

RESOLUTION No. 19-70

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DORAL, FLORIDA, CREATING A BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE TO ACT AS AN INDEPENDENT CITIZEN'S OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE; APPOINTING THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, On November 6, 2018, voters of the City of Doral passed the General Obligation Parks Bond for \$150 million that would help fund the construction of future Doral park projects; and

WHEREAS, the City of Doral recognizes the importance of establishing a mechanism to encourage greater accountability, transparency, public support, and confidence in the use of general obligation bond funds; and

WHEREAS, the City of Doral in response to community interest in the effective and efficient use of bond proceeds, will create a Bond Oversight Committee to act as an independent citizens advisory committee to the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City of Doral desires that the Bond Oversight Committee will hold public meetings and report their findings to the City Council; and

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

Section 1. Creation of the Bond Oversight Committee. There is hereby created an advisory committee to be known as the Bond Oversight Committee, hereinafter referred to as the "Committee".

Section 2. Membership. The Committee shall consist of five (5) individuals.

Section 3. Appointment of Committee Members. Pursuant to Section 2.02 of the City Charter, the Mayor's responsibilities include the creation and appointment subject to Council approval of committees of the Council. Accordingly, the Mayor appoints the following individuals to serve on the Bond Oversight Committee

1. Rafael Rodriguez
2. Lorena Gomez
3. Claudia Diaz
4. Bernardo M. Bieler
5. Santiago Pineiro

Section 4. Duties, Responsibilities and Guidelines. The Committee shall inform the City Council and general public concerning the City's overall project management including but not limited to:

- 1) Review quarterly reports produced to verify effective use of bond proceeds and compliance with the purposes set forth in the Bond approved by the referendum;
- 2) Validate that no bond funds are used for any unauthorized expense unrelated to the design and construction of the park improvements;
- 3) Hold quarterly public meetings for the purpose of presenting findings and taking public comments; and
- 4) All Committee members will annually sign a conflict of interest statement for existing conflicts and must sign an agreement to abide by Florida's Code of Ethics, Chapter 112 of the Florida Statutes.

Section 5. Advisory Nature of The Committee. The Committee provides external oversight for the bond projects only. Also, the Committee only has an advisory

responsibility to the City Council. The following list is not exhaustive, but simply illustrative of the areas over which the committee will not have responsibility. The Committee is **not** responsible for:

- a. Approval of construction contracts or change orders;
- b. Appropriation of construction funds;
- c. Handling of legal matters;
- d. Approval of construction plans and schedules;
- e. Approval of the City's timeline or project management plan;
- f. Approval of the sale of bonds;
- g. Establishment of priorities and order of construction for the bond projects;
- h. Selection of architects, engineers, construction managers, project managers, and such other professional service firms;
- i. Approval of the design for each project including exterior materials, paint color, interior finishes, site plan and construction, means or methods;
- j. Selection of independent audit firm(s), performance audit consultants and such other consultants as are necessary to support the performance of the Bond Programs;
- k. Setting or approving schedules of design and construction activities; and
- l. Investigations of alleged wrongdoing, potential waste, fraud, misuse or abuse, or non-compliance with Local, State, Federal laws/regulations, or City policies.

Section 6. **Support.** The Committee will work collaboratively with the City's Finance Department.

Section 7. Termination and Cessation of the Committee. Unless otherwise terminated sooner by the City Council, the Committee shall sunset upon the completion of all projects funded by the general obligation bond as approved by the voting public on November 6, 2018.

Section 8. Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective upon approval by the City Council.

The foregoing Resolution was offered by Vice Mayor Mariaca who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cabral and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Mayor Juan Carlos Bermudez	Yes
Vice Mayor Claudia Mariaca	Yes
Councilwoman Digna Cabral	Yes
Councilman Pete Cabrera	Absent/Excused
Councilwoman Christi Fraga	Yes

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 13 day of March, 2019.




JUAN CARLOS BERMUDEZ, 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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CITY ATTORNEY