

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING AN ENHANCEMENT OF SUPPORT SERVICES FOR CITY COMMISSIONERS TO BETTER SERVE THE PUBLIC, BY AUTHORIZING EACH CITY COMMISSIONER TO RETAIN ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL SUPPORT, EITHER ON A FULL-TIME OR PART-TIME EMPLOYEE BASIS OR, IN THE ALTERNATIVE, AS AN INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR FOR SUCH SERVICES IN ACCORDANCE WITH APPLICABLE CITY POLICIES AND PROCEDURES; FURTHER, PROVIDING THAT THE FISCAL IMPACT OF THIS MEASURE, PER COMMISSIONER, SHALL NOT EXCEED THE EQUIVALENT COSTS TO THE CITY FOR EMPLOYING A FULL-TIME ADVISOR (APPROXIMATELY \$120,000, INCLUSIVE OF SALARY, PENSION AND OTHER BENEFITS); AND FURTHER, WAIVING, BY 5/7TH VOTE, THE COMMITTEE REVIEW REQUIREMENT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 2-14(D)(1)(A) OF THE CITY CODE.

WHEREAS, the City of Miami Beach recognizes the importance of providing adequate resources to its elected officials to better serve the public and fulfill their duties; and

WHEREAS, it is essential for Commissioners to have sufficient support to effectively carry out their legislative duties, engage with constituents, and address public concerns, based on their needs;

WHEREAS, enhancing professional support for Commissioners would greatly improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the Mayor and City Commissioners in carrying out their responsibilities, including but not limited to legislative and constituent affairs; and

WHEREAS, to provide flexibility for the Mayor and Commissioners to recruit additional staff support in a manner that best serves the public interest, the Mayor and City Commission wish to authorize retaining an additional full-time or part-time City employee to provide professional services as a second legislative advisor, or in the alternative, to enter into an agreement with an independent contractor for such services in accordance with applicable City policies and procedures; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Commission wish to allocate per commissioner an amount equivalent to the costs for employing a full-time aide, inclusive of all indirect and overhead costs to the City associated with hiring additional staff; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that several members of the City Commission will elect not to avail themselves of this funding allocation; and

WHEREAS, for efficiency purposes, each member of the City Commission shall notify the Mayor within 30 days following the adoption of this Resolution of their decision to either accept or decline the allocation for additional staff support, to allow the Finance Department to determine if the allocation could be funded from existing departmental funds, or to otherwise prepare the appropriate budget amendment for City Commission approval; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Commission further wish to waive, by 5/7th vote, the requirement in Section 2-14(d)(1)a of the City Code for committee review of agenda items in excess of \$75,000.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, that the Mayor and City Commission hereby approve an enhancement of support services for City Commissioners to better serve the public, by authorizing each City Commissioner to retain additional professional support, either on a full-time or part-time employee basis or, in the alternative, as an independent contractor for such services in accordance with applicable City policies and procedures; further, provide that the fiscal impact of this measure, per commissioner, shall not exceed the equivalent costs to the City for employing a full-time legislative aide (approximately \$120,000, inclusive of salary, pension and other benefits); and further, waive, by 5/7th vote, the committee review requirement, in accordance with Section 2-14(d)(1)a of the City Code.

PASSED and ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2024.

ATTEST:

Steven Meiner, Mayor

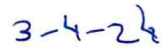
Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

(Sponsored by Commissioner Alex J. Fernandez)

APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION



City Attorney



Date