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## COMMITTEE MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Chair and Members of the Finance and Economic Resiliency Committee

FROM: Alina T. Hudak, City Manager

DATE: April 30, 2021

SUBJECT: DISCUSS THE INSTALLATION OF A MOTORIZED GATE AT SOUTH POINTE PARK

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### **BACKGROUND**

The P1 Parking lot is located at 1<sup>st</sup> Street and Washington Avenue, in South Pointe Park. The parking lot is open to the public and functions as the primary lot for surrounding restaurant, Smith & Wollensky as well as the Park. Recently, the Miami Beach Police Department has reported criminal element in the area depicted in Attachment A.

On February 19, 2021, the Finance and Economic Resiliency Committee (FERC), discussed installing a proposed motorized gate to safeguard the affected area. Presently the lot is being secured with the assistance of Parking personnel who place French barricades every evening and remove these in the morning. At said meeting, the Committee requested that Administration seek alternatives to the proposed metal gates, specifically a solution that deters while providing more appealing aesthetics and does not disturb the natural beauty of the park.

### **ANALYSIS**

The Property Management Department sought a viable option to the motorized gate system. The proposed arm gates (the Project) depicted in the rendering of Attachment B, would safeguard the lot when locked in the closed position from 12 am to 6 am. Coupled with appropriate signage in the area, would allow Police to further enforce. This option is not as invasive as the gate and achieves the desired outcome of securing the lot. During the hours the gate is closed to the public, it would still be accessible to emergency vehicles using public safety radio system. The Project has an approximate cost of \$35,900 and may be completed within sixty (60) days.

### **CONCLUSION**

This Project is not currently funded in fiscal year 2020-2021. The Administration proposes funding this Project from general fund contingency.

## Attachment A

### South Pointe Park Parking Lot - Access and Affected Area



## Attachment B

### Proposed Arm Gate Rendering

