

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 DECEMBER 20, 2024 MEETING, DIRECTING THE ADMINISTRATION TO PROCEED WITH NEGOTIATIONS OF A LONG-TERM AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND WASTE CONNECTIONS OF FLORIDA, INC., AND WAIVING BY 5/7TH VOTE, THE FORMAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING REQUIREMENT IN SECTION 82-39(A) OF THE CITY CODE, FINDING THAT THE PUBLIC INTEREST WOULD BE SERVED BY WAIVING SUCH CONDITION, TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE STABLE PRICING AND CONTINUED SERVICE EXCELLENCE TO OUR RESIDENTS; AND FURTHER REQUIRING THE SUCCESSFULLY NEGOTIATED AGREEMENT BE BROUGHT BACK TO THE CITY COMMISSION FOR APPROVAL.**

**WHEREAS**, in 2019, the City entered into an Agreement with Waste Connections of Florida Inc. (Waste Connections), formerly known as Choice Environmental Services of Miami, Inc., extending their contract from 2019 - 2023, with the option to renew up to three (3) additional one-year renewal terms; and

**WHEREAS**, the City is currently in its second one-year renewal term with Waste Connections of Florida, set to expire in December 2025, with the extension renewable by mutual consent of both parties; and

**WHEREAS**, Waste Connections has indicated to the Administration that they will NOT be able to renew their contract with the City after the extension expires in December 2025, due to the increase in cost of service; and

**WHEREAS**, the existing contract terms as written are no longer deemed financially viable for Waste Connections; and

**WHEREAS**, research shows that in the State of Florida (based on bids submitted to the different Florida cities for Residential Solid Waste Services), there has been an average rate increase of 50% over a five-year period, from 2019 – 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, on November 20, 2024, at the request of Commissioner Joseph Magazine, the Mayor and City Commission (City Commission) approved a referral to the Finance and Economic Resiliency Committee (FERC) to discuss the City's Residential Solid Waste Collection Contract; and

**WHEREAS**, additionally, to provide a presentation showing the City's current situation, stats showing recent rate increases, and staff recommendations on whether to continue with the existing agreement or procure a new one, as well as a menu of options to consider on the matter; and

**WHEREAS**, on December 20, 2024, FERC members discussed the Residential Solid Waste Collection Contract and presentation as requested; and

**WHEREAS**, the discussion concluded with a motion, directing the Administration to proceed with negotiations for a long-term agreement between the City and Waste Connections, and waiving by 5/7th vote, the formal competitive bidding requirement in Section 82-39(a) of the City Code, finding that the public interest would be served by waiving such condition, to continue to provide stable

pricing and continued service excellence to our residents, and once negotiations are completed, bring it to the City Commission for approval.

**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 December 20, 2024 meeting, direct the Administration to proceed with negotiations of a long-term agreement between the City and Waste Connections of Florida, Inc., and waive by 5/7th vote the formal competitive bidding requirement in Section 82-39(a) of the City Code, finding that the public interest would be served by waiving such condition, to continue to provide stable pricing and continued service excellence to our residents; and further require the successfully negotiated agreement be brought back to the City Commission for approval.

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 *SH* 1/24/2025  
Date