

## **CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA**

### **RESOLUTION NO. 2009-07**

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPROVE AND APPROPRIATE AN EXPENDITURE OF UP TO FORTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$40,000.00), TO INFORM AND EDUCATE THE VOTERS OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES ON THE CHARTER AMENDMENT ISSUES TO APPEAR ON THE UPCOMING SPECIAL MUNICIPAL REFERENDUM ELECTION ON APRIL 14, 2009; INCLUDING IN SAID AMOUNT IS AN ALLOCATION AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT ISSUE IN CONNECTION WITH TERM LIMITS WHICH PASSED ON FIRST READING AND IS SCHEDULED FOR SECOND READING ON JANUARY 27, 2009 (SUBJECT TO PASSAGE OF SAME) ; SAID AMOUNT TO BE APPROPRIATED AND EXPENDED IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE A MORE INFORMED ELECTORATE VOTE.

**WHEREAS**, the voters of the City of Coral Gables will be presented with questions amending the City Charter and Related Special Acts on the Special Municipal Referendum Election of April 14, 2009; and

**WHEREAS**, the subject matter of said questions relates to Charter Section 22, which calls for a special Trial Board to investigate and render a decision as to the propriety of the City Manager's removal, suspension, lay-off or reduction in grade of any officer or employee; City Charter, Section 8, which provides for the Mayor to be elected to serve a two (2) year term; and City Code Section 54 which provides for increasing the threshold amount for formal public bid and award from twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00) to one hundred thousand dollars \$100,000.00) on public works projects?"; and

**WHEREAS**, the subject matter of said proposed Charter Amendment issue in connection with term limits (which was passed as an Ordinance on First Reading on January 13, 2009 during our City Commission Meeting, which provides for term limits for a total of eight (8) years for the Mayor; which provides for term limits for a total of twelve (12) years for a City Commissioner, with the incumbent Mayor in Group One (1) and the incumbent Commissioners in Group Four (IV) and Group Five (V) allowed to run for an additional term; which provides that the time served in fulfilling the unexpired term resulting from a vacancy of the City Commission shall not be counted in applying these term limits), was included in the appropriation and proposed expenditure of the aforementioned forty thousand dollars (\$40,000.00) allocation to inform and educate the voters; further stating that said questions have been unanimously passed and adopted by the Commission of the City of Coral Gables on this same date; and

**WHEREAS**, the Coral Gables City Commission believes that informing and educating the electorate on the ballot question will best serve a vital public interest, thus serving a public purpose; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission finds that it is in the best interest of the City to place the aforementioned Charter Amendment Ballot issues on the ballot; and

**WHEREAS**, in an effort to explain these Charter Amendment issues and to inform and educate the voters on this question through video presentation on the City's cable channel, a voter's guide, and other means, the Administration is requesting approval to spend up to forty thousand dollars (\$40,000.00) for expenses that will include video production, printing, graphics, translation services, layout, mailing, advertising and other miscellaneous costs; and

**WHEREAS**, this expenditure will further serve the public purpose given the City's reasonable expectation that these efforts at explaining the Charter Amendment Ballot issues and informing and educating the voters will result in a more informed electorate vote, thus benefiting the public good;

**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 herein states the public purpose of explaining and educating our electorate on what will appear on the ballot of the Special Municipal Referendum Election of April 14, 2009, is intended to benefit the public good.

**SECTION 3.** That the City Manager is hereby authorized to approve and appropriate an expenditure of up to forty thousand dollars (\$40,000.00) in connection with same.

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


PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS THIRTEENTH DAY OF JANUARY, A.D., 2009.

(Moved: Anderson / Seconded: Slesnick)


(Yeas: Anderson, Cabrera, Kerdyk, Withers, Slesnick)

(Unanimous: 5-0 Vote)

(Agenda Item: NA H-4.1)

ATTEST:  
  
WALTER J. FOEMAN  
CITY CLERK

APPROVED:

  
DONALD D. SLESNICK II  
MAYOR

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND  
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

  
ELIZABETH M. HERNANDEZ  
CITY ATTORNEY