

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE AND ECONOMIC RESILIENCY COMMITTEE AT ITS SEPTEMBER 20, 2024 MEETING, TO PROCEED WITH THE INSTALLATION OF WRAP LIGHTS ON MEDIAN TREES, ALONG THE PORTION OF WASHINGTON AVENUE, FROM 5TH STREET TO 17TH STREET, IN THE ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$273,000.00.

WHEREAS, on June 26, 2024, at the request of Commissioner Kristen Rosen Gonzalez, co-sponsored by Commissioners Joseph Magazine and David Suarez, the Mayor and City Commission ("City Commission") approved a referral, item C4C, to the Finance and Economic Resiliency Committee ("FERC"), to discuss beautifying Washington Avenue by enhancing lighting and streetscaping; and

WHEREAS, there had been similar requests brought up for discussion by Commission members at the Public Safety and Quality of Life Committee ("PSNQL") and FERC, to enhance lighting on South Beach, however, neither requests turned into favorable recommendations to the City Commission for approval due to costs for installation and maintenance exceeding \$1 Million; and

WHEREAS, on September 20, 2024, FERC members received a sidewalk and lighting update along Washington Avenue from the Administration; and

WHEREAS, Public Works presented two proposals for wrap lights on median trees, for east and west sidewalks, including maintenance costs for a period of one year after installation; and

WHEREAS, the breakdown for these costs were:

- Washington Avenue from 5th Street to 17th Street (median trees): \$272,532.00
- Washington Avenue from 5th Street to 17th Street, (east and west sidewalks). \$1,195,950.00; and

WHEREAS, Public Works reiterated at Committee that funding for the proposed wrap lights (temporary lights) had yet to be identified; and

WHEREAS, there was also discussion about a \$10 Million G.O. Bond allocations as part of the Washington Avenue Corridor Project; and

WHEREAS, said funding, once allocated, would be used to invest in capital improvements, permanent lighting and landscaping along Washington Avenue as a way to increase vibrancy and business retention through the construction of pedestrian and streetscape enhancements, community programming, and marketing; and

WHEREAS, wrap lights, however, since considered temporary fixtures, would not be eligible for G.O. Bond funding; and

WHEREAS, discussions at Committee continued, focusing on how to upgrade Washington Avenue short and long term, using G.O. Bond funds; and

WHEREAS, there were discussions regarding the need to have the Washington Avenue BID be involved in these efforts along with the City; and

WHEREAS, a motion was made to proceed with the installation of wrap lights on median trees on Washington Avenue, from 5th Street to 17th Street, in the approximate amount of \$273,000.00, and to come back to the November FERC meeting to discuss long term solutions for Washington Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the Administration was also directed to bring back cost estimates for repairing the sidewalk on Washington Avenue, including light poles.

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 accept the recommendation of the Finance and Economic Resiliency Committee at its September 20, 2024 meeting, to proceed with the installation of wrap lights on median trees, along the portion of Washington Avenue, from 5th street to 17th Street, in the estimated amount of \$273,000.00.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____ 2024.

ATTEST:

Rafael E. Granado, Secretary

Steven Meiner, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION



City Attorney *SH* Date 10/22/2024