

CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-122

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD TREE SUCCESSION AND INITIATION PROGRAM; AND AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014 ANNUAL BUDGET TO RECOGNIZE AS REVENUE A \$3,601,081 TRANSFER FROM THE GENERAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND RESERVE AND TO APPROPRIATE SUCH FUNDS TO COVER THE COST OF THE PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, on May 8, 2012, the City Commission passed Resolution No. 2012-95 authorizing staff to proceed with a tree succession and initiation plan design for residential neighborhoods throughout the City; and

WHEREAS, Curtis and Rodgers Design Studio was selected to develop the program that would replace thousands of stressed and dying trees and to add new ones to our City's beautiful tree canopy, which is one of our City's greatest assets; and

WHEREAS, by doing so, it will serve to ensure the longevity of the urban forest in the residential areas of Coral Gables, promote species diversity within the City, evaluate species based on their appropriateness for the area and their past performance, identify new species for potential inclusion as street trees, and preserve the historically established tree themes; and

WHEREAS, a comprehensive Public Involvement process was implemented where the City was divided into 5 zones and meetings were held with each individual zone to obtain input from the residents. Meetings were held on September 25, 2013, and October 2, 2013, at Fairchild Tropical Gardens, October 9, 2013, at the Coral Gables Youth Center, and October 15th and 16th, 2013, at the Coral Gables Library; and

WHEREAS, after public input Curtiss and Rodgers finalized a plan that proposes removal of trees in hazardous condition and replacement with healthy trees: 1- residents on the coconut palm themed streets that had greater than 30% of the palms missing or unhealthy were surveyed and allowed to vote to decide whether to change the theme of their street from coconut palms to canopy trees; 2 Coconut palms in poor condition needing replacement with a palm will instead be replaced with a Green Malayan Coconut, which is a greener variety with a larger canopy; 3- Streets that had no street trees, will now receive trees in accordance with a newly established planting guide; and

WHEREAS, over 3,000 trees and palms will be planted in residential areas under this program; and

WHEREAS, an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Annual Budget is required to recognize a \$3,601,081 transfer from the General Capital Improvement Fund Reserve as revenue and to appropriate such funds to cover the cost of the Program;

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 hereby made a specific part of this Resolution upon adoption hereof.

SECTION 2. That the City Commission does hereby authorize and fund the proposed Tree Succession and Initiation Program.

SECTION 3. That the City Commission does hereby authorize an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Annual Budget to recognize a \$3,601,081 transfer from the General Capital Improvement Fund Reserve as revenue and to appropriate such funds to cover the cost of the Program.

SECTION 4. That this resolution shall become effective upon the date of its passage and adoption herein.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS TENTH DAY OF JUNE, A.D., 2014.

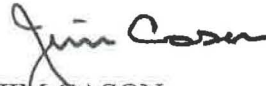
(Moved: Kerdyk / Seconded: Quesada)

(Yeas: Kerdyk, Lago, Quesada, Keon, Cason)

(Unanimous: 5-0 Vote)

(Agenda Item: H-4)

APPROVED:



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MAYOR

ATTEST:



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CITY CLERK

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CITY ATTORNEY