

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE MAYOR'S 41ST STREET BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE, MADE AT ITS DECEMBER 8, 2022 MEETING, AND PRIORITIZING THE EXPANSION OF THE FREEBEE RIDE SERVICE IN THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH AS PART OF THE FY2024 ANNUAL BUDGET PROCESS TO POTENTIALLY EXPAND THE AVAILABLE VEHICLES TO UP TO EIGHT (8) VEHICLES TO MORE EFFICIENTLY SERVE THE MID-BEACH AREA.

WHEREAS, Pursuant to a contract with the City, the Freebee ride service has been providing on-demand transit service in the Mid-Beach area since May 2019; and

WHEREAS, the service provides first/last mile connectivity in areas that are currently not served or underserved by the Miami Beach trolley or Miami-Dade County bus Services; and

WHEREAS, the Freebee service is a popular alternative transportation service that assists the City in achieving resilience and mobility goals, reduces carbon footprint, reduces congestion, and improves mobility options for the residents; and

WHEREAS, on November 16, 2022, the Mayor and City Commission approved a new five (5) year agreement with Freebee, wherein two (2) electric vehicles will continue to serve the Mid-Beach area; and

WHEREAS, at its December 8, 2022 meeting, the Mayor's 41st Street Blue Ribbon Committee unanimously passed a motion recommending for the City to support an increase and expansion of the Freebee fleet, from two (2) vehicles to eight (8) vehicles, to service the Mid-Beach area.

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 Mayor's 41st Street Blue Ribbon Committee, made at its December 8, 2022 meeting, and prioritize the expansion of the Freebee ride service in the City of Miami Beach as part of the FY 2024 annual budget process to potentially to expand the available vehicles from to up eight (8) vehicles to more efficiently serve the Mid-Beach area.

PASSED and ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2023.

ATTEST:

Dan Gelber, Mayor

Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

(sponsored by Commissioner Alex J. Fernandez)

**APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION**

City Attorney

1-24-23

Date