

CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION 2026-

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION ON THE PROPOSED BALLOT QUESTION AND CITY CHARTER AMENDMENT TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 3, 2026; PROVIDING FOR SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS FOR APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL OF A BALLOT QUESTION ASKING IF THE CHARTER SHOULD BE AMENDED TO RAISE THE VALUE OF PUBLIC WORK PROJECTS THAT REQUIRE FORMAL SOLICITATION AND PROVIDING THAT THE THRESHOLD VALUE BE AMENDED CONSISTENT WITH FLORIDA STATUTES; PROVIDING FOR NOTICE; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CITY CHARTER; PROVIDING FOR RELATED MATTERS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Section 24 of the Charter of City of Coral Gables (“City Charter”) currently states that all contracts for the performance of public works projects or improvements over \$25,000 shall be awarded to the lowest and most responsive bidder, after public advertising and receipt of bids as may be prescribed by ordinance; and

WHEREAS, following input from City staff on the rising costs of public work projects, the Charter Review Committee adopted a recommendation that this amount be modified to \$300,000, consistent with applicable Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, Section 255.20, Florida Statutes provides that only those public work projects valued at over \$300,000 need to be awarded after a formal solicitation process; and

WHEREAS, Section 255.20, Florida Statutes also provides that the \$300,000 threshold must be adjusted by the percentage change in the Engineering News-Records’ Building Cost Index from January 1, 2009, to January 1 of the year in which the project is scheduled to begin; and

WHEREAS, the proposed City Charter amendment, if adopted, would raise the threshold for that formal solicitation from \$25,000 to \$300,000, or as amended consistent with Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent and desire of the City Commission to provide an opportunity to the electorate to vote on this proposed amendment to the City Charter; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 6.03 of the Miami-Dade County Home Rule Charter, as well as the City Charter and Chapter 18 of the City Code, the City Commission is authorized to submit ballot questions to the electors of the City for approval or rejection of proposed amendments to the City Charter.

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 adoption hereof.

SECTION 2. BALLOT QUESTION AND CHARTER AMENDMENT. That pursuant to section 6.03 of the Miami-Dade County Home Rule Charter, as well as the City Charter and Chapter 18 of the City Code, the Commission seeks to place before the electors an amendment to the City’s Charter. The specific language for the amendment to the City Charter proposed by this Section is provided in Exhibit 1 to this Resolution.

SECTION 3. ELECTION CALLED. That on November 3, 2026, qualified electors in the City of Coral Gables will be presented with the ballot question provided in Section 4 of this Resolution.

SECTION 4. FORM OF THE BALLOT QUESTION. That the form of ballot for the question provided for in Section 2 of this Resolution shall substantially be as provided below:

**INCREASING THE VALUE OF PUBLIC WORK PROJECTS
THAT REQUIRE FORMAL SOLICITATIONS**

Shall Section 24 of the City Charter be amended to increase the threshold for public work projects requiring formal solicitation from \$25,000 to \$300,000, with that amount adjusted as specified in Section 255.20, Florida Statutes?

_____ YES

_____ NO

SECTION 5. BALLOTING. That balloting shall be conducted between the hours of 7:00 am and 7:00 pm on the date of the election. Vote-by-mail ballots shall be available. Early voting shall be provided in conjunction with the general election. All qualified City electors who are timely registered in accordance with law shall be entitled to vote. The City Clerk is authorized to obtain any and all necessary election administration services from the Miami-Dade County (the "County") Supervisor of Elections. The County registration books shall remain open at the Office of the County Supervisor of Elections until the date at which the registration books shall close in accordance with the provisions of the general election laws. The City Clerk and the County Supervisor of Elections are hereby authorized to take all appropriate action necessary to carry into effect and accomplish the provisions of this Resolution. This election shall be canvassed by the Miami-Dade County Canvassing Board.

SECTION 6. NOTICE OF ELECTION. That notice of said election shall be published in accordance with Section 100.342, Fla. Stat., in a newspaper of general circulation within the City at least thirty (30) days prior to said election, or by publication on the County's website as provided in Section 50.0311, Fla. Stat. the City's website, or the supervisor's website, as applicable. The first publication shall be in the fifth week prior to the election, and the second publication shall be in the third week prior to the election, and notice shall be in substantially the following form:

"NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION"

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION NO. 2026-___ ADOPTED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, AN ELECTION HAS BEEN CALLED AND ORDERED TO BE HELD WITHIN THE CITY ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 03, 2026, BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 7:00 A.M. AND 7:00 P.M., AT WHICH TIME THE FOLLOWING PROPOSAL SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY.

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_____ NO

SECTION 7. EFFECTIVENESS.

- A. That the question provided for in Section 2 and 4 above shall become effective only if the majority of qualified electors voting on the specific question vote for its adoption, and it shall be considered adopted and effective upon certification of election results.
- B. That the City Attorney is authorized to revise the City Charter to the extent necessary to assure that the adoption of the City Charter amendment provided for in this question conforms to and is properly included in the publication of the revised City Charter, and to provide for transitional provision if needed.
- C. That the City Attorney is authorized to revise the exact working of this resolution, the ballot question contained herein, and the exhibit hereto to the extent necessary to ensure its placement on the ballot in accordance with law.
- D. That following the election, the City Clerk, City Attorney, and City Manager are directed to revise and encode and take any necessary actions to implement the amendment, if approved by the electors.

SECTION 8. INCLUSION IN THE CHARTER. That subject to the requirements herein, it is the intent of the City Commission, and it is hereby provided, that any City Charter amendment approved by the electors shall become and be made a part of the City Charter.

SECTION 9. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Resolution shall become effective upon passage and adoption herein.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS ____ DAY OF _____, A.D., 2026.

(Moved: ____ / Seconded: ____)

(Yeas:)

(Unanimous:)

(Non-Agenda Item)

APPROVED:

VINCE LAGO
MAYOR

ATTEST:

BILLY Y. URQUIA
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

CRISTINA M. SUÁREZ
CITY ATTORNEY

EXHIBIT 1

(Deletions are indicated by ~~striketrough~~. Insertions are indicated by underline.)

Sec. 24. - Public Works or Improvements-Direct Labor, Contracts, Bidding.

The Commission may authorize any public work project or improvement by either contract or direct labor; however, prior to the Commission authorizing direct labor to perform any public work or improvement, the City Manager shall submit detailed plans and estimates thereof to the Commission and there shall be a separate accounting as to each public work project or improvement so performed. All contracts for the performance of public work projects or improvements valued at more than \$~~25~~300,000.00, or as adjusted as specified in Section 255.20, Florida Statutes, shall be awarded to the lowest and most responsive bidder, after public advertising and receipt of bids as may be prescribed by ordinance. The Commission, however, shall have the power to reject all bids and re-advertise the project for new bids. All advertisements as to contracts shall contain a reservation of the foregoing rights. Contracts for public work projects or improvements shall be signed by the City Manager and City Clerk after approval of the Commission