

City of Coral Gables

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Legislation Text

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A Resolution of the City Commission accepting a recommendation to waive the competitive process of the Procurement Code to award a contract for the pool bottom refinishing project at the Venetian Pool, in a not to exceed amount of \$400,000, as a "Special Procurement/Bid Waiver" pursuant to Section 2-691 of the Procurement Code.

The Venetian Pool is a historic facility with unique daily water usage from an underground aquifer. The pool operates under strict permits and regulations to include compliance with South Florida Water Management District's permit and the Safe Drinking Water Act.

Currently the concrete pool bottom is in need of repair and must be resurfaced due to the failing epoxy paint finishes previously applied. In order to comply with set permits and regulations, and to offer a more applicable concrete surface option, research is being conducted to find a suitable solution. Public Works with the assistance of outside experts are exploring various cost effective and compliant options to complete the necessary repairs and work.

Due to the critical timing of the work that can only be performed during the off season the facility, it has become necessary to get approval for the work in advance while the best option is being selected. The work must start within the next thirty (30) days in order to avoid any unnecessary delays in reopening of the facility. The resurfacing project and associated repairs are estimated to not exceed \$400,000 and Public Works is seeking an approval in that amount or not to exceed the available budget for the project.

Under Section 2-691 of the Procurement Code, entitled "Special Procurement/Bid Waiver," a special procurement may be initiated when an unusual or unique situation exists that makes the application of all requirements of competitive sealed bidding or competitive sealed proposal contrary to the public interest.