

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE CITY MANAGER AND WAIVING, BY 5/7THS VOTE, THE FORMAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING REQUIREMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 2-367 OF THE CITY CODE, FINDING SUCH WAIVER TO BE IN THE CITY'S BEST INTEREST, AND AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF TREES AND INSTALLATION SERVICES AT BISCAYNE POINT FROM SFM SERVICES, INC. FOR GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND PROJECT NO. 33 (STREET TREE MASTER PLAN); FURTHER, IF TREES ARE NOT AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE THROUGH SFM SERVICES, INC., AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO PURCHASE TREES AND INSTALLATION SERVICES FROM OTHER VENDORS, IN THE TOTAL AGGREGATE NOT TO EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$200,000.

WHEREAS, General Obligation Bond Project No. 33 provides for the development of a Street Tree Master Plan to install trees throughout the City; and

WHEREAS, part of the scope of the Street Tree Master Plan is to remove, relocate and install new landscaping at Biscayne Point (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Street Tree Master Plan was designated as a "Quick Win" in the G.O. Bond implementation Plan, with 151 trees already planted along the 5th Street corridor, as well as Normandy Isle and Brittany Bay Park; and

WHEREAS, the Project is currently scheduled to plant 122 trees in the Biscayne Point neighborhood starting December 31, 2019; and

WHEREAS, on August 26, 2019 and September 19, 2019, staff requested quotes for the purchase, delivery and installation of trees pursuant to Invitation to Bid (ITB) 2017-019-WG; however, no responses to the ITB were received on either attempt; and

WHEREAS, on October 7, 2019, the Environment & Sustainability Department requested quotes from the vendor list for the grounds maintenance of right of way (ROW), parking facilities, Lincoln Road and coastal areas, pursuant to Invitation to Bid (ITB) 2014-275-LR (the "Contract"); the initial invitation to quote did not return any results; and

WHEREAS, on October 22, 2019, the Environment & Sustainability Department requested quotes for a second time, the results are as follow: (1) SFM Services, Inc. ("SFM"), with a quote for \$182,123; (2) Superior Landscaping & Lawn Service, Inc. ("Superior"), with a quote for \$211,947.34; and (3) Brightview Landscape Services, Inc., with a "No Bid"; and

WHEREAS, the scope of the Contract included additional services which established hourly rates for labor and a percentage markup for the purchase and installation of trees based on the "Betrock's Plant Finder Guide," a company that compiles and publishes wholesale prices of horticultural industry by region; and

WHEREAS, upon reviewing the quote provided by SFM, the lowest vendor, the Procurement Department determined that the pricing submitted was not pursuant to the Contract, as the size of the trees, and the pricing, were not within the range of the published

wholesale prices listed in the latest edition of the Betrock's Plant Finder Guide; and

WHEREAS, per the City's Landscape Code, trees in the right-of-way must meet a pre-determined quality standard and minimum height to maintain sightlines and clearance; and

WHEREAS, it has been difficult for the City to secure high-demand trees, such as native and Florida-friendly species, at the required height and quality, because devastating hurricanes have damaged existing tree canopies in the Caribbean and Southeastern United States, and Florida's tree nurseries are the main suppliers for these impacted areas, and demand for canopy trees currently exceeds their available supply; and

WHEREAS, the Environmental and Sustainability Department has determined that pricing provided by SFM is fair and reasonable; and

WHEREAS, the quote was obtained in October, and availability may change, the City Manager recommends that the Mayor and City Commission waive the formal bidding requirements and authorize the purchase and installation of trees at Biscayne Point from SFM, or the other contractors, as available, in the total not to exceed amount of \$185,000.

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 written recommendation of the City Manager and waive, by 5/7ths vote, the formal competitive bidding requirement, in accordance with Section 2-367 of the City Code, finding such waiver to be in the City's best interest, and authorizE the purchase of trees and installation services at biscayne Point from SFM Services, Inc. for General Obligation Bond Project No. 33 (Street Tree Master Plan); further, if trees are not available for purchase through SFM Services, Inc., authorizing the City Manager to purchase trees and installation services from other vendors, in the total aggregate not to exceed amount of \$200,000.


PASSED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of _____ 2019.

Dan Gelber, Mayor

ATTEST:

Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION



City Attorney

12/2/19

Date