

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, DIRECTING THE CITY ADMINISTRATION TO CREATE AND MAINTAIN A LIST OF FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS REGARDING THE WEST AVENUE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (THE "PROJECT"), WHICH SHALL BE MADE PUBLICLY AVAILABLE ON OR BEFORE MAY 9, 2022.

WHEREAS, the West Avenue Improvement Project (the "Project"), represents a comprehensively defined neighborhood improvement program, focused on resolving challenges associated with climate impacts and aged infrastructures; and

WHEREAS, the proposed improvements within the West Avenue neighborhood include installation of a new robust storm water drainage collection and pumping system, replacement of the existing water distribution/transmission systems and gravity sanitary sewers, installation of new street lighting, pedestrian lighting, replacement of existing and installation of a new signalized intersection with mast arms, new landscaping, irrigation and construction of a new baywalk segment; and

WHEREAS, the scope of the Project also includes a proposed raising of the paved roadway, which would require harmonization with adjacent properties; and

WHEREAS, the main challenge facing this Project is the need to harmonize between the future elevation of the roadway and the existing elevations of the adjacent private properties to mitigate the impacts of raising the roads on lower-lying adjacent properties in the West Avenue neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, harmonization is a roadway design approach that maintains private property access, stormwater management, and neighborhood aesthetics through adaptable design standards; and

WHEREAS, however, there are several challenges facing harmonization, including financial impacts to the property owners that are difficult to estimate as there are many variables involved, based on the built environment applicable to each property; and

WHEREAS, many property owners frequently raise questions and concerns about the status of the Project, and in particular, the lack of clear information concerning the scope and details of harmonization breeds confusion among residents; and

WHEREAS, the need for comprehensive Frequently Asked Questions has been previously discussed at Land Use and Sustainability Committee; and

WHEREAS, at the City Commission meeting on March 9, 2022, the Mayor and City Commission discussed the status of the West Avenue Project with affected property owners, who highlighted their desire for timely and accurate answers to their questions concerning harmonization and the financial and other impacts to the adjacent private properties; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Commission desire to publish Frequently Asked Questions relating to the West Avenue Project, to provide impacted property owners and residents of the City of Miami Beach with access to relevant information regarding all aspects of the Project, including items of particular concern, such as the proposed harmonization agreements, and the impacts on private properties due to harmonization.

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 directs the City Administration to create and maintain a list of frequently asked questions regarding the West Avenue Improvement Project (the "Project"), which shall be made publicly available on or before May 9, 2022.

PASSED and **ADOPTED** this ___ day of _____, 2022.

ATTEST:

Dan Gelber, Mayor

Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

(Sponsored by Commissioner Mark Samuelian)

APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION



City Attorney

3-29-22

Date