

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, DIRECTING THE CITY ADMINISTRATION TO CONTINUE ITS DILIGENT EFFORTS TO SECURE AN APPROPRIATE, SAFE, AND ADEQUATE FACILITY THAT COULD HOUSE THE RAINBOW INTERGENERATIONAL CHILDCARE CENTER ("CHILDCARE CENTER"), CURRENTLY LOCATED IN THE FLAMINGO PARK NEIGHBORHOOD AT THE SOUTH SHORE COMMUNITY CENTER AT 833 6TH STREET ("SSCC"), PRIOR TO THE SCHEDULED DEMOLITION OF THE SSCC TO ACCOMMODATE THE NEW FIRE STATION 1; AND FURTHER PROVIDING THAT THE CHILDCARE CENTER SHALL NOT BE HOUSED IN TRAILERS, TO ENSURE THE CHILDCARE CENTER IS RELOCATED TO A FACILITY THAT IS PROPERLY EQUIPPED TO ADDRESS THEIR NEEDS, SO THAT NO COMMUNITY SERVICES OR PROGRAMS ARE ADVERSELY IMPACTED AS OF A RESULT OF THE BUILDING DEMOLITION.

WHEREAS, the existing Fire Station 1 located at 1051 Jefferson Avenue, and is in dire need for a replacement; 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 located at 833 6th Street ("SSCC"), in the Flamingo Park Neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, the design requires the demolition of the two story, Morris Lapidus designed, South Shore Community Center, which houses the Rainbow Intergenerational Childcare Center ("Childcare Center"), and offices that provide social services to the community; and

WHEREAS, on December 8, 2021, the Mayor and City Commission adopted Resolution 2021-31949, providing certain waivers of the City of Miami Beach Land Development Regulations ("LDRs") for the design to be implemented; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Commission will consider the approval of demolition of the SSCC at the June 22 City Commission meeting; and

WHEREAS, at the time the waivers were approved, the Administration had negotiated a lease at 555 Jefferson Avenue, located across the street from the SSCC, to house the Childcare Center, and the approval of the waivers of LDRs was based in part on the understanding that the Childcare Center would be relocated to that facility; and

WHEREAS, at the most recent General Obligation Bond meeting, the Administration announced that its negotiations to relocate the Childcare Center to 555 Jefferson Avenue have

been unsuccessful and have been terminated, and that the old fire station cannot be retrofitted for the Childcare Center; and

WHEREAS, the Administration proposed to place the Childcare Center in trailers in Flamingo Park, once it demolishes the South Shore Community Center; and

WHEREAS, the clear intent of proceeding with the new Fire Station 1 project was premised on the understanding that the Childcare Center would be relocated to an appropriate facility equipped to meet its needs; and

WHEREAS, the Childcare Center has been operating in the City since 1992, and provides essential childcare services to children whose parents work or reside in Miami Beach, including many low-income families; and

WHEREAS, children attending the Childcare Center deserve to attend a Childcare Center that is not housed in trailers, and is properly equipped to address their needs; and

WHEREAS, as follows, the Mayor and City Commission direct the Administration continue its diligent efforts to secure an appropriate, safe, and adequate building that could house the Childcare Center, provided, however, that the Childcare Center will not be relocated to trailer facilities, so that no community programs or services are adversely impacted as a result of the demolition of the SSCC.

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 continue its diligent efforts to secure an appropriate, safe, and adequate facility that could house the Rainbow Intergenerational Childcare Center ("Childcare Center"), currently located in the Flamingo Park neighborhood at the South Shore Community Center at 833 6th Street ("SSCC"), prior to the scheduled demolition of the SSCC to accommodate the new Fire Station 1; and further provide that the Childcare Center shall not be housed in trailers, to ensure the Childcare Center is relocated to a facility that is properly equipped to address their needs, so that no community services or programs are adversely impacted as of a result of the building demolition.

PASSED and ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2022.

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

6-16-22
Date