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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, DIRECTING THE ADMINISTRATION TO PROCEED WITH SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS ON WASHINGTON AVENUE FROM LINCOLN ROAD TO 15TH STREET, EAST AND WEST SIDEWALKS, USING BRICK PAVERS, IN THE ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$1.05 MILLION, FUNDED UNDER THE GENERAL OBLIGATION (GO) BOND FUND.

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

WHEREAS, there had been similar requests brought up for discussion by City Commission members at the Public Safety and Quality of Life Committee ("PSNQLC") and FERC meetings to enhance lighting on South Beach, however, neither request resulted in 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 were provided sidewalk and lighting updates along Washington Avenue; and

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

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

WHEREAS, there was also a discussion about the \$10 Million GO Bond fund as part of the Washington Avenue Corridor Project; and

WHEREAS, said funding would be used to invest in capital improvements, permanent lighting and landscaping along Washington Avenue; and

WHEREAS, wrap-around lights, however, since considered temporary fixtures, would not be eligible for GO Bond funding; and

WHEREAS, discussions at Committee continued, focusing on how to reenergize Washington Avenue short and long term, using GO Bond funds; and

WHEREAS, discussions also addressed the need to include the Washington Avenue BID in these efforts along with the City (as of May 2025, the Washington Avenue Bid has since been engaged); and

WHEREAS, FERC members made a favorable recommendation to move the item to the October 30, 2024 City Commission meeting for approval to proceed with the installation of wrap-around lights on median trees on Washington Avenue, from 5th Street to 17th Street, in the approximate amount of \$273,000; and

WHEREAS, FERC members also requested the Administration to come back to the November 8, 2024, FERC meeting to provide cost estimates for sidewalk repairs/replacement and cost for the replacement of lighting fixtures along Washington Avenue; and

WHEREAS, on November 8, 2024, FERC members discussed the total cost for in-kind replacement of grey sidewalk and permanent light fixtures estimated at \$1,537,000, to be funded through the GO Bond; and

WHEREAS, Committee members expressed a desire to upgrade the sidewalk materials from what was originally presented, since there was enough money funded under the GO Bond; and

WHEREAS, the Committee directed staff to come back to the January 24, 2025, FERC meeting, with an updated cost and plan for upgraded sidewalk materials; and

WHEREAS, on January 24, 2025 FERC members were presented with an Exposed Shell Specialty concrete option to be considered; and

WHEREAS, the discussion continued and concluded with a motion to return to the March 26, 2025, FERC meeting with an additional 3-4 recommendations for specialty sidewalks; and

WHEREAS, the cost to replace the Pedestrian Light Fixtures remains at an estimated: \$650,000 (LED, 4K Acorn light fixtures); and

WHEREAS, on March 26, 2025 FERC members had a short discussion regarding the different sidewalk material options that had been provided to date by the Administration, including the brick paver option presented at a public meeting for Ocean Drive, for lighting and sidewalk improvements; and

WHEREAS, discussions continued with the recommendation to have the Administration meet with the Washington Avenue BID to have them select three (3) brick paver design options that would be presented to Commission members, with Commission members selecting the final option; and

WHEREAS, the Administration also suggested asking the Washington Avenue BID to provide their feedback on other enhancements they would like to see on Washington Avenue; and

WHEREAS, a motion was made by FERC members to move the item to the City Commission with a favorable recommendation, directing the Administration to proceed with sidewalk improvements on Washington Avenue from Lincoln Road to 15th Street, east and west sidewalks, using brick pavers, to be funded under the GO Bond funds, and incorporate input from the Washington Avenue BID; and

WHEREAS, using the design created by Calvin, Giordano & Associates, Inc. that incorporates pavers, a construction estimate has been developed in the amount of \$1.05 Million.

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, directing the Administration to proceed with sidewalk improvements on Washington Avenue from Lincoln Road to 15th Street, east and west sidewalks, using brick pavers, in the estimated amount of \$1.05 Million, funded under the General Obligation (GO) Bond Fund.

PASSED and ADOPTED THIS ____ day of _____ 2025.

ATTEST:

Steven Meiner, Mayor

Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION



City Attorney *DH*

5/13/2025

Date