

CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-332

A RESOLUTION OF THE CORAL GABLES CITY COMMISSION SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING DATE OF NOVEMBER 14, 2017, TO MEET AND HEAR TESTIMONY FROM AFFECTED PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE B.I.D., AS TO THE PROPRIETY AND ADVISABILITY OF MAKING IMPROVEMENTS AND FUNDING THEM WITH SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS ON PROPERTY WITHIN THE BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (B.I.D.), IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROPOSED ASSESSMENT FOR SUCH SERVICES.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 170.06 of the Florida Statutes, a Preliminary Assessment Roll in accordance with the method of assessment which shows the lots to be assessed, and the amount of the benefit to and the assessment against each lot or parcel of land, and, if said assessment is to be paid in installments, the number of annual installments in which the assessment is divided, was prepared by the (B.I.D.); and

WHEREAS, on Friday, September 22, 2017, the preliminary assessment roll was received by the City's Finance Department, filed in the Office of the City Clerk and made available for public inspection.

WHEREAS, following the end of the petitioning period (i.e. which was from July 21, 2017 through August 31, 2017), a majority of the affected property owners 113 (62.43%), of the 181 (100%) affected property owners approved the continued existence of the B.I.D.; and

WHEREAS, at the City Commission meeting of October 10, 2017, the City Commission of Coral Gables passed and adopted Resolution No. 2017-305, thereby accepting the City Clerk's Certification and Declaration of Results, using a petition filing process to show that a majority of the Coral Gables Business Improvement District property owners approved (i.e. 113 property owners approved, no property owners voted against and 68 property owners failed to vote) the continued existence of the B.I.D.; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with section 170.08, Florida Statutes the governing body of the municipality shall meet and hear testimony from affected property owners of the B.I.D., as to the propriety and advisability of making improvements and funding them with special assessments on property; and

WHEREAS, on October 24, 2017, the City Commission will propose in resolution form, a scheduled public hearing date of November 14, 2017, to review the Preliminary Assessment Roll for the Business Improvement District of Coral Gables Special Assessments; thereby providing all of the affected B.I.D. property owners an opportunity to be heard by the City Commission, who pursuant to section 170.08, of the Florida Statutes will sit as the Equalization Board, and will hear all parties with regards to the proposed assessment, and afterwards making any adjustments that may deem appropriate;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES:

SECTION 1. The foregoing “Whereas” clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are therefore made a specific part of this Resolution upon adoption hereof.

SECTION 2. That the City Commission does hereby schedule a public hearing date of November 14, 2017 for the purpose of hearing testimony from property owners within the B.I.D. in connection with rates regarding the proposed assessment for such services.

SECTION 3. That the City Commission will sit as the Equalization Board and hear all parties with regard to the proposed assessment, and afterwards make any adjustments that it may deem necessary.

SECTION 4. That at such time, those affected property owners within the B.I.D. will have an opportunity to express their concerns regarding the rates established for proposed improvements within the B.I.D.

SECTION 5. That this resolution shall become effective upon the date of its passage and adoption herein.


PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS TWENTY-FOURTH DAY OF OCTOBER, A.D., 2017.

(Moved: Keon / Seconded: Quesada)

(Voice Vote)

(Agenda Item: K-1)

ATTEST:


WALTER J. FOEMAN
CITY CLERK

APPROVED:


RAUL VALDES-FAULI
MAYOR

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:


CRAIG E. LEHEN
CITY ATTORNEY