

CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-355

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION GRANTING EASEMENTS TO FLORIDA POWER AND LIGHT ON CITY OWNED PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4920 WASHINGTON DRIVE, 202 JEFFERSON DRIVE AND 200 GRAND AVENUE, AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPROVE FUTURE EASEMENT REQUESTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE STORM SECURE UNDERGROUND PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, on August 24, 2022, the City Commission adopted Resolution No. 2022-197, accepting FPL’s plan to place overhead utilities underground via the Storm Secure Underground Pilot Program (SSUPP); and

WHEREAS, FPL’s plans under its SSUPP, now called the Storm Secure Underground Program (SSUP), eliminated the need for the City to lead an undergrounding project, for a voter referendum, for general bond issuance, and for the imposition of the cost of undergrounding on City residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, on December 13, 2022, the City Commission adopted Ordinance 2022-69, amending the City Code - Chapter 78 “Utilities” requiring attaching entities to underground and remove collocated facilities, requiring pole-owners to remove redundant utility poles, providing for procedures related to major hardening projects, and requiring property owners to cooperate and comply with access to utility easements, access to property, and location of facilities; and

WHEREAS, in connection with SSUP, FPL has begun the process of designing and converting certain overhead electric distribution facilities located within the City of Coral Gables’ boundaries to underground facilities, including transformers, switch cabinets and other appurtenant facilities some of which may be installed above ground (collectively, the “Underground Facilities”); and

WHEREAS, as a part of the conversions being undertaken by FPL, FPL seeks to install and place the Underground Facilities within and on certain streets and rights-of-way and in limited instances on City-owned properties within the incorporated limits of the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission adopted Resolution No. 2023-126 approving a form agreement with FPL to facilitate the installation of Underground Facilities within and on the City’s right-of-way and authorized the City Manager to agree to specific locations and approve and execute such agreements with corresponding exhibits on an ongoing basis for specific location requests mutually agreed to by FPL and the City; and

WHEREAS, it is a priority of the City to continue to work with FPL to decide on mutually agreeable locations for the installation of Underground Facilities, which may from time to time require the granting of easements on City property; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to facilitate the implementation of the SSUP, this resolution approves the granting of easements at 4390 Washington Drive, 202 Jefferson Drive and 200 Grand Avenue, and authorizes the City Manager to approve future easement requests in connection with the SSUP;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA:


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 Commission hereby approves the granting of utility easements at 4390 Washington Drive, 202 Jefferson Drive and 200 Grand Avenue, and authorizes the City Manager to approve future easement requests in connection with FPL’s Storm Secure Underground Program.

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


PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS TWELFTH DAY OF DECEMBER, A.D., 2023.
(Moved: Anderson / Seconded: Fernandez)
(Unanimous Voice Vote)
(Agenda Item: D-10)

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