

CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ACQUISITION OF FOUR SCULPTURAL BENCHES BY ARTIST HANK WILLIS THOMAS. (UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDED BY THE CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD APPROVAL/DENIAL VOTE: 6 TO 0; UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDED BY THE ARTS ADVISORY PANEL APPROVAL/DENIAL VOTE: 4 TO 0).

WHEREAS, on May 22, 2018, the City Commission approved temporary exhibition of artist Hank Willis Thomas' series of four sculptural benches during Art Basel and through Winter of 2019; and

WHEREAS, the series of benches, as part of the artist's exhibition in Coral Gables titled "The truth is I welcome you", consists of one previously designed bench and three newly designed benches for Coral Gables; and

WHEREAS, In consideration of the artist's distinction and positive response to the artworks, the studio was approached to submit an acquisition proposal in hopes of acquiring the artworks for the City's permanent public art collection; and

WHEREAS, the artist generously credited funds used for the temporary exhibition, including fabrication costs; and

WHEREAS, the Arts Advisory Panel and Cultural Development Board were presented with the proposal and unanimously voted to recommend acquiring the four benches for the credited amount plus \$200,000 (two hundred thousand dollars); and

WHEREAS, funds are being proposed through use of the Art Acquisition Fund with the cost of annual maintenance proposed through use of the General Fund as ordinary maintenance; and

WHEREAS, the Arts Advisory Panel voted unanimously (4-0) to recommend acquisition of the four Hank Willis Thomas sculptural art benches at their meeting on October 24, 2018; and

WHEREAS, The Cultural Development Board voted unanimously (6-0) to recommend acquisition of the four Hank Willis Thomas sculptural art benches at their meeting on November 6, 2018;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES AS FOLLOWS:

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 authorize the acquisition of four sculptural benches by artist Hank Willis Thomas; allowing for \$200,000 from the Art Acquisition Fund; and allowing annual maintenance from the General Fund.

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS THIRTEENTH DAY OF NOVEMBER, A.D., 2018.

RAÚL VALDÉS-FAULI
MAYOR

ATTEST:

WALTER J. FOEMAN
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

MIRIAM SOLER RAMOS
CITY ATTORNEY