



RESOLUTION 2020-59

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO 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 \$85,000 FOR THE BALANCE OF THE 2020-2021 AND THE 2021-2022 FISCAL YEARS, SAID FUNDS TO BE EXPENDED OUT OF THE SURTAX ENTERPRISE FUNDS DEDICATED FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SERVICES UNDER THE CITY'S 5 YEAR PEOPLE'S TRANSPORTATION PLAN, PROVIDING EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, The City has phased out the Citywide Loop system as a result of attrition and vision to modernize our transit program; and

WHEREAS, The City of West Miami implemented a 90-day pilot program using FREEBEE that started on August 17th, 2020 for a period of 90 days to gauge popularity and utilization with the use of FREEBEE service;

WHEREAS, The Pilot Program concludes on November 17th, 2020 in its trial form and the City wishes to implement a permanent program due to the interest and ridership from the community; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission has demonstrated an ongoing commitment to assisting businesses adversely affected by COVID19 Pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Point to Point and personalized transportation service provided by Freebee during the COVID19 PANDEMIC is a safer mode of transportation that reduces the number of riders at any given time and follows the countywide smart transit plan and provides connectivity to and from other areas; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to provide an ongoing free, "last-mile" public transportation service within the commercial areas; 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, the City in conjunction with FREEBEE, will also explore the potential of a limited advertising partnership to assist in subsidizing the costs of the service, including branding the vehicles that would provide merchants with an additional platform for promoting their businesses; and

WHEREAS, The City will strive to find grants from outside agencies to assist with the funding costs in connection with FREEBEE; and

WHEREAS, The City is implementing a Monday through Saturday schedule based on ridership subject to schedule modifications as needed, and

WHEREAS, Freebee was identified by Mayor and City Commission 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 Administration supports the enhancement of the project using an energy efficient vehicle and enhancing our Public Transit options with the use of FREEBEE.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WEST MIAMI:

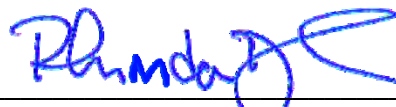
SECTION 1. The foregoing "Whereas" clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution upon adoption hereof.

SECTION 2. That the City Commission authorizes the Office of the City Manager to 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 \$85,000 annually pursuant for Purchase of Public Transportation Services.

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

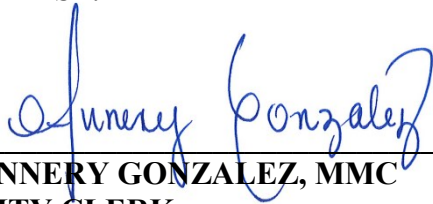
PASSED AND ADOPTED this 18th day of November, 2020

APPROVED:



RHONDA A. RODRIGUEZ, MAYOR

ATTEST:



ANNERY GONZALEZ, MMC
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND SUFFICIENCY:



JOSE A. VILLALOBOS, CITY ATTORNEY

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Offered by Commissioner Blanca, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Suarez. The vote was as follows:

MAYOR RHONDA A. RODRIGUEZ	<u>Y</u>
VICE-MAYOR ERIC DIAZ-PADRON	<u>Y</u>
COMMISSIONER CANDIDA BLANCA	<u>Y</u>
COMMISSIONER JUAN M. BLANES	<u>Y</u>
COMMISSIONER LUCIANO L. SUAREZ	<u>Y</u>