

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE AND CITYWIDE PROJECTS COMMITTEE (FCWPC), APPROVING THE EXTENSION OF THE MIAMI BEACH BOTANICAL GARDEN TO COLLINS CANAL

WHEREAS, on January 17, 2017, the City entered into a Design/Build Agreement with Ric-Man Construction, Inc., (Ric-Man) to develop, design, and construct the Stormwater Pump Station on 19th Street between Convention Center Drive and Meridian Avenue; and

WHEREAS, as part of the scope of the Project, Ric-Man is to replace the existing seawall along the south perimeter of Collins Canal, abutting the Miami Beach Botanical Garden (Botanical Garden) property and the Holocaust Memorial; and

WHEREAS, in order to gain access to the seawall and complete its replacement, some of the surrounding landscaping and portions of the existing walkway bordering Collins Canal in the vicinity of the Botanical Garden will be affected; and

WHEREAS, at the April 26, 2017 City Commission Meeting, the City Commission referred an item to the Neighborhood/Community Affairs Committee (NCAC) to discuss the vision of the Botanical Garden's expansion, north to the swale and landscaped area along Collins Canal; and

WHEREAS, at the May 19, 2017 NCAC meeting, Sandy Shapiro, the Executive Director of the Botanical Garden, stated that the replacement of the seawall along the canal will require new landscaping, and therefore presents an opportunity to implement the 2011 Raymond Jungles' design plan and improve the area north of the Botanical Garden; and

WHEREAS, the vision of the design plan is for visitors and resident to access the Botanical Garden from the Collins Canal walkway, and include the addition of gated entrances along the north perimeter of the property as well as extending the plant palate to the edge of the Collins Canal; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Shapiro informed the NCAC that Raymond Jungles, Inc. prepared a preliminary construction cost estimate and that the Botanical Garden will be maintaining the landscape improvements, which represents an offset to the City as the landscape is currently maintained by the City's GreenSpace Management Division at minimum cost; and

WHEREAS, NCAC requested the City Commission refer this item to the Finance and Citywide Projects Committee (FCWPC); and

WHEREAS, the preliminary cost estimate prepared by Raymond Jungles, Inc. is approximately \$700,000 and has exclusions that need to be confirmed by the Administration; and

WHEREAS, the replacement of the seawall along the south perimeter of Collins Canal, in the vicinity of the Botanical Garden is going to be addressed by Ric-Man International, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, at the June 16, 2017 FCWPC meeting, the item was presented and the committee favorably recommended to Commission, to proceed with the design and construction of the improvements north of the Botanical Garden; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends that a Change Order to the current Agreement between Ric-Man (the Contractor) and the City be issued to incorporate the proposed extension of the Botanical Garden as part of their seawall reconstruction; and

WHEREAS, staff is currently working on obtaining an estimate from Contractor to perform the work included in the Concept Plan prepared by Raymond Jungles, Inc. in 2011 for this area; and

WHEREAS, in the event that staff is unable to negotiate with Contractor, staff will explore other procurement options; and

WHEREAS, once staff completes its due diligence, staff will submit the proposed conceptual plan, cost proposals and any agreements related thereto for approval by the Mayor and City Commission; and

WHEREAS, funding is available through previously appropriated funds in the current fiscal year budget.

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 accept the recommendation of the Finance and Citywide Projects Committee (FCWPC) to approve the extension of the Botanical Garden to Collins Canal.

PASSED and ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2017.

PHILIP LEVINE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

RAFAEL E. GRANADO, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION

[Signature]

City Attorney

9-6-17

Date