

RESOLUTION No. 2008-199-886

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO TAKE ANY AND ALL STEPS NECESSARY IN ORDER FOR THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS POLICE DEPARTMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SOUTH FLORIDA MONEY LAUNDERING STRIKE FORCE; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, City of Miami Gardens has been invited to participate in the South Florida Money Laundering Strike Force, and

WHEREAS, the Strike Force has jurisdiction across the Tri-County area and consists of law enforcement officers from various agencies in Monroe, Miami-Dade and Broward Counties, and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Strike Force is to investigate and prosecute narcotics and money laundering offenders and seize their illegally obtained funds, and

WHEREAS, participants in the Strike Force receive a percentage of the funds that are seized after an asset forfeiture procedure is completed, and

WHEREAS, participants in the Strike Force are provided with the necessary equipment including vehicles, radios and telephones, in addition to an overtime stipend each month in order to participate in the Strike Force, and

WHEREAS, the City Council would like to authorize the City Manager to take any and all steps including executing a Memorandum of Understanding with the Miami-Dade State Attorney's Office to permit the Miami Gardens Police Department to participate in the South Florida Money laundering Strike Force,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS: The foregoing Whereas paragraphs are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true, and the same are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution.

Section 2. AUTHORIZATION: The City Council of the City of Miami Gardens hereby authorizes the City Manager to take any and all steps necessary in order for the City of Miami Gardens Police Department to participate in the South Florida Money Laundering Strike Force.

Section 3. EFFECTIVE DATE: This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its final passage.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS AT ITS REGULAR MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 8, 2008.

  
SHIRLEY GIBSON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
RONETTA TAYLOR, MMC, CITY CLERK

Prepared by SONJA KNIGHTON DICKENS, ESQ.  
City Attorney

SPONSORED BY: DANNY CREW, CITY MANAGER

MOVED BY: Councilman Campbell  
SECOND BY: Vice Mayor Watson

VOTE: 6-0

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Mayor Shirley Gibson	<u>  X  </u> (Yes)	<u>    </u> (No)
Vice Mayor Barbara Watson	<u>  X  </u> (Yes)	<u>    </u> (No)
Councilman Melvin L. Bratton	<u>  X  </u> (Yes)	<u>    </u> (No)
Councilman Aaron Campbell	<u>  X  </u> (Yes)	<u>    </u> (No)
Councilman Oliver Gilbert, III	<u>  X  </u> (Yes)	<u>    </u> (No)
Councilwoman Sharon Pritchett	<u>    </u> (Yes)	<u>    </u> (No) (not present)
Councilwoman André Williams	<u>  X  </u> (Yes)	<u>    </u> (No)

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# City of Miami Gardens

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Miami Gardens, Florida 33169



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Date: October 8, 2008

Fiscal Impact: No  Yes

(If yes, explain in Staff Summary)

Funding Source: N/A

Contract/P.O. Requirement: Yes  No

Sponsor Name/Department: D. Crew

Public hearing

Ordinance

1st Reading

Advertising requirement:

RFP/RFQ/Bid # \_\_\_\_\_

Quasi-Judicial

Resolution

2nd Reading

Yes  No

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## Staff Summary

The Miami Gardens Police Department has held discussions with and been invited to participate in the South Florida Money Laundering Strike Force which the Miami-Dade State Attorneys Office is the lead agency. The Strike Force has jurisdiction across the tri-county area and consists of law enforcement officers from various agencies in Monroe, Miami-Dade and Broward Counties. This task force has been in existence for several years and has been responsible for the seizure of millions of dollars generated by illicit activities. Participants in the task force receive a percentage of the funds seized after the asset forfeiture procedure is completed. This years portion per officer will be approximately \$93,000 while last years portion was \$82,000 per officer. In addition each officer assigned to the group is furnished a vehicle, phone, radio and allotment of overtime funding each month. In addition to asset sharing from the seizure of illegal monies, the Department will benefit from the many technological and investigative resources that the Task Force possesses. These benefits are exclusive to member agencies of the Group.

## Recommendation:

That the City Council approve the attached resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the Miami-Dade State Attorneys Office allowing the Miami Gardens Police Department to participate in the South Florida Money Laundering Strike Force.

