

RESOLUTION No. 2008-219-907

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST, RESPECTIVELY, THAT CERTAIN GANG STRIKE FORCE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY STATE ATTORNEY'S OFFICE AND OTHER POLICE AGENCIES, FOR THE PURPOSE OF INVESTIGATING ONGOING STREET GANGS AND CRIMINAL ENTERPRISES WITHIN THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AREA, A COPY OF WHICH IS ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT A; PROVIDING FOR INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CITY CLERK; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Miami Gardens has been invited to participate in the South Florida Gang Strike Force ("Strike Force") with the Miami-Dade County's State Attorney's Office, and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Strike Force is to investigate criminal street gangs and criminal enterprises within the Miami-Dade County area, and

WHEREAS, in addition to other Police Department located within Miami-Dade County, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Homeland Security, Immigration and Customs Enforcement and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms are also participants in the Strike Force, and

WHEREAS, by participating in the program, the City of Miami Gardens agrees to provide personnel who will participate in the Strike Force and will agree to cover the salary, overtime benefits and fringe benefits of the personnel participating with the Strike Force, and

WHEREAS, City Council would like to authorize the City Manager to take any and all steps necessary in order for the City of Miami Gardens to participate in the program,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, as follows:

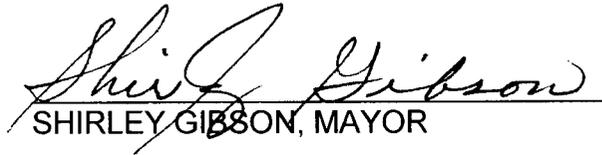
Section 1. ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS: The foregoing Whereas paragraphs are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true, and the same are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution.

Section 2. AUTHORIZATION: The City Manager and City Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute and attest, respectively, that certain Gang Strike Force Memorandum of Understanding with the Miami-Dade County State Attorney's Office and the Addendum to the Multi-Agency Gang Strike Force Voluntary Memorandum of Understanding, for the purpose of investigating ongoing street gangs and criminal enterprises within the Miami-Dade County area, a copy of which is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.

Section 3. INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CITY CLERK: The City Clerk is hereby authorized to obtain three (3) fully executed copies of the subject Agreement, with one to be maintained by the City; with one to be delivered to the, and with one to be directed to the Office of City Attorney.

Section 4. 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 NOVEMBER 12, 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: Vice Mayor Watson
SECOND BY: Councilman Gilbert

VOTE: 5-0

Mayor Shirley Gibson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Yes)	<input type="checkbox"/> (No)
Vice Mayor Barbara Watson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Yes)	<input type="checkbox"/> (No)
Councilman Melvin L. Bratton	<input type="checkbox"/> (Yes)	<input type="checkbox"/> (No) (out of town)
Councilman Oliver Gilbert, III	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Yes)	<input type="checkbox"/> (No)
Councilman Aaron Campbell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Yes)	<input type="checkbox"/> (No)
Councilwoman Sharon Pritchett	<input type="checkbox"/> (Yes)	<input type="checkbox"/> (No) (out of town)
Councilman André Williams	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Yes)	<input type="checkbox"/> (No)

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City of Miami Gardens

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Date: November 12, 2008

Fiscal Impact: No Yes

(If yes, explain in Staff Summary)

Funding Source: N/A

Contract/P.O. Requirement: Yes No

Sponsor Name/Department: Matthew Boyd, Police Department

Public hearing

Ordinance

1st Reading

Advertising requirement:

Quasi-Judicial

Resolution

2nd Reading

Yes No

RFP/RFQ/Bid # _____

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Staff Summary

The Miami Gardens Police Department has held discussions with and has been invited to participate in the South Florida Gang Strike Force in which the Miami-Dade State Attorney's Office (SAO) is the lead agency. The Strike Force has jurisdiction across the tri-county area and consists of law enforcement officers from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) and various local agencies in Miami-Dade County. Additionally, the Strike Force is firmly supported by the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI), the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), the Department of Homeland Security: Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF). This task force has been in existence for several years and has been responsible for the identification, arrest and conviction of documented gang members and the dismantling and/or disruption of their organizational structure.

The City of Miami Gardens Police Department will provide one (1) officer on a part time basis (20 hours per week) as needed. The city will assume all costs; including salaries, overtime payments and fringe benefits. Subject to the availability of funding grants, the SAO will reimburse overtime expenses incurred by members while performing duties related to the Gang Strike Force. Staff anticipates that the City will benefit from its participation in this Strike Force due to the many technological and investigative resources that will be made available to MGPD. These benefits are exclusive to Strike Force member agencies.

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 Gang Strike Force.