

RESOLUTION No.17-187

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DORAL, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT A PROPOSAL FOR AMAZON HEADQUARTERS (HQ2) INDIVIDUALLY OR IN CONJUNCTION WITH MIAMI-DADE COUNTY; SUPPORTING THE PROPOSAL OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, on September 7, 2017, Amazon.com, a publicly traded United States corporation and leading internet retailer and technology company (“Amazon”), issued a request for proposal (the “RFP”) for the purpose of conducting a competitive selection process for the future location of its second corporate headquarters project (“HQ2”), which RFP is attached hereto as Exhibit “A”; and

WHEREAS, HQ2 is intended to host a significant Amazon operation, with over 50,000 new full-time employees, as much as 8 million square feet of office space and over \$5 billion in capital expenditures, over the next 10–15 years; and

WHEREAS, the RFP called on metropolitan statistical areas, states, provinces, counties, cities, and/or other local government to submit proposals for one or more sites that may host HQ2, along with a variety of area information and possible business incentives that Amazon may be offered to locate in the corresponding location; and

WHEREAS, after careful review of the RFPs requirements, it was determined by the leadership of the City of Doral (the “City”), along with Codina Partners, that Downtown Doral, a premier destination for working, living, dining, shopping, learning, and entertaining, could easily accommodate Amazon’s ambitious HQ2 plan; and

WHEREAS, it was further determined that the City along with Greater Miami also exceeded the community requirements desired by Amazon; and

WHEREAS, it was discovered that the Beacon Council, the private-sector, economic development partner of Miami-Dade County, intended to submit a proposal in response to the RFP, which could include more than one site; and

WHEREAS, it was deemed advantageous to the City for Downtown Doral to be included in the Miami-Dade County proposal as a one of few select locations from South Florida; and

WHEREAS, having Amazon locate its HQ2 in the City would be extremely beneficial to the tax base and local economy of the City and Miami-Dade County, and the Mayor and City Council desire to support the submission of a proposal by the City in partnership with Codina Partners.

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

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

Section 2. Authorization. The City Manager is hereby authorized to collaborate with Codina Partners to submit a proposal for Downtown Doral to host Amazon's HQ2, individually or as part of a larger proposal by Miami-Dade County, and to work on behalf of the City and/or in concert with Miami-Dade County to advance the submitted proposal.

Section 3. Supporting Miami-Dade County Bid. The Mayor and City Council hereby support the proposal of Miami-Dade County with Downtown Doral as a potential site for Amazon HQ2.

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

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

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

Mayor Juan Carlos Bermudez	Yes
Vice Mayor Pete Cabrera	Yes
Councilwoman Christi Fraga	Absent/Excused
Councilwoman Claudia Mariaca	Yes
Councilwoman Ana Maria Rodriguez	Yes

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 11 day of October, 2017.



JUAN CARLOS BERMUDEZ, MAYOR

ATTEST:


CONNIE DIAZ, SMC
CITY CLERK

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



WEISS, SEROTA, HELFMAN, COLE & BIERMAN, P.L.
CITY ATTORNEY