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

## **RESOLUTION NO. 2025-36**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION INSTRUCTING 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 ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$98,000.00.

**WHEREAS,** 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; and

WHEREAS, Coral Gables Douglas Section subdivision was platted in October of 1926; and

**WHEREAS,** 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; and

**WHEREAS**, 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; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission directed that the North Ponce section should be further studied for historic significance through a historic resources survey to provide staff with an historical overview and inventory of all cultural resources within the designated boundaries; and

WHEREAS, Coral Gables is a Certified Local Government (CLG) and as such must maintain a Register of Historic Places and abide by associated preservation standards and the City must abide by the federal regulations as put forth in The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties: with Guidelines for Preserving, Rehabilitating, Restoring, & Reconstructing Buildings; and

WHEREAS, the historic resources survey proposal received by PLUSURBIA Design meets the standards of the Florida Department of State, Chapter 1A-46 of the *Archaeological and Historical Report Standards and Guidelines* of the Florida Administrative Code; and

**WHEREAS,** the survey 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 8<sup>th</sup> Street, east of LeJeune Road, and west of Douglas Road); and

WHEREAS, 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; and

**WHEREAS**, 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;

## 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 correct and are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution upon the adoption hereof.

**SECTION 2.** The City Commission does hereby approve 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 estimated amount of \$98,000.00 not to exceed the available budget.

**SECTION 3.** That this Resolution shall become effective upon the date of its passage and adoption herein.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS TWENTY-FIFTH DAY OF FEBRUARY, A.D., 2025.

(Moved: Anderson / Seconded: Castro) (Yeas: Castro, Fernandez, Menendez, Anderson, Lago) (Unanimous: 5-0 Vote) (Agenda Item: D-4)

**APPROVED:** 

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