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Applicable Area:

MIAMI BEACH

COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission

FROM: City Attorney Ricardo J. Dopico

DATE: June 25, 2025

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RECOMMENDATION

BACKGROUND/HISTORY

ANALYSIS

The attached Resolution was prepared at the request of the sponsor, Commissioner Tanya K. Bhatt.

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

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

City Attorney

Sponsor(s)

Commissioner Tanya K. Bhatt

Co-sponsor(s)

Condensed Title

Consider Installing New Garden Within City-Owned West Lots and Expand NoBe Garden, During FY 26 Budget Process. (Bhatt) CA

Previous Action (For City Clerk Use Only)

RESOLUTION NO. 2025 - _____

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WHEREAS, the North Beach Community Garden, located at 7350 Dickens Avenue, was established in Fall 2007, and is as an all-organic garden maintained by a team of dedicated local gardeners; and

WHEREAS, for nearly two decades the garden has served as a vital resource for Miami Beach residents who seek to grow their own fresh, healthy produce and foster community connections through sustainable urban agriculture; and

WHEREAS, the garden is presently surrounded by sizable, under-utilized grassy areas that require constant City upkeep; and

WHEREAS, expanding the North Beach Community Garden into these available, under-utilized green spaces would transform idle turf into productive plots, increase opportunities for residents to cultivate organic fruits, vegetables, and herbs, and reduce ongoing maintenance costs associated with mowing and irrigation; and

WHEREAS, moreover, the City also owns eight "West Lots" parcels fronting Collins Avenue between 79th and 87th Streets, portions of which could present an ideal location for a second community garden that can serve nearby neighborhoods, and activate dormant land; and

WHEREAS, establishing additional community garden capacity aligns with the City's goals of promoting healthy lifestyles, food security, environmental stewardship, and neighborhood engagement.

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 direct the City Administration to prepare and present, for consideration during the Fiscal Year 2026 budget process, a proposal to: (1) expand the existing North Beach community garden at 7350 Dickens Avenue; and (2) install a new community garden on an appropriate parcel within the City-owned West Lots.

PASSED and ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2025.

ATTEST:

Steven Meiner, Mayor

Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

(sponsored by Commissioner Tanya K. Bhatt)

APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION



City Attorney

6/17/2025

Date