



**City of Coral Gables**  
**CITY COMMISSION MEETING**  
 October 14, 2014

**ITEM TITLE:**

A Resolution approving the concept for a collaborative Virtual History Project entitled, "Coral Gables: a Virtual Historic City – Phase II, in a geospatially enabling learning and discovery web environment"; further allocate an amount of \$51,000 per year for year one (FY 2014-2015) and an amount of \$51,000 for year two (FY 2015-2016) respectively, and an amount of \$52,000 to be allocated in year three (FY 2016-2017), the final year of funding for said project; from Account Code No. 001-0601-511-9002 (i.e. Special Revenue Fund entitled, "Office of the City Clerk/Document Filing Fee"), subject to budget and appropriation.

**RECOMMENDATION OF THE CITY ATTORNEY/CITY CLERK:**

The City Clerk recommends approval of the above noted Resolution.

**BRIEF HISTORY:**

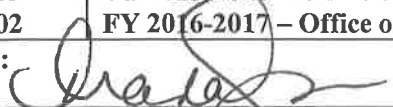
In April of 2005 the City of Coral Gables entered into an agreement with Florida International University (F.I.U.) and the Florida Center for Library Automation (herein- after referred to as FCLA), for the purpose of deployment of certain materials related to the City of Coral Gables as a digital library collection, entitled "Coral Gables Memory:" A Digital Collection from the City Beautiful, under the aegis of "Publication of Archival, Library and Museum Materials," (hereinafter referred to as PALMM); and

To this end in furtherance of the Coral Gables Memory, the City of Coral Gables has jointly worked with the FIU Green Library in producing the following three digital projects: digitization of approximately 2,700 historical photographs covering the decade of the 1940s, a "Talking Book" project (i.e. including audio narration), resulting in the digitization of 17 Coral Gables Legislative Minute Books (approximately 4,700 pages) covering the time period between 1925 through 1942, which focuses on the early history of Coral Gables and is now serving as an interactive learning tool for students, the general public, and researchers alike that depicts those people, places, and events that shaped our City in its early years; and finally the establishment of a "Virtual Historic City" project (Phase I), in a geo-spatially enabling web environment by the Florida International University Library's GIS Center and Digital Collection Center, along with FIU's Department of Landscape Architecture, which resulted in the completion of the following tasks:

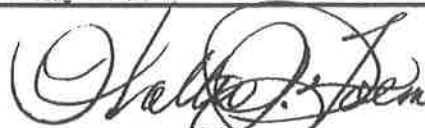
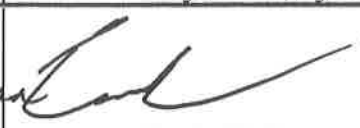

- 1) Construction of a geo-spatial database and web publishing of a Virtual Historic Space;
- 2) Creation of a Virtual Walking Tour of the City of Coral Gables; and
- 3) Establishment of a 3D simulation of significant historical buildings and landscape;

The Coral Gables Virtual Historic City Project - Phase II, will include incorporation of a Bicycle Route Planner along the Cultural/Eco Tour of Coral Gables; the creation of a crowd-sourcing tool set to invite students and citizen participation in creation of historical content; creation of an animated 3D display of how the City grew over time and finally, the creation of a data base of historical property and land records for public to contribute scanned documents, floor plans, etc. relating to private or public properties;

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION: (If Applicable)**

No.	Amount	Account No.	Source of Funds
1.	\$51,000.00	001-0601-511-9002	FY 2014-2015 – Office of the City Clerk/ Document Filing Fee
	\$51,000.00	001-0601-511-9002	FY 2015-2016 – Office of the City Clerk/ Document Filing Fee
	\$52,000.00	001-0601-511-9002	FY 2016-2017 – Office of the City Clerk/ Document Filing Fee
Total:	\$154,000.00	APPROVED BY: 	

**APPROVED BY:**

City Clerk	City Attorney	Interim City Manager
 Walter J. Freeman	 Craig E. Leen	 Carmen Olazabal

**ATTACHMENT(S):****1. Draft Resolution**