

4. **A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, DIRECTING THE CITY ADMINISTRATION TO PREPARE A PLAN AND A COST ESTIMATE FOR TRAPPING, SPAYING OR NEUTERING, AND RELEASING ALL COMMUNITY CATS WITHIN MIAMI BEACH WITHING AN EFFICIENT AND EXPEDITED TIMELINE, WITH THE PLAN TO BE PRESENTED TO THE FINANCE AND ECONOMIC RESILIENCY COMMITTEE ("FERC") AT ITS JULY 26, 2024 MEETING.**

Applicable Area:

a solicitation and return to the Commission in June.

Commissioner Magazine made a motion to adopt Item C7 N (Resolution 2024-33025); seconded by Commissioner Fernandez. Voice vote: 7-0.

**6:02:58 p.m.**

C7 AJ A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, DIRECTING THE CITY ADMINISTRATION TO PREPARE A PLAN AND A COST ESTIMATE FOR TRAPPING, SPAYING OR NEUTERING, AND RELEASING ALL COMMUNITY CATS IN MIAMI BEACH WITHIN AN EFFICIENT AND EXPEDITED TIMELINE, WITH THE PLAN TO BE PRESENTED TO THE FINANCE AND ECONOMIC RESILIENCY COMMITTEE (“FERC”) AT ITS JULY 26, 2024 MEETING.

Office of the City Attorney  
Commissioner David Suarez

**ACTION: Resolution 2024-33041 was adopted as amended.** The Item was separated from the Consent Agenda by Vice-Mayor Dominguez. Vice-Mayor Dominguez made a motion to adopt the Resolution as amended, seconded by Commissioner Fernandez. Voice vote: 6-0 (Absent: Mayor Meiner). **Joe L. Gomez to handle.**

**REFERRAL:**

Plan to be presented at the July 26, 2024 Finance and Economic Resiliency Committee. **Jason Greene to place on the Committee Agenda Pending List. Joe L. to handle.**

Vice-Mayor Dominguez began by stating that the Animal Welfare Committee was started by former Commissioner Mark Samuelian many years ago. She recalled that when she started in her role as Commissioner, her office was the liaison for the Animal Welfare Committee. Vice-Mayor Dominguez noted that the Animal Welfare Committee invests a lot of time in the cats in the City and that she speaks to the Committee, at a minimum, weekly. She announced that she had a few concerns regarding the Item and wanted to ensure that the Commission could move the Item forward with a friendly amendment. The first concern Vice-Mayor Dominguez brought up was the lack of mention of the word “release”. She emphasized that releasing cats is very important to the Animal Welfare Committee, not just trapping and neutering them, and thus the word “release” should be included. The second concern Vice-Mayor Dominguez brought up was the six-month time period. She stated that the City Administration predicted that spaying, neutering, and releasing all the cats in Miami Beach in six months would be nearly impossible. Vice-Mayor Dominguez suggested including language such as “aggressive timeline”.

Commissioner Suarez agreed with the suggestions brought up by Vice-Mayor Dominguez. He suggested including the language “in the most efficient time possible” to address the concern of the six-month time period. At the suggestion of Vice-Mayor Dominguez, Commissioner Suarez suggested quarterly check-ins on the cat population number.

City Attorney Ricardo J. Dopico informed the Commission that the report on the program cost will be generated after the program is implemented.

Ms. Linda Diamond, a member of the Animal Welfare Committee appearing via Zoom, stated that she agreed with including the word “release” on the Item. She also announced that funding would be necessary to compile a team to perform the assessment. This assessment would include: (a) quantifying the feral cat population in North Beach, Mid Beach, and South Beach, (b) classifying

how many cats are ear-tipped, (c) assessing how many cats can be fixed per month, (d) determining the number of trappers required, (e) locating surgery outlets available per volume needed, (f) identifying the availability of no-kill outlets that could take in adoptable kittens and cats, abandoned pets, the overflow of the Kitty Campus, and that could help with the care and recovery of sick and injured cats that will inevitably be found on the trapping excursions.

Vice-Mayor Dominguez thanked Ms. Diamond and made a motion to adopt the Resolution as amended, seconded by Commissioner Fernandez. Voice vote: 6-0 (Absent: Mayor Meiner).

Amendments:

1. Include the “releasing” of community cats.
2. Change the “period of six months” to “an efficient and expedited timeline.”
3. Include quarterly check-ins on the cat population number.

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C7 AK A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, DIRECTING THE CITY ADMINISTRATION TO EXPLORE THE VIABILITY OF CREATING POLICE SUBSTATIONS, SIMILAR TO THE POLICE SUBSTATION IN NORTH BEACH, IN THE COLLINS PARK NEIGHBORHOOD, AT CITY HALL, IN THE SOUTH OF FIFTH NEIGHBORHOOD, AND IN MID-BEACH, IN ORDER TO MAKE LAW ENFORCEMENT RESOURCES AND INCIDENT REPORTING MORE EASILY ACCESSIBLE AND READILY AVAILABLE FOR RESIDENTS AND VISITORS, AND TO MORE EFFICIENTLY ADDRESS CRIMINAL ACTIVITY THROUGHOUT THE CITY; AND FURTHER, DIRECTING THE CITY ADMINISTRATION TO REPORT THEIR FINDINGS AND PROPOSALS TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND NEIGHBORHOOD QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE AT ITS JULY 10, 2024 MEETING IN ORDER FOR THE COMMITTEE TO PROVIDE ITS RECOMMENDATIONS (INCLUDING THE FISCAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE IMPACT) TO THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION IN ADVANCE OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET PROCESS.

Office of the City Attorney  
Commissioner Alex Fernandez  
Co-sponsored by Vice-Mayor Laura Dominguez

**ACTION: Resolution 2024-33042 was adopted. Chief Wayne Jones and Elizabeth Miro to handle.**

**REFERRAL: Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee**

**The City Administration is to report its findings and proposals to the Public Safety And Neighborhood Quality Of Life Committee At Its July 10, 2024 Meeting for the Committee to provide its recommendations (including the fiscal and administrative impact) to the Mayor and City Commission in advance of the Fiscal Year 2025 budget process. Mark Taxis to place on the Committee Agenda Pending List Pending List. Chief Wayne Jones and Elizabeth Miro to handle.**