

**CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-15**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION AUTHORIZING CITY STAFF TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH FREEBEE TO PROVIDE ON-DEMAND PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SERVICES FOR ONE (1) YEAR WITH TWO (2) ONE YEAR OPTIONS, AT AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$483,625 ANNUALLY PURSUANT TO SECTION 2-607(17) OF THE PROCUREMENT CODE ENTITLED “EXEMPTIONS (PURCHASE OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SERVICES)”.

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission has demonstrated an ongoing commitment to assisting businesses adversely affected by construction of the Miracle Mile / Giralda Avenue Streetscape Project; and

**WHEREAS**, the Point to Point transportation service provided by Freebee during the Streetscape Project was an unqualified success; and

**WHEREAS**, the City wishes to provide an ongoing free, “last-mile” public transportation service within the Downtown area; and

**WHEREAS**, this project would consist of a fleet of street-legal, multi-passenger electric carts providing free, flexible, on-demand, door-to-door service to the general public between any two points within the service area; and

**WHEREAS**, fixed route(s) could also be incorporated connecting the City’s parking garages to major destination points; and

**WHEREAS**, the City will also explore the potential of a limited advertising partnership to help subsidize the costs of the service, including branding the vehicles that would provide merchants with an additional platform for promoting their businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, under Section 2-607(17) of the Procurement Code, entitled “Exemptions (Purchase of Public Transportation Services),” transportation services that serve the general public are exempt from the Procurement Code; and

**WHEREAS**, Freebee was identified by City staff as the desired provider for this service on the basis of the company’s unique experience and capacity in this area; and

**WHEREAS**, the City’s Economic Development Department and Parking Department are supporting enhancing and expanding the project with Freebee;

**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.** That the City Commission authorizes City Staff to negotiate and execute a contract with Freebee to provide on-demand public transportation services for one (1) year with two (2) one year options, at an amount not to exceed \$483,625 annually pursuant to Section 2-607(17) of the Procurement Code entitled “Exemptions (Purchase of Public Transportation Services)”.

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS EIGHTH DAY OF JANUARY, A.D., 2019.

(Moved: Keon / Seconded: Mena)

(Yeas: Quesada, Keon, Mena)

(Majority: (3-0) Vote)

(Absent: Lago, Valdes-Fauli)

(Agenda Item: J-2)

APPROVED:



RAUL VALDES-FAULI  
MAYOR

ATTEST:



BILLY Y. URQUIA  
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND  
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:



MIRIAM SOLER RAMOS  
CITY ATTORNEY