

**Enhancements to the Procurement and Design Process
for the Construction of New City Facilities**

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-32432

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE LAND USE AND SUTAINABILITY COMMITTEE, AND APPROVING AND ENDORSING CERTAIN ENHANCEMENTS TO THE PROCUREMENT AND DESIGN PROCESS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF NEW CITY FACILITIES, IN RECOGNITION OF THE CITY'S COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE IN URBAN DESIGN AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION, AS SET FORTH IN THIS RESOLUTION.

WHEREAS, the City of Miami Beach places a high degree of emphasis on forward-thinking and advanced architectural design for all City owned properties and facilities; and

WHEREAS, Design Review Board (DRB) or Historic Preservation Board (HPB) approval is required for new City facilities; and

WHEREAS, the DRB and HPB are required to evaluate the design of new construction under extensive and rigorous criteria within the LDRs; and

WHEREAS, currently all City issued Requests for Proposals (RFP) and Requests for Qualifications (RFQ) contain response requirements and evaluation point allocation regarding the caliber of the design professionals; and

WHEREAS, at the January 20, 2022, City Commission meeting, the Mayor and City Commission referred a discussion to the Land Use and Sustainability Committee (LUSC) to develop design guidelines for the construction of new City facilities, in recognition of the City's commitment to excellence in urban design and historic preservation; and

WHEREAS, at its October 28, 2022, meeting, the LUSC endorsed the proposal and the recommendations contained in the LUSC memo.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, that the Mayor and City Commission hereby approve and endorse the following recommendations of the Land Use and Sustainability Committee for the design and construction of future above-ground City facilities:


1. The following shall apply to future Requests for Proposal (RFP) and Requests for Qualifications (RFQ) pertaining to the design and construction of above-ground City facilities, in order to further reinforce the importance of architecture and design, as well as the caliber of architectural and design professionals:
 - a. The City's standard RFP and RFQ response requirements shall be modified to include a requirement for a minimum of 5 years of professional architecture and/or urban design experience.
 - b. To enhance design standards, a new section shall be added to future RFQs and RFPs that requires respondents to acknowledge and address best practices in architecture and

urban design, as well as any specific measures unique to the RFP or RFQ regarding architecture, urban design, or historic preservation, as may be applicable. Specific evaluation points, as applicable, will be allocated to ensure compliance with these established design standards.

2. The Administration shall ensure that individuals with architecture and/or urban design experience are included as evaluation committee members for all above-ground City facilities.
3. The City Commission may waive the requirements of this Resolution for individual projects by a 4/7th vote.


PASSED AND ADOPTED this 14th day of December 2022.

ATTEST:



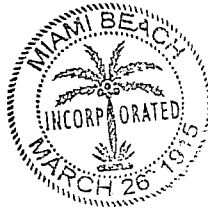
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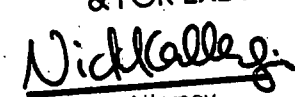
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FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION

for Nick Callego City Attorney 11/21/22 Date

MIAMI BEACH

COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission
FROM: Alina T. Hudak, City Manager
DATE: December 14, 2022

SUBJECT: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE LAND USE AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE, AND APPROVING AND ENDORSING CERTAIN ENHANCEMENTS TO THE PROCUREMENT AND DESIGN PROCESS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF NEW CITY FACILITIES, IN RECOGNITION OF THE CITY'S COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE IN URBAN DESIGN AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION, AS SET FORTH IN THIS RESOLUTION.

RECOMMENDATION

The Administration recommends that the City Commission adopt the Resolution.

BACKGROUND/HISTORY

On January 20, 2022, at the request of Commissioner Alex Fernandez, the City Commission referred the subject discussion item to the Land Use and Sustainability Committee (C4 AB). On February 11, 2022, the LUSC discussed and continued the item to the April 8, 2022, LUSC meeting with direction to the Administration to bring back different options for all types of City projects.

On April 8, 2022, the item was deferred to the May 13, 2022, LUSC meeting, with no discussion. On May 13, 2022, the item was deferred to the June 1, 2022, LUSC meeting, with no discussion. The June 1, 2022, LUSC meeting was postponed to June 6, 2022. On June 6, 2022, the item was deferred to the July 7, 2022, LUSC meeting, with no discussion.

On July 7, 2022, the item was discussed and continued to the September 28, 2022, LUSC meeting, with direction to the Administration to further develop the recommendations outlined in the July 7, 2022, LUSC memo, in consultation with the Procurement Director. On September 28, 2022, the item was deferred to the October 28, 2022, LUSC.

On October 28, 2022 the LUSC discussed the item and directed the Administration to prepare and submit a Resolution to the City Commission endorsing the design criteria recommendations provided in the LUSC memo.

ANALYSIS

At the previous direction of the LUSC, members of the Planning, Public Works, CIP, and Parks Departments convened a meeting to discuss different strategies for developing additional design criteria for future City projects. Currently, most above ground City projects, including new buildings, infrastructure, and street improvements, require some form of review by the Design Review Board (DRB) or Historic Preservation Board (HPB). This process also includes a requirement for design Architects.

In order to further enhance the existing process, the following options were discussed and considered by the LUSC on July 7, 2022, as it pertains to all future above ground City projects:

1. A more detailed evaluation of the proposed design of a facility at the City Commission level.
2. Creating additional criteria for all future Requests for Proposal (RFP) and Requests for Qualifications (RFQ) to further reinforce the importance of design and the caliber of the architectural and design professionals.
3. Creating revised standards for future selection committees to ensure that an individual with urban design experience is included to serve on selection committees that deal with above ground city projects.

At the direction of the LUSC, the above noted options were further developed, in consultation with the Procurement Director. This resulted in the following additional criteria, which were discussed and considered by the LUSC on October 28, 2022, and would be applicable to all future above ground City projects:

1. Creating additional criteria for all future Requests for Proposal (RFP) and Requests for Qualifications (RFQ) to further reinforce the importance of design and the caliber of the architectural and design professionals.
 - a. If so directed, specific experience requirements can be created by modifying the current language of the response requirements.
 - b. To enhance design standards, a section can be added to future RFQs and RFPs that requires proposers to address any specific measures unique to such RFP or RFQ regarding design, as well as best practices in architecture and urban design. Specific evaluation points can be allocated as to compliance with these established design standards.
2. The applicable City Departments (e.g., Parks, Public Works and CIP) can evaluate their internal process for future evaluation committees to consider individuals with urban design experience for evaluation committees that deal with above ground city projects.

On October 28, 2022 the LUSC endorsed the above noted criteria and recommended that A Resolution to the full City Commission be prepared, which memorializes the recommendation.

SUPPORTING SURVEY DATA

Improve Design and Aesthetics of City Projects

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

No Fiscal Impact Expected

CONCLUSION

The Administration recommends that the City Commission adopt the Resolution.

Applicable Area

Citywide

Is this a "Residents Right to Know" item, pursuant to City Code Section 2-14?

Yes

Does this item utilize G.O. Bond Funds?

No

Legislative Tracking

Planning

Sponsor

Commissioner Alex Fernandez

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

- Resolution