

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, DIRECTING THE CITY ADMINISTRATION TO ASSESS AND EVALUATE A POTENTIAL GRANT PROGRAM, AND THE COSTS THEREOF, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO PROPERTY OWNERS IN THE FLAMINGO PARK NEIGHBORHOOD, IN THE VICINITY OF THE FUTURE FIRE STATION 1 LOCATED AT 833 6TH STREET, WITH SUCH FINANCIAL SUPPORT INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, CLEANING AND REPAINTING FEES RELATED TO DEMOLITION AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW FIRE STATION BUILDING, AND INSTALLATION OF HURRICANE IMPACT WINDOWS TO MINIMIZE CONSTRUCTION NOISE AND FUTURE NOISES FROM FIRE SIRENS, WITH THE DETAILS OF THE GRANT PROGRAM, INCLUDING THE SCOPE, ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS SUBJECT TO THE PRIOR APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION.

WHEREAS, the existing Fire Station 1 located at 1051 Jefferson Avenue, was built in 1967 and serves the areas south of 15th Street including Star Island, Hibiscus Island, Palm Island, MacArthur Causeway up to Watson Island and Terminal Island; and

WHEREAS, the existing building does not provide the facilities required to meet the anticipated increase in demands due to the growth of the area and the building does not provide sufficient parking spaces for the employees of the fire station, negatively impacting the availability of parking in the neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, the need to replace the existing Fire Station 1 was first identified in 2015, and since then, the City has engaged in an exhaustive search of both city-owned and privately-owned properties to find a new location for a future fire station; and

WHEREAS, on November 6, 2018, the electorate of the City of Miami Beach approved the issuance of \$439,000,000 of general obligation bonds, including \$72,000,000 for police, fire, public safety, and security improvements; and

WHEREAS, the development of a new Fire Station 1 was included in the projects that would be funded, with \$10,000,000, by the General Obligation Bonds; and

WHEREAS, on May 8, 2019, the City Commission approved a request to issue a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for architectural and engineering design services for new Fire Station 1 facility and on July 31, 2019, the City Commission adopted Resolution 2019-30913, and the City retained the firm of Wannemacher Jensen Architects for architectural and engineering design services for the new Fire Station 1 facility; and

WHEREAS, the project currently proposes to replace the existing Fire Station 1 with a new Fire Station at the South Shore Community Center ("SSCC") located at 833 6th Street, in the Flamingo Park Neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, this site was selected after the evaluation of multiple sites during the conceptual site planning and feasibility phase because of the size, the access to frontages on the three sides on 6th Street Jefferson Avenue and Meridian Avenue, and its location which offers the possibility of improved response time; and

WHEREAS, the design requires the demolition of the two story, Morris Lapidus designed, South Shore Community Center, which houses a day care and offices that provide social services to the community; and

WHEREAS, on December 8, 2021, the Mayor and City Commission adopted Resolution 2021-31949, waiving various waivers of the City of Miami Beach Land Development Regulations for the design to be implemented; and

WHEREAS, as the City will move forward with the demolition of the SSCC and construction of the new Fire Station 1, residents living in the surrounding area are bound to experience the inconveniences that come with demolition and construction, including excessive noise, debris, and dust, interrupting their right to quiet enjoyment of their home for prolonged periods of time; and

WHEREAS, in addition, the construction of a new fire station will subject property owners in the vicinity of the fire station to the shrill sound of the fire sirens at odd hours of the day, impacting their day and night routines; and

WHEREAS, the City should establish a grant program to provide financial assistance to the residents living in close proximity to the proposed Fire Station 1 site in the Flamingo Neighborhood to mitigate the impacts of the demolition and construction work that will take place near their homes; and

WHEREAS, such financial assistance may include, but not limited to, cleaning and repainting fees related to demolition and construction of the new Fire Station building, and installation of hurricane impact windows to minimize construction noise and future noises from fire sirens.

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 direct the City Administration to assess and evaluate a potential grant program, and the costs thereof, for the purpose of providing financial support to property owners in the Flamingo Park Neighborhood, in the vicinity of the future Fire Station 1 located at 833 6th Street, with such financial support including, but not limited to, cleaning and repainting fees related to demolition and construction of the new fire station building, and installation of hurricane impact windows to minimize construction noise and future noises from fire sirens, with the details of the grant program, including the scope, eligibility

criteria and other requirements subject to the prior approval of the Mayor and City Commission.

PASSED and ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2021.

ATTEST:

Dan Gelber, Mayor

Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

(sponsored by Vice-Mayor Kristen Rosen Gonzalez)

APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION



City Attorney

3-29-22

Date