

CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-52

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH FAIRCHILD TROPICAL BOTANIC GARDEN, INC. TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MILLION ORCHID PROJECT, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014 ANNUAL BUDGET FUNDS TO SUPPORT THIS PROJECT.

WHEREAS, over time, South Florida has lost the blanket of native orchids that once populated the hardwood hammock area; and

WHEREAS, Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, following a successful model set by the Singapore Botanic Garden, is propagating and restoring a million native orchids plants to the South Florida urban landscape, but the Fairchild project is unique in its scale, and in its exclusive focus on public landscapes as well as the involvement of the local community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Coral Gables has the opportunity to partner with this important endeavor by providing \$30,000 a year for five years, plus use of a bucket truck and driver to Fairchild in exchange for the installation of 50,000 native orchids a year in City street trees for a total of 250,000 orchids; and

WHEREAS, the Parknership, through the Coral Gables Foundation, has agreed to provide \$5,000 a year for the five years toward the City's contribution for this project; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission desires to support this event;

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. That the City Commission does hereby authorize the City Manager to execute the Professional Services Agreement with such modifications to the form attached hereto as Exhibit "A" as may be approved by the City Manager and City Attorney that are necessary to implement the intent of this resolution.

SECTION 3. That the City Commission does authorize in the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Annual Budget \$30,000 to fund the Million Orchid Project.

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS ELEVENTH DAY OF MARCH, A.D., 2014.

(Moved: Quesada / Seconded: Kerdyk)

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

(Unanimous: 5-0 Vote)

(Agenda Item: H-2)

APPROVED:


JIM CASON
MAYOR

ATTEST.


WALTER J. FOEMAN
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY


CRAIG E. LEEN
CITY ATTORNEY