CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-336

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF AN ARCADIAN LIGHT FIXTURE FOR THE FRONT OF THE LIBERTY CAFFÉ AT THE CORAL GABLES COUNTRY CLUB AS PART OF THE WHITE WAY LIGHT RESTORATION PROJECT.

WHEREAS, in 1926, 500 ornamental bases were commissioned for the "White Way" streetlights in Coral Gables, which were designed by Phineas Paist and Denman Fink; and

WHEREAS, in 1981, the ornamental "White Way" streetlights were designated a Local Historic Landmark by the City of Coral Gables and the City is currently undergoing the White Way Light Restoration Project in order to restore these historic light posts throughout the City; and

WHEREAS, one specific style of these White Way lights was called "Arcadian", and two of these Arcadian fixtures stood in front of the Liberty Caffé at the Coral Gables Country Club in the 1920s, as commissioned by George Merrick; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Greg Doppring found five (5) original Arcadians which had made their way up to Pennsylvania and has personally restored two of them to their original glory; and

WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Association of Coral Gables has purchased one of the two and will be donating it to the City of Coral Gables; and

WHEREAS, the preservation of these historic lights is of the utmost importance to the City Commission and therefore the Commission wishes to purchase the other restored Arcadian light and have both light fixtures incorporated into the White Way Light Restoration Project; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission believes that the installation of these Arcadian light fixtures would be fitting to celebrate the original glory of the City and provide lighting to the corner of the Liberty Caffé;

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

SECTION 1. That the foregoing "Whereas" clauses are here 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 purchase the original restored Arcadian light fixture for \$2,100.00.

SECTION 3. That the City Commission further authorizes the installation of the purchased Arcadian light fixture, along with the identical donated fixture from the Historic Preservation Association of Coral Gables, in front of the Liberty Caffé at the Coral Gables Country Club.

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS TWELFTH DAY OF NOVEMBER, A.D., 2019.

(Moved: Lago / Seconded: Mena)

(Yeas: Lago, Mena, Fors, Jr., Keon, Valdes-Fauli)

(Unanimous: 5-0 Vote) (Agenda Item: G-3)

ATTEST:

BILLY Y. URQUIA CITY CLERK

APPROVED

RAUL VALDES-FAULI MAYOR

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

MIRIAM SOLER RAMOS CITY ATTORNEY