

RESOLUTION No. 24-

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 WITH RESPECT TO THE AGREEMENT APPROVED HEREIN; 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 its residents, employees, and visitors as a mean to improve mobility and reduce congestion, and

WHEREAS, in 2019 Beefree, LLC. d/b/a “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 Mayor and City Councilmembers adopted Resolution No. 19-234 waiving the competitive bid process with Freebee and enter into a one-year contract with an optional one-year renewal which expired on November 1, 2021; and

WHEREAS, due to potential funding impacts from the Pandemic, the Mayor and City Councilmembers adopted Resolution No. 21-212 approving a one-year contract

extension with Freebee under the same terms and conditions to provide door-to-door on-demand transit service which is set to expired on November 1, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the PWD has received requests to expand 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 increase efficiency; and

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

WHEREAS, in August 2023, the Mayor and City Councilmembers adopted Resolution No. 23-138 authorizing a contract extension with Freebee for a one (1) year period; and

WHEREAS, the current contract with Freebee is set to expire on November 1, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the PWD respectfully requests authorization for the City Manager to extend the Service 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 service at an amount not to exceed the Departmental budgeted funds while the City works on research, development and procure an advertising of a new Request for Proposals (RFP) for an On-Demand Transit Service; and

WHEREAS, funding to cover the cost for this request is budgeted in Fiscal Year 2024-25, in the People’s Transportation Plan Fund (CITTT 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 Service Contract Agreement extension for a six-month period with a one-time optional six-month between the City of Doral and Freebee for door-to-door on-demand transit service under the same terms and conditions, in an amount not to exceed the departmental budgeted funds, is hereby approved.

Section 3. Authorization. The City Manager is authorized to execute the Service Contract Agreement 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 _____ who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by _____ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 11 day of September, 2024.

CHRISTI FRAGA, MAYOR

ATTEST:

CONNIE DIAZ, MMC
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY
FOR THE USE AND RELIANCE OF THE CITY OF DORAL ONLY:

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