

CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION APPROVING ARTIST IVAN TOTH DEPEÑA TO DESIGN PUBLIC ARTWORK IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE NEW PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING PROJECT. (UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDED BY THE PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING PUBLIC ART SELECTION PANEL APPROVAL/DENIAL VOTE: 10 TO 0, AND THE CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD APPROVAL/DENIAL VOTE: 6 TO 0).

WHEREAS, On January 22, 2019 the City Commission approved four (4) artists to submit public art proposals associated with the construction of the new Public Safety Building: Jose Bedia, Martin Dawe, Ivan Toth Depeña, and Robert Lazzarini; and

WHEREAS, A Public Safety Building, Public Art Selection Panel was formed consisting of Arts Advisory Panel members, Police Chief Hudak, Fire Chief de la Rosa, Fire Division Chief Barger, and Leslie Pantin as an appointed representative of the Cultural Development Board; and

WHEREAS, On February 20, 2019 an announcement was posted on the City's e-News directing the public to read and view the Artists proposals on a dedicated webpage and inviting comments; and

WHEREAS, Notices were mailed to business and private residences within a 1,000-foot radius of the project site announcing the project and inviting comments; and

WHEREAS, On May 6, 2019 the Artists presented their concept sketches to the Selection Panel and the Panel unanimously agreed to invite Martin Dawe and Ivan Toth Depeña (the "Artists") to further develop their original concepts for the Public Safety Building public art; and

WHEREAS, On May 29, 2019 Martin Dawe and Ivan Toth Depeña presented their revised proposals to the Selection Panel, which unanimously recommended Ivan Toth Depeña as the artist for the new Public Safety Building to the Cultural Development Board; and

WHEREAS, On June 04, 2019 the Cultural Development Board reviewed the original four (4) concept proposals, the revised two (2) concept proposals, and the recommendation of the Selection Panel and agreed to recommend Ivan Toth Depeña as the artist for the new Public Safety Building to the City Commission; and

WHEREAS, Ivan Toth Depeña currently lives and works in Charlotte, NC. With a Masters Degree in Architecture from Harvard University's Graduate School of Design, De-

peña's artistic production is informed by his experience in art, architecture, technology and design, and encompasses a range of media; and

WHEREAS, the location of the proposed public artwork is on the plaza of the new Public Safety Building on the corner of Salzedo Street and Minorca Avenue. The artwork concept responds to memorializing fallen officers and firefighters while honoring current public safety professionals; and

WHEREAS, the concept recommended for further development is a grouping of large fused glass panels with saturated color that transitions skyward into clear glass. The pieces will set on a reflecting pool of dark gray surrounded by seating. An explanation of the artwork and possible literal representation(s) of public safety professionals and the public will be incorporated either within the artwork or as a separate, stand-alone element. It is the recommendation of the Cultural Development Board that the artist meet with public safety professionals to further explore the capacity to inform the work; and

WHEREAS, if approved the Artist will be required to enter into a contract with the City of Coral Gables prior to commencing work and will work with his professional team to properly permit, engineer, fabricate, install, and light the piece as appropriate; and

WHEREAS, the City and project architect will work with the artist to provide the proper infrastructure and access to utilities; and

WHEREAS, funding for the artwork will be brought to the City Commission as a separate resolution.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES:

SECTION 1. That the foregoing "Whereas" clauses are here 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. The City Commission does hereby approve Ivan Toth Depeña to further develop a public artwork memorial design in association with the new Public Safety Building.

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS NINTH DAY OF JULY A.D., 2019

RAÚL VALDÉS-FAULI
MAYOR

ATTEST:

BILLY Y. URQUIA
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

MIRIAM SOLER RAMOS
CITY ATTORNEY