

City of Coral Gables  
CITY COMMISSION MEETING  
March 15, 2016

**ITEM TITLE:**

A Resolution authorizing City Staff to negotiate and execute a “piggyback” contract with the firm Perkins+Will for professional architectural, planning and design services related to the South Dixie Highway Corridor Master Plan project, pursuant to Section 2-978 of the Procurement Code entitled “Use of Other Governmental Unit Contracts (Piggyback)”, at an amount not to exceed \$150,000; and further authorizing an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 annual budget to recognize as revenue a \$150,000 transfer from the Capital Improvement Fund Balance and to appropriate such funds to cover the cost of the Master Plan.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD RECOMMENDATION:**

Approval

**BRIEF HISTORY:**

Following the City Commission’s direction, City Staff is embarking on a planning initiative to study the U.S. 1/South Dixie Highway corridor; one that would touch on

- land use, design and zoning issues, and prepare potential development scenarios that draw those out;
- economic development issues;
- opportunities for parks and open space; and
- transportation & infrastructure issues, (although it is not intended to be an engineering-oriented traffic study or streetscape project. The City has a parallel transportation planning effort underway that will more precisely tackle those issues)

The ultimate objective of the project is to engage the community – both the stakeholders along the street and citizens from throughout the City -- to create a holistic vision and master plan for the corridor, one that balances residential and commercial needs, and enhances the quality of life for all. The planning initiative will include a considerable amount of public engagement, and bring together various disciplines, including Economic Development, Planning & Zoning, Public Works, Parks & Recreation, Parking, etc. – to ensure a well-rounded, consensus-oriented approach to planning the corridor’s future.

This item authorizes the City to negotiate and execute a “piggyback” contract with the firm Perkins+Will for professional architectural, planning and design services related to the South Dixie Highway Corridor Master Plan project at an amount not to exceed \$150,000; and further authorizes an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 annual budget to recognize as revenue a \$150,000 transfer from the Capital Improvement Fund Balance and to appropriate such funds to cover the cost of the Master Plan.

Perkins+Will was identified by City staff as the desired consultant for this contract on the basis

of the firm and Project Manager’s experience and capacity in this area; their perceived ability to act as a fair and honest broker by all parties; and their ability to conduct the project in the desired 6-month timeframe. It should also be noted that both the firm and the Project Manager reside in the City of Coral Gables, providing them with a keen understanding and appreciation of our unique community.

The City is proposing to “piggyback” on an active contract between Perkins+Will and the North Broward Hospital District for comparable architectural, planning and design services, in accordance with the City’s Procurement Code. Under Section 2-978 of the Procurement Code, entitled “Use of Other Governmental Unit Contracts (Piggyback),” contracts for services from another governmental entity may be piggybacked if the contract resulted from a formal competitive bid process. The contract between the North Broward Health District and Perkins+Will was competitively solicited and remains an active contract.

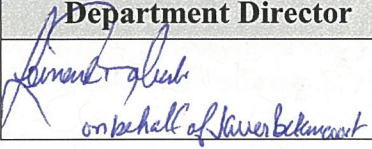
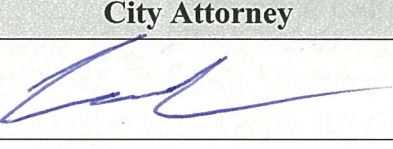
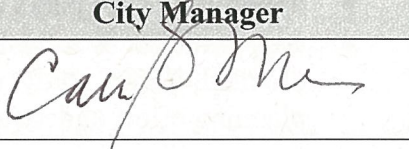
**LEGISLATIVE ACTION:**

Date	Resolution/Ordinance No.	Comments
February 23, 2016	N/A	City Commission expressed its support for pursuing the project

**ADVISORY BOARD/COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION(S):**

Date	Board/Committee	Comments
March 2, 2016	Economic Development Board	Project concept discussed favorably (no action taken)

**APPROVED BY:**

Department Director	City Attorney	City Manager
 on behalf of Javier Belmont		

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

1. Draft Resolution