



**City of Coral Gables  
CITY COMMISSION MEETING**  
December 15, 2009

**ITEM TITLE:**

Resolution approving a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Coral Gables and Fairchild Tropical Botanical Gardens for Fairchild Tropical Botanical Gardens to join the City's fiber Institutional Network operations.

**RECOMMENDATION OF THE CITY MANAGER:**

Approval

**BRIEF HISTORY:**

By Ordinance No. 3278, passed in October 1997, and by Ordinance 2004-50, passed in December 2004, the City has established a cable television franchise agreement whereby all governmental authorities, schools, or persons designated by the City are interconnected by an Institutional Network (I-Net.)

Fairchild Tropical Botanical Garden (FTBG) is one of those locations identified to be connected to the I-Net. FTBG is a not-for-profit organization providing many opportunities in education, conservation and research. In addition, it is known as a Coral Gables cultural landmark and tourist destination.

FTBG intends to use the I-Net connection for educational and institutional purposes and agrees that they will comply with the terms and conditions of the MOU for a three-year term.

The City will provide FTBG with an Internet connection through the I-Net shared fiber network. The fiber that provides the I-Net connectivity was installed and is operated and maintained at the sole expense of the cable television franchisee. The electronics that will be used to provide the connectivity at the FTBG location will be purchased, installed, and maintained by the City. FTBG will compensate the City for all equipment, connection, installation and maintenance with payments of \$532 per month for a three (3) year period at a sum of \$19,152. This is for an enhanced service that includes network equipment to allow for routing and automatic failover through alternate links such as DSL lines.

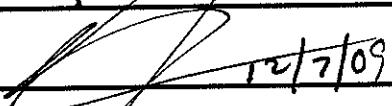
**LEGISLATIVE ACTION:**

| Date:         | Resolution/Ordinance No. | Comments |
|---------------|--------------------------|----------|
| October 1997  | Ordinance No. 3278       |          |
| December 2004 | Ordinance No. 2004-50    |          |

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION: (If Applicable)**

| No.           | Amount          | Account No.                         | Source of Funds                                    |
|---------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| 1.            | \$10,962        | 310 3200 519 60 02                  | Expense - (Electronics, Maintenance, and Material) |
| 2.            | \$ 6,750        | 001 3200 519 12 00                  | Expense - (Staff Labor Projected)                  |
| 3.            | \$ 1,440        | 001 3200 519 41 10                  | Expense - (Internet Service Provider Pro-rated)    |
| <b>Total:</b> | <b>\$19,152</b> | APPROVED BY: <i>Orlando A. Mora</i> |  |

APPROVED BY:

| Department Director  | City Attorney (If Applicable)   | City Manager   |
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| <br>12/7/09 |  | <br>P. P. Palermo |

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Resolution
2. Memorandum of Understanding between FTBG and City of Coral Gables