



City of Coral Gables
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
March 23, 2021

ITEM TITLE:

Resolution. A Resolution accepting the recommendation to waive the competitive bid process of the Procurement Code and contract with Allen Architectural Metals, Inc. for the restoration and replication of the historic White Way Light poles pursuant to Section 2-691 of the Coral Gables Procurement Code.

DEPARTMENT HEAD RECOMMENDATION:

Approval.

BRIEF HISTORY:

The Historic White Way Lights were designed in the 1920s by Phineas Paist, Coral Gables Supervising Architect, and Denman Fink, the Artistic Director for the City. Constructed of cast iron, the poles have highly decorative bases with faces representing Industry, Labor, Art and Architecture, and Horticulture. Alternating between the heads are the Spanish castle and the rampant lion, both important motifs used frequently in Coral Gables designs. Encircling the top of the bases are the words “Coral Gables – Miami Riviera.” The poles were originally placed throughout the City on major thoroughfares. The remaining extant poles are located on Riviera Drive between Anastasia Avenue and University Drive and on University Drive between Bird Road and Ponce de Leon Boulevard. The poles were designated as Local Historic Landmarks in 1981.

Because the pole locations are owned by FPL, as the poles have failed, they were replaced with their standard, inappropriate poles. The City is in the process of acquiring the pole locations, which will allow for the restoration of the remaining poles and also for the replication of the historic poles to return to their original locations. This process will be done in phases with the initial phase consisting of nine replicated poles and 13 restored poles located along University Drive between Ponce de Leon Boulevard and Riviera Drive. The infrastructure to rewire and ground the pole locations has already been completed for the initial phase.

Evergreene Architectural Arts, a conservation firm, performed an assessment of the extant Historic Whiteway Lights in February 2020, which documented the existing poles and provided a roadmap for future restoration and infill. As not many vendors have the capability or expertise to execute the project, the City contacted three firms who were identified as having specialized experience in both the restoration and the reproduction of historic, cast iron light poles. Allen Architectural Metals, Inc. provided the lowest proposal.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

No.	Amount	Account No.	Source of Funds
1	\$133,340		c-whiteway.3-constr.cons-gci
Total:	\$133,340		

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Draft Resolution
2. Allen Architectural Metals, Inc. Quotation
3. Robinson Iron Quotation
4. Spring City Electric Quotation