RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING, FOLLOWING A DULY NOTICED PUBLIC HEARING, THE TRAFFIC CALMING PROJECT RECOMMENDED BY THE ADMINISTRATION FOR THE CENTRAL BAYSHORE NEIGHBORHOOD, INCLUDING THE INSTALLATION OF ONE (1) TRAFFIC CIRCLE AT THE INTERSECTION OF PRAIRIE AVENUE AND 34TH STREET, FINDING THAT THE PROPOSED TRAFFIC CIRCLE WILL REDUCE THE SPEED OF THE MOTOR VEHICLES TRAVELING THROUGH THE NEIGHBORHOOD AND THEREFORE SERVE THE PUBLIC INTEREST OF PEDESTRIAN AND VEHICULAR SAFETY IN THE CITY'S RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOODS; AND FURTHER REQUESTING THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC WORKS ("DTPW") TO APPROVE THE AFOREMENTIONED TRAFFIC CALMING FEATURES.

WHEREAS, the main objectives of a traffic calming project include: 1) discouraging the use of local residential streets by heavy vehicles and cut-through traffic; 2) improving the quality of life in a neighborhood; 3) improving roadway safety and reducing accidents; 4) improving safety for pedestrians and bicyclists; 5) changing the attitude of drivers towards speed; and 6) reducing noise and disturbance in the neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, speeding and cut-through traffic in the Central Bayshore neighborhood has been a concern of the community for some time; and

WHEREAS, staff has been working with a traffic engineering consultant ("Consultant") to develop traffic calming improvements throughout the neighborhood to address community safety and traffic concerns; and

WHEREAS, the Consultant is proposing the installation of various traffic calming devices throughout the neighborhood, including sixteen (16) speed tables, two (2) raised crosswalks, four (4) traffic circles, and one (1) intersection improvement; and

WHEREAS, per DTPW's guidelines, in lieu of 100% approval from all property owners directly adjacent to the locations where the recommended traffic calming devices are proposed to be installed, the City may adopt a resolution after a public hearing requesting DTPW to consider the proposed traffic calming devices; and

WHEREAS, at the October 18, 2023 City Commission meeting, following a duly noticed public hearing, the City Commission adopted Resolution No. 2023-32762 approving the installation of four (4) traffic calming devices: two (2) speed tables, one (1) raised crosswalk, and (1) traffic circle; and

WHEREAS, Prairie Avenue was identified in the traffic study as a roadway in need of traffic calming due to the observed speeding, often exceeding the posted speed limit; and

WHEREAS, the roundabout or traffic circle is recognized by the Federal Highway Administration as an effective speed-reducing device; and

WHEREAS, City staff and the consultant team have determined that the proposed traffic circle at Prairie Avenue and 34th Street is the optimal device to provide the intended traffic

calming benefit of reduced speeds and lower cut-through volumes throughout the neighborhood, and, in particular, at this intersection adjacent to a proposed shared-use path.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, that the Mayor and City Commission hereby approve, following a duly noticed public hearing, the traffic calming project recommended by the Administration for the Central Bayshore neighborhood, including the installation of one (1) traffic circle at the intersection of Prairie Avenue and 34th Street, finding that the proposed traffic circle will reduce the speed of the motor vehicles traveling through the neighborhood and therefore serve the public interest of pedestrian and vehicular safety in the city's residential neighborhoods; and further request the Miami-Dade County Department of Transportation and Public Works ("DTPW") to approve the aforementioned traffic calming features.

PASSED and ADOPTED this 13th day December, 2023.

ATTEST:

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Steven Meiner, Mayor

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Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

(sponsored by Commissioner Alex Fernandez)

APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION

_____   12-8-23
City Attorney   Date