

CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-XX

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION TO WAIVE THE COMPETITIVE PROCESS AND AUTHORIZE THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO ROBERT RIONDA INTERIORS AS A “SPECIAL PROCUREMENT/BID WAIVER,” PURSUANT TO SECTION 2-691 OF THE PROCUREMENT CODE IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$115,000.

WHEREAS, Fink Studio was completed in 1925; and

WHEREAS, the Zoning Code cites Fink Studio as a model of Mediterranean architecture when developers design to achieve the “Med Bonus;” and

WHEREAS, in March of 2022, the Economic Development Department, moved into Fink Studio - going from a 1,649 SF office to a 4,490 SF space and bringing all the Department’s furniture, consisting mostly of contemporary desks, a conference table and file cabinets; and

WHEREAS, the restored front historic area of Fink Studio remains unfurnished and mostly unoccupied; as a result, the facility has been underutilized, and staff does not have the expertise to furnish these public spaces; and

WHEREAS, during the year-long process, eleven (11) interior designers with experience designing historic spaces were engaged and interviewed through an informal process by the Historic and Cultural Arts, Public Works and Economic Development Departments; and

WHEREAS, an interior designer is needed to design, procure and install furniture and furnishings that complement the significant unique and historic design elements in the building; and

WHEREAS, after reviewing proposals with staff, Robert Rionda Interiors was selected. The contractor is interested in working with the city, experienced and qualified for the task, and has agreed to the terms of the contract, timeline, and budget; and

WHEREAS, under Section 2-691 of the Procurement Code, entitled “Special Procurement/Bid Waiver,” a special procurement may be initiated when an unusual or unique situation exists that makes the application of all requirements of competitive sealed bidding or competitive sealed proposal contrary to the public interest;

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

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.
2. That the City Commission accepts the recommendation and authorizes the City Manager to waive the competitive bid process and authorize the award of a contract to Robert Rionda Interiors as a “Special Procurement/Bid Waiver,” pursuant to Section 2-691 of the Procurement Code in an amount not to exceed \$115,000.
3. That this resolution shall become effective upon the date of its adoption herein.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS TWENTYEIGHTH DAY OF JANUARY 2025.

Moved: / Seconded:

Yeas:

Unanimous:

Agenda Item:

APPROVED:

VINCE LAGO
MAYOR

ATTEST:

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