



City of Coral Gables
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
March 10, 2026

ITEM TITLE:

A Resolution requesting a proposal for artwork at the Mobility Hub from artist Hernan Bas with an all-inclusive budget of \$1,000,000.00; further approving funding of \$5,000.00 from the Art Fund toward the proposal; and authorizing an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2026 Operating Budget to recognize the transfer of funds from the Art in Public Places Reserve and to appropriate such funds toward the cost of the project.

DEPARTMENT HEAD RECOMMENDATION:

Approval

BRIEF HISTORY:

The City Commission has consistently expressed interest in building the City's permanent public art collection with artworks by prominent, world-renowned artists.

On January 11, 2022, the Commission passed Resolution 2022-11, approving the Arts Advisory Panel and Cultural Development Board's recommendations to include artwork into the Mobility Hub site.

Hernan Bas is an internationally recognized artist who has been discussed as an Artist of interest for this opportunity.

Mr. Bas is a Miami artist, also working in Detroit, known for creating detailed, inventive scenes that figuratively balance imaginary worlds and are open to expansive interpretation. His work is in prominent collections including the Museum of Modern Art, the Whitney Museum of American Art, the Hirschhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden, the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, and the Rubell Museum, among many others. He is highly sought after and has been shown throughout the world most recently in South Korea, France, Switzerland, London, and here in Miami.

The Proposal, once submitted, will follow the city's standard Art in Public Places approval process, with presentations to the Arts Advisory Panel and Cultural Development Board for recommendations to the City Commission.

Final City Commission approval of the proposal concept and budget is required to proceed with a negotiation through a separate agreement with the Artist for the design, fabrication, delivery and installation of the artwork.

Funding for the project overall is incorporated in the Mobility Hub budget in accordance with the Coral Gables' and Miami-Dade County's percent for art Code.

BOARD/COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION(S):

Date.	Board/Committee	Comments
N/A		

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

No.	Amount	Account No.	Source of Funds
1.	\$5,000.00	001-1330-573-4802	Art in Public Places, Art Fund
Total:	\$5,000.00		

Fiscal Impact:

One-time expense for artwork proposal.
Funded through the Art in Public Places Art Fund.

BUSINESS IMPACT:

Addition to the city's public art collection.
Promotion of the city through its public art program.
Significant public art acquisition by a major American artist will draw visitors and residents to downtown Coral Gables.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Draft Resolution