

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, DIRECTING THE ADMINISTRATION TO TAKE NEXT STEPS TO IMPLEMENT THE LIGHTING AND SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS AS PART OF THE VOTER-APPROVED G.O. BOND OCEAN DRIVE CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.**

**WHEREAS**, on November 6, 2018, Miami Beach voters approved the \$439 million G.O. Bond Program (the "Program") in a City-wide voter referendum to fund critical infrastructure improvements, including projects focused on enhancing public spaces; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 10, 2019, the City issued Request for Qualifications No. 2019-234-ND for a land use, mobility, and economic development study of the City's Mixed-Use Entertainment ("MXE") district, also known as the Art Deco Cultural District ("ADCD"); and

**WHEREAS**, on July 31, 2019, per Resolution No. 2019-30914, the City Commission authorized negotiations with Zyscovich, Inc., d/b/a Zyscovich Architects ("Zyscovich"), the top-ranked bidder, and authorized execution of an agreement if negotiations were successful; and

**WHEREAS**, on October 11, 2020, the City entered into a professional services agreement with Zyscovich as authorized by Resolution No. 2020-31388 to develop the ADCD Vision Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor's Art Deco Cultural District Panel (the "Panel") was created on December 7, 2020, by Mayor Dan Gelber pursuant to Section 2-27(b)(2) of the City Code to provide recommendations regarding the ADCD and advise Zyscovich; and

**WHEREAS**, the Panel reviewed the ADCD Vision Plan and, after offering feedback on design and implementation, Zyscovich updated the plan to include public art, pedestrian-friendly designs, and landscape modifications; and

**WHEREAS**, the Panel submitted a final report of its activities and recommendations to the Mayor and City Commission via Letter to Commission No. 069-2022, and the ADCD Vision Plan was formally presented to the City Commission with Resolution No. 2022-32056; and

**WHEREAS**, the ADCD Vision Plan emphasizes creating pedestrian-focused public spaces, slowing vehicular traffic, and ensuring well-designed streetscapes to enhance the experience for residents and visitors alike; and

**WHEREAS**, the Plan includes recommended action items, categorized as near term, medium term, and long term, which the City Commission may implement in phases; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 22, 2022, the City Commission approved the issuance of Request for Qualifications (RFQ) No. 2022-436-ND for Architectural Design Services for the Ocean Drive Corridor Improvement and Lummus Park Enhancement Project ("Ocean Drive Project Services"); and

**WHEREAS**, per Resolution 2022-32340, the City Commission authorized the City Administration to enter into negotiations with Calvin, Giordano & Associates, Inc. ("CGA"), the top-ranked proposer for Ocean Drive Project Services; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 6, 2023, the City entered into a Professional Services Agreement with CGA (the “CGA Agreement”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Ocean Drive Corridor and Lummus Park Enhancement Project is a complex, multi-year endeavor that involves comprehensive design, permitting, and construction; and

**WHEREAS**, the design, permitting, and implementation of lighting and sidewalk improvements along Ocean Drive, which can be completed in a shorter timeframe, should be prioritized to address immediate community needs; and

**WHEREAS**, Ocean Drive is an iconic street within the City’s historic district, and any lighting and sidewalk improvements will require community input, as well as approvals from the Historic Preservation Board, the G.O. Bond Oversight Committee and the City Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, the Administration will need to prepare any necessary amendment to the scope of the CGA Agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission recognizes the importance of lighting and sidewalk improvements to enhance safety, accessibility, and aesthetics, and seeks to advance these enhancements for the benefit of residents, visitors, and local businesses.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA**, that the Mayor and City Commission hereby direct the City Administration to take the necessary next steps to implement lighting and sidewalk improvements as part of the voter-approved G.O. Bond Ocean Drive Corridor Improvement Project, including community engagement and required approvals from the Historic Preservation Board, the G.O. Bond Oversight Committee and the City Commission as well as the preparation of any necessary amendment to the scope of the Professional Services Agreement dated June 6, 2023 between the City and Calvin, Giordano & Associates, Inc.

**PASSED and ADOPTED** this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2024.

**ATTEST:**

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Steven Meiner, Mayor

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Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

(Sponsored by Commissioner Kristen Rosen Gonzalez)

**APPROVED AS TO  
FORM & LANGUAGE  
& FOR EXECUTION**

  
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City Attorney

10/22/2024  
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Date