

**CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA**

**RESOLUTION 2025-\_\_\_\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING A BID WAIVER FOR THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES ASSOCIATED WITH THE CONSTRUCTION AND PREPARATION OF THE SEASONAL HOLIDAY PARK AND SANTA HOUSE, AS WELL AS THE INSTALLATION AND BREAKDOWN OF THE CITY'S CHRISTMAS TREE; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A ONE-YEAR CONTRACT WITH PLANT PROFESSIONALS, INC., PURSUANT TO SECTION 2-691, SPECIAL PROCUREMENT/BID WAIVER OF THE PROCUREMENT CODE, IN AN ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$150,000.00 NOT TO EXCEED THE AVAILABLE BUDGET.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Coral Gables entered into a Professional Services Agreement with Plant Professionals, Inc. on August 1, 2017, for the fabrication, installation, and maintenance of the seasonal Holiday Park and Santa House; and

**WHEREAS**, this agreement expired in July 2025, and due to the limited timeframe to issue a formal competitive solicitation, the Community Recreation Department recommends continuing services with Plant Professionals, Inc. for one additional year until a formal Request for Proposals (RFP) can be advertised and awarded; and

**WHEREAS**, Plant Professionals, Inc. possesses extensive knowledge of the park's layout, décor, and infrastructure, allowing for efficient installation, storage, maintenance, and breakdown without delays or additional costs; and

**WHEREAS**, approval of this bid waiver will ensure the consistency, quality, and unique character of the City's seasonal Holiday Park that residents and visitors have come to enjoy and expect each holiday season; and

**WHEREAS**, section 2-691 of the City's Procurement Code ("Special Procurement/Bid Waiver") authorizes the Chief Procurement Officer to initiate a bid waiver when an unusual or unique situation exists that makes the application of competitive sealed bidding or proposal requirements contrary to the public interest; and

**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.** The City Commission hereby approves a bid waiver and authorizes the City Manager to execute a one-year contract with Plant Professionals, Inc., pursuant to Section 2-691, Special Procurement/Bid Waiver of the Procurement Code, in an estimated amount of \$150,000.00 not to exceed the available budget, for the construction and preparation of the seasonal Holiday Park and Santa House, and for the installation and breakdown of the city’s Christmas Tree.

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

(Moved by \_\_\_\_\_, Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_)

(Passed 0/0 vote)

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VINCE LAGO  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

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BILLY Y. URQUIA  
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND  
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CITY ATTORNEY