



City of Coral Gables
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
February 25, 2025

ITEM TITLE:

Resolution. A Resolution approving the City Manager to enter into an agreement with PLUSURBIA Design for the North Ponce Neighborhood Historic Resources Survey pursuant to section 2-691, Special Procurement/Bid Waiver of the Procurement Code in an amount estimated amount of \$98,000.00.

BRIEF HISTORY:

The City of Coral Gables was originally conceived as a suburb of Miami and attracted investors from across the nation during the South Florida real estate boom of the 1920s. Founder George Merrick drew from the Garden City and City Beautiful movements of the 19th and early 20th centuries to create his vision for a fully-conceived and cohesively-designed Mediterranean-inspired city. Coral Gables Douglas Section subdivision was platted in October of 1926. Its purchase was recognized as “a master stroke in the advancement and development” of Coral Gables (The Evening Independent January 1924). From its first planning and advertising, the Douglas Section was intended to be a “distinctive” section of Coral Gables due to its “high-grade” apartment houses (The Evening Independent January 1924). By 1938, development was scattered throughout Coral Gables Douglas Section and the greater apartment district roughly bounded by SW 8th Street, Douglas Road, Alhambra Plaza, LeJeune Road, Madeira Avenue, and Salzedo Street, now referred to as the North Ponce section of Coral Gables. Development once again boomed in the North Ponce section of Coral Gables following the conclusion of World War II. Its historic integrity significantly contributes to the historic fabric of the City of Coral Gables.

Historic Preservation preserves those structures and spaces that tell the story of the community’s historic past. They are valuable, non-renewable resources that embody our collective heritage. Coral Gables is a Certified Local Government (CLG) and as such must maintain a Register of Historic Places and abide by associated preservation standards set by National Park Service and State Historic Preservation Office.

The historic resources survey provided by PLUSURBIA Design, will identify and gather data of the historic resources built before 1975 within the provided boundaries of the North Ponce section, (north of Navarre Avenue, south of SW 8th Street, east of LeJeune Road, and west of Douglas Road). The assessment will comply with the standards embodied in the Florida Department of State, Chapter 1A-46 of the *Archaeological and Historical Report Standards and Guidelines* of the Florida Administrative Code. The survey results can lead to the designation of historic landmarks and districts to promote the educational, cultural, and economic welfare of the public by preserving and protecting historic structures or sites, portions of structures, groups of structures, manmade or natural landscape elements, works of art, or integrated combinations thereof, which serve as visible reminders of the history and cultural heritage of the City.

Under Section 2-691 of the Procurement Code, entitled "Special Procurement/Bid Waiver," a special procurement may be initiated when an unusual or unique situation exists that makes the application of all requirements of competitive sealed bidding or competitive sealed proposal contrary to the public interest.

ATTACHMENT(S):

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

No.	Amount	Account No.	Source of Funds
1.	\$ 98,000.00	001-1320-573-3118	
Total:	\$ 98,000.00		

Fiscal Impact:

BUSINESS IMPACT: