

RESOLUTION NO. 2020- _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE MIAMI BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT TO PROCEED WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF A PUBLIC SAFETY CITIZENS ON PATROL VOLUNTEER PROGRAM (CITIZENS VOLUNTEER PROGRAM - "CVP"), WHICH SHALL INCLUDE THE CREATION OF A THOROUGH VETTING PROCESS FOR POTENTIAL RECRUITS, AN EFFECTIVE TRAINING PROGRAM AND APPROPRIATE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES, INCLUDING DIRECTIVES PERTAINING TO UNIFORMS, TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNICATION, AND SUPERVISION; AND FURTHER PROVIDING THAT THE CVP SHALL NOT COMMENCE UNTIL THE CONCLUSION OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND THE CORRESPONDING STATE OF EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the residents of the City of Miami Beach ("City") are in favor of initiatives that promote community policing and encourage resident involvement; and

WHEREAS, a Citizens Volunteer Program ("CVP") will be an essential part of the Miami Beach Police Department's Community Affairs Unit, specifically focusing on improving community policing within our community; and

WHEREAS, in order to learn more about the concept of a CVP, this concept was discussed at the Police Citizen Relations Committee ("PCRC") on June 22, 2020. Consequently, the PCRC recommended a referral of the CVP initiative to the Neighborhood and Quality of Life Committee ("NQLC"); and

WHEREAS, the NQLC had a discussion regarding the proposed CVP on July 15, 2020, and referred the matter to the Finance and Economic Resiliency Committee ("FERC"); and

WHEREAS, the FERC discussed the proposed CVP on July 24, 2020, and subsequently approved funding in the amount of \$26,000 for the creation of the CVP; and

WHEREAS, members of the CVP will provide the Miami Beach Police Department assistance in patrolling neighborhoods, parks, schools and commercial areas, specifically within public spaces. The primary responsibility of CVP members would be to perform high visibility patrols in the business corridor on foot, and perform specific tasks associated with special events when required; and

WHEREAS, members of the CVP will be trained to report incidents such as vandalism, graffiti or tagging, and parking violations. Additionally, members will be able to report quality of life issues and make the appropriate notifications to departments such as Sanitation, Public Works, Green Space or Transportation.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED THAT THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, hereby authorize the Miami Beach Police Department to proceed with the development of a Public Safety Citizens on Patrol Volunteer Program (Citizens Volunteer Program - "CVP"), which shall include the creation of a thorough vetting process for potential recruits, an effective training program and appropriate policies and procedures, including directives pertaining to uniforms, transportation, communication, and supervision; and further providing that the CVP shall not commence until the conclusion of the COVID-19 Pandemic and the corresponding State of Emergency.

PASSED and ADOPTED this _____ day of July, 2020.

ATTEST:

Dan Gelber, Mayor

Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION

City Attorney

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Date

7/28/2020