

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, DIRECTING THE ADMINISTRATION TO IDENTIFY APPROPRIATE FUNDING IN THE FY 2024 BUDGET FOR THE CITY MANAGER TO EITHER HIRE A SENIOR-LEVEL EMPLOYEE OR ENGAGE AN OUTSIDE CONSULTANT TO ASSIST WITH AND LEAD NEGOTIATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENTS AND PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS, IN ORDER TO ALLOW THE SENIOR MEMBERS OF THE CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE TO DEDICATE MORE OF THEIR TIME TO ADDRESSING THE MANY OTHER PRESSING ISSUES AND PRIORITIES OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION.**

**WHEREAS**, the City Manager's Office and City Attorney's Office routinely handle the negotiation and drafting of development agreements, ground leases and related documents in connection with major complex public-private partnerships and development agreements, and many other transactions, including transactions that do not ultimately materialize or do not obtain the requisite voter referendum approval; and

**WHEREAS**, currently, the Deputy City Manager and one (1) Assistant City Manager are responsible for the negotiation of all major development agreements, leases and proposed public-private partnerships, with support from the City Attorney's Office on legal issues and the drafting of the agreements and related City Commission agenda items; and

**WHEREAS**, these two (2) senior public administrators in the City Manager's Office invest an enormous amount of hours on negotiating specific deal terms in the best interest of the City, while also overseeing numerous departments and diligently working to address the many other priorities of the Mayor and City Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, notwithstanding the efforts of the City Manager's Office and City Attorney's Office to successfully complete every transaction the City Commission desires to consider, the City would be better served by identifying funding as part of the FY 2024 budget to allow the City Manager to either hire a senior-level employee or engage an outside consultant to assist with and lead negotiations for public-private partnerships projects and development agreements; and

**WHEREAS**, identifying a "Lead Negotiator" position to reside in the City Manager's Office, either as a senior-level administrator or outside consultant, would result in better utilization of scarce resources, and would allow the senior members of the City Manager's office to dedicate more of their time to addressing the many other pressing issues and priorities of the Mayor and City Commission.

**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 Administration to identify appropriate funding in the FY 2024 budget for the City Manager to either hire a senior-level employee or engage an outside consultant to assist with and lead negotiations for development agreements and public-private partnerships, in order to allow the senior members of the City Manager's office to dedicate more of their time to addressing the many other pressing issues and priorities of the Mayor and City Commission.

**PASSED** and **ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

**ATTEST:**

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Dan Gelber, Mayor

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Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

(Sponsored by Commissioner Steven Meiner)

APPROVED AS TO  
FORM & LANGUAGE  
& FOR EXECUTION

*Steven Meiner*      6/21/2023  
For City Attorney      Date