

The City of Aventura



19200 West Country Club Drive Aventura, FL 33180

City Commission Workshop Meeting

July 16, 2015

Immediately following Commission Meeting
Executive Conference Room

AGENDA

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1. ***Financial Transparency Portal Demonstration (City Manager)***

 2. ***Resolution Expressing Support for Solar Choice Ballot Petition (Mayor Weisman)****
Future Action Required: Resolution

 3. ***Request to Award Key to the City (Commissioner Weinberg)****
Future Action Required: Resolution

 4. ***Site Plans (City Manager)***

 - Adjournment***

*** Back-up Information Exists**

This meeting is open to the public. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, all persons who are disabled and who need special accommodations to participate in this meeting because of that disability should contact the Office of the City Clerk, 305-466-8901, not later than two days prior to such proceeding.

CITY OF AVENTURA

OFFICE OF THE CITY COMMISSION

MEMORANDUM

TO: Eric M. Soroka, ICMA-CM, City Manager

FROM: Mayor Enid Weisman

DATE: July 8, 2015

SUBJECT: **Request to have Resolution Prepared Expressing Support for Solar Choice Ballot Petition**

Please place on the July Workshop Meeting Agenda a request to have staff prepare a Resolution expressing support for the Solar Choice Ballot Petition as outlined in the attached Resolution prepared by the Village of Pinecrest.

Thank you.

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-18

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF PINECREST, FLORIDA, ENCOURAGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO REMOVE BARRIERS TO CUSTOMER-SITED SOLAR POWER AND EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE FLORIDIANS FOR SOLAR CHOICE BALLOT PETITION; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, solar power generates electricity with zero air emissions and no water use, thereby moving the county, state, and country to a cleaner and more sustainable energy future; and

WHEREAS, Florida has the greatest potential for rooftop solar power of any state in the eastern United States but lags in realizing that potential; with 9 million electric utility customer accounts, Florida has only 6,000 customer-sited solar systems.ⁱ Less sunny states like New Jersey have over 30,000 customer-sited solar systems but only half the population of Florida; and

WHEREAS, Florida is one of only five states in the United States that by law expressly denies citizens and businesses the freedom to buy solar power electricity directly from someone other than a power companyⁱⁱ; and

WHEREAS, allowing non-utility solar providers to provide solar generated electricity, through a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA), directly to customers can remove the upfront cost for solar power systems to homeowners and expand solar power options to residential and commercial tenants – thereby expanding the choice for solar power to all Floridians; and

WHEREAS, in states, such as New York or New Jersey, where non-utilities can provide solar generated power directly to customers, there has been significant solar development in the residential sector. Such arrangements have driven anywhere from 67% (New York) to 92% (New Jersey) of residential installations in those states;ⁱⁱⁱ and

WHEREAS, Florida spends about \$58 billion each year buying carbon-based fuels from other states and countries to power our homes, businesses and cars, while solar power will keep energy dollars here at home and create good paying local jobs; and

WHEREAS, in a recent poll, 74% of Florida voters said they support a proposal to change the state's current law and allow Floridians to contract directly with solar power providers for their electricity. Removing barriers to solar choice will allow more Floridians to take advantage of the power of the sun;^{iv}

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF PINECREST, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That the Village Council hereby urges the Florida Legislature to remove barriers that limits the sale of solar-generated electricity directly to a customer by anyone other than a power company and supporting the *Floridians for Solar Choice* ballot petition to amend the Florida Constitution to remove the barrier to customer-sited solar power.

Section 2. This resolution shall become effective upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 17th day of March, 2015.


Cindy Lerner, Mayor

Attest:


Guido H. Inguanzo, Jr., CMC
Village Clerk

Approved as to Form and Legal Sufficiency:


Mitchell Bierman
Village Attorney



Motion by: Councilmember McDonald
Second by: Vice Mayor Ross

Vote: Councilmembers Ball, Kraft, McDonald, Vice Mayor Ross, and Mayor Lerner voting Yes

ⁱ Florida Public Service Commission, *Reporting Requirements for Interconnection and Net Metering Customer-owned Renewable Generation*, at: <http://www.psc.state.fl.us/utilities/electricgas/customerrenewable/2013/2013%20Net%20Metering%20Summary%20Spreadsheet/2013%20Net%20Metering%20Chart.pdf>
ⁱⁱ Department of Energy, et. al, *Database of State Incentives for Renewables and Efficiency*, at http://www.dsireusa.org/documents/summarymaps/3rd_Party_PPA_Map.pdf
ⁱⁱⁱ SEIA-GTM. *U.S. Solar Market Insight Report: Q3 2014*.
^{iv} Northstar Opinion Research, *Survey of Florida Registered Voters*, October 2014, at: http://www.cleanenergy.org/wp-content/uploads/FL_Energy_Presentation_for_Release.pdf

CITY OF AVENTURA

OFFICE OF THE CITY COMMISSION

MEMORANDUM

TO: Eric M. Soroka, ICMA-CM, City Manager

FROM: Commissioner Howard Weinberg

DATE: July 8, 2015

SUBJECT: **Request for Key to the City for Robert Swedroe**

Please place on the Commission Workshop Agenda my request to award the Key to the City to "Aventura's Architect" Robert Swedroe.

Commission Resolution 2005-62 established the criteria for such an award. Those criteria include:

Section 3:

A making a valuable contribution in the fields of art, science or public health for the betterment of the lives of others

B contributions to the enhancement of the quality of life in the City of Aventura

C contributions to the economic development of the City of Aventura

Robert Swedroe meets and exceeds the established criteria and such an award on the 20th Anniversary of Aventura is most appropriate. As the attached list demonstrates, over the course of the last 40 years, Robert Swedroe has designed over 120 buildings that are currently standing in our 3.2 square mile city limits. The buildings that Mr. Swedroe designed comprise the lion's share of the current \$9 billion valuation from the Miami Dade County Property Appraiser and his designs continue to contribute to Aventura's healthy real estate market and tax base. It is not without a good deal of irony that we would recognize such accomplishments with a Key to the City given the fact that at the end of each day the vast majority of our residents use a key to enter their beautiful Robert Swedroe designed homes.

Robert Swedroe designed Don Soffer's projects throughout the Country Club Drive circle, Jules Trump's projects on Williams Island, Coscan's projects on Yacht Club Drive, WCI's Aventura project, and many others.

Robert is also a prolific artist and has had his work exhibited at Art Basel and locally at the Aventura Turnberry Jewish Center (yet another building that he was involved in designing).

Recently, Robert Swedroe has worked extensively with former Aventura Commissioner Bob Diamond on Bob Diamond's project to create an Aventura Historic Museum on the 2nd floor of Government Center once the temporary library moves out. Mr. Swedroe quite literally has the Aventura blue prints in his files and has been extraordinarily helpful and generous.

AVENTURA PROJECTS

The firm of Robert M. Swedroe Architects and Planners has designed 120 structures in the City of Aventura. The following is a list of the major projects. This list does not include accessory structures such as clubhouses, gatehouses, pavilions, etc.

<u>Project</u>	<u>Client</u>
BellaMaré	WCI
Bella Vista Mid-Rise North	Turnberry Associates
Bella Vista Mid-Rise South	Turnberry Associates
Biscaya at Aventura	Turnberry Associates*
Bonavaida at Aventura	Turnberry Associates*
Bonaventura at Aventura	Turnberry Associates*
Bravura	Turnberry Associates*
Coronado	Turnberry Associates*
Courtyard Homes	Coscan
Crescent Hotel	Turnberry Associates
El Dorado Towers at Aventura	Turnberry Associates*
Ensenada at Aventura	Turnberry Associates*
Flamenco Towers at Aventura	Turnberry Associates*
Golden Point at the Waterways	Matt Spenadel
Hamptons I at Turnberry	Holiday Organization
Harbor Tower	Coscan
Harborside	Coscan
Harborview	Coscan
Landmark	Benny Bedzow
Marina Hotel	Turnberry Associates
North Tower Hotel	Turnberry Associates
One Island Place (North)	Coscan
One Island Place (South)	Coscan
Point Atlantic I	Coscan
Point Atlantic II	Coscan
Point Atlantic III	Coscan
Point Lifestyle Center	Coscan
Point North Tower	Coscan
Point South Tower	Coscan
Porta Vita Townhouses	Turnberry Associates
Portsview at the Waterways	Coscan
Terraces at Turnberry	Shopco
Turnberry Marina Tower	Turnberry Associates
Turnberry Tower North	Turnberry Associates

Turnberry Tower South	Turnberry Associates
Turnberry Towers	Turnberry Associates
Villa Dorada, Aventura	Turnberry Associates*
Williams Island 1000 Bldg.	Trump Group
Williams Island 2000 Bldg.	Trump Group
Williams Island 3000 Bldg.	Trump Group
Williams Island 2600 Bldg.	Trump Group
Williams Island 2800 Bldg.	Trump Group
Williams Island 4000 Bldg.	Trump Group
Williams Island 7000 Bldg.	WCI

*As Senior Designer with Morris Lapidus

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-62

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF AVENTURA, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING CRITERIA FOR THE AWARD OF KEYS TO THE CITY OF AVENTURA; APPROVING PROTOTYPE KEY TO THE CITY OF AVENTURA; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, from time to time, it is appropriate for the Mayor and the City Commission of the City of Aventura to award or present keys to the City of Aventura (the "City Key") to individuals who are worthy of special recognition by the City because of their actions or accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission desires to establish criteria for the award and presentation of the City Key, as described herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF AVENTURA, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Recitals. That the above stated recitals are hereby confirmed and adopted.

Section 2. City Key Prototype. That the prototype or sample of the City Key, which is depicted on Exhibit "A" attached hereto, is hereby approved for use as the City Key pursuant to the provisions and procedures provided herein.

Section 3. Award of City Key. That the City Key shall be awarded to those persons, firms, organizations or entities who have distinguished themselves for public recognition and appreciation by their achievements or accomplishments, by activities which include but are not limited to, the following:

- a. making of a valuable contribution in the fields of art, science or public health for the betterment of the lives of others;
- b. contributions to the enhancement of the quality of life in the City of Aventura, county, region, state or nation;
- c. contributions to the economic development of the City of Aventura;
- d. acts of heroism for which recognition is appropriate;
- e. rendering of service to the public;
- f. activities which otherwise warrant recognition by award of the City Key.

Section 4. Procedure. That the procedure for the award of the City Key shall be that nominees for receipt of the City Key may be suggested by the Mayor or any Commissioner and be placed on the Agenda of any Commission Workshop meeting for consideration by the City Commission. Final

placed on the Agenda of any Commission Workshop meeting for consideration by the City Commission. Final approval shall be at a regular Commission meeting. Additionally, the Mayor or the Vice Mayor in the absence or unavailability of the Mayor may, in his or her discretion, from time to time, award the City Key to persons, firms, organizations, or entities who:

- a. clearly meet the criteria of Section 3 of this Resolution; or
- b. are dignitaries of Florida local and state government; or
- c. are foreign dignitaries who are recognized as valuable allies of the United States of America;

under those circumstances in which time does not permit presentation of a nomination to the City Commission at a Workshop or regular meeting.

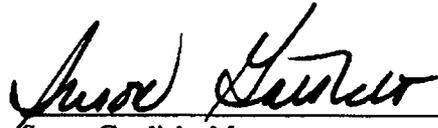
Section 5. Implementation. That the City Manager is authorized to provide for the implementation of the policies which are provided for herein and to arrange for the supply and purchase of the City Keys in accordance with appropriations made within the municipal budget.

Section 6. Effective Date. That this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption hereof.

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

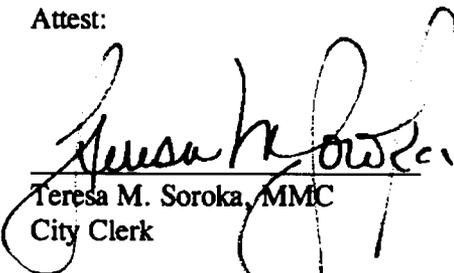
Commissioner Zev Auerbach	yes
Commissioner Bob Diamond	yes
Commissioner Harry Holzberg	yes
Commissioner Michael Stern	yes
Commissioner Luz Urbacz-Weinberg	yes
Vice Mayor Billy Joel	yes
Mayor Susan Gottlieb	yes

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 11th day of October, 2005.



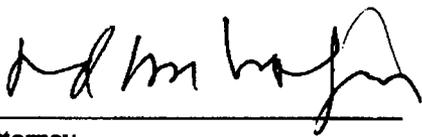
Susan Gottlieb, Mayor

Attest:



Teresa M. Soroka, MMC
City Clerk

Approved as to Form and Legal Sufficiency:



City Attorney