

CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-172

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, CANCELLING THE CURRENT PETITION PROCESS FOR DETERMINING WHETHER A MAJORITY OF THE AFFECTED PROPERTY OWNERS APPROVE CONTINUED EXISTENCE OF THE BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (“BID”) AND DIRECTING CITY STAFF TO DEVELOP ALTERNATIVE METHODS OF DETERMINING SUPPORT FOR THE CONTINUED EXISTENCE OF THE BID WHILE ADDRESSING CONCERNS RAISED BY RESIDENTS AND THE CITY COMMISSION.

WHEREAS, Chapter 170 of the Florida Statutes provides that a municipality in Miami-Dade County may levy and collect special assessments against property benefited for the purpose of stabilizing and improving retail business districts through promotion, management, marketing, and other similar services in such districts of the municipality; and

WHEREAS, the BID has been in place since its creation on April 15, 1997, by Resolution No. 29246, and was extended by Resolution on May 14, 2002, May 22, 2007, May 22, 2012, and June 13, 2017 for subsequent periods of five (5) years each; and

WHEREAS, the BID concept is based on a partnership between the City of Coral Gables (the “City”), the property owners, merchants, businesses and organizations such as the Chamber of Commerce, with funding to be generated by a special assessment to be levied on property owners within the district in a specified geographic area, and with property owners agreeing to assess themselves to pay for supplemental services which are to be determined by said property owners; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 2022-95, the City created the BID for an additional 5-year period subject to approval of the majority of the affected property owners; and

WHEREAS, following that Resolution, the BID sent out petitions to property owners with the petition process scheduled to conclude on June 30, 2022; and

WHEREAS, with respect to condominium buildings located within the BID, the BID sent one petition to each condominium association, but not to the individual condominium unit owners are proposed to be assessed based on the percentage ownership as recorded in the official records of Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission discussed the current petition process and considered comments from the BID Executive Director and certain residents who raised specific concerns about the language on the petition and the petition process, specifically regarding which property owners are sent the petition; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission desires to cancel the current petition process and direct staff to develop alternative methods of determining support for the continued existence of the BID;

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

SECTION 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.

SECTION 2. That the current petition process for determining whether a majority of the affected property owners approve continued existence of the BID is cancelled. City staff is directed to develop alternative methods of determining support for the continued existence of the BID while addressing concerns raised during the June 28, 2022 Commission meeting.

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS TWENTY-EIGHTH DAY OF JUNE, A.D., 2022.


(Moved: Menendez / Seconded: Anderson)

(Yeas: Fors, Jr., Mena, Menendez, Anderson, Lago)

(Unanimous: 5-0 Vote)

(Agenda Item: G-9)

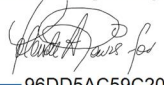
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