

MIAMI BEACH

COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission
FROM: Alina T. Hudak, City Manager
DATE: February 21, 2024

SUBJECT: DISCUSS RECOMMENDATIONS AND PLAN FOR ADDRESSING THE FULL-TIME STAFFING NEEDS FOR THE UPCOMING REAL-TIME INTELLIGENCE CENTER ("RTIC") PROJECT.

BACKGROUND/HISTORY

Commissioner David Suarez placed a Resolution on the January 31, 2024 City Commission Agenda directing the Miami Beach Police Department (MBPD) to return to the February 21, 2024, City Commission meeting with a comprehensive recommendation and plan for addressing the full-time staffing needs for the upcoming Real-Time Intelligence Center ("RTIC") project.

ANALYSIS

The temporary Real-Time Intelligence Center has been actively operational since November 2023. The Department appointed the first Real-Time Crime Specialists in January 2024 and a second specialist is currently being recruited. A bid waiver for the acquisition of the technical equipment for the RTIC was approved in January 2024 by the City Commission and is now in the process of being procured and purchased.

The members of the Technical Operations and Crime Analysis Unit developed an initial Concept of Operation based on the operational needs of MBPD in alignment with best practices among the many site visits to various agencies by the Technical Operations team and the empirical research conducted by the Crime Analysis Supervisor.

In the coming months and in preparation for the FY 2025 budget development process, the Department will be evaluating a phased approach to staffing the Real-Time Intelligence Center and its financial implications.

The Department is currently funded for two (2) Real Time Crime Specialists and two (2) Crime Analysis Specialists. These positions will be the primary operators of the RTIC. The Department will assign the personnel to work a modified day/afternoon schedule covering the most active time periods for police calls for service as the first phase of RTIC staffing. This may be augmented by sworn personnel on light or restricted duty until they are cleared for full duty. A phased approach will allow for the analysis of the effectiveness of the staffing plan.

SUPPORTING SURVEY DATA

N/A

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

To be determined through the budget process.

CONCLUSION

The Administration is recommending a phased staffing approach with fiscal impacts considered during the FY 2025 budgetary process. The proposed staffing approach includes strategies to ensure full-time coverage to support the efficient monitoring and operation of the Real-Time Intelligence Center.

Applicable Area

Citywide

Is this a "Residents Right to Know" item, pursuant to City Code Section 2-14?

Does this item utilize G.O. Bond Funds?

No

No

Strategic Connection

Neighborhoods - Prevent and solve crime for residents and visitors.

Legislative Tracking

Police

Sponsor

Commissioner David Suarez

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

- ▣ C7 AC - RTIC Staffing - January 31, 2024
- ▣ Resolution 2024-32894

MIAMI BEACH

COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission
FROM: Rafael A. Paz, City Attorney
DATE: January 31, 2024

SUBJECT: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, DIRECTING THE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO RETURN TO THE FEBRUARY 21, 2024, CITY COMMISSION MEETING WITH A COMPREHENSIVE RECOMMENDATION AND PLAN FOR ADDRESSING THE FULL-TIME STAFFING NEEDS FOR THE UPCOMING REAL-TIME INTELLIGENCE CENTER ("RTIC") PROJECT.

BACKGROUND/HISTORY

Was Agenda Item initially requested by a lobbyist which, as defined in Code Sec. 2-481, includes a principal engaged in lobbying?
☐ Yes ☒ No

If so, specify name of lobbyist(s) and principal(s): N/A

ANALYSIS

The attached Resolution was prepared at the request of the sponsor, Commissioner David Suarez.

SUPPORTING SURVEY DATA

N/A

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Administration is requested to be prepared to address the fiscal impact of this proposed measure, if any, at the January 31, 2024 City Commission meeting.

Is this a "Residents Right to Know" item, pursuant to City Code Section 2-14?

No

Does this item utilize G.O. Bond Funds?

No

Legislative Tracking

Office of the City Attorney

Sponsor

Commissioner David Suarez

ATTACHMENTS:**Description**

☐ Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-32894

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, DIRECTING THE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO RETURN TO THE FEBRUARY 21, 2024, CITY COMMISSION MEETING WITH A COMPREHENSIVE RECOMMENDATION AND PLAN FOR ADDRESSING THE FULL-TIME STAFFING NEEDS FOR THE UPCOMING REAL-TIME INTELLIGENCE CENTER ("RTIC") PROJECT.

WHEREAS, the City's Police Department has made significant progress in enhancing public safety through the installation of a network comprising approximately 800 cameras, that provide over 1,200 views across the City to monitor for potential criminal activity and assist in post-incident investigations; and

WHEREAS, currently, the Police Department is constructing the Real-Time Intelligence Center ("RTIC"), a project anticipated to be completed in the next several months, with the aim of further advancing the capabilities to monitor and respond to criminal incidents, as well as gather videographic evidence of such crimes; and

WHEREAS, during the interim period until the RTIC is completed, the Police Department has established a temporary facility to house and monitor the network of cameras installed throughout the City; and

WHEREAS, the Police Department currently does not have the available staffing for full-time monitoring of all available cameras and other intelligence platforms; and

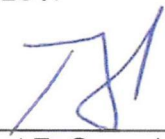
WHEREAS, public safety is of paramount importance to the City, and there is a pressing need for a proactive approach to swiftly react to criminal activity, apprehend the perpetrators, and gather evidence; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Commission direct the Police Department to return to the February 21, 2024, City Commission meeting with a comprehensive recommendation and plan to address the full-time staffing needs for the upcoming RTIC Project, with the plan including, but not limited to, strategies for ensuring full-time coverage, an assessment of staffing requirements, and any necessary budgetary considerations to support the efficient monitoring and operation of the RTIC.

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 direct the Police Department to return to the February 21, 2024, City Commission meeting with a comprehensive recommendation and plan for addressing the full-time staffing needs for the upcoming Real-Time Intelligence Center ("RTIC") Project.

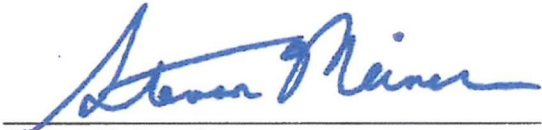
PASSED AND ADOPTED this 31 day of January, 2024.

ATTEST:



Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

(Sponsored by Commissioner David Suarez)



Steven Meiner, Mayor



APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION



City Attorney MAF

1/21/2024

Date