

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING ON JULY 28, 2021, TO CONSIDER GRANTING WAIVERS OF THE FOLLOWING LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS (LDRs), BY A 5/7TH VOTE OF THE CITY COMMISSION, PURSUANT TO CITY CODE SECTION 142-425(D), FOR THE LIGHTING AND SOCCER FIELD PROJECT AT POLO PARK, LOCATED AT 4301 N. MICHIGAN AVENUE, MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA: (1) THE HEIGHT REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH IN CITY CODE SECTION 142-105, IN ORDER TO CONSTRUCT MULTIPLE LIGHT POLES ASSOCIATED WITH PARK ACTIVITIES, AT A HEIGHT OF UP TO 70 FEET; AND (2) THE SETBACK REQUIREMENTS IN CITY CODE SECTION 142-106, IN ORDER TO CONSTRUCT LIGHT POLES ALONG MERIDIAN AVENUE.

WHEREAS, Polo Park (the "Park"), located at 4301 North Meridian Avenue, consists of a playground designed for children ages 2-12 years old, with a custom shade canopy, tennis and basketball courts, and a multiuse baseball field. The Park is utilized by City residents as well as by Nautilus Middle School; and

WHEREAS, General Obligation Bond ("G.O.B.") Project #17, which was completed in 2019, included significant improvements to the Park and increased its value from a programming standpoint; and

WHEREAS, the G.O.B. project included new pathways and site furnishings for improved circulation and passive recreational uses; and a new playing surface, dugouts, protective netting, and bleacher seating; and

WHEREAS, the community's response to these improvements has been overwhelmingly positive; and

WHEREAS, as part of the FY 2019/2020 budget, funding was approved for the Polo Park Lighting and Soccer Field Project, which includes the addition of sports lighting at the Park, to further increase programming capacity and the public's enjoyment of the facility after sunset (Project No. 22420) (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the proposed sports lighting system uses energy-efficient LED technology that has been carefully designed to prevent spillover onto adjacent properties and ensure minimal glare for users, in accordance with current building regulations and engineering standards for recreational facilities; and

WHEREAS, the work currently planned as part of the Project (as described in Exhibit A to this Resolution) contemplates waivers of the following Land Development Regulations:

- A setback waiver for one (1) light pole necessary to illuminate portions of the baseball diamond; and
- Height waivers for all twelve (12) light poles for the tennis courts and multiuse baseball field; and

WHEREAS, the Administration finds the above improvements to be important project elements that are intended to maximize the use of the Park and promote public safety on the multiuse baseball field and tennis courts; and

WHEREAS, lighted amenities will activate the Park after sunset and deter unsupervised activities such as trespassing afterhours; and

WHEREAS, the proposed waivers of the single-family district setback and height regulations will permit the Administration to proceed with the Project as designed; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Department has recommended in favor of the waivers; and

WHEREAS, the Administration has worked closely with the Nautilus Area Homeowners Association ("NAHA"), and NAHA is supportive of the Project as presented.

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 set a public hearing on July 28, 2021, to consider granting waivers of the following Land Development Regulations, pursuant to City Code Section 142-425(d), for the Lighting and Soccer Field Project at Polo Park, located at 4301 N. Michigan Avenue, Miami Beach, Florida: 1) the height requirements in City Code Section 142-105, in order to construct multiple light poles associated with park activities, at a height of up to 70 feet; and 2) the setback requirements in City Code Section 142-106, in order to construct light poles along Meridian Avenue.

PASSED and ADOPTED this 23rd day of June, 2021.

ATTEST:

Dan Gelber, Mayor

Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION



City Attorney

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