

CITY OF CORAL GABLES

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND APPROPRIATING AN EXPENDITURE OF UP TO _____ DOLLARS FOR THE PUBLIC PURPOSE OF EXPLAINING THE ISSUES, (ADVOCATING FOR) OR (AGAINST) THE PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT AND INFORMING AND EDUCATING THE VOTERS OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES ON THE QUESTION OF WHETHER TO DELETE SECTION 22 PERTAINING TO THE TRIAL BOARD FROM THE CITY CHARTER TO BE PLACED ON THE APRIL 14, 2009 SPECIAL MUNICIPAL REFERENDUM ELECTION BALLOT, IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE A MORE INFORMED ELECTORATE VOTE.

WHEREAS, the voters of the City of Coral Gables will be presented with a question amending the City Charter and Related Special Acts on the Special Municipal Referendum Election ballot of April 14, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the subject matter of the question relates to Charter Section 22, which calls for a special Trial Board to investigate and render a decision as to the propriety of the City Manager's removal, suspension, lay-off or reduction in grade of any officer or employee; and

WHEREAS, the Coral Gables City Commission believes that educating the electorate on the ballot question will serve the public interest, thus serving a public purpose; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds that it is in the best interest of the City to place the issue of whether to delete Sec. 22 from the Charter which pertains to the Trial Board on the ballot; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to explain the issues, to (advocate for) or (against) the proposed Charter Amendment and to inform and educate the voters on this question through video presentation on the City's cable channel, a voter's guide, and other means, the Administration is requesting approval to spend up to _____ Dollars for expenses that will include video production, printing, graphics, translation services, layout, mailing, advertising and other miscellaneous costs; and

WHEREAS, this expenditure will further serve the public purpose given the City's reasonable expectation that these efforts at explaining the issues and informing and educating the voters will result in a more informed electorate vote, thus benefiting the public good; and

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

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 Commission herein states the public purpose of explaining the issues, (advocating for) or (against) the proposed Charter Amendment and informing and educating the voters of the amendment to delete Charter Sec. 22 pertaining to the Trial Board on the Charter question which will appear on the ballot of the Special Municipal Referendum Election on April 14, 2009, and thus approves and appropriates an expenditure of up to _____, in furtherance of the aforementioned public policy intended to benefit the public good.

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS

DAY OF JANUARY, A.D., 2009.

APPROVED:

DONALD D. SLESNICK II
MAYOR

ATTEST:

WALTER J. FOEMAN
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

ELIZABETH M. HERNANDEZ
CITY ATTORNEY