

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FINANCE AND CITYWIDE PROJECTS COMMITTEE (FCWPC) AND INCORPORATED FEEDBACK FROM THE COMMUNITY DURING THE OCTOBER 2, 2018 COMMUNITY MEETING RELATING TO THE REVISED MAURICE GIBB MEMORIAL PARK MASTER PLAN.

WHEREAS, on October 19, 2012, during the construction of the Sunset Harbor Pump Station Retrofit project, an odor and sheen commonly associated with petroleum contamination was identified during excavation work in the southeast corner of Maurice Gibb Park; and

WHEREAS, as a result, Miami-Dade County required the City to fully delineate the soil and groundwater contamination on the park property, and to remediate areas with elevated contaminant levels; and

WHEREAS, the City retained Atkins North America, Inc. to perform the site assessment and develop a remediation plan; and

WHEREAS, on August 10, 2015, the Miami-Dade County Department of Regulatory and Economic Resources (RER) approved, with comments, the City's Site Assessment Report sampling plan; and

WHEREAS, renovation of the park is necessary because soil remediation is required over most of the surface of the park, and the scope of work includes the replacement of the playground equipment, new plant material, earthwork, irrigation, signage and park furnishings; and

WHEREAS, on August 28, 2017, a contract was executed with Coastal Systems International, Inc. (Coastal), pursuant to the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) No. 2016-138-KB, for Architectural and Engineering Design Services, for the development of a design for the renovation of the park; and

WHEREAS, on February 17, 2018, the Finance and Citywide Projects Committee (FCWPC) made the following recommendations:

1. The Architect shall provide alternatives to be included in a Master Plan for the park, which shall include an option that does not require future funding from the 2018 General Obligation Bond.
2. Initiate the soil remediation process once a Master Plan is approved.
3. Use the currently available project funding of \$3.2 million to start working on the remediation and park development project.
4. Work with the community to gain feedback on the mooring facilities, marine/fire patrol building, parking lot and playground.
5. Return to the FCWPC after meeting with the community, and update the FCWPC on the feedback from the community as to the proposed amenities to be included in the Master Plan.

and

WHEREAS, on May 31, 2018, the Office of Capital Improvements Projects (CIP), held a public meeting with residents adjacent to the park (Sunset Harbor, Sunset Islands, Lower North Bay Road, Belle Isle and West Avenue) to obtain their feedback; and

WHEREAS, the design team presented two options for the Master Plan, depicting possible locations for the basic park elements, which include a playground, pavilions, a dog park, walkways, park furnishings, and landscaping with open sodded areas; and

WHEREAS, during the presentation the community was asked to select one of the options for the layout of these basic elements to be installed in the park; and

WHEREAS, the Master Plan also depicted the proposed future amenities, which include detached restroom facilities, vita course exercise equipment, marine/fire patrol facility, mooring facilities; and

WHEREAS, the community was asked to indicate their preferred priority as to these future amenities, for inclusion in the park's further development; and

WHEREAS, the community voted for Master Plan Option 2, which included an artistic themed playground; and

WHEREAS, the community recommended the following proposed future amenities: the Living Shoreline with an overlook area, and a new marine/fire patrol facility; and

WHEREAS, both of the master plan options included a location for a new detached restroom facility; and

WHEREAS, based upon the foregoing, the revised proposed project scope includes the soil remediation and a renovated park, to include the following basic park elements: a new playground with shade canopy, pavilion(s), a dog park, walkways, minor restroom renovations, landscaping with open sodded areas, and park furnishings, which basic elements can be completed within the current available funding of \$3.2 million; and

WHEREAS, at the June 8, 2018 FCWPC meeting, the Committee recommended that staff proceed with the development of the project, to submit an application to the Design Review Board (DRB) and direction to staff that the park should include an iconic, custom designed playground; and

WHEREAS, on July 26, 2018, CIP held another community meeting to present the revised Option 2 Master Plan, which also incorporated the comments received during the May 31, 2018 community meeting, in order to obtain feedback on including a typical playground versus an iconic, custom designed playground in the park; and

WHEREAS, installing an iconic, custom designed playground would be in line with the July 2016 recommendation from the Parks and Recreation Facilities Advisory Board, for a unique thematic playground, similar to Monstrum; and

WHEREAS, during the July 26, 2018 community meeting, the majority of persons that attended recommended the iconic, custom designed playground; and

WHEREAS, on September 12, 2018, CIP presented an item to the City Commission, seeking direction from the City Commission as to the FCWPC recommendation to proceed with the design development, and other planning work for the project; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission, after petitions by two residents, directed staff to conduct another community meeting, to get additional feedback on the layout of the park, the location of the playground, and the proposed amenities; and

WHEREAS, due to the foregoing, CIP, on October 2, 2018, held another community meeting to review the location of the playground equipment and the dog park, and to confirm if the community desired a new restroom and pavilions within the park; and

WHEREAS, prior to the meeting, residents from the Lofts at South Beach, presented a sketch, indicating their preference to have the playground relocated to the north of the park, adjacent to the Marine Patrol Facility and parking lot, with the dog park located to the south of the site; and

WHEREAS, the consensus from residents at this final meeting is for the playground to be located to the north of the park, the dog park located to the south and the exclusion of a restroom; and

WHEREAS, furthermore, they requested that, in lieu of the pavilions, two shade structures, open on all four sides, be provided, one inside and one outside the playground area; and

WHEREAS, on October 3, 2018, CIP presented the project to the Parks and Recreational Facilities Advisory Board and by acclamation, the Board directed staff to proceed with the revised project incorporating the community input from the October 2, 2018 meeting; and

WHEREAS, once the City Commission authorizes the revised plan, the design shall be reviewed by the Design Review Board.

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 accept the recommendation from Finance and Citywide Projects Committee (FCWPC) and incorporated feedback from the Community during the October 2, 2018 community meeting relating to the revised Maurice Gibb Memorial Park Master Plan.

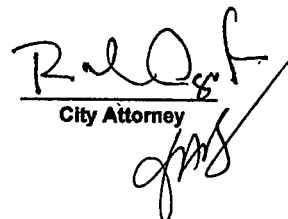
PASSED and ADOPTED this 17th day of October, 2018.

ATTEST:

Dan Gelber, Mayor

Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION



City Attorney

10-11-18

Date