXECUTION

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
City Attorney

1/24/2025  
Date