

C7 AC A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING AN INCREASE TO THE BUDGET OF THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION BY \$105,000, VIA A FUTURE BUDGET AMENDMENT, FOR THE REMAINDER OF FISCAL YEAR 2024 TO ENABLE EACH COMMISSIONER TO HAVE THE ABILITY TO INCUR UP TO \$15,000 IN EXPENSES ASSOCIATED WITH ATTENDING VARIOUS EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS, AND OTHER CIVIC, NON-PROFIT, AND COMMUNITY EVENTS TO CARRY OUT THEIR PUBLIC DUTIES, INCLUDING THE PURCHASE OF TICKETS, CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FEES AND TRAVEL EXPENDITURES (EVENT BUDGET) AND DIRECTING THE CITY ADMINISTRATION TO INCLUDE THIS EVENT BUDGET AS A RECURRING BUDGET ITEM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER; AND FURTHER, WAIVING, BY 5/7TH VOTE, THE REQUIREMENT IN SECTION 2-14(D)(1)A OF THE CITY CODE TO REFER ANY AGENDA ITEMS IN EXCESS OF \$75,000 TO FINANCE AND ECONOMIC RESILIENCY COMMITTEE.

Applicable Area:

# MIAMI BEACH

## COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission

FROM: City Attorney Ricardo J. Dopico

DATE: July 24, 2024

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### **ANALYSIS**

The attached Resolution was prepared at the request of the sponsor, Commissioner Kristen Rosen Gonzalez.

### **FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

The fiscal impact of this item is set forth in the Resolution.

### **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 Kristen Rosen Gonzalez

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

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**WHEREAS**, the duties of the Mayor and City Commissioners oftentimes greatly exceed the part-time nature of their positions, and often involve various expenses associated with their public offices, including purchasing tickets to attend a myriad of civic, non-profit and community events in order to engage with City residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission recognizes the importance of the Mayor and Commissioners attending various civic, non-profit, and community events to effectively carry out their public duties and responsibilities; and

**WHEREAS**, attendance at educational conferences, seminars, non-profit events, galas, and other community events enhances the ability of the Mayor and Commissioners to engage with the community, gather valuable insights, and represent the City's interests; and

**WHEREAS**, the current budget for the Office of the Mayor and City Commission does not adequately provide for expenses associated with attending these events, including the purchase of tickets to such events, thereby limiting the ability of Commissioners to fully participate in these important activities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and City Commission desire to approve an increase to the budget of the Office of the Mayor and City Commission by \$105,000, via a future budget amendment, to ensure that each Commissioner has up to \$15,000 available for the purchase of tickets to, and/or pay expenses associated with attending, various events, including but not limited to educational conferences and seminars, and other civic, non-profit, and community events, with the stipulation that these funds shall not be used to

purchase tables that are customarily purchased by the Office of the Mayor and City Commission or to purchase tickets to political fundraisers or otherwise to make payments associated with, or for the benefit of, any political campaign; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and City Commission desire that this increase be included as a non-prorated budget item in FY 2024 budget, and be added as a recurring budget item for the 2024 fiscal year and each fiscal year thereafter to ensure the continued ability of the Mayor and Commissioners to fulfill their public duties; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and City Commission further wish to waive, by 5/7<sup>th</sup> vote, the requirement in Section 2-14(d)(1)a of the City Code to refer any agenda item having a budget impact of more than \$75,000 to the Finance and Economic Resiliency Committee for committee review of agenda items in excess of \$75,000.

**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 approve an increase to the budget of the Office of the Mayor and City Commission by \$105,000, via a future budget amendment, for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2024 to enable each Commissioner to have the ability to incur up to \$15,000 in expenses associated with attending various educational conferences and seminars, and other civic, non-profit, and community events to carry out their public duties, including the purchase of tickets, conference registration fees and travel expenditures, direct the City Administration to include the newly increased budget as a recurring budget item for each fiscal year thereafter; and further, waive, by 5/7<sup>th</sup> vote, the requirement in Section 2-14(d)(1)a of the City Code to refer any agenda items in excess of \$75,000 to the Finance and Economic Resiliency Committee.

**PASSED and ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

**ATTEST:**

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Steven Meiner, Mayor

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Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

(Sponsored by Commissioner Kristen Rosen  
Gonzalez)

APPROVED AS TO  
FORM & LANGUAGE  
& FOR EXECUTION

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

7/15/2024  
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Date