City of Coral Gables
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
June 28, 2022

ITEM TITLE:

Resolution.

A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Coral Gables, Florida authorizing Neighborhood Safety Aides to continue assisting with code enforcement matters. (Sponsored by Mayor Lago)

BRIEF HISTORY:

The Neighborhood Safety Aide ("NSA") Program was established by the Coral Gables Police Department ("CGPD") in 2016 to further promote safety in residential neighborhoods and commercial districts and to foster a positive working relationship between the community and the Police Department. The NSAs provide increased visibility, promote safety, and serve as additional "eyes and ears" in the community and are equipped with radios to communicate with CGPD.

CGPD Standard Operating Procedure #127 for Neighborhood Team Policing Unit provides that the responsibilities and duties of the NSAs include, among other things:

- Understanding community problems and effectively engaging to solve them.
- Assisting in accomplishing other needs of the CGPD.

While the City Commission wants to continue to encourage the positive relationships that the NSAs have developed with residents and businesses and thus, does not want them to issue citations for code enforcement violations, the NSAs are often the first observers of code enforcement violations and their assistance has been valuable to Code Enforcement. The City Commission recognizes the value of, and wishes to further prioritize that the NSAs assist with code enforcement matters by reporting violations for appropriate enforcement by Code Enforcement and/or Police.

The proposed resolution formally directs the City Manager to continue to authorize the NSAs to assist with code enforcement matters by reporting violations they may observe, in a manner directed by the City Manager and for appropriate enforcement by Code Enforcement and/or Police.

This item was deferred at the May 10, 2022 and May 31, 2022 Commission meetings.

ATTACHMENT(S):
  1. **Draft Resolution**