

C7 Q A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE AND ECONOMIC RESILIENCY COMMITTEE, AT ITS JUNE 4, 2025 MEETING, AND DIRECTING THE ADMINISTRATION TO CONSIDER FUNDING, DURING THE FY 2026 BUDGET PROCESS, THE EXPANSION OF KIDS' PARKS AND RECREATION OFFERINGS TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL WEEKEND CLASSES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$105,000.

Applicable Area:



COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Eric Carpenter, City Manager

DATE: June 25, 2025

TITLE: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE AND ECONOMIC RESILIENCY COMMITTEE, AT ITS JUNE 4, 2025 MEETING, AND DIRECTING THE ADMINISTRATION TO CONSIDER FUNDING, DURING THE FY 2026 BUDGET PROCESS, THE EXPANSION OF KIDS' PARKS AND RECREATION OFFERINGS TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL WEEKEND CLASSES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$105,000.

RECOMMENDATION

The Administration recommends that while the Commission considers the recommendation of the Finance and Economic Resiliency Committee to expand kids' Parks and Recreation offerings to include additional weekend classes, it also carefully considers several critical factors that will significantly impact the General Fund budget, beginning in FY 2026:

- 1.The City's increasing unfunded capital improvement program.
- 2.Long-term General Fund financial projections indicating a potential shortfall in upcoming fiscal years.
- 3.The passage of Amendment 5 in November 2024, which increases the homestead exemption and further constrains the growth of taxable property values.

These considerations are essential to ensure that decisions regarding reopening the Scott Rakow Youth Center on Saturdays and the North Shore Park Youth Center on Sundays align with the City's broader long-term financial stability and strategic priorities. If the Committee recommends funding expanding kids' Parks and Recreation offerings to include Sunday classes for \$105,000 the Administration recommends it be considered part of the FY 2026 budget process.

BACKGROUND/HISTORY

During the February 3, 2025, City Commission meeting, at the request of Vice-Mayor Tanya K. Bhatt, the Mayor and City Commission referred a discussion item to the Finance and Economic Resiliency Committee ("FERC"), a discussion regarding expanding kids' Parks and Recreation offerings to include Sunday classes. (Exhibit A)

At the June 4, 2025 FERC meeting, the item was recommended to be sent to the June Commission meeting with a recommendation to be considered as part of the Fiscal Year 2026 budget process. (Exhibit B)

ANALYSIS

The Parks and Recreation Department offers various weekend programs and events for all age groups. As shown in Exhibit C, numerous programs and facilities are available, which are heavily utilized by the community. Some of these offerings include a swim team, dance lessons, open play chess, an adult art club, floral workshops, ice skating lessons, gymnastics programs, youth

soccer and baseball, beach volleyball, and multiple swim lesson classes. Additionally, the Parks and Recreation Department provides free community weekend access for Miami Beach residents at both the Scott Rakow Youth Center on Sundays, and the North Shore Park Youth Center on Saturdays, where visitors can enjoy the fitness center, game rooms, bowling alley, and gymnasium.

As part of the budget process during the COVID pandemic, the Department closed the Scott Rakow Youth Center on Saturdays and the North Shore Park Youth Center on Sundays as a cost-saving measure. The recommendation for closure was also based on the very limited usage of the facilities by the public at the time.

Beginning in the fall of 2025, the Department proposes to reopen the Scott Rakow Youth Center on Saturdays and the North Shore Park Youth Center on Sundays to gain interest. This can be achieved through the addition of four (4) Part-time Recreation Leader I positions that would be a re-occurring budget expense. The Department will evaluate community use to determine whether remaining open year-round at each of these facilities on the identified weekend days is warranted based on attendance numbers.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

If the Commission accepts the Committee recommendation to reopen the Scott Rakow Youth Center on Saturdays and the North Shore Park Youth Center on Sundays to gain interest, a budget amendment would be necessary to add four (4) Part-time Recreation Leader I positions at a total budgetary impact of \$105,000.

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

The Parks and Recreation Department proposes to reopen the Scott Rakow Youth Center on Saturdays and the North Shore Park Youth Center on Sundays to gain interest, if desired by the Commission.

Applicable Area

Citywide

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

Parks and Recreation

Sponsor(s)

Commissioner Tanya K. Bhatt

Co-sponsor(s)

Condensed Title

Accept Rec/Expand Kids Parks and Recreation Offerings, Include Sunday Classes. (Bhatt) PKS

Previous Action (For City Clerk Use Only)

C4 AX REFERRAL TO THE FINANCE AND ECONOMIC RESILIENCY COMMITTEE -
DISCUSSION REGARDING EXPANDING KIDS' PARKS AND RECREATION
OFFERINGS TO INCLUDE SUNDAY CLASSES.

Applicable Area:



COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission
FROM: Commissioner Tanya K. Bhatt
DATE: February 3, 2025
TITLE: REFERRAL TO THE FINANCE AND ECONOMIC RESILIENCY COMMITTEE -
DISCUSSION REGARDING EXPANDING KIDS' PARKS AND RECREATION
OFFERINGS TO INCLUDE SUNDAY CLASSES.

RECOMMENDATION

BACKGROUND/HISTORY

Please place on the February 3, 2025 agenda a referral to the Finance and Economic Resiliency Committee ("FERC") to discuss allocate funding for expanding the current Parks and Recreation offerings to include Sunday classes for children for specific activities, including ice skating, soccer, swimming, and basketball.

Currently, the Parks and Recreation Department offers various classes and activities for children, predominantly scheduled on Saturdays. Providing Sunday classes would provide equitable access to recreational opportunities for families unable to participate on Saturdays due to work, religious observances, or other commitments.

ANALYSIS

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

n/a

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Office of Commissioner Tanya K. Bhatt

Sponsor(s)

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Co-sponsor(s)

Condensed Title

Ref: LUSC - Expand Parks & Recreation Officers to Include Sunday Classes. (Bhatt)

Previous Action (For City Clerk Use Only)

NB 5. DISCUSSION REGARDING EXPANDING KIDS' PARKS AND RECREATION
OFFERINGS TO INCLUDE SUNDAY CLASSES.

Applicable Area:

MIAMI BEACH

COMMITTEE MEMORANDUM

TO: Finance and Economic Resiliency Committee Members

FROM: Eric Carpenter, City Manager

DATE: June 4, 2025

TITLE: DISCUSSION REGARDING EXPANDING KIDS' PARKS AND RECREATION OFFERINGS TO INCLUDE SUNDAY CLASSES.

RECOMMENDATION

The Administration recommends that while the Finance and Economic Resiliency Committee evaluates expanding kids' Parks and Recreation offerings to include Sunday classes, it also carefully considers several critical factors that will significantly impact the General Fund budget, beginning in FY 2026:

- 1.The City's increasing unfunded capital improvement program
- 2.Long-term General Fund financial projections indicating a potential shortfall in upcoming fiscal years
- 3.The recent notification of a \$5-6 million annual budget impact on the General Fund due to the new 2% collection fee imposed by the Miami-Dade Tax Collector
- 4.The passage of Amendment 5 in November 2024, which increases the homestead exemption and further constrains the growth of taxable property values

These considerations are essential to ensure that decisions regarding reopening the Scott Rakow Youth Center on Saturdays and the North Shore Park Youth Center on Sundays align with the City's broader long-term financial stability and strategic priorities. If the Committee recommends funding expanding kids' Parks and Recreation offerings to include Sunday classes for \$84,000, the Administration recommends it be considered part of the FY 2026 budget process.

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Rakow Youth Center on Saturdays and the North Shore Park Youth Center on Sundays as a cost-saving measure. The recommendation for closure was also based on the very limited usage of the facilities by the public at the time.

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Commissioner Tanya K. Bhatt

Co-sponsor(s)

Condensed Title

Expanding Kids' Parks and Recreation Offerings to include Sunday Classes (Bhatt)

C4 AX REFERRAL TO THE FINANCE AND ECONOMIC RESILIENCY COMMITTEE -
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Condensed Title

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Previous Action (For City Clerk Use Only)

PARKS AND RECREATION
WEEKEND PROGRAM OFFERINGS

SATURDAYS

Scott Rakow Youth Center

- Ice Rink
 - Freestyle Skate
 - 9:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
 - Rentals Available
 - 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
 - 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
 - Public Sessions
 - 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- Pool
 - Swim Team
 - 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
 -

North Shore Park Youth Center

- Fitness Center
 - 7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- Dance Room
 - Epic Dance Program 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
- Arts & Crafts
 - Adult Art Club 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
 - Floral Workshop 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. (Once a month)
- Playtime Room or Skybox
 - Open Play Chess 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
- Auditorium
 - Jiu-jitsu 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
- Social Club (Location dependent on activity)
 - 1:00 p.m.- 3:00 p.m. (Varies due to Field Trips)
- Gymnasium
 - Open Gym Basketball 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
 - Open Gym Volleyball 2:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

SUNDAYS

Scott Rakow Youth Center

- Gymnasium
 - Open Basketball 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
 - Open Pickleball 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- Bowling
 - Open Play 9:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
 - Rentals Available 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- Gameroom
 - Open Play 9:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- Fitness Center
 - 9:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- Gymnastics Programming
 - 9:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- Open Chess Play
 - 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- Ice Rink
 - Stick & Puck
 - 8:45 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.
 - Freestyle Skate
 - 10:00 a.m. – 12:35 p.m.
 - Rentals Available
 - 12pm – 3 pm
 - Public Sessions
 - 3 pm – 5 pm
 - Stick & Puck
 - 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm
 - Adaptive Ice
 - 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. every 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month

BOTH SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

- Soccer Programs
 - Saturday and Sunday
 - Round Star Soccer (Soccer Skills and Fundamentals for Toddlers – 8years of age) 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at Polo Park, Fisher Park, and Flamingo Park
- Basketball Programs
 - Saturday and Sunday
 - No offerings at this time
- Other Sport Programs

- Danny Berry Youth Baseball programs
 - Saturdays and Sundays All Day (North Shore Park/Polo Park)
- Adult Baseball programs
 - Sundays 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. (Flamingo Park)
- Youth and Adult Beach Volleyball
 - Saturdays and Sundays All Day (Lummus Park 6-9th Streets)
- Adult Volleyball Beach
 - Saturdays and Sundays 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (Lummus Park 12th Street)
- Swimming Programs (Year-round)
 - Scott Rakow Youth Center Pool
 - Learn To Swim Programs (Beginning Summer 2025)
- Swimming Programs (Non-Summer Months | October- May)
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RESOLUTION NO. _____

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WHEREAS, at the February 3, 2025 City Commission meeting, at the request of Vice-Mayor Tanya K. Bhatt, the Mayor and City Commission referred a discussion item to the Finance and Economic Resiliency Committee ("FERC"), to discuss expanding kids' parks and recreation offerings to include additional weekend classes; and

WHEREAS, at the June 4, 2025 FERC meeting, the item was recommended to be sent to the June 25, 2025 City Commission meeting with a recommendation to be considered for funding as part of the FY 2026 budget process; and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Department offers various weekend programs and events for all age groups and facilities that are heavily utilized by the community; and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Department currently provides free community weekend access for Miami Beach residents at both the Scott Rakow Youth Center on Sundays and the North Shore Park Youth Center on Saturdays, where visitors can enjoy the fitness center, game rooms, bowling alley, and gymnasium; and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Department previously provided free community weekend access for Miami Beach residents at the Scott Rakow Youth Center on Saturdays and the North Short Park Youth Center on Sundays, but the Department closed the Scott Rakow Youth Center on Saturdays and the North Short Park Youth Center on Sundays during the COVID pandemic as a cost saving measure; and

WHEREAS, beginning in the Fall of 2025, the Parks and Recreation Department proposes to reopen the Scott Rakow Youth Center on Saturdays and the North Shore Park Youth Center on Sundays to gain interest;

WHEREAS, this reopening can be achieved through the addition of four (4) Part-time Recreation Leader I positions that would be a re-occurring budget expense; and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Department will evaluate community use to determine whether remaining open year-round at each of these facilities on the identified weekend days is warranted based on attendance numbers; and

WHEREAS, the reopening of the Scott Rakow Youth Center on Saturdays and the North Shore Park Youth Center on Sundays will have a re-occurring budgetary impact of \$105,000 for the additional positions.

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 Finance and Economic Resiliency Committee, at its June 4, 2025 meeting, and direct the Administration to consider funding, during the FY 2026 budget process, the expansion of kids' parks and recreation offerings to include additional weekend classes in the amount of \$105,000.

PASSED and **ADOPTED** this ____ day of _____ 2025.

Steven Meiner, Mayor

ATTEST:

Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION



City Attorney *CR* 6/17/2025 Date