

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-_____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENGAGE A CONSULTANT, FOR A FEE NOT TO EXCEED \$25,000.00, TO ASSIST THE CITY WITH EXPLORING ALL AVAILABLE OPTIONS FOR THE CITY TO PARTNER WITH THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY TO ASSUME SOME PORTION OF DEFERRED MAINTENANCE AND SECURITY FUNCTIONS FOR THE BENEFIT OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS LOCATED IN THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH.

WHEREAS, North Beach Elementary School located at 4100 Prairie Avenue (the “School”) is currently in a state of disrepair, with various building issues including exposed rebar, cracking in the walls throughout the building, peeling paint, damaged floors representing tripping hazards, roofing issues, and potential mold issues (“Maintenance Issues”); and

WHEREAS, residents whose children attend North Beach Elementary have in recent months voiced significant concerns regarding the Maintenance Issues, including the structural condition and safety of the facilities at the School, and in response, pursuant to Resolution 2022-32385, as amended by Resolution 2022-32413, the City Commission approved a grant in the amount of \$75,000 to reimburse the School’s Parent Teacher Association for expenses incurred in connection with the engagement of an independent structural engineering firm and an environmental consultant to assess conditions at the School and assist in the resolution of on-going building conditions in furtherance of the shared goal of protecting the students and faculty; and

WHEREAS, the cost of addressing the Maintenance Issues at the School, which was originally built in 1936, is anticipated to be in the millions of dollars; and

WHEREAS, the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida (the “School Board”) has committed to addressing the issues, but parents are concerned that the School Board, which has responsibility for all public K-12 schools throughout the County, may not have the resources necessary to prioritize the Maintenance Issues at the School in a timely manner; and

WHEREAS, other public schools located within the City of Miami Beach are plagued by deferred maintenance issues similar to the Maintenance Issues at the School; and

WHEREAS, the tragic killing of 19 students and 2 teachers at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas on May 24, 2022 along with a nationwide increase in violent incidents at schools continue to generate concerns about school safety; and

