

CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-156

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION WAIVING THE COMPETITIVE BID PROCESS FOR THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES ASSOCIATED WITH THE CONSTRUCTION, PREPARATION, INSTALLATION, MAINTENANCE, AND BREAKDOWN OF THE SEASONAL HOLIDAY PARK AND THE CITY'S CHRISTMAS TREE; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A FIVE-YEAR CONTRACT, WITH JOY BY, LLC., PURSUANT TO SECTION 2-691, SPECIAL PROCUREMENT/BID WAIVER OF THE CITY'S PROCUREMENT CODE, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,604,160.00 OVER THE TERM OF THE CONTRACT.

WHEREAS, the Coral Gables Community Recreation Department is requesting that the City Commission waive the formal procurement process and authorize the award of a contract to Joy By, LLC. for holiday décor and related services for Holiday Park; and

WHEREAS, Joy By, LLC. has demonstrated the experience, capability, and specialized expertise necessary to provide the holiday installation and related enhancements envisioned for Holiday Park; and

WHEREAS, Staff has determined that awarding the contract directly to Joy By, LLC. is in the best interest of the City due to the company's familiarity with the project scope, ability to meet the required timeline, and proven performance with similar holiday installations and activations; and

WHEREAS, the holiday park installation is intended to enhance the seasonal experience for residents and visitors, increase community engagement, and support holiday programming and visitation within Holiday Park; and

WHEREAS, due to the time-sensitive nature of seasonal holiday preparation, staff is requesting that the procurement process be waived to allow the project to proceed in a timely and efficient manner; and

WHEREAS, Section 2-691 of the City's Procurement Code, entitled "Special Procurement/Bid Waiver," authorizes the Chief Procurement Officer to initiate a bid waiver when an unusual or unique situation exists that makes the application of competitive sealed bidding or proposal requirements contrary to the public interest; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds that waiving the competitive bid process for these services is in the best interest of the City;

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. The City Commission hereby approves a bid waiver and authorizes the City Manager to execute a three-year contract, with two one-year extension options, with Joy By, LLC., pursuant to Section 2-691, Special Procurement/Bid Waiver of the Procurement Code, in an amount not to exceed **\$1,604,160.00** over the term of the contract, for the construction and preparation of the seasonal Holiday Park, and for the installation and breakdown of the city’s Christmas Tree.

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS NINETEENTH DAY OF MAY, A.D., 2026.

(Moved: Fernandez / Seconded: Castro)
(Yeas: Anderson, Castro, Fernandez, Lara)
(Unanimous: 4-0 Vote)
(Absent: Lago)
(Agenda Item: H-16)

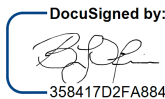
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