

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, DIRECTING THE CITY ADMINISTRATION TO EXPLORE ENHANCING CURRENT POLICING EFFORTS IN KNOWN LOCATIONS OF CRIMINAL ACTIVITY AND/OR HIGH CONCENTRATIONS OF LOITERING HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS, SUCH AS COLLINS PARK, AND NEAR THE INTERSECTION OF LINCOLN ROAD AND WASHINGTON AVENUE, THROUGH THE USE OF RESERVE POLICE OFFICERS OR PRIVATE ARMED SECURITY GUARDS.

WHEREAS, residents have reported increased criminal activity by individuals, including homeless individuals in some of the City's most popular public places, such as the corner of Lincoln Road and Washington Avenue, and Collins Park; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Commission wish to direct the City Administration to explore enhancing current policing efforts in problematic areas such as the corner of Lincoln Road and Washington Avenue, Collins Park, and other identified locations through the assignment of reserve police officers, or private armed security guards, to these areas at appropriate days and times when their presence may add an additional level of security to the City's residents and guests; and

WHEREAS, benefits of reserve police officers and/or armed guards include the following: 1) serving as visible deterrent to potential criminals may discourage individuals from attempting criminal activities in the first place; (2) responding quickly to security threats; and

WHEREAS, reserve police officers are empowered to conduct arrests, are trained and certified as law enforcement officers, are familiar with the Miami Beach Police Department's Standard Operating Procedures, and are intimately familiar with unique problems pertaining to City of Miami Beach; and

WHEREAS, City's reserve police force consists of retired police officers who are required to do twenty (20) hours of free police service per month to maintain their police certification, and have unlimited amount of off-duty hours; and

WHEREAS, the City has the ability to employ reserve police officers to patrol problematic areas as part of the reserve officers' monthly 20 hours of voluntary, unpaid service, or employ them as off-duty officers; and

WHEREAS, the City Administration could also consider employing private armed security guards to patrol these problematic locations, at a much lower financial cost to the City, but without the same powers, training, and integration as reserve police officers.

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 City Administration to explore enhancing current policing efforts in known locations of criminal activity and/or high concentrations of loitering homeless individuals, such as Collins Park, and near the intersection of Lincoln Road and Washington Avenue, through the use of reserve police officers or private armed security guards.

PASSED and **ADOPTED** this ____ day of _____, 2023.


ATTEST:

Dan Gelber, Mayor

Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

(sponsored by Commissioner Kristen Rosen Gonzalez)

APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION



City Attorney

7-17-23
Date