

CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO CONTINUE TO ENGAGE STANTEC CONSULTING SERVICES, INC. FOR WORK ON THE CITYWIDE CONVERSION OF OVERHEAD UTILITIES TO UNDERGROUND PURSUANT TO SECTION 2-607(24) OF THE CITY CODE.

WHEREAS, on May 28, 2019, after a presentation, the City Commission adopted Resolution No. 2019-132 directing the City Manager and City Attorney to request “ballpark” estimates to underground all power and utility lines throughout the entire City from Florida Power & Light (FPL) and other applicable utilities and present said estimates to the City Commission after September 1, 2019; and

WHEREAS, on April 25, 2019, Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. (“Stantec”) was retained by the City Attorney’s Office in accordance with Sections 2-607(6) and (24) of the City Code in order to provide consulting services in preparation for the presentation to the City Commission on the Citywide Conversion of Overhead Utilities to Underground Project (“Project”); and

WHEREAS, on November 12, 2019, the “ballpark” estimates were provided to the City Commission as part of a presentation and the City Commission adopted Resolution No. 2019-346 directing the City Manager and City Attorney to proceed with: (1) preparing potential strategies for methodologies to use to assess or charge a fee to property owners; (2) preparing detailed vignettes, scenarios, and renderings, as well as communications to be utilized for stakeholder engagement; (3) engaging community stakeholders which may include community meetings, charettes, written or oral surveys/pools, and other feedback; and (4) considering with greater specificity the scoping and phasing of the projects; and

WHEREAS, significant and additional work was required of Stantec to complete the tasks outlined in Resolution No. 2019-346, and given the strict and fast-moving timeline for accomplishing the next steps in the process, the City Attorney’s Office, under Sections 2-607(6) and (24) of the City Code authorized continued work by Stantec on the Project; and

WHEREAS, on January 14, 2020, the City Commission adopted Resolution 2020-07, authorizing Stantec to continue work on the Project for an amount not to exceed \$60,000.00; and

WHEREAS, significant progress has been made on the Project but there is more work to be done, particularly in regards to understanding how FPL’s Storm Secure Underground Pilot Program can support more reliant and resilient utility services for Coral Gables residents; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission therefore authorizes the City Manager to continue to engage Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. pursuant to Section 2-607(24) of the City Code for an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00;

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 authorizes the City Manager to continue to engage Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. pursuant to Section 2-607(24) of the City Code for an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00.

SECTION 3. That the City Commission authorizes the City Manager to execute a Professional Services Agreement with Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. in substantially the attached form.

SECTION 4. That this Resolution shall become effective upon the date of its passage and adoption herein.

APPROVED:

VINCE LAGO
MAYOR

ATTEST:

BILLY Y. URQUIA
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

MIRIAM SOLER RAMOS
CITY ATTORNEY

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