

RESOLUTION NO: _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, WAIVING, BY 5/7TH VOTE, THE REQUIREMENT IN SECTION 2-14(D)(1)(A) OF THE CITY CODE, TO REFER ANY AGENDA ITEM IN EXCESS OF \$75,000 TO A COMMISSION COMMITTEE FOR A RECOMMENDATION, AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE A NEW FUNDING AGREEMENT, BETWEEN THE CITY AND UNIDAD OF MIAMI BEACH, INC., EFFECTIVE MARCH 1, 2025, TO PARTIALLY FUND THE CURRENT LEVEL OF PARTICIPATION IN THE SENIOR MEALS PROGRAM (180 PARTICIPANTS) OFFERED AT THE NORTH BEACH SENIOR CENTER, LOCATED AT 7251 COLLINS AVENUE, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$230,000 PER YEAR, ON A RECURRING BASIS, THROUGH FISCAL YEAR 2029-2030, SUBJECT TO FUNDING APPROPRIATION AND APPROVAL BY THE CITY COMMISSION DURING THE BUDGETARY PROCESS FOR EACH FISCAL YEAR, UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE CITY COMMISSION, AND PROVIDED THAT ANY REMAINING UNUSED CITY FUNDS WOULD BE COMMITTED BY THE CITY FOR ELDER PROGRAMMING AT THE SENIOR CENTER.

WHEREAS, UNIDAD of Miami Beach, Inc. (“UNIDAD”) operates the North Beach Senior Center (“Senior Center”), located at the North Beach Oceanfront Center, 7251 Collins Avenue, pursuant to a Management Agreement, dated September 30, 2006, as amended by Amendment No. 1 to the Management Agreement, dated June 20, 2018 (collectively, the “Management Agreement”) to generally provide senior social services, senior training and related elderly services; and

WHEREAS, the discussion surrounding the need for a congregate meals program serving the under-served and significant elderly population in North Beach was subsequently discussed at the December 20, 2017 and January 24, 2018 Neighborhoods Committee; and

WHEREAS, on February 14, 2018, the Mayor and City Commission adopted Resolution No. 2018-30197, accepting the recommendation of the Neighborhoods Committee to provide funding, in the amount of \$230,000.00, to UNIDAD for the creation of a senior meals program, to serve elder residents at the Senior Center for FY 2017-2018 and FY 2018-2019, subject to funding appropriation and approval through the City’s budgetary process; provided that, in the event UNIDAD secured program funding from the Alliance for Aging, any remaining unused City funds would be committed by the City for elder programming; and further requiring that the Administration provide the City Commission with an annual report as to the status of the senior meals program; and

WHEREAS, on December 12, 2018, the Mayor and City Commission adopted Resolution Number 2018-30654, approving funding to UNIDAD for fiscal year 2018-2019, in the amount of \$230,000.00, to support and enhance the senior services being offered at the Senior Center including, among other things (1) partially funding the current level of participation in the senior meals program; (2) expanding the meals program by adding 60 participants, for a total of 180 participants; (3) continuing to support socialization programming and (4) expanding the programming to include computer training classes, and approving funding for these services on a recurring basis through FY 2023-2024, subject to funding appropriation and approval by the City Commission during the City’s budgetary process for each subsequent fiscal year, unless otherwise directed by the City Commission; and

WHEREAS, the funding for the senior meals program and other elder programming have been funded through a grant agreement, renewable each year once appropriation and funding have been approved by the City Commission through the budgetary process; and

WHEREAS, due to a delay in the commencement of the services, the term of the annual grant agreements have commenced on March 1st of each year and expired on the last day of February of the following year; and

WHEREAS, any unused funds for a particular contract year have been rolled over into the approved succeeding contract year to be used for elder meals program and elder programming services; and

WHEREAS, the current grant agreement, approved during the City's budgetary process for FY 2023-2024, will expire on February 28, 2025 and the continuation of the elder meals program and other elder programming would require approval by the City Commission; and

WHEREAS, The City currently has the following six congregate meal sites:

- 610 Espanola Way;
- Rebecca Towers (200 Alton Road);
- Council Towers (533 Collins Avenue), currently not operational but is expected to open again;
- Federation Towers (757 West Avenue); and
- Stella Maris (8638 Harding Avenue) (restricted only to tenants of the Stella Maris housing facility; and
- the UNIDAD Senior Center (7251 Collins Avenue)(open to all qualified seniors); and

WHEREAS, all of the meal sites, except for Stella Maris and the Senior Center, are located in South Beach and Stella Maris only serves residents of its housing facility, as such, the UNIDAD Senior Center is the only meal site 1) serving all qualified and registered elders in the North Beach area, 2) is the only congregate meal site open to the general public north of Dade Boulevard and 3) is the only full service Senior Center in the entire City; and

WHEREAS, UNIDAD receives funding from the Alliance for Aging from the Older Americans Act (OAA), Title III program to partially fund its meals program; and

WHEREAS, the OAA program is awarded through a competitive RFP process and requires that nutrition service providers ensure that meals meet strict food and nutrient requirements, are safe to serve and are appealing to older adults; and

WHEREAS, although UNIDAD receives funding from OAA, UNIDAD does not charge for the meals served and does not generate sufficient independent income to fund the entire cost of the elder meals program; and

WHEREAS, additionally, the OAA program requires matching funds from a third-party source, which thus far has been provided by the City; and

WHEREAS, UNIDAD requires funding, in the approximately amount of \$230,000.00 per year, in order to continue to provide meal service for the 180 participants currently capable of being served at the Senior Center; and

WHEREAS, local governments often help to fund meal services for elders, other at-risk populations, and food insecure members of a community; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution will help to continue to support and enhance this much needed senior meal service at North Beach, in the annual amount of \$230,000.00, on a recurring basis, through FY 2029-2030, subject to funding appropriation and approval on an annual basis through the City's budgetary process, and provided that any remaining unused City funds would be committed by the City for elder programming at the Senior Center; and

WHEREAS, on June 28, 2023, the Mayor and City Commission adopted Resolution No. 2023-32647 directed the Administration to review and make recommendations to the City Commission with regard to recurring grants every three (3) years to allow for periodic review and approval of all Commission-sponsored initiatives or grant programs involving recurring funding; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of this Resolution by the Mayor and City Commission shall be deemed to satisfy the requirements of Resolution No. 2023-32647 with regard to the recurring funding for this UNIDAD through FY 2029-2030; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 2-14(d)(1)(a) of the City Code, when a Resolution sponsored and initiated by a City Commissioner is determined to have a fiscal impact greater than \$75,000.00, the item is required to be referred to a Commission Committee for review and recommendation, unless the City Commission waives this requirement by a five-sevenths vote; as such, this Resolution requires a 5/7th vote of the Mayor and City Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, that the Mayor and City Commission hereby waive, by 5/7th vote, the requirement in Section 2-14(d)(1)(a) of the City Code, to refer any agenda item in excess of \$75,000 to a commission committee for a recommendation, and authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute a new funding agreement, between the City and UNIDAD of Miami Beach, Inc., effective March 1, 2025, to partially fund the current level of participation in the senior meals program (180 participants) offered at the North Beach Senior Center, located at 7251 Collins Avenue, in the amount of \$230,000 per year, on a recurring basis, through fiscal year 2029-2030, subject to funding appropriation and approval by the City Commission during the budgetary process for each fiscal year, unless otherwise directed by the City Commission, and provided that any remaining unused City funds would be committed by the City for elder programming at the Senior Center.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 15th day of May, 2024.

ATTEST:

Steven Meiner, Mayor

Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

(Sponsored by Commissioner Alex J. Fernandez)

APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION



City Attorney *SPCT*

5/17/2024

Date