

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING A GRANT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,900,000 TO NEW WORLD SYMPHONY, INC. ("GRANTEE"), FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE SOUND SYSTEM AT SOUNDSCAPE PARK; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH GRANTEE FOR THE FOREGOING PURPOSE (GRANT AGREEMENT); AND FURTHER, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THE GRANT AGREEMENT ACCORDINGLY.

WHEREAS, Soundscape Park ("the Park") is a 2.5 acre, City of Miami Beach ("City") owned, park located at 400 17th St, in the Miami Beach Redevelopment Agency (RDA); and

WHEREAS, The Park was collaboratively developed by the City of Miami beach and the New World Symphony as part of a development agreement dated January 5, 2004; and

WHEREAS, As part of this agreement, the city assumed the responsibility of purchasing and maintaining the sound system, and NWS assumed the responsibility of purchasing and maintaining the projection equipment; and;

WHEREAS, The sound system was commissioned in 2011 and had an anticipated useful life expectancy of 10 years; and

WHEREAS, Solotech, the vendor that originally installed the system and has since maintained it, has been able to extend that four years longer than originally anticipated; and

WHEREAS, At a conditions assessment in September of 2024, Solotech with Meyer Sound, estimated that the system has deteriorated to approximately 40% of its intended operational capacity, causing uneven coverage and repeated failure of components; and

WHEREAS, Replacement parts for the system are no longer manufactured, as Meyer is currently in the fifth generation of this product line and are available only occasionally on the used-gear market; and

WHEREAS, The redesigned system has been quoted at \$1,600,000, with another \$300,000 (approximately) required for site repairs and preparation to receive the new system; and

WHEREAS, The Administration has familiarized itself with the state of the system and believes that it's in the City's best interest to leverage New World Symphony's ability to execute the project this summer; and

WHEREAS, The system is significantly past its intended useful life expectancy and experiencing dramatic physical deterioration; and

WHEREAS, It is difficult to predict when the system will reach a point of critical failure; and

WHEREAS, when the system fails it will result in the cancelation of New World's Wallcast, the City's Outdoor Movie Series and possible collaborations around Art Basel, among other events; and

WHEREAS, This generation of speakers is no longer supported, and replacement parts can only be found occasionally on the used market; and

WHEREAS, In its current state of decline, it is likely the technicians servicing the system will not be able to source parts for future failures, extending repair times and costs; and

NOW, THEREFORE , BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, that the Mayor and City Commission hereby approves a resolution authorizing the Administration to enter into a grant agreement with New World Symphony for an amount up to \$1,900,000, for the replacement of the Soundscape Park Sound System, to be funded from the 2018 GO Bond and savings from the existing Soundscape project.

PASSED and ADOPTED THIS ____ day of _____ 2025.

ATTEST:

Steven Meiner, Mayor

Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION

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for City Attorney Date