

PALM BEACH COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date: October 20, 2020

Consent
 Ordinance

Regular
 Public Hearing

Department: Parks and Recreation

Submitted By: Parks and Recreation Department

Submitted For: Parks and Recreation Department

I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to approve: One permanent Park Ranger Supervisor, two permanent Park Rangers, one non-permanent Park Ranger Supervisor and two non-permanent Park Ranger positions to provide after-hour patrol of County parks.

Summary: Currently, Park Rangers provide oversight, monitoring and enforcement of park rules to 84 park properties within the park system from 7:00 AM – 11:00 PM seven days a week. However, we have seen an increase in vandalism, property damage and ordinance violations within the parks after hours that have required a response from the Palm Beach Sheriff's Office (PBSO).


To ensure we have a 24-hour presence within the park system to deter unwelcome and prohibited conduct or activity, and to allow PBSO Deputies to remain on their scheduled road patrol assignments, we propose adding a small team of Park Ranger personnel to work from 11:00 PM – 7:00 AM within parks countywide seven days a week. The Rangers will be mobile and assigned to work various parks that have experienced higher levels of Parks' Ordinance violations.

The cost for staff salaries to fund this initiative is approximately \$251,000 and will be absorbed within the Parks and Recreation FY 21 budget. Staff reviewed several operating scenarios including the use of permit deputies and contractual security services, and determined that the use of Park Rangers was more cost effective and allowed for greater programmatic control.

Countywide (AH)

Background and Justification: For more than a decade following the budget downturn, we have seen a steady increase in after-hour activities, property damage and misdemeanor violations within the park system. The establishment of a small overnight shift of Park Rangers will enable Parks and Recreation to offer 24-hour Ranger service and deter unwelcome activity and behavior in parks countywide.

The cost of the program, inclusive of three full-time and three part-time employees is \$251,000 and will be absorbed within the Parks FY 21 General Operating budget.

Recommended by: 
Department Director

9-22-20
Date

Approved by: 
Assistant County Administrator

10/5/2020
Date

II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:


Fiscal Years	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Capital Expenditures					
Operating Costs	<u>251,000</u>	<u>258,530</u>	<u>266,286</u>	<u>274,275</u>	<u>282,503</u>
External Revenues	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Program Income (County)	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
In-Kind Match (County)	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
NET FISCAL IMPACT	<u>251,000</u>	<u>258,530</u>	<u>266,286</u>	<u>274,275</u>	<u>282,503</u>
# ADDITIONAL FTE POSITIONS (Cumulative)	<u> 3 </u>	<u> 3 </u>	<u> 3 </u>	<u> 3 </u>	<u> 3 </u>

Is Item Included in Current Budget: Yes X No
 Does this item include use of federal funds? Yes No X

Budget Account No.: Fund 0001 Department 580 Unit 5160
 Object various Program


B. Recommended Sources of Funds/Summary of Fiscal Impact:

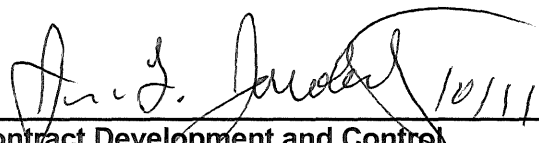
Positions will be funded through attrition from the 0001-580-5221 salary appropriation for FY 2021.

C. Departmental Fiscal Review: 

III. REVIEW COMMENTS

A. OFMB Fiscal And/Or Contract Development and Control Comments:

 9/24/2020
 OFMB BR 9/23

 10/11/2020
 Contract Development and Control
 9-30-20 TU

B. Legal Sufficiency:

Anne Delmont 10/2/2020
 Assistant County Attorney

C. Other Departmental Review:

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