

CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-_____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO IMPLEMENT A PILOTED DRONE PROGRAM AS A “SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT” PURSUANT TO SECTION 2-689 OF THE CITY’S PROCUREMENT CODE.

WHEREAS, the City of Coral Gables, Police Department has determined the need for an aerial piloted drone program; and

WHEREAS, TG-17, Inc., d/b/a Bond, Inc. is the sole provider for all-inclusive rapid response UAS services for police agencies operating as Public Aircraft Operations. Bond is the only supplier comprehensively offering a list of unique, necessary attributes for providing these services on the level required by the Coral Gables Police Department; and

WHEREAS, in 2022, the city engaged in a Pilot Program called "Drone as First Responder" utilizing the services of Bond for a period of 3 months. After the initial use of the program, it was determined that a longer period of operation would be needed to determine the usefulness of the program; and

WHEREAS, the cost of the service totals \$240,000.00; and

WHEREAS, Section, 2-689 of the Procurement Code entitled “Sole Source Procurement,” provides that “[a] contract may be awarded without competitive bids or proposals when the chief procurement officer, after conducting a good faith review of available sources, determines in writing, pursuant to a written request from a department head, that the contract by its very nature is not suitable to competitive bids or proposals, as there is only one source for the required supply, service or construction item capable of fulfilling the needs of the city; and

WHEREAS, Section 2-585 of the Procurement Code entitled “Authority” authorizes the City Manager to delegate authority to the Chief Procurement Officer to administer and make recommendations on contract awards.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY 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 accepts the recommendation and authorizes the City Manager to authorize the Police Department to implement a Piloted Drone Program pursuant to Section 2-689 of the City’s Procurement Code and further authorizes any future service needs that can only be provided by the same service provider.

SECTION 3. This Resolution shall become effective upon the date of its passage and adoption herein.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS FOURTEENTH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2023.

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

APPROVED:

VINCE LAGO
MAYOR

ATTEST:

BILLY Y. URQUIA
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

CRISTINA M. SUAREZ
CITY ATTORNEY