



**City of Coral Gables**  
**CITY COMMISSION MEETING**  
December 7, 2021

**ITEM TITLE:**

**Resolution.** A Resolution of the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida, authorizing the City Manager to continue to engage Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. for work on the citywide conversion of overhead utilities to underground pursuant to Section 2-607(24) of the City Code.

**BRIEF HISTORY:**

On May 28, 2019, after a presentation, the City Commission adopted Resolution No. 2019-132 directing the City Manager and City Attorney to request “ballpark” estimates to underground all power and utility lines throughout the entire City from Florida Power & Light (FPL) and other applicable utilities and present said estimates to the City Commission after September 1, 2019.

On April 25, 2019, Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. (“Stantec”) was retained by the City Attorney’s Office in accordance with Sec. 2-607(6) and (24) of the City Code in order to provide consulting services in preparation for the presentation made to the City Commission on the Citywide Conversion of Overhead Utilities to Underground Project (“Project”).

On November 12, 2019, the “ballpark” estimates were provided to the City Commission as part of a presentation and City Commission adopted Resolution No. 2019-346 directing the City Manager and City Attorney to proceed with: (1) preparing potential strategies for methodologies to use to assess or charge a fee to property owners; (2) preparing detailed vignettes, scenarios, and renderings, as well as communications to be utilized for stakeholder engagement; (3) engaging community stakeholders which may include community meetings, charettes, written or oral surveys/pools, and other feedback; and (4) considering with greater specificity the scoping and phasing of the projects.

Significant and additional work was required of Stantec to complete the tasks outlined in Resolution No. 2019-346, and given the strict and fast-moving timeline for accomplishing the next steps in the process, the City Attorney’s Office, under Sections 2-607(6) and (24) of the City Code authorized continued work by Stantec on the Project. Thereafter on January 14, 2020, the City Commission adopted Resolution 2020-07, authorizing Stantec to continue work on the Project for an amount not to exceed \$60,000.00.

At present, significant progress has been made on the Project but there is more work to be done, particularly in regards to understanding how FPL’s Storm Secure Underground Pilot Program can support more reliant and resilient utility services for Coral Gables residents. The City Commission therefore authorizes the City Manager to continue to engage Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. pursuant to Section 2-607(24) of the City Code for an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00.

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**ATTACHMENT(S):**

- 1. Draft Resolution**
- 2. Draft Professional Services Agreement with Stantec Consulting, Inc.**