

CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-38

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION WAIVING THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE PROCUREMENT CODE PURSUANT TO SECTION 2-501(D) OF THE CITY CODE IN ORDER TO ALLOW THE CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE WITH VEHICLE LEASING COMPANIES TO ESTABLISH A PILOT PROGRAM FOR ELECTRIC POLICE VEHICLES.

WHEREAS, the City of Coral Gables is an industry leader in all aspects of sustainability and the City Commission is always looking for opportunities to further showcase our green initiatives; and

WHEREAS, other Cities throughout the United States have purchased electric vehicles to be used as police patrol vehicles and the City desires to establish a pilot program to study the feasibility of electric police patrol vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the Police Department has been in communication with vehicle leasing companies, as well as the City's Fleet Manager and Automotive Director, and currently do not expect for major vehicle manufacturers to have a police rated package until 2025; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission desires to waive the competitive process of the procurement code and start a pilot program with a Tesla vehicle, as it is currently available and is American made; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission and Police Department understand that as part of the pilot program the vehicle cannot be a take home car due to logistical issues and will be focused on patrolling the downtown area of the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds that it is in the best interests of the City to waive the requirements of the Procurement Code, pursuant to Section 2-501(d) of the City Code, and hereby authorizes the City Manager to negotiate the purchase or lease of a Tesla vehicle for police use;

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, pursuant to Section 2-501(d) of the City Code, hereby waives the requirements of the Procurement Code in order to allow the City Manager to negotiate the purchase or lease of a Tesla vehicle for police use.

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS FOURTEENTH DAY OF FEBRUARY, A.D., 2023.


(Moved: Menendez / Seconded: Cason)

(Yeas: Mena, Menendez, Anderson, Cason, Lago)

(Unanimous: 5-0 Vote)

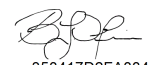
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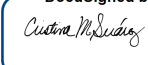
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