



City of Coral Gables  
**CITY COMMISSION MEETING**  
 March 20, 2018

**ITEM TITLE:**

A Resolution approving the Umbrella Sky Project (the Project) and authorizing the Procurement Officer to secure a vendor for the installation of a temporary structure for the Project in an estimated amount of \$80,000.00, as a bid waiver pursuant to Section 2-501 of the City’s Procurement Code.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD RECOMMENDATION:**

Approval

**BRIEF HISTORY:**

The Umbrella Sky Project, a partnership of the City of Coral Gables and the Coral Gables Community Foundation, is a temporary public art installation over Giralda Plaza. The Project will create a canopy of colorful umbrellas over the eastern and western ends of the Plaza for up to 60 days, further enhancing the shopping, dining and pedestrian experience on Giralda Plaza. The art installation portion of the Project is being paid for by the Community Foundation and the Business Improvement District. The framework for the art installation will be paid for by the City in an estimated amount of \$80,000. See PowerPoint presentation for details of the Project.

Due to hurricane season quickly approaching and the City’s desire for a 60-day installation to occur prior to the start of hurricane season, the time needed for a formal solicitation would not be sufficient.

Under Section 2-501 of the Procurement Code, the City Commission may award contracts as it deems necessary in the best interests of the City and to waive any conditions imposed by the Procurement Code upon a four-fifths vote where it finds such waiver to be necessary in order to proceed with the issuance of a contract which is in the best interests of the city.

On March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018, the Project was reviewed and approved by the Coral Gables Special Events Committee.

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION: (If Applicable)**

No.	Amount	Source of Funds
001-7000-519-71-92	Approx.\$80,000.00	General Fund
<b>Total:</b>		<b>Approved By:</b>

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

1. **Proposed Resolution**
2. **Umbrella Sky Project PowerPoint**
3. **Special Events Application**