

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION TO WORK WITH RIC-MAN CONSTRUCTION FLORIDA, INC., THE DESIGN-BUILDER FOR THE WEST AVENUE PHASE II NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, AND MAKE THE DETERMINATION AS TO THE MOST EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT MEANS TO MOVE FORWARD, INCLUDING ALTERING THE PROPOSED PROJECT SEQUENCE TO ACCOMMODATE THE COMPLETION OF HARMONIZATION AGREEMENTS AND PERMITTING; AND FURTHER, AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2024-33086 TO ENABLE THE CONCURRENT PERFORMANCE OF WORK ON SEGMENTS 2 AND 3 ONLY TO THE EXTENT NECESSARY TO ENSURE THE PROJECT PROCEEDS IN AN EXPEDITIOUS MANNER.

WHEREAS, the West Avenue Phase II Neighborhood Improvements Project (“Project”) represents a comprehensively defined neighborhood improvement program, focused on resolving challenges associated with climate impacts and aged infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the proposed improvements within the West Avenue neighborhood include the replacement of existing water distribution and transmission systems and gravity sanitary sewers, the installation of a new robust stormwater drainage collection and pumping system, raising of the paved roadway with harmonization to adjacent properties, new street lighting, pedestrian lighting, signalized intersections with mast arms, new landscaping, irrigation, and construction of a new baywalk segment; and

WHEREAS, on March 22, 2017, the Mayor and City Commission adopted Resolution No. 2017-29800, awarding design/build services to Ric-Man Construction Florida, Inc. (“Ric-Man”) for the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Design Criteria Package for the Project included a requirement that construction be performed in segments, with the additional requirement that each segment attain substantial completion prior to initiating the next segment; and

WHEREAS, in the summer of 2019, Ric-Man submitted their proposed project segmentation and sequencing plan; and

WHEREAS, in May of 2023, in an effort to mitigate project delays and reduce the overall project duration, Ric-Man proposed working concurrently in more than one segment (but no more than two), with the exception of Segment 1 (the pump station and outfall), which would continue throughout much of the Project; and

WHEREAS, this approach was proposed to compress the work schedule and reduce overall duration, at no additional cost to the City; and

WHEREAS, the Administration agreed to consider this revised sequencing approach, provided that Ric-Man obtain concurrence from the West Avenue Neighborhood Association (WAvNA) and area residents; and

WHEREAS, on August 22, 2023, the City met with neighborhood representatives who expressed concern that conducting construction activities concurrently in Segments 2 and 3 would create excessive disruption, limit access, and negatively impact local traffic; and

WHEREAS, Ric-Man, in accordance with the community's input, agreed to revise the sequencing of construction activities so that Segments 2 and 3 would not be performed concurrently; and

WHEREAS, on May 15, 2024, the City Commission referred items C4 AQ and R9 AH to the Land Use and Sustainability Committee ("LUSC") for (1) discussion of converting approximately 133 metered on-street parking spaces in Zone 12 into metered 24-hour residential spaces, and (2) consideration of a potential permanent residential parking solution in connection with the West Avenue Phase II Project (Segments 1 and 2); and

WHEREAS, on May 28, 2024, the LUSC held a special meeting and unanimously recommended that the City Commission adopt a resolution to proceed with the Project using a multi-segmented approach, thereby shortening the overall duration of construction, provided that segments achieve beneficial occupancy—meaning roads are safe, drivable, and parkable—before proceeding to the next segment, with no more than two segments constructed concurrently (except Segment 1), and that Segments 2 and 3 not be performed concurrently; and

WHEREAS, on June 26, 2024, the City Commission adopted Resolution No. 2024-33086, accepting the LUSC's recommendation and directing the Administration to proceed accordingly; and

WHEREAS, the City and Ric-Man have been working to obtain harmonization agreements from individual property owners, which are a prerequisite to obtaining final permits and commencing construction in each respective segment; and

WHEREAS, although progress has been made in obtaining several agreements in Segment 4, the finalization of pending agreements may require additional time and could delay the commencement of construction in all segments; and

WHEREAS, in light of these potential delays, the Administration and Ric-Man may need the flexibility to proceed with Segments 2 and 3—rather than Segments 2 and 4 as originally planned—should it be deemed the most effective and efficient way to advance the Project.

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 authorize the Administration to work with Ric-Man Construction Florida, Inc., the design-builder for the West Avenue Phase II Neighborhood Improvement Project, to determine the most effective and efficient means of advancing the Project, including altering the proposed project sequence, as necessary, to accommodate the timely completion of harmonization agreements and permitting requirements; and further, amending Resolution No. 2024-33086 to enable the concurrent performance of work on Segments 2 and 3 only to the extent necessary to ensure the project proceeds in an expeditious manner.

PASSED and ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2025.

ATTEST:

Steven Meiner, Mayor

Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

(Sponsored by Commissioner Kristen Rosen Gonzalez)

APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION



City Attorney

4/15/2025

Date