

RESOLUTION No. 23-138

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DORAL, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXTEND THE SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH BEEFREE, LLC. D/B/A FREEBEE FOR A SIX-MONTH PERIOD WITH A ONE-TIME OPTIONAL SIX-MONTH EXTENSION, TO PROVIDE FIRST AND LAST MILE DOOR-TO-DOOR ON-DEMAND TRANSIT SERVICE UNDER THE CURRENT TERMS, CONDITIONS, AND PRICING IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED THE DEPARTMENTAL BUDGETED FUNDS; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXTEND THE AGREEMENT AND TO EXPEND BUDGETED FUNDS ON BEHALF OF THE CITY; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the Public Works Department (“PWD”) is continuously exploring ways to provide alternative modes of transportation options to City of Doral (“City”) residents, employees, and visitors as a means to improve mobility and reduce traffic congestion; and

WHEREAS, in 2019 Beefree, LLC. d/b/a Freebee (“Freebee”) provided a six (6) month pilot program of last-mile door-to-door on-demand transit service to the Downtown Doral area via two (2) low-speed vehicles at no cost to the City; and

WHEREAS, as to not have a lapse in service, Freebee agreed to extend the Pilot Program from October 1, 2019 through October 31, 2019 at no cost to the City; and

WHEREAS, with the success of the Freebee pilot program, at the September 2019 Council Meeting, the City adopted Resolution No. 19-234 waiving the competitive bid process with Freebee and approving a one (1) year contract with an optional one-year renewal which expired on November 1, 2021 (the “Agreement”); and

WHEREAS, due to potential funding impacts from the COVID-19 pandemic, the City adopted Resolution No. 21-212 approving a one (1) year extension to the

Agreement under the same terms and conditions which was scheduled to expire on November 1, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the PWD received requests to expand the Freebee service, however, due to the restrictions of the Freebee vehicles being able to travel on roadways 35 MPH or greater, the PWD has not been able to expand the coverage area; and

WHEREAS, Freebee offered Tesla Model X vehicles that would allow greater coverage area and increased efficiency; and

WHEREAS, in October 2022, the City adopted Resolution No. 22-197 authorizing a one (1) year extension to the Agreement to increase the service coverage area with the Tesla Model X vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the current Agreement with Freebee is set to expire on November 1, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the PWD respectfully requests authorization for the City Manager to extend the Agreement with Freebee for a six-month period with a one-time optional six-month extension to provide last-mile door-to-door on-demand transit services in an amount not to exceed the Departmental budgeted funds while the City staff works to reprocur these services; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Agreement extension will allow the PWD, along with the City's Procurement Division, to hold an Industry Day to garner feedback from

interested vendors on the ever evolving On-Demand Transit Service industry prior to finalizing the bid documents; and

WHEREAS, funding to cover the cost for this request is budgeted in Fiscal Year 2023-24, in the People’s Transportation Plan Fund (CITT Fund) – “Contractual Services” Account, Account Num. 106.80005.500341.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DORAL AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Recitals. The above recitals are confirmed, adopted, and incorporated herein and made part hereof by this reference.

Section 2. Approval. The City Council hereby approves an extension to the Agreement between the City and Freebee for a six-month period with a one-time optional six-month extension for door-to-door on-demand transit service under the same terms and conditions, in an amount not to exceed the departmental budgeted funds.

Section 3. Authorization. The City Manager is hereby authorized to execute an extension to the Agreement between the City and Freebee for a six-month period with a one-time optional six-month extension and expend budgeted funds on behalf of the City.

Section 4. Implementation. The City Manager and City Attorney are hereby authorized to take such action as may be necessary to implement the purpose and the provisions of this resolution.

Section 5. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

The foregoing Resolution was offered by Vice Mayor Pineyro who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Puig-Corve and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Mayor Christi Fraga	Yes
Vice Mayor Rafael Pineyro	Yes
Councilwoman Digna Cabral	Yes
Councilwoman Maureen Porras	Yes
Councilman Oscar Puig-Corve	Yes

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 9 day of August, 2023.



CHRISTI FRAGA, MAYOR

ATTEST:



CONNIE DIAZ, MMC
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY
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