

**CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-30**

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 \$520,785 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 providing high quality on demand transportation services to support our central business district; and

**WHEREAS**, the Point to Point transportation service provided by Freebee that started during the Streetscape Project and continued over the last six years has been a big success with over 325,000 passengers; and

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

**WHEREAS**, FDOT has agreed to support the City’s efforts to enhance transit services and expand transportation choices within Coral Gables by providing a matching Service Development Grant; and

**WHEREAS**, the City was notified by FDOT on October 9, 2023 that it was awarded a grant (Award FM# 453981-1-84-01) in the amount of \$253,000; and

**WHEREAS**, the City accepted the FDOT grant on December 12, 2023 pursuant to Resolution 2023-364; and

**WHEREAS**, the Grant will provide the City funding for up to 50% of the cost of providing Freebee On-Demand Transit Service via Electric Vehicles; and

**WHEREAS**, Freebee will be converting the existing fleet of 5 GEM electric vehicles to Tesla Model X electric vehicles; and

**WHEREAS**, the City and Freebee will modify the existing schedule (10am-10pm) to extend operating hours during peak days/times such as Friday and Saturday night; and

**WHEREAS**, the revised schedule will be Monday-Thursday 10am-9pm, Friday and Saturday 10am-11:59pm and Sunday 10am-7pm; and

**WHEREAS**, Freebee has agreed to provide the new fleet vehicles in advance of the start of the FDOT grant and will honor the current monthly rate until the grant commences; and

**WHEREAS**, Freebee will provide a advertising revenue guarantee in the amount of \$24,000 that Freebee will keep and instead provide an upfront discount on the operation cost; 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**, the City is interested in enhancing first and last mile transit options for residents, employees and visitors to Coral Gables;

**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, subject to receipt of State funding, at an amount not to exceed \$520,785 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 THIRTEENTH DAY OF FEBRUARY, A.D., 2024.


(Moved: Castro / Seconded: Anderson)

(Yeas: Menendez, Anderson, Castro, Fernandez, Lago)

(Unanimous: 5-0 Vote)

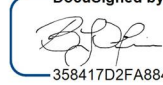
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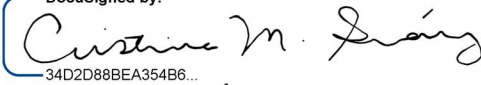
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