

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE LAND USE AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE AT ITS APRIL 15, 2025 MEETING (1) TO DIRECT THE ADMINISTRATION TO IDENTIFY, AS PART OF THE FY 2026 BUDGET PROCESS, LEGALLY AVAILABLE FUNDING SOURCES, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE GENERAL FUND, TO ENABLE THE CITY TO ACQUIRE THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 7605 COLLINS AVENUE (PROPERTY) FOR \$6.53 MILLION FROM THE CITY'S BUILDING FUND, WHICH ORIGINALLY ACQUIRED THE PROPERTY, TO CREATE A MARINE SCIENCE EDUCATION CENTER AND MUSEUM AT THE PROPERTY INSTEAD OF A SATELLITE BUILDING DEPARTMENT OFFICE AS ORIGINALLY CONTEMPLATED AT THE TIME OF PURCHASE AND (2) TO DIRECT THE ADMINISTRATION TO SEEK A UNIVERSITY PARTNER TO FUND THE RENOVATION AND OPERATION OF THE FACILITY.

WHEREAS, at the October 18, 2023, City Commission meeting, the Mayor and City Commission considered the viability of purchasing the property located at 7605 Collins Avenue (the "Property") and directed the Administration: i) to meet with the owner of the Property to explore the opportunity to purchase the Property at its true fair market value; ii) to obtain two additional appraisals for the Property; iii) to explore a purchase of the Property with a purchase price not to exceed \$10 million; and iv) to report back to the City Commission; and

WHEREAS, at the January 31, 2024 meeting of the City Commission, the Administration presented item R9 Y to the Mayor and City Commission relating to the City's potential purchase of the Property and the Administration presented three (3) valuation studies commissioned by the City (\$4.2 million; \$2.1 million; and 3.75 million) as well as a fourth appraisal provided by the Property owners (value of \$7.25 million); and

WHEREAS, following deliberations on the item, the Mayor and City Commission voted in favor of purchasing the Property at \$6.5 million price, with direction to the Administration and the Office of the City Attorney to negotiate a purchase and sale agreement and a referral to the Finance and Economic Resiliency Committee (the "FERC" or the "Committee") to discuss funding for the purchase; and

WHEREAS, at the February 23, 2024 meeting of the FERC, the Administration presented various potential funding sources including PayGo Capital Fund, Building Department Fund, Parking Fund and General Fund Reserves; and

WHEREAS, the Committee recommended utilizing reserves from the Building Department Fund to acquire the Property with the understanding that the Property's main purpose would be for Building Department activities, but allowing for the possibility that other departments could utilize portions of the building for ancillary purposes, with the costs covered by fair market rental payments to the Building Fund; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 2024-32945 was adopted at the March 13, 2024 meeting of the Mayor and City Commission approving the purchase of the property located at 7605 Collins Avenue and legally described as Lot 6, Block 10, Altos del Mar No. 1, Plat Book 31, Page 40 of

the public records in and for Miami- Dade County (Purchase) at a total transaction cost not to exceed \$6,530,000; and

WHEREAS, the purchase was funded by the City's Building Fund for the purpose of creating a North Beach Permitting Center with possible associated City services such as cashiering for parking and utility bills, and Code Compliance and/or Parking staffing; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission desires to accept the recommendation of the Land Use and Sustainability Committee to direct the Administration to identify, as part of the FY 2026 budget process, legally available funding sources to enable the City to acquire the property located at 7605 Collins Avenue from the Building Fund so that the property can be utilized to create a Marine Science Education Center and Museum in collaboration with an appropriate university partner.

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 approve the recommendation of the Land Use and Sustainability Committee at its April 15, 2025 meeting (1) to direct the Administration to identify, as part of the FY 2026 Budget Process, legally available funding sources, including but not limited to the General Fund, to enable the City to acquire the property located at 7605 Collins Avenue (the "Property") for \$6.53 million from the Building Fund, which originally acquired the property, to create a Marine Science Education Center and Museum at the Property instead of a satellite building department office as was originally contemplated at the time of purchase and (2) to direct the Administration to seek a university partner to fund the renovation and operation of the facility.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of May 2025.

ATTEST:

Steven Meiner, Mayor

Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION



City Attorney

4/17/2025

Date