

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, DIRECTING THE CITY ADMINISTRATION TO CREATE AN ELEVATION MAP FOR THE ENTIRE WEST AVENUE NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (THE "PROJECT"), WITH THE MAP TO SPECIFY OR DEPICT INFORMATION RELATING TO EVERY STREET INCLUDED IN THE PROJECT, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO (1) THE CURRENT ELEVATION FOR EVERY STREET, ON A BLOCK-BY-BLOCK BASIS; (2) THE PROPOSED ELEVATION OF EACH STREET AS PART OF THE PROJECT; AND (3) THE DIFFERENTIAL BETWEEN CURRENT AND PROPOSED ELEVATION FOR EACH STREET AS PART OF THE WEST AVENUE PROJECT.

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 significant issues involved with 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, the Mayor and City Commission desire to provide impacted property owners and residents of the City of Miami Beach with relevant information regarding road elevation changes and properties impacted by the Project; and

WHEREAS, due to the impact on the West Avenue neighborhood and individual property owners, many citizens frequently express questions and concerns about the status of the Project and the proposed improvements and locations of same; and

WHEREAS, , providing a map in a single comprehensive format that specifies or depicts the current elevation of each street, on a block-by-block basis, , along with other information depicting the proposed elevation of each street as part of the Project, and the differential elevation for each street, could serve to bring about a better understanding of the Project and address many residents' questions and concerns; and

WHEREAS, therefore, the Mayor and City Commission desire to direct the Administration to create maps to visually aid residents in better understanding the proposed scope of work associated with raising of the roads as part of the West Avenue Project, and how harmonization between the right of way and private properties would work to address the differences in elevation between each street and adjacent properties, on a block-by-block basis.

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 direct the City Administration to create an elevation map for the entire West Avenue Neighborhood Improvement Project (the "Project"), with the map to specify or depict information relating to every street included in the Project, including but not limited to (1) the current elevation for every street, on a block-by-block basis; (2) the proposed elevation of each street as part of the Project; and (3) the differential between current and proposed elevation for each street as part of the Project.

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 FA

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Date