

CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CITY STAFF TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH FREEBEE TO PROVIDE ON-DEMAND PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SERVICES FOR ONE (1) YEAR WITH TWO (2) ONE YEAR OPTIONS, AT AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$520,785 ANNUALLY PURSUANT TO SECTION 2-607(17) OF THE PROCUREMENT CODE ENTITLED “EXEMPTIONS (PURCHASE OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SERVICES)”.

WHEREAS, the City Commission has demonstrated an ongoing commitment to providing high quality on demand transportation services to support our central business district; and

WHEREAS, the Point to Point transportation service provided by Freebee that started during the Streetscape Project and continued over the last six years has been a big success with over 325,000 passengers; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to continue providing an ongoing free, “last-mile” public transportation service within the Downtown area; and

WHEREAS, FDOT has agreed to support the City’s efforts to enhance transit services and expand transportation choices within Coral Gables by providing a matching Service Development Grant; and

WHEREAS, the City was notified by FDOT on October 9, 2023 that it was awarded a grant (Award FM# 453981-1-84-01) in the amount of \$253,000; and

WHEREAS, the City accepted the FDOT grant on December 12, 2023 pursuant to Resolution 2023-364; and

WHEREAS, the Grant will provide the City funding for up to 50% of the cost of providing Freebee On-Demand Transit Service via Electric Vehicles; and

WHEREAS, Freebee will be converting the existing fleet of 5 GEM electric vehicles to Tesla Model X electric vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the City and Freebee will modify the existing schedule (10am-10pm) to extend operating hours during peak days/times such as Friday and Saturday night; and

WHEREAS, the revised schedule will be Monday-Thursday 10am-9pm, Friday and Saturday 10am-11:59pm and Sunday 10am-7pm; and

WHEREAS, Freebee has agreed to provide the new fleet vehicles in advance of the start of the FDOT grant and will honor the current monthly rate until the grant commences; and

WHEREAS, Freebee will provide a advertising revenue guarantee in the amount of \$24,000 that Freebee will keep and instead provide an upfront discount on the operation cost; and

WHEREAS, under Section 2-607(17) of the Procurement Code, entitled “Exemptions (Purchase of Public Transportation Services),” transportation services that serve the general public are exempt from the Procurement Code; and

WHEREAS, the City is interested in enhancing first and last mile transit options for residents, employees and visitors to Coral Gables.

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. That the City Commission authorizes City Staff to negotiate and execute a contract with Freebee to provide on-demand public transportation services for one (1) year with two (2) one-year options, at an amount not to exceed \$520,785 annually pursuant to Section 2-607(17) of the Procurement Code entitled “Exemptions (Purchase of Public Transportation Services)”.

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS THIRTEENTH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2024.

(Moved by _____, Seconded by _____)
(Passed 0/0 vote)

VINCE LAGO
MAYOR

ATTEST:

BILLY Y. URQUIA
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

CRISTINA M. SUAREZ
CITY ATTORNEY