

CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-162

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO COMMENCE NEGOTIATIONS WITH LIBERTY EVENTS, LLC, FOR THE LONG-TERM LEASING OF THE COUNTRY CLUB OF CORAL GABLES (997 NORTH GREENWAY DRIVE) SUBJECT TO CERTAIN TERMS AND CONDITIONS AND RESULTING IN A DRAFT LEASE AGREEMENT FOR CITY COMMISION CONSIDERATION.

WHEREAS, in June 2001, the City of Coral Gables entered into a Management Agreement with The Country Club of Coral Gables, Inc., a Florida Not for Profit corporation, for the management of the Country Club. This entity subsequently entered into an operating agreement with Granada, LLC. The City now finds itself in search of a new operator to lease the facility; and

WHEREAS, in May of 2008, the City Commission authorized the drafting of a competitive Request For Qualifications and Proposals for the long-term management, operations and lease of The Country Club of Coral Gables; and

WHEREAS, in June, 2008, per Resolution 2008-84, the City of Coral Gables extended invitations to qualified managers and operators with demonstrated experience in operating facilities like those found at 997 North Greenway Drive which include banquet facilities, restaurant and club dining, meeting space, and recreational offerings (spa, fitness center, pool, etc.) to lease the facility; and

WHEREAS, on July 31, 2008, two proposals were received with one being judged insufficient and disqualified. Liberty Events, LLC, was forwarded to the Country Club of Coral Gables RFP Evaluation Committee for their consideration and recommendation based on established criteria stated in the City RFP; and

WHEREAS, on September 17, 2008, the Evaluation Committee, comprised of five City Board members and City consultants, unanimously passed the following motion:

That the City negotiate with Liberty Groups for the long term leasing of the Coral Gables Country Club;
that the City Commission note concerns expressed by the consultants in their summary reports;
that Liberty Group endeavor to accommodate local civic and service organizations by providing reasonable pricing for breakfasts and lunches so these organizations may avail themselves of the facilities;
that Liberty Group's proposal further delineate the separate responsibilities of Liberty Group and Aries;

that the City establish regular and appropriate oversight of the operation;
that the City move forward expeditiously, both in approval and regulatory processes, to facilitate opening of the club in a timely manner.

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

SECTION 1. That the foregoing "Whereas" clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution upon adoption.

SECTION 2. That the City Commission accepts the findings of the Evaluation Committee and authorizes the City Manager to commence negotiations with Liberty Events, LLC, for the long-term leasing of the Country Club of Coral Gables (997 North Greenway Drive) subject to certain terms and conditions and resulting in a draft lease agreement for City Commission consideration.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS FOURTEENTH DAY OF OCTOBER, A.D., 2008.

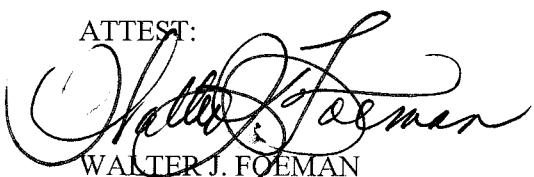
(Moved: Cabrera / Seconded: Anderson)
(Yea: Withers, Anderson, Cabrera, Kerdyk, Slesnick)
(Unanimous: 5-0 Vote)
(Agenda Item: H-1)

APPROVED:



DONALD D. SLESNICK II
MAYOR

ATTEST:



WALTER J. FOEMAN
CITY ATTORNEY

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:



ELIZABETH M. HERNANDEZ
CITY CLERK