

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-_____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF AN ADDITIONAL CAPTAIN'S POSITION WITH THE MIAMI BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT, FOR THE PURPOSE OF OVERSEEING THE ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT DURING THE EVENING AND OVERNIGHT HOURS; AND FURTHER RECOGNIZING THAT SUCH NEW POSITION SHALL BE FUNDED BY EXISTING FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019 FUNDS.

WHEREAS, in the City of Miami Beach, and in most major urban centers, the entertainment district has a high concentration of residents, tourists and visitors in often overcrowded venues, which contributes to a higher call volume, the potential for an increase in criminal activity and various enforcement challenges for the Police Department; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to maximize public safety, maintain residents' quality of life and support local business, the Miami Beach Police Department created a new Entertainment District/Area 4 patrol command two years ago, which is supervised by a Police Captain who oversees Police Department resources deployed in the Entertainment District; and

WHEREAS, that Captain has ably fulfilled this assignment, but the Entertainment District is a constant challenge and one individual cannot be present at all times; and

WHEREAS, during the October 31, 2018 Neighborhood and Community Affairs Committee meeting, the Miami Beach Police Department, with the support of the City Manager, proposed to use existing 2018-2019 fiscal year funds to add one Captain position to the Police Department's command staff so that an executive leader can be assigned to the Entertainment District during the evening and overnight hours, with a particular emphasis on weekend presence and coverage; and

WHEREAS, an additional Captain will be able to administer and follow up on all active police anti-crime initiatives, maintain and foster community partnerships, coordinate the delivery of city services, and report daily to the Police Chief and City Manager on any overnight developments or issues in the Entertainment District; and

WHEREAS, the Fraternal Order of Police and the Ocean Drive Association have both expressed support for this initiative, and the Neighborhood and Community Affairs Committee recommended approval of this proposal by the City Commission.

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 authorize the creation of an additional Captain's position with the Miami Beach Police Department, for the purpose of overseeing the Entertainment District during the evening and overnight hours; and further recognize that such position shall be funded by existing fiscal year 2018-2019 funds.

PASSED and ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2018.

DAN GELBER, MAYOR

ATTEST BY:

RAFAEL E. GRANADO, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION

City Attorney

11/29/18
Date