

C7AW A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, DIRECTING THE CITY ADMINISTRATION TO INCLUDE, ON THE "CRIME STATISTICS" LANDING PAGE WITHIN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT WEBSITE, NOTABLE CRIMINAL CASES CONCERNING PERSONS ARRESTED FOR CRIMES COMMITTED WITHIN THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THOSE CASES INVOLVING HABITUAL OFFENDERS, HATE CRIMES, SIGNIFICANT COURT RULINGS, AND HIGH-PROFILE CASES, TO BE SELECTED AND PROVIDED TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT BY THE CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE WITH INPUT FROM THE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COMMISSION.

MIAMI BEACH

COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO:	Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission
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FROM: City Attorney Ricardo J. Dopico

DATE: June 26, 2024

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ANALYSIS

The proposed Resolution was prepared at the request of the sponsor, Mayor Steven Meiner.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

None at this time.

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)

Mayor Steven Meiner

RESOLUTION NO. 2024- _____

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WHEREAS, the City of Miami Beach (the "City") is a unique, coastal community which, due to a myriad of factors, consistently experiences the commission of a significant amount of criminal, quality of life offenses; and

WHEREAS, the City is committed to reducing all crime (including felony, misdemeanor, ordinance, and quality of life offenses) and repeat offenses, and bringing social services to those that may find it difficult to otherwise obtain such services; and

WHEREAS, each day many tourists and other visitors arrive in the City and, unfortunately, an unacceptably large number of such individuals commit crimes while in the City; and

WHEREAS, the commission of criminal offenses is not only potentially damaging to the City's reputation, but also adversely affects the lives of the City's residents and the experience of tourists and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the Miami-Dade State Attorney's Office is the entity responsible for the prosecution of persons arrested for the commission of any felony, misdemeanor, and/or County ordinance violation(s) occurring in the City; and

WHEREAS, the City's Municipal Prosecution Team is responsible for the prosecution of all cases in which an individual is solely arrested for committing one (1) or more violations of the City's criminal ordinances (without any accompanying State law or County ordinance violations); and

WHEREAS, with certain limited exceptions, the various Judges of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit, in and for Miami-Dade County, preside over the criminal cases of all such arrestees; and

WHEREAS, many City residents and business owners have taken a keen interest in, and are profoundly concerned about, the progress and outcome of criminal cases as the cases proceed through the court system; and

WHEREAS, the City maintains a website which provides the public with information and materials with regarding a multitude of matters pertaining to the City and its residents; and

WHEREAS, the Miami Beach Police Department, in collaboration with the Information Technology Department, has launched a new Crime Dashboard on the Police Department website that provides statistical crime data, along with arrest data; and

WHEREAS, the Crime Dashboard has been implemented in an effort to foster transparency and to empower City leaders and the public by providing a tool to monitor crime across the entire City in a more comprehensive manner; and

WHEREAS, statistical crime and prosecution data, in conjunction with case disposition data, can be utilized as an effective tool to acquire a detailed understanding surrounding criminal conduct; and

WHEREAS, statistical data and case outcome information can also assist in identifying any challenges that may have impacted the successful prosecution of those persons committing criminal offenses in the City; and

WHEREAS, statistical crime and prosecution data can further assist by providing guidance as to any tools, policies, procedures and/or resources that can be implemented and/or utilized to aid in the future prosecution of criminal offenders; and

WHEREAS, including notable criminal case progression and outcomes on the Police Department website will increase transparency and provide the public with a readily accessible source from which to obtain information regarding the prosecution of the City's criminal cases of greatest interest.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED THAT THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, hereby direct the City Administration to include, on the "Crime Statistics" landing page within the Police Department website, notable criminal cases concerning persons arrested for crimes committed within the City of Miami Beach including, but not limited to, those cases involving habitual offenders, hate crimes, significant court rulings, and high-profile cases, to be selected and provided to the Police Department by the City Attorney's Office with input from the Mayor and members of the City Commission.

PASSED and ADOPTED this ____ day of June, 2024.

ATTEST:

Steven Meiner, Mayor

Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

(Sponsored by Mayor Steven Meiner)

APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION

City Attorney

6/17/2024

Date