

CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE ESTATE OF FRANK STELLA FOR ACQUISITION OF ARTWORK BY THE ARTIST FRANK STELLA AND APPROVING INTEGRATION OF THE ARTWORK INTO THE DESIGN OF THE FRED B. HARTNETT PONCE CIRCLE PARK PROJECT (RECOMMENDED BY THE CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD APPROVAL/DENIAL VOTE: 5 TO 2); AND AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 AMENDED BUDGET TO RECOGNIZE A TRANSFER OF \$2,040,000 FROM THE ART IN PUBLIC PLACES RESERVE AS REVENUE AND APPROPRIATING SUCH FUNDS TO PUT TOWARD THE PROJECT.

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission has consistently expressed interest in building the public art collection with significant artworks created by prominent, world-renowned artists; and

**WHEREAS**, on December 20, 2022, the Cultural Development Board made a motion recommending infrastructure to support installation of public artwork within Ponce Circle Park; and

**WHEREAS**, since 2022, the Arts Advisory Panel and Cultural Development Board have consistently supported installing prominent artwork within Ponce Circle Park and dedicating substantial public art funds for this purpose; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 28, 2023, the City Commission approved requesting a proposal for artwork from notable American artist Frank Stella; and

**WHEREAS**, following the passing of the artist in 2024, the city was put in contact with the Estate of Frank Stella, who offered a significant, monumental piece made from a material friendly to South Florida and with a budget that aligned with the city's intent of installing a prominent artwork within Fred B. Hartnett Ponce Circle Park; and

**WHEREAS**, Frank Stella is a world-class American artist who recently passed away in 2024 and has artwork in public collections throughout the world; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed artwork, "Puffed and Inverted Star II" is constructed of intersecting aluminum points that form a large-scale star measuring over 17 feet in height and circumference; and

**WHEREAS**, the location of the proposed public artwork is recommended for installation within Fred B. Hartnett Ponce Circle Park; and

**WHEREAS**, if approved, and while design and restoration of the park proceeds, the artwork is proposed for storage within the city; and

**WHEREAS**, if approved, the artwork will be purchased through the Estate of Frank Stella; and

**WHEREAS**, funding for the artwork, packing, transportation, and delivery is proposed through the Art in Public Places fund; and

**WHEREAS**, the artwork will require a foundation and raised plinth that will be funded separately along with installation, lighting, signage, and landscaping; and

**WHEREAS**, cost of annual maintenance is anticipated to be minimal and is being proposed through the general fund as ordinary maintenance and will be included as part of the City's annual public art maintenance plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cultural Development Board voted (5-2) to recommend acquiring the artwork "Puffed and Inverted Star II" from the Estate of Frank Stella at their meeting on April 7, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Amended Budget is required to recognize a transfer in the amount of \$2,040,000 from the Art in Public Places reserve as revenue and to appropriate the funds to be used towards the project.

**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 the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the Estate of Frank Stella for acquisition of artwork by the artist Frank Stella, including related expenses for the project and hereby approves integration of the artwork into the design of Fred B. Harnett Ponce Circle Park.

**SECTION 3.** That the Commission does hereby authorize an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Amended Budget to recognize a transfer \$2,040,000 from Art in Public Places fund balance as revenue and appropriate such funds to put toward the project, including acquisition, packing, transportation, and delivery.

**SECTION 4.** That this resolution shall become effective upon the date of its passage and adoption herein.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS TWENTIETH DAY OF MAY A.D., 2025

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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BILLY Y. URQUIA  
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

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CITY ATTORNEY