

CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-230

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION AUTHORIZING AN EXPENDITURE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$32,000 FROM FEDERAL FORFEITED ASSET FUND (F.A.F.) MONIES FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT EQUIPMENT; THE RETROFIT OF THE SKY WATCH FOR UTILIZATION BY THE CORAL GABLES POLICE DEPARTMENT.

WHEREAS, the Coral Gables Police Department participates with federal law enforcement agencies of the United States Departments of Justice, Treasury and/or Homeland Security in joint law enforcement operations, and the Coral Gables Police Department's participation in those joint investigations produces federally seized funds; and

WHEREAS, at the discretion of the United States Attorney General under United States Statute 18 U.S.C. Section 981(e)(2) and 21 U.S.C. Section 881(e)(1)(a) and (e)(3)(b), the Coral Gables Police Department may lawfully retain at the conclusion of the legal proceedings the federally seized funds; and

WHEREAS, the Coral Gables Police Department has identified a need to retrofit its Sky Watch observation platform, the elevated platform that serves as a crime deterrent and surveillance unit; and

WHEREAS, the Sky Watch observation platform is used for all special events held in the City of Coral Gables throughout the year; and

WHEREAS, this platform was purchased in 2006 using State F.A.F. funds and its equipment has not been replaced or updated since its original purchase; and

WHEREAS, the Coral Gables Chief of Police requests to expend these funds for use by the Department for law enforcement equipment; and

WHEREAS, the Coral Gables Chief of Police certifies that the request complies with all provisions of the appropriate F.A.F. requirements as identified in the United States Justice Departments publication entitled "*Guide to Equitable Sharing for State and Local Law Enforcement Agencies*"; and

WHEREAS, the Coral Gables Chief of Police, Edward J. Hudak, Jr., and the Coral Gables Finance Director, Diana Gomez, attest to have deposited the sum of \$32,000 in said forfeited funds into the Coral Gables Forfeited Asset Fund; and

WHEREAS, the F.A.F. Committee met on June 26, 2019, and followed the F.A.F. Committee operating procedures adopted on July 23, 2002; and

WHEREAS, the F.A.F. Committee approved the Coral Gables Chief of Police’s request to encumber and expend as needed the available forfeited asset funds on the specific items listed below on this resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE 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 City Commission does hereby instruct the City Manager and Finance Director to expend \$32,000 from Federal Forfeited Asset Fund (F.A.F.) monies for law enforcement equipment; the retrofit of the Sky Watch for utilization by the Coral Gables Police Department.

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS TWENTY-SEVENTH DAY OF AUGUST, A.D., 2019.

(Moved: Lago/ Seconded: Mena)

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

(Unanimous: 5-0 Vote)

(Agenda Item: D-3)

APPROVED:

RAUL VALDES-FAULI
MAYOR

ATTEST:


BILLY Y. URQUIA
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:


MIRIAM SOLER RAMOS
CITY ATTORNEY