

**CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-221**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE CITY MANAGER TO WAIVE THE COMPETITIVE BID PROCESS OF THE PROCUREMENT CODE AS A SPECIAL PROCUREMENT/BID WAIVER FOR THE PURCHASE OF THREE WIZARD OF OZ THEMED STATUES—DOROTHY, TOTO, AND THE TIN MAN—FROM BRODIN STUDIOS INC. FOR INSTALLATION AT THE NEW MAYOR DOROTHY THOMSON PARK LOCATED AT THE CORNER OF TOLEDO STREET AND ALAVA AVENUE, PURSUANT TO SECTION 2-691 OF THE CITY’S PROCUREMENT CODE.

**WHEREAS**, in 2024, A Resolution of the City Commission naming the acquired city property located at Toledo Street and Alava Avenue in honor of the city’s first and only female mayor, Dorothy Thomson, whose involvement in the sale of the property to the city was integral to making this space a community park and now carries the name "Mayor Dorothy H. Thomson Park; and

**WHEREAS**, the inclusion of Wizard of Oz themed elements was specifically requested by Mayor Dorothy Thomson during the March 13, 2024 commission meeting where the Commission expressed strong support for this thematic direction, recognizing its symbolic value and connection to the park’s namesake.; and

**WHEREAS**, Brodin Studios Inc. has previously produced high-quality Wizard of Oz sculptures for a public park in Michigan. Photographs of their work were reviewed and shared with Mayor Thomson, who expressed her approval of both the artistic design and the specific character selection. Brodin Studios has demonstrated proven experience and capability in producing these exact types of themed sculptures, making them uniquely qualified for this project; and

**WHEREAS**, Due to the specialized nature of the requested artwork, the strong preference of the former Mayor and Commission, and the desire to ensure consistency with previously executed designs, we believe that pursuing a competitive bidding process would not serve the best interests of the project. Brodin Studios is the only known provider with existing, high-quality designs that meet the vision and thematic intent of the park; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 2-691 of the Procurement Code entitled “Special Procurement/Bid Waiver” authorizes the Chief Procurement Officer to initiate a special procurement/bid waiver 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; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 2-585 of the Procurement Code, entitled “Authority” authorizes the City Manager to delegate authority to the Chief Procurement Officer to administer and make recommendations on contract awards;

**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 accepts this recommendation and authorizes the City Manager to waive the competitive bid process for the purchase of three Wizard of Oz themed statues—Dorothy, Toto, and the Tin Man—from Brodin Studios Inc. for installation at the new Mayor Dorothy Thomson Park, pursuant to Section 2-691 of the City’s Procurement Code.

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

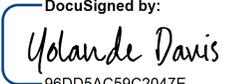
PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS TENTH DAY OF JUNE, A.D., 2025.

(Moved: Anderson / Seconded: Fernandez)  
(Yeas: Anderson, Castro, Fernandez, Lara, Lago)  
(Unanimous: 5-0 Vote)  
(Agenda Item: H-6)

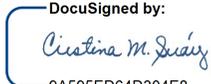
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