

Condensed Title:

Consenting to the appointment of Eric Yuhr as the Fire Chief for the City of Miami Beach.

Key Intended Outcome Supported:

Attract and maintain a quality workforce and Increase satisfaction with development and growth management across the City.

Supporting Data (Surveys, Environmental Scan, etc.): N/A

Issue:

Shall the Mayor and City Commission adopt the attached Resolution consenting and confirming Eric Yuhr as the Fire Chief?

Item Summary/Recommendation:

Pursuant to the requirements of Article IV, Section 4.02 of the City Charter, it is recommended that the Mayor and the City Commission adopt the attached resolution consenting and confirming Eric Yuhr as the Fire Chief for the City of Miami Beach.

Advisory Board Recommendation:

N/A

Financial Information:

| Source of Funds: | Amount | Account | Approved |
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Financial Impact Summary:

City Clerk's Office Legislative Tracking:

Ramiro Inguanzo, Human Resources

Sign-Offs:

| Department Director | Assistant City Manager | City Manager |
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COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Matti Herrera Bower and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Jorge M. Gonzalez, City Manager

DATE: December 10, 2008

SUBJECT: **A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, CONSENTING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF ERIC YUHR AS THE FIRE CHIEF FOR THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH.**

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION

Pursuant to the requirements of Article IV, Section 4.02 of the City Charter, it is recommended that the Mayor and the City Commission adopt the attached resolution consenting and confirming Eric Yuhr as the Fire Chief for the City of Miami Beach.

ANALYSIS

Chief Yuhr began his career with the City of Miami Beach as a Firefighter I in 1987 and has been promoted several times throughout his career, including to Firefighter II, Fire Lieutenant, Fire Captain, Division Chief for Support Services and Division Chief for Emergency Management. In 2001, Chief Yuhr was promoted to Assistant Fire Chief where he oversaw Fire Operations through 2005. From 2005 through March 2008 Chief Yuhr was the Assistant Chief overseeing Fire Administration. He has been the Acting Fire Chief since March 9, 2008.

Chief Yuhr is a certified Firefighter, paramedic, and holds several certifications from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) including Emergency Operations Center Operations, Response and Recovery and Public Information Officer.

The Chief has made many contributions to this organization throughout his tenure with the Miami Beach Fire Department. Some of Chief Yuhr's significant accomplishments include the development of the Florida Urban Search and Rescue Type II Team for the Miami Beach Fire Department; the configuration and implementation of the Telestaff staffing program; coordinated deployments of Region 7 South Fire assets in response to Hurricanes Charley, Frances and Katrina; and has been involved with the labor management efforts with both the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) and the Communications Workers of America (CWA).

Chief Yuhr is currently pursuing a Master's degree in Public Administration at Florida International University. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Public Administration from Barry University as well as an Associate of Science in Emergency Medical Services from Miami-Dade Community College.

Attached is a copy of Chief Yuhr's resume for your review.

CONCLUSION

While in most Council/Manager forms of government, City Managers are typically granted broad authority to select key department heads, a provision of the City of Miami Beach charter requires consent of all department directors by the City Commission.

By consenting to the appointment of Eric Yuhr as the Fire Chief, he will be responsible for ensuring the City achieves the goals set forth by the City's Strategic Plan and the Fire Department.

Eric Yuhr

Education

Florida International University
Master of Public Administration
In Progress
Barry University, 2003
Bachelor of Public Administration
Miami Dade Community College, 1994
Associate of Science in Emergency Medical Services

Professional Experience

Miami Beach Fire Department
03/2007- Present **Acting Fire Chief**
2005 - 03/2007 **Assistant Fire Chief – Administration**
2001 – 2005 **Assistant Fire Chief – Operations**
2000 – 2001 **Division Chief Emergency Management**
1999 – 2000 **Fire Captain**
1998 – 1999 **Division Chief Support Services**
1997 – 1998 **Fire Captain**
1994 – 1997 **Fire Lieutenant**
1990 – 1994 **Firefighter II**
1987 – 1990 **Firefighter I**

Certifications and Professional Development

- Certified Firefighter
- Certified Paramedic
- Completed Fire Instructor Course
- Completed ICS 100, 200, 300, 400, 700 and 800
- FEMA EOC Operations, Response and Recovery and PIO Certified
- Florida Fire Chiefs Region 7 South (Dade County Coordinator)
- Leadership Miami 2002-2003 Graduate
- International Association of Fire Chiefs member 2001-present

Significant

- Developed Florida Urban Search and Rescue Type II Team for the

Achievements**Miami Beach Fire Department**

- Developed and implemented special events plans including, Memorial Day, New Years Eve,
- Configured and implemented Telestaff staffing program for the MBFD
- Experience with Labor/Management including being part of the negotiating teams for IAFF and CWA contracts
- Coordinated the deployments of Region 7 South Fire assets in response to Hurricanes Charley, Frances and Katrina
- Landfall Team Commander Hurricanes Katrina, Wilma

*Additional information and certifications available on request.

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, CONSENTING TO AND CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF ERIC YUHR AS THE FIRE CHIEF FOR THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH.

WHEREAS, the City Manager has appointed Eric Yuhr as the Fire Chief for the City of Miami Beach; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 4.02 of the City of Miami Beach Charter, as well as Section 2-3 of the City Code, the City Manager has power to appointment directors of the City departments with the consent and conformance of the Mayor and the City Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and the City Commission wish to consent to and confirm the appointment of Eric Yuhr as the Fire Chief for the City of Miami Beach.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED THAT THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, that the Mayor and the City Commission have consented to and confirmed the appointment of Eric Yuhr as the Fire Chief for the City of Miami Beach.

PASSED and ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2008.

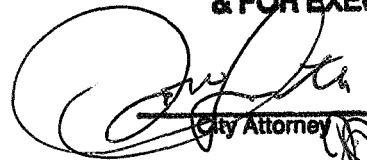
MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

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**APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION**



City Attorney

11/25/08

Date