

CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. -

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE INNOVATION & TECHNOLOGY DIRECTOR TO WAIVE THE COMPETITIVE PROCESS OF THE PROCUREMENT CODE TO AWARD A CONTRACT TO UNITEC INC., FOR FIBER OPTIC CONSTRUCTION SERVICES FOR THE CITY'S PHASE 5 BROADBAND EXPANSION PROJECT, IN AN ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF 1,314,000 AS SPECIAL PROCUREMENT/BID WAIVER, PURSUANT TO SECTION 2 691 OF THE CITY'S PROCUREMENT CODE.

WHEREAS, on October 2022, the city awarded the Fiber Optic Backbone Expansion Project (Phases 1-4) to Unitec, Inc., the lowest responsive/responsible bidder, IFB 2022-015, Resolution No. 2022-257; and

WHEREAS, Fiber expansion phases 1-4 construction kicked off in November 2022, and all the four fiber corridor phases were completed one year ahead of time, on budget, with high quality and excellent contractor performance and responsiveness to project needs as well as emergencies and repairs; and

WHEREAS, Unitec Inc. provided a professional and responsible team of highly qualified/experienced engineers and technicians who worked very well with City teams (IT, PW, DS, FD) and gained intricate knowledge of our City's technology and telecommunications infrastructure, construction codes, permitting requirements, and processes; and

WHEREAS, Unitec Inc. has also been awarded by other municipalities in Florida for similar fiber construction projects (e.g.: City of Coral Springs, City of Tamarac, City of Pembroke Pines); and

WHEREAS, Unitec Inc. provided a very competitive cost for the completed phases 1-4, saving costs to the City and leaving enough funds available for Phase 5 corridors on South Ponce and US-1; and

WHEREAS, the Innovation & Technology department presented the successful completion of Phases 1-4 and the plan for the new Phases 5-6 at City Commission meeting on July 2025; and

WHEREAS, this will allow for the continuation of fiber construction services for Phase 5 of the City's fiber broadband expansion project to address time-sensitive public safety and connectivity needs at the Ponce/Bird Rd/US-1 corridors, bringing resilient and secure city-owned high-speed communications to critical facilities and intersections such as: Fire Station 2, Backup 911 PSAP, Trolley Depot, Passport Office, and sensitive intersections (Bird Rd, LeJeune, Douglas Rd, Red Rd, Grand Ave, Granada, and others.); and

WHEREAS, it will lower risk and complexity and will save time and costs to our City; and

WHEREAS, the continuation of this contract for Phase 5 will use existing funds already included in the IT Wi-Fi broadband infrastructure Capital Improvement Project funding, and no additional funding will be necessary;

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

SECTION 1. 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 accept a recommendation to waive the competitive process and authorize the Innovation and Technology Director the authority to award a contract for fiber optic construction services for the Fiber Broadband Expansion Phase 5 project in an estimated amount of \$1,314,000 pursuant to Section 2-691 of the City’s Procurement Code.

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS