

Resolution: \_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING THE FAVORABLE RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE AND ECONOMIC RESILIENCY COMMITTEE, AT ITS MARCH 26, 2025 MEETING TO CONSIDER FUNDING AS PART OF THE FY 2026 BUDGET PROCESS, THE INSTALLATION OF WRAP-AROUND PALM TREE LIGHTS ON 71ST STREET, FROM EAST OF THE NORMANDY FOUNTAIN TO COLLINS AVENUE, WITH A BID WAIVER.**

**WHEREAS**, on November 20, 2024, at the request of Mayor Steven Meiner, the City Commission approved item C4I, a referral to the Finance and Economic Resiliency Committee ("FERC") to discuss the extension of wrap-around palm tree lights to 71st Street, from east of the Normandy Fountain to Collins Avenue; and

**WHEREAS**, the Normandy fountain and its surroundings have undergone many upgrades in recent months including the replacement of outdated lighting with Light-Emitting Diode ("LED") fixtures, and wrap-around palm tree lights along 71st Street; and

**WHEREAS**, Mayor Meiner would like for FERC members to consider extending the wrap-around palm tree lights on 71st Street, from east of the Normandy Fountain to Collins Avenue, to further beautify the area, increase safety for residents and visitors, and attract pedestrian traffic to the businesses on Collins Avenue; and

**WHEREAS**, this discussion was scheduled and heard on March 26, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 26, 2025, Public Works presented FERC members with the cost estimates from one of the City's authorized vendors, R&D Electric, Inc., for wrap-around palm tree lights on 71st Street, from east of the Normandy Fountain to Collins Avenue; and

**WHEREAS**, the estimated amount for the installation, materials and labor was \$105,286, plus a one (1) year maintenance in the amount of \$23,280, for a total cost of \$128,567 ("Attachment A"); and

**WHEREAS**, there will be a potential 10% maintenance fee increase per year (i.e. year one (1): \$23,280; year two (2): \$25,608; year three (3): \$28,169), currently unfunded; and

**WHEREAS**, the Administration recommended placing a funding request in the amount of \$130,000 in the FY 2026 budget cycle to cover the costs, and approve a bid waiver to engage R&D Electric, Inc. to perform the work.

**WHEREAS**, the bid waiver request is to select a specific vendor, and approve the services, which are contemplated to exceed \$100,000 (the City Manager's threshold for approval) without a competitive procurement process, allowing for the completion of the wrap light installation in an expedited manner; and

**WHEREAS**, otherwise, a regular competitive procurement process could take an estimated 4-5 months to complete; and

**WHEREAS**, the discussion concluded with a motion by FERC members to move the item to the City Commission with a favorable recommendation to: (1) submit a budget request in the amount of \$130,000 in the FY 2026 budget cycle to cover the costs, (2) waive the competitive bidding requirement to engage R&D Electric, inc. to perform the work, and (3) place a referral to the North Beach CRA Board to discuss funding that may be available that can be applied towards these costs.

**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 favorable recommendation of the Finance and Economic Resiliency Committee, at its March 26, 2025 meeting to consider funding as part of the FY 2026 budget process, the installation of wrap-around palm tree lights on 71st Street, from east of the Normandy Fountain to Collins Avenue, with a bid waiver.

**PASSED and ADOPTED THIS** \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2025.

**ATTEST:**

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Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

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Steven Meiner, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO  
FORM & LANGUAGE  
& FOR EXECUTION

  
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City Attorney *DK*

5/13/2025  
Date