

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-29993

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD/COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE AT ITS MAY 19<sup>TH</sup> AND JULY 28<sup>TH</sup>, 2017 MEETINGS, TO FIND AN ALTERNATE, SUITABLE AND PROPER LOCATION TO CONDUCT CAT SURGERIES; AND TO CONSIDER ALLOWING A PILOT PROGRAM TO INSTALL ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY FEEDING STATIONS; TO PROVIDE FORMAL REGISTRATION AND CREDENTIALING FOR REGISTERED VOLUNTEERS, AND TO INSTALL EDUCATIONAL SIGNAGE BY FEEDING STATIONS.

**WHEREAS**, PetSmart Charities, Inc. currently provides the City of Miami Beach grant support to fund facilities and a management partnership from The Cat Network, Inc., to deliver a comprehensive community cat trap-neuter-return (TNR) program entitled "Project CatSnip;" and

**WHEREAS**, the City's goal is to develop a program that: is community-wide in scope; effective in humanely reducing the local community cat population by educating the public about the need to sterilize their pets and strays; provide access to low-cost spay/neuter services for stray, homeless and abandoned cats; help members in their efforts to place adoptable cats in loving homes; and advocate non-lethal population control via natural attrition and humane public policy; and

**WHEREAS**, SOBE Cats Spay and Neuter, Inc. is a non-profit [501(c)(3)] organization that provides volunteer trappers for The Cat Network, Inc.'s Project CatSnip, which volunteers dedicate their time for the spay and neuter cause. Community cats are retrieved from key locations once a month by staffers beginning on a Friday night. Cats are then transported to the Log Cabin Nursery located on Collins Avenue, where sterilization surgeries are performed on Saturday mornings. Once the surgery is performed, the cats are housed overnight during the recovery phase. On Sunday mornings, volunteers and City staffers release the cats back to their originating locations; and

**WHEREAS**, Project CatSnip will be issuing credentials to registered community volunteers, cat feeders, and trappers in order to identify their role in the City, and as such, discourage feeding by untrained individuals, who may create unwanted litter and even attract cats to undesired locations; and

**WHEREAS**, during the next six (6) months, SOBE Cats Spay and Neuter, Inc., and the City of Miami Beach will be facilitating a pilot program consisting of the installation of environmentally-friendly feeding stations at key locations with its appropriate signage, where registered volunteer feeders will be able to provide fresh water and clean food to draw the cats at these locations and away high-traffic areas; and

**WHEREAS**, North Shore Open Space Park and Allison Park will be targeted for the pilot program, for the six (6) month period, beginning September 1, 2017 and ending March 1, 2018, in the hope of the successful execution of the pilot program, and hopefully, to develop the pilot into a program that could later be expanded into other needy areas of our City; and

**WHEREAS**, one feeding station will be provided for each cat colony in the pilot program inside North Shore Open Space Park between 87<sup>th</sup> Street and 79<sup>th</sup> Street and Allison Park between 67<sup>th</sup> Street and 64<sup>th</sup> Street; and

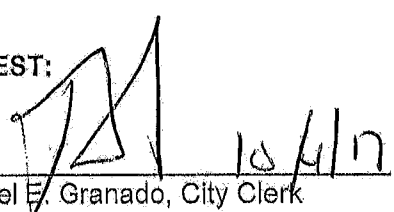
**WHEREAS**, at its May 19<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Neighborhoods/Community Affairs Committee (NCAC) heard a discussion by SOBE Cats Spay and Neuter, Inc. (SOBE Cats). They reiterated the need for continued financial support from the City, to provide spay and neuter services for community cats. Additionally, three (3) items to be considered: a pilot program to allow the installation of environmentally friendly feeding stations at key locations; to provide formal registration and credentialing for registered volunteers; and to installation of educational signage by feeding stations. A motion was made by the Committee to have Public Works work with SOBE Cats to determine the proper locations and reprove that the pilot program will work. The item was also to be brought back to the Finance and Citywide Project Committee to have a discussion about possible future funding and implications; and

**WHEREAS**, at its July 28, 2017 meeting, the NCAC held a discussion regarding the relocation of the Log Cabin Nursery to a new site, for the purpose of cat spay and neuter surgeries. It was noted that there is a City-owned building located at the North West corner of Collins Avenue and 83rd Street (8300-8310 Collins Avenue), which could be used for this purpose. The concern, however, was that the trailer office may be too small to conduct the surgeries, and maintain the cats overnight while they recuperate. The Committee made a motion to have the Public Works Department find an alternate, suitable and proper location to conduct cat surgeries.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA**, the Mayor and City Commission, accepting the recommendation of the Neighborhood/Community Affairs Committee at its May 19<sup>th</sup> and July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017 meetings, to find an alternate, suitable and proper location to conduct cat surgeries; and to consider allowing a pilot program to install environmentally friendly feeding stations, provide formal registration and credentialing for registered volunteers, and install educational signage by feeding stations.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 25 day of September, 2017.

ATTEST:

  
Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

  
Philip Levine, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO  
FORM & LANGUAGE  
& FOR EXECUTION

  
City Attorney

8/31/17  
Date

# MIAMI BEACH

## COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission  
FROM: Jimmy L. Morales, City Manager  
DATE: September 13, 2017

SUBJECT: A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD/COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE AT ITS MAY 19TH AND JULY 28, 2017 MEETINGS, TO FIND AN ALTERNATE, SUITABLE AND PROPER LOCATION TO CONDUCT CAT SURGERIES; AND TO CONSIDER ALLOWING A PILOT PROGRAM TO INSTALL ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY FEEDING STATIONS; TO PROVIDE FORMAL REGISTRATION AND CREDENTIALING FOR REGISTERED VOLUNTEERS, AND TO INSTALL EDUCATIONAL SIGNAGE BY FEEDING STATIONS.

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### RECOMMENDATION

The Administration recommends approving the Resolution.

### ANALYSIS

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#### **CONCLUSION**

The Administration recommends approving the Resolution

#### **Legislative Tracking**

Public Works

#### **ATTACHMENTS:**

##### **Description**

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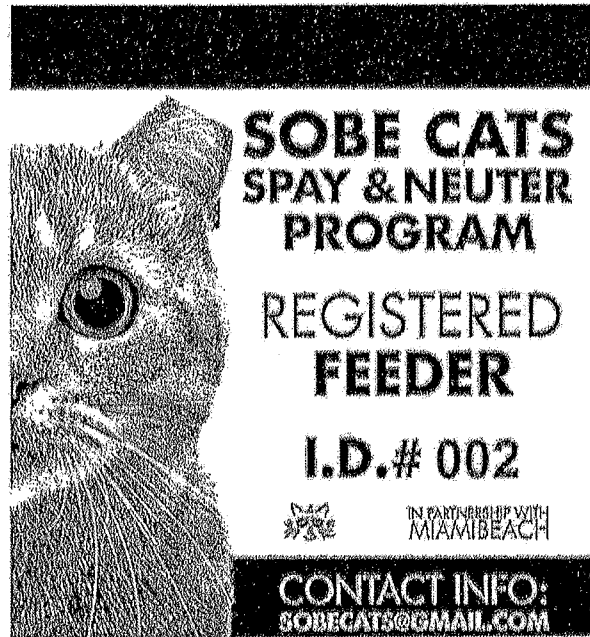


Photo 1 – Registered Feeder Badge

Registered feeder/trapper badges will have an I.D. number that will identify the feeder as being trained and working in coordination with the Miami Beach Police Department and Code Compliance Departments.

SOBE Cats Spay and Neuter, Inc. will properly train and keep records of all the registered volunteer feeders. Code Compliance Officers, Park Rangers and police officers will have information concolerge cards to pass out to non-registered feeders that list the following guidelines to which all must adhere to:

1. Must be a registered feeder
2. Feeding is allowed directly on the ground; however,
3. Feeders must clean up after every feeding
4. No excessive amounts of food will be served
5. No Styrofoam containers will be used; and
6. Water containers must be clean and changed daily

Should litter be left behind by any non-registered feeder, Code Compliance officers, Park Rangers or police officers have authority to issue a litter fine per the proposed revision to the City of Miami Beach Municode Litter Violation Sec. 46-92. The goal is to have all non-registered feeders throughout Miami Beach registered by the City within a period of 1 year. All registered volunteer feeders caught littering by the Code Compliance Department, the Park Rangers or the Police Department will be reported to SOBE Cats Spay and Neuter, Inc. for re-training. After the volunteer feeder has been re-trained three times, his or her badge will be revoked.

ATTACHMENT 2

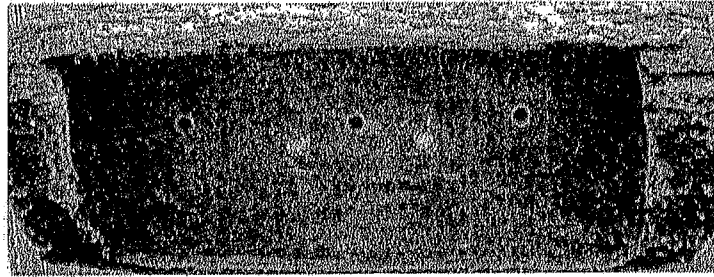


Photo 2 – Feeding Station

The log-like feeding stations will be located as inconspicuously as possible inside the dune areas for the designated cat colonies; they will be installed just inside the dune ropes so the registered volunteer feeders can place the water and food from outside the ropes, without entering the dunes.

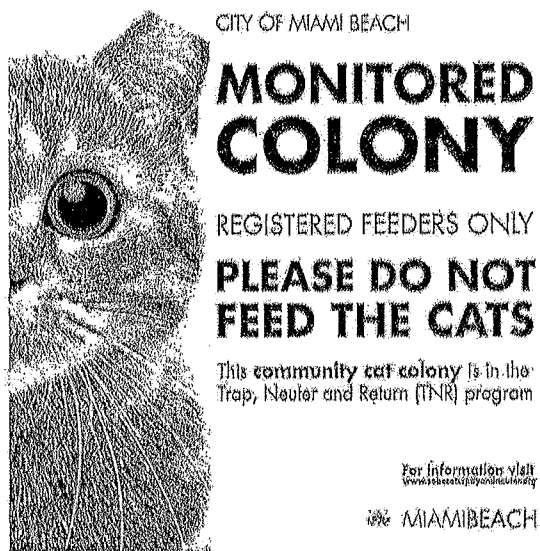


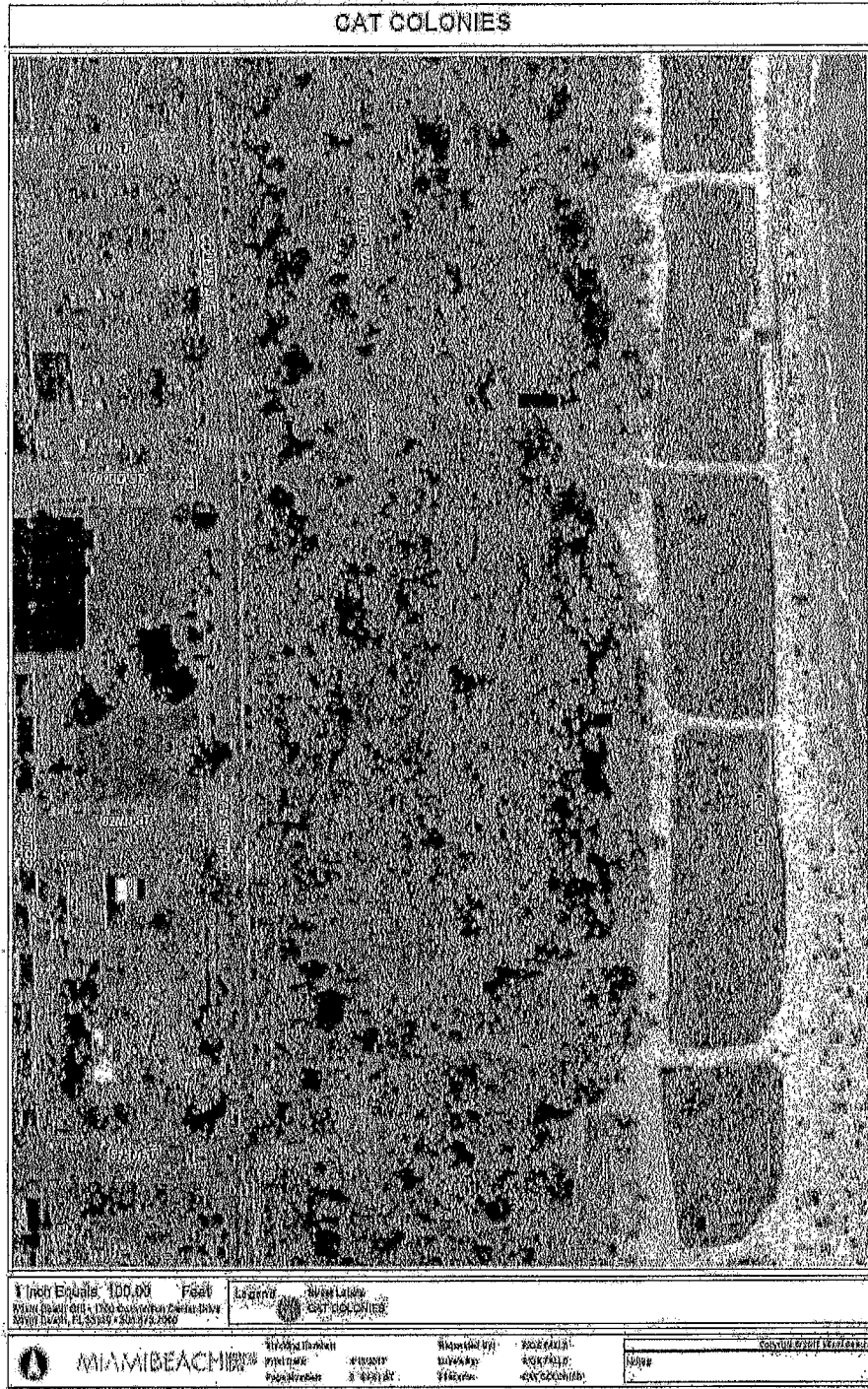
Photo 3 –Signage

Minimal signage, will be placed in key locations discouraging random cat feeding by residents and visitors and alerting residents and tourists of the on-going TNR program.





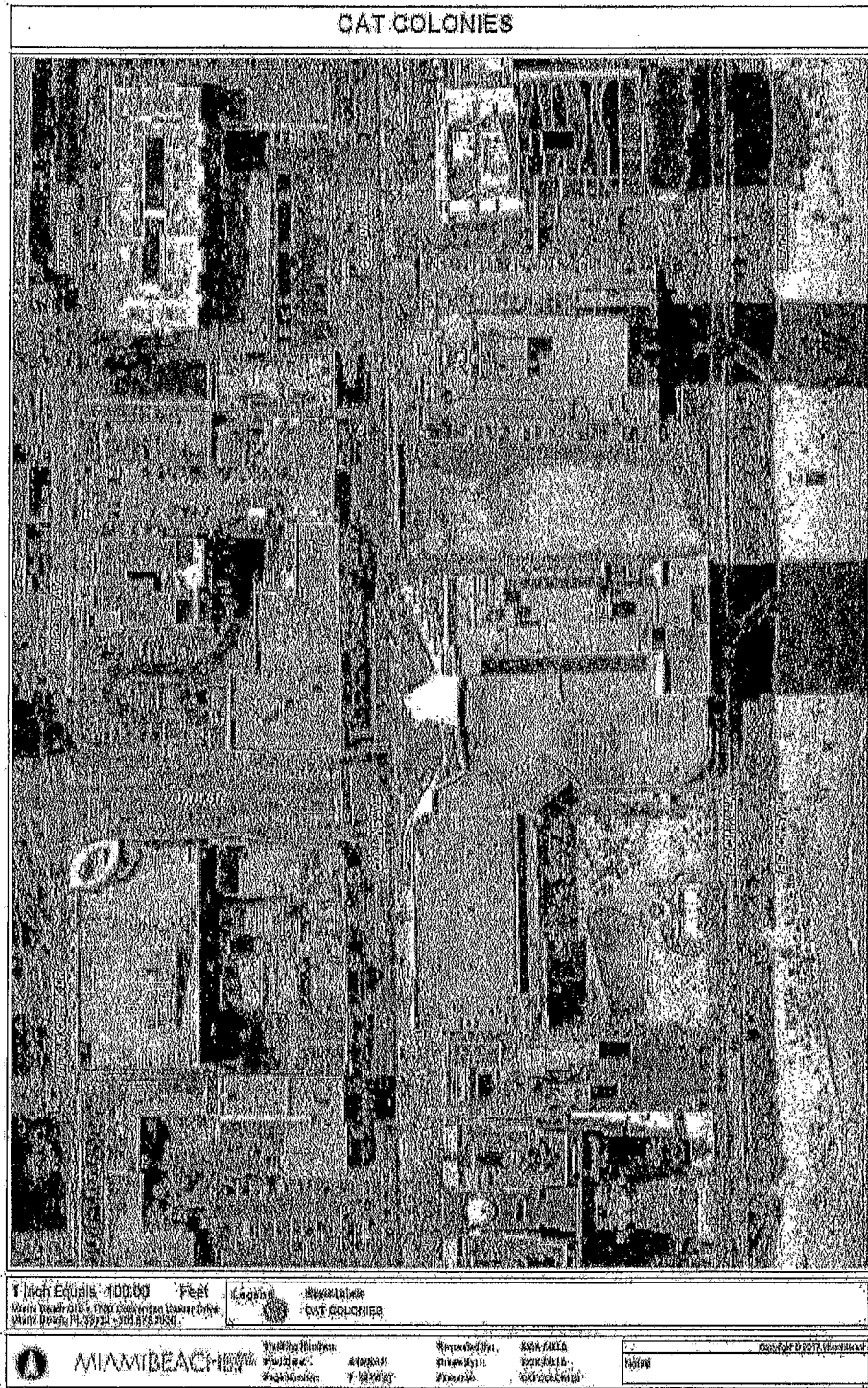
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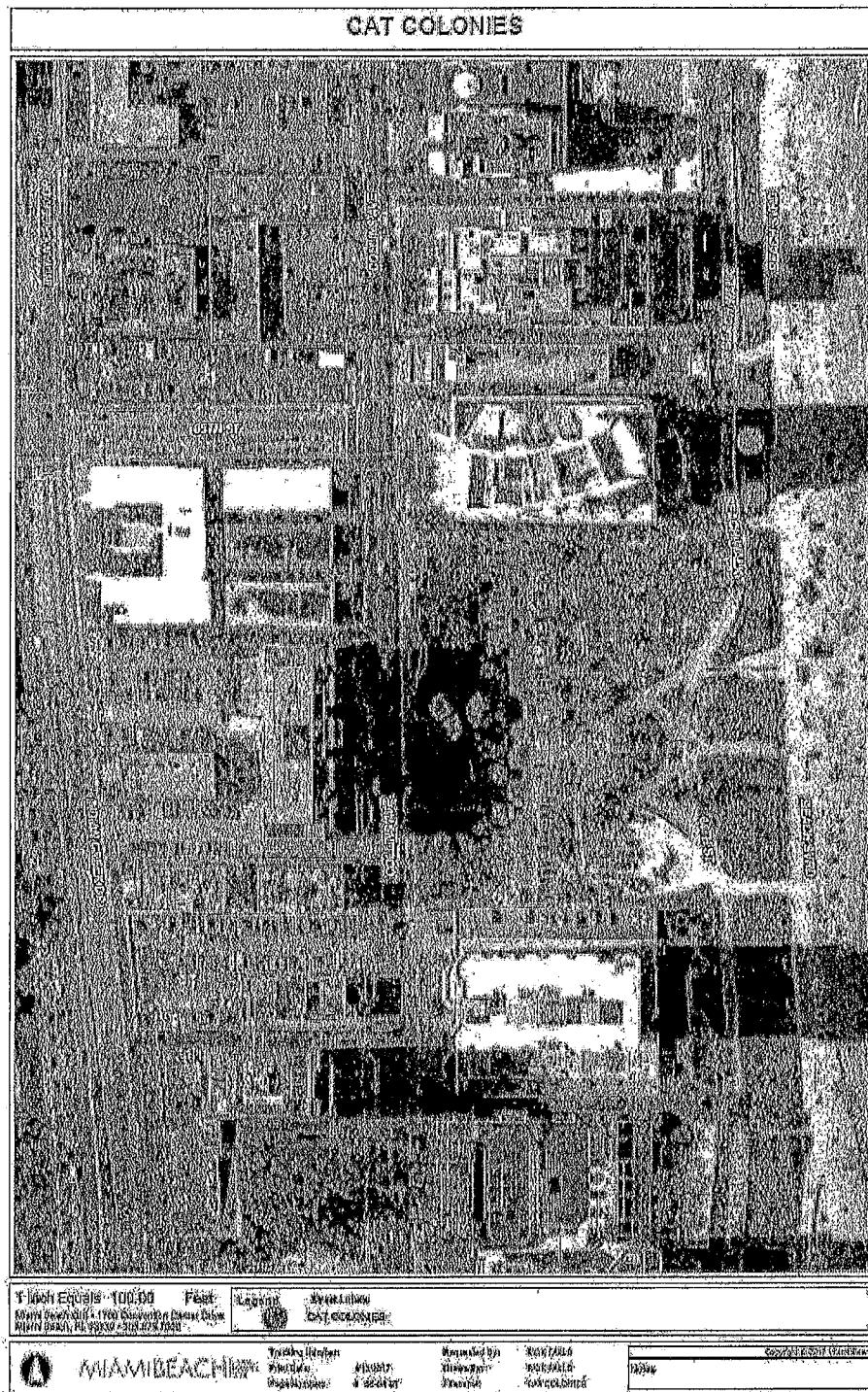
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Map of Allison Park 1 of 2



Map of Allison Park 2 of 2





**September 25, 2017**

C7 R A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO ACCEPT IN-KIND SPONSORSHIP IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,700 FROM WHOLE FOODS MARKET IP. L.P., FOR SIX (6) OF THE CITY'S SUSTAINABILITY EMPLOYEE WORKSHOPS ORGANIZED BY THE ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY DEPARTMENT.

Marketing and Communications

**ACTION: Resolution 2017-29992 adopted. Tonya Daniels to handle.**

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Public Works  
Commissioner John Alemán

**ACTION: Resolution 2017-29993 adopted. Eric Carpenter to handle.**

**September 25, 2017**

C7 T A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE ASSIGNMENT AND ASSUMPTION OF SHOWTURF, LLC'S INTEREST IN THREE (3) AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE CITY AND SHOWTURF, LLC. (ASSIGNOR), FOR THE LEASE OF GOLF COURSE TURF MAINTENANCE EQUIPMENT FOR THE MIAMI BEACH GOLF COURSE, PURSUANT TO INVITATION TO BID (ITB) NO. 38-10/11; FOR THE LEASE OF GOLF COURSE TURF MAINTENANCE EQUIPMENT FOR THE NORMANDY SHORES GOLF COURSE, PURSUANT TO INVITATION TO BID (ITB) NO. 45-11/12; AND FOR THE LEASE OF GOLF COURSE TURF MAINTENANCE EQUIPMENT FOR BOTH, THE MIAMI BEACH GOLF COURSE AND NORMANDY SHORES GOLF COURSE, PURSUANT TO INVITATION TO BID (ITB) NO. 2016-149-ND, TO EFE, INC. (ASSIGNEE), AS THE SUCCESSOR-IN-INTEREST BY ACQUISITION; AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THE CONSENT TO ASSIGNMENT AND ASSUMPTION OF AGREEMENTS IN THE FORM ATTACHED TO THIS RESOLUTION.

Procurement

**ACTION: Resolution 2017-29994 adopted. Alex Denis to handle.**