

Condensed Title:

Request the approval to accept a donation of approximately fifty (50) 20 –25' CW (clear wood) royal palms valued at approximately \$1,350 each, from Mr. Leo Schigiel of the Coral Palms Nursery. The donated palms will be transported, planted and established on public property by city staff as a component of the city's Urban Reforestation Program

Key Intended Outcome Supported:

Maintain Miami Beach public areas & rights of way, especially in business districts.

Supporting Data (Surveys, Environmental Scan, etc.): Miami Beach Customer Survey indicates 81% of residents rated the appearance and maintenance of the City's public right-of-way as either excellent or good.

Issue:

Shall the Mayor and City Commission accept the donation?

Item Summary/Recommendation:

Mr. Leo Schigiel, the proprietor of Coral Palms Nursery, contacted our City Attorney Mr. Jose Smith to offer the donation of approximately fifty (50) field grown royal palms that range from 20'-25' CW (Clear Wood) to the City of Miami Beach for installation on public properties. Mr. Smith contacted the Parks and Recreation Department to forward the offer to the Administration. Based on current market value, the average cost per field grown palm if purchased from local nurseries is approximately \$1,350 each.

Locations currently being considered as planting sites include the Sunset Islands, Collins Avenue, Alton Road, the Julia Tuttle interchange, Washington Avenue and 71st Street. Others may be identified in the future. The palms will be received at the Coral Palms Nursery by city staff, the installation will be completed utilizing a combination of city staff, and contract provided labor. The associated costs to transport, install and establish these palms is estimated to be \$10,000 -\$13,000, which will be expended from the City's Urban Reforestation Program.

The Administration recommends the adoption of the resolution accepting this generous donation which would benefit the community by enhancing the beauty of our city and contribute to our urban forest.

Advisory Board Recommendation:

Financial Information:

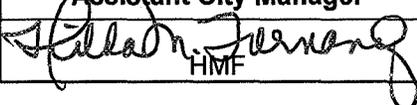
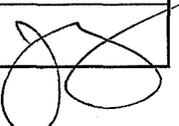
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Financial Impact Summary:

City Clerk's Office Legislative Tracking:

Kevin Smith, Parks & Recreation Director

Sign-Offs:

Department Director	Assistant City Manager	City Manager
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MIAMI BEACH

City of Miami Beach, 1700 Convention Center Drive, Miami Beach, Florida 33139, www.miamibeachfl.gov

COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Matti H. Bower and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Jorge M. Gonzalez, City Manager

DATE: March 18, 2009

SUBJECT: **A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A DONATION OF APPROXIMATELY FIFTY (50) 20'- 25' CW (CLEAR WOOD) ROYAL PALMS VALUED AT APPROXIMATELY \$1,350 EACH, FROM MR. LEO SCHIGIEL OF THE CORAL PALMS NURSERY, TO THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH; DONATED PALMS WILL BE TRANSPORTED, PLANTED AND ESTABLISHED ON PUBLIC PROPERTY BY THE CITY'S PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT'S GREENSPACE MANAGEMENT TEAM AS A COMPONENT OF THE CITY'S URBAN REFORESTATION PROGRAM.**

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION

Adopt the resolution.

KEY INTENDED OUTCOME SUPPORTED

Maintain Miami Beach public areas & rights of way, especially in business districts.

BACKGROUND

With the assistance of our City Attorney, Jose Smith, Mr. Leo Schigiel the proprietor of Coral Palms Nursery has generously offered to donate approximately fifty (50) Royal Palms that range from 20'-25' CW (Clear Wood) to the City of Miami Beach for installation on public properties. Mr. Smith contacted the Parks and Recreation Department to forward the offer to the City.

Upon receipt of this information, the City's Urban Forester, Dr. Christopher Latt, conducted a field inspection of the palms. Dr. Latt visited the nursery, confirmed the quality of the palms offered is acceptable for installation within public right a ways and requested the written offer addressed to the City Manager (please see the attached letter from Mr. Leo Schigiel proffering the donation). As you will note, the offer is being made to allow the nursery to reallocate some planting space. Based on current market value as established in the February 15, 2009, Betrocks Plant Finder, the cost per field grown palm if purchased from local nurseries is approximately \$1,200 - \$1,500 each.

It has been determined by our Urban Forester that the palms are Florida #1 grade, the same standard we would specify in our RFP (Requests for Purchase) if we were to buy them on the market. The planting process will be completed by City staff or a contractor under the supervision of the City's Urban Forester. We anticipate a high survival rate. Upon acceptance, the transplanting process will begin within 14 days or less and should be completed within two weeks after the first palms are planted.

Following the site visit, the Greenspace Management Division team reviewed the citywide planting needs and concluded that there are potential planting spaces throughout our community that would benefit from this generous donation. Planting sites being considered include the Sunset Islands, Collins Avenue, Alton Road, the Julia Tuttle interchange, Washington Avenue and 71st Street. Others may be identified in the future.

At this time Greenspace Management staff is checking for possible utility conflicts in order to finalize the planting locations. After all planting sites are confirmed, the palms will be received at the Coral Palms Nursery by city staff and the installation will be completed utilizing a combination of city staff, and contract provided labor. The associated costs to transport the palms from the Coral Palms Nursery, install and establish these palms is estimated to be \$10,000 - \$13,000, which will be expended from the City's Urban Reforestation Program.

CONCLUSION

The Administration recognizes the City Attorney, Jose Smith for his participation in securing this donation and recommends the approval of this resolution.

JMG/HMF/KS/JO

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February 4, 2009

Jorge M. Gonzalez – City Manager
City of Miami Beach
1700 Convention Center Drive
Miami Beach, FL 33139

Re: Coral Palms Nursery – Royal Palm donation to the City of Miami Beach

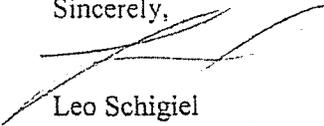
Dear Mr. Gonzalez:

Coral Palms Nursery is in the process of reallocating planting spaces in the nursery, so we must remove a number of 20- to 25-foot cw Royal Palms that are in good condition. We would like to donate a number of these palms to the City of Miami Beach for planting on public properties. Chris Latt, the city's urban forester, has visited the nursery and confirmed the quality of the palms. City staff are now identifying planting locations, but estimate that the city will be able to accept forty to fifty royal palms. According to our discussions, city staff will meet with Victor Rezindez, the nursery manager, to flag palms to be included in the donation. Victor will dig the palms and load them on a city truck. The city will be responsible for transporting and planting the palms.

It is our understanding that to comply with the city's ethics rules, we need to send a letter to you making the donation offer, and this request will then be presented to the City Commission for approval.

We look forward to your acceptance of this donation, and to our contribution to beautifying Miami Beach's public landscaping.

Sincerely,



Leo Schigiel
Coral Palms, LLC
25405 SW 111th Ave.
Princeton, FL 33032

RESOLUTION NO. _____

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WHEREAS, recently Mr. Leo Schigiel the proprietor of Coral Palms Nursery contacted our City Attorney, Mr. Jose Smith, to offer the donation of approximately fifty (50) field grown Royal Palms that range from 20'-25' CW (Clear Wood) to the City of Miami Beach for installation on public properties; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Smith contacted the Parks and Recreation Department to forward the offer to the Administration; and

WHEREAS, the City's Urban Forester, Dr. Christopher Latt visited the nursery, confirmed the quality of the palms offered is acceptable for installation within public property; and

WHEREAS, a letter dated February 4, 2009, proffering the donation was sent by Mr. Schigiel to the attention of the City Manager (see attached copy); and

WHEREAS, based on current market value as established in the February 15, 2009, Betrocks Plant Finder, the cost per field grown palm if purchased from local nurseries is approximately \$1,200 - \$1,500 each; and

WHEREAS, the Greenspace Management Division reviewed the citywide planting needs and concluded that there are public planting spaces throughout our community that would benefit from this generous donation; and

WHEREAS, locations currently being considered include, but are not limited to the Sunset Islands, Collins Avenue, Alton Road, the Julia Tuttle interchange, Washington Avenue and 71st Street; and

WHEREAS, the palms will be received at the Coral Palms Nursery by city staff, the installation will be completed utilizing a combination of city staff, and contract provided labor; and

WHEREAS, the associated costs to transport, install and establish these palms is estimated to be \$10,000-13,000 which will be expended from the City's Urban Reforestation Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED THAT THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA that the Mayor and City Commission hereby accept the donation of approximately fifty (50), 20'-25' CW (clear wood) royal palms, valued at approximately \$1,350 each, from Mr. Leo Schigiel, of Coral Palms Nursery, to the City of Miami Beach; donated palms will be transported, planted and established on public property by the City's Parks and Recreation Department's Greenspace Management team as a component of the City's Urban Reforestation Program.

PASSED and ADOPTED this 18th day of March, 2009.

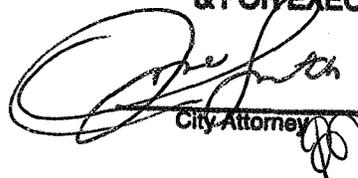
MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

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**APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION**



City Attorney

3/9/09

Date

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