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MIAMI BEACH

COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission

FROM: City Attorney Ricardo J. Dopico

DATE: June 26, 2024

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ANALYSIS

The attached Resolution was prepared at the request of the sponsor, Vice-Mayor Kristen Rosen Gonzalez.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The fiscal impacts of this item are set forth in the Resolution.

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?

Yes

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

Co-sponsor(s)

Commissioner Alex Fernandez

RESOLUTION NO. _____

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WHEREAS, the South Shore Community Center (the "South Shore Community Center" or the "SSCC"), located at 833 6th Street, was built in 1971 and designed by renowned architect Morris Lapidus; and

WHEREAS, in 1991, the City provided funding to the Little Havana Activities and Nutrition Center ("LHANC") in the amount of \$42,550, pursuant to an agreement ratified by the Commission pursuant to Resolution No. 91-20424, to renovate a portion of the SSCC to open a childcare center for residents of the South Beach area where the demographics reflected a need for such services; and

WHEREAS, the LHANC has operated the Rainbow Childcare Center at the SSCC for over three decades, providing a much needed service to local residents; and

WHEREAS, South Florida Seniors in Action, Inc ("SFSIA") occupies office space on the ground floor of the SSCC and provides a variety of services to the elderly community in Miami Beach. (i.e., food distribution, healthcare eligibility, etc.) that were originally provided by LHANC; and

WHEREAS, the Miami Dade County Community Action Agency ("CAA") occupies office space at the SSCC from where it operates the South Beach Community Enrichment Center which empowers economically disadvantaged individuals, families and communities to achieve self-sufficiency through resource mobilization, service delivery, education and advocacy; and

WHEREAS, the tenants at the SSCC have provided critical services to area residents, including childcare services, as well as services to assist the elderly and to empower economically disadvantaged individuals and families living in the area; and

WHEREAS, the SSCC is currently a proposed site for the construction of a new Fire Station 1 Project (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, to date, the City has expended \$2,165,457 on the Project; and

WHEREAS, at the February 21, 2024 meeting, the Mayor and City Commission adopted Resolution No. 2024-32928, pausing the South Shore Community Center's

demolition pending the Administration's thorough analysis and recommendations on the options and viability for the Fire Station 1 Project and alternative locations; and

WHEREAS, in the interest of fiscal responsibility, the Mayor and City Commission wish to suspend the expenditure of any funds for the Project at the SSCC location until the City Commission receives and evaluates recommendations on the options and viability of other suitable locations for the Fire Station; and

WHEREAS, this temporary suspension on expenditures towards the Project at the SSCC site underscores the City Commission's commitment to transparent and responsible governance, ensuring that taxpayer dollars are utilized judiciously and in alignment with the best interests of the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA that the Mayor and the City hereby temporarily suspend any expenditures towards the Fire Station 1 Project (the "Project") at the South Shore Community Center site, in the interest of fiscal responsibility, until the City Commission receives and evaluates recommendations on the options and viability of other suitable locations for the Project.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2024.

ATTEST:

Steven Meiner, Mayor

Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

(Sponsored by Vice Mayor Kristen Rosen Gonzalez)

APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION

City Attorney

3-5-24

Date