

CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE WAIVER OF CITY PERMIT FEES AND ASSISTING IN THE PERMIT PROCESS FOR PROPERTIES ASSESSED AS PART OF THE MIRACLE MILE AND GIRALDA AVENUE STREETScape PROJECT FOR ANY FAÇADE-RELATED IMPROVEMENTS AND/OR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE SIDEWALK PAVERS WITHIN PRIVATE PROPERTY ALONG STOREFRONTS MADE DURING THE PROJECT CONSTRUCTION; AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HER DESIGNEE TO PROMULGATE GUIDELINES.

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 2014-169 on August 26, 2014, the City Commission approved the Miracle Mile and Giralda Avenue Streetscape Project, which will transform the City's main street and a one-block stretch of Giralda Avenue known as "Restaurant Row" by widening sidewalks, installing gardens and landscaping, incorporating public art, providing decorative street lighting and way finding and improving drainage; and

WHEREAS, the properties paying assessments to help fund the \$24 million Project are those that front directly on Miracle Mile and Restaurant Row, as well as the adjacent properties that are within one half block of the directly fronting properties, pursuant to the aforementioned resolution; and

WHEREAS, this resolution would encourage the assessed property owners to renovate their facades and participate in a program to modify the paving area within private property along storefronts during construction of the streetscape, from the start of construction to completion of the project, by waiving City permit fees and assisting them in the permitting process; and

WHEREAS the Economic Development Department will serve as a liaison to Development Services during the process; and

WHEREAS, the façade improvements would add value to the affected properties, thereby offsetting any lost revenues from permitting fees, and make Downtown's central core a more attractive destination that is better poised for economic success.

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

SECTION 1. That 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 the adoption hereof.

SECTION 2. That the City Commission does hereby authorize the waiver of City permit fees and assisting in the permit process for properties assessed as part of the Miracle Mile and Giralda Avenue Streetscape Project for any façade-related improvements and/or improvements to the sidewalk pavers within private property along storefronts made during the project construction; and hereby authorizes the City Manager or her designee to promulgate guidelines.

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS THIRTEENTH DAY OF OCTOBER, A.D., 2015.

(Moved: / Seconded:)

(Yeas: / Nays:)

(Vote:)

(Agenda Item:)

APPROVED:

JAMES C. CASON
MAYOR

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM
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