IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

MITCHELL SCOTT NOVICK

CIVIL ACTION NO.:

Plaintiff,

VS.

CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, a Florida municipal corporation, BHI MIAMI LIMITED CORP., a Delaware Corporation,

Defendants.	

COMPLAINT FOR DECLARATORY RELIEF CONCERNING SALE OF PUBLIC WATERFRONT LANDS AND TRANSFER OF BEACH ACCESS RIGHT-OF-WAY WITHOUT CITY CHARTER REQUIRED REFERENDA

Plaintiff MITCHELL SCOTT NOVICK ("NOVICK") sues Defendant, THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH (the "CITY"), a Florida municipal corporation, and Defendant, BHI MIAMI LIMITED CORP. ("BHI") a Delaware corporation, and state:

INTRODUCTION

The Plaintiff NOVICK is a resident, business owner, real property owner, taxpayer and registered voter of the City of Miami Beach. This lawsuit concerns the unlawful sale of public waterfront property and transfer of public beach access right-of-way without holding City Charter required referenda. See §1.03(b)(1) and §1.03(d) of the Miami Beach Charter. The Charter *inter alia* mandates that it should be "liberally construed in the favor of the preservation of …waterfront lands." The sale and transfer should be declared void.

THE PARTIES, JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 1. At 901 Collins Avenue, Miami Beach, Florida, Plaintiff NOVICK resides, owns real property, manages and owns a hotel business, pays taxes, and is registered as a voter in Miami Beach, Florida.
 - 2. Defendant CITY is a political subdivision of the State of Florida.
- 3. Defendant BHI is the owner of the property located at 100 21st Street, Miami Beach, Miami-Dade County, Florida and conducts business in Miami-Dade County, Florida.
- 4. Defendant BHI is the beneficiary of the Resolution 2021-31723 vacating the right-of-way, which is the subject of this lawsuit. BHI obtained site plan approval of the Bvlgari Hotel relying upon the development rights derived from the vacation of the beach access right-of-way and transfer of City owned waterfront land.
 - 5. This civil action seeks declaratory relief.
- 6. This Court has jurisdiction pursuant to Florida Statute §26.012 and Article V, Section 5 of The Constitution of the State of Florida.
- 7. The amount in controversy involves property and property rights exceeding \$7,400,000 exclusive of attorney's fees and costs, and real property located in Miami-Dade County.
- 8. All the acts and omissions that give rise to this lawsuit either occurred in Miami-Dade County, Florida or relate to real property and related business transactions in Miami-Dade County, Florida, located within this Court's territorial jurisdiction.
 - 9. Accordingly, venue is proper in this Court.

10. All conditions precedent, if any, to the initiation and maintenance of this action have been performed, have occurred, are excused or have been waived.

BHI PURCHASES SEAGULL HOTEL PROPERTY FOR RENOVATION AND EXPANSION

- 11. On or about January 9, 2020, Defendant BHI purchased the Seagull Hotel Property at 100 21st Street, Miami Beach, Florida.
- 12. Defendant BHI purchased the Seagull Hotel Property subject to the existing RM-3 zoning regulations, which *inter alia* provide a limit to the allowed square footage under the Floor Area Ratio ("FAR") development criteria.
- 13. Defendant BHI is proposing a major renovation of the existing building in order to brand it as a Bylgari Hotel ("Bylgari").
- 14. Defendant BHI seeks to enhance and enlarge the former Seagull Hotel Building by adding additions *inter alia*.
- 15. Under the City's code, the allowed developable square footage on a development site is limited by the FAR which is fixed and based on a multiple of the square footage of the land.

APPROVAL FOR BVLGARI HOTEL

- 16. Through its Historic Preservation Board, the CITY entered an order approving a Certificate of Appropriateness for the Bylgari Hotel which included additional FAR square footage what would be derived from the sale of Miami Beach owned waterfront property and the vacation of the beach access right-of-way as described below.
- 17. BHI obtained approval from the CITY, including its Historic Preservation Board ("HPB"), for an enhanced and enlarged development plan consisting of a south building addition and an east building addition.

18. The Historic Preservation Board approved BHI's development plan relying on the additional square footage to be added to the building site to increase the square footage of the site to enable an enlargement of the total square footage of the structure calculated from the application of the FAR multiple.

VACATION OF 21ST STREET BEACH ACCESS AND SALE OF PUBLIC WATERFRONT PROPERTY

19. In order for the CITY to gain the power and authority to sell and/or convey any City-owned waterfront property, the Miami Beach City Charter requires that said conveyance be approved by vote of the electorate in a referendum:

Disposition of City Property. The sale, exchange, conveyance, or lease of ten (10) years or longer (including option periods) of City-owned park, recreation, or waterfront property shall require approval of a majority of the voters in a City-wide referendum. This provision shall be liberally construed in the favor of the preservation of all park, recreation, and waterfront lands.

- §1.03(b) 1, Miami Beach City Charter.
- 20. In order for the CITY to gain the power and authority to transfer any interest in a right-of-way that serves as access to the beach from Collins Avenue to the Erosion Control Line (formerly the Atlantic Ocean), the Miami Beach City Charter requires that vacation and transfer be approved by vote of the electorate in a referendum:

Public Beach Rights-of-Way. The sale, exchange, conveyance, lease, or any other transfer of any City interest in a public beach right-of-way (extending eastward from Collins Avenue/Ocean Drive to the erosion control line) shall require approval by a majority vote of the voters in a Citywide referendum, excluding permits of no greater than one year, and excluding the sale, exchange, conveyance, lease or any other transfer not exceeding 10% in width of such public beach right-of-way.

§1.03(d), Miami Beach City Charter.

21. BHI agreed to pay the CITY the sum of Seven Million Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$7,400,000) for the City to vacate greater than 10% of the width of the 21st Street right-of-way between Collins Avenue and the Atlantic Ocean. The CITY approved a Resolution vacating the right-of-way along 21st Street. A copy of the Resolution approving the vacation of the right-of-way, Resolution 2021-31723, without the supporting documents, is attached hereto as **Exhibit A. Below is the link to the Resolution with all supporting documents** which is incorporated as if attached hereto:

https://docmgmt.miamibeachfl.gov/WebLink/DocView.aspx?id=272468&dbid=0&repo=CityClerk

- 22. The challenged Resolution 2021-31723 provided that the CITY would vacate and convey part of its right-of-way along 21st Street from Collins Avenue east to allow the land underlying the right-of-way to be unified with the adjacent Seagull Hotel property to create a single development site. This would allow the FAR development rights, by virtue of square footage of the right-of-way, to be incorporated into the Bvlgari Hotel development to add approximately 13,500 square feet of developable area to the Bvlgari hotel.
- 23. The 21st Street right-of-way is part of a dedicated street formerly known as Park Avenue as described in Plat Book 5, pages 7-8, which extended from Collins Avenue to the Atlantic Ocean pursuant to the Plat. Plat Book 5, pages 7-8 is recorded in the official records of Miami-Dade County, a copy of which is attached hereto as **Exhibit B**.
- 24. In 1935, Oxford Gardens Inc. conveyed to the CITY all rights, title, interest, claim and estate in the waterfront property for the south half of Park Avenue (now known as 21st Street) extending east of the northeast corner of Lot 1 to the Atlantic Ocean

pursuant to the deed recorded in the official records of Miami-Dade County at Deed Book 1650, Page 119, a copy of which is attached hereto as **Exhibit C**.

- 25. The CITY and the public have continuously used 21st Street (Park Avenue) from Collins Avenue to the waters of the Atlantic Ocean as a street and/or right of way, beach access and waterfront property. The Plaintiff has used the sidewalk on the south side of 21st Street to walk to the beach and ocean and intends to continue to use that sidewalk as a means of access to the beach and ocean.
- 26. The CITY, the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund for the State of Florida ("State of Florida"), and Miami-Dade County, determined the erosion control line and adopted and approved a plat entitled Establishment of Erosion Control Line ("Erosion Control Line Plat") which was recorded in the official records of Miami-Dade County at Plat Book 105, Page 62, setting forth the erosion control line as it impacts 21st Street. A copy of the relevant portion of the Erosion Control Line Plat as it relates to 21st is attached hereto as **Exhibit D**.
- 27. The Mayor of the CITY signed the Erosion Control Line Plat pursuant to the authorization provided by Resolution 75-14696, a copy of which is attached hereto as **Exhibit E**.
- 28. The CITY adopted Resolution 75-14696 as the owners of the lands that abut the erosion control line. Pursuant to said Resolution, the CITY authorized the Mayor and the Clerk to execute all consent agreements required by Miami-Dade County covering all of the land owned by the CITY that abuts the Erosion Control Line.
- 29. Pursuant to the Erosion Control Line Plat, 21st Street, which was formerly known as Park Avenue, runs from Collins Avenue easterly to the Erosion Control Line.

- 30. By approving and adapting said plat, the CITY acknowledged that 21st runs easterly to the Erosion Control Line.
- 31. In order to transfer any interest in a right-of-way that serves access to the beach from Collins Avenue to the Erosion Control Line (formerly the Atlantic Ocean), or to convey waterfront property owned by the City, the Miami Beach City Charter requires that vacation to be approved by vote of the electorate in a referendum.
- 32. The CITY failed to hold a referendum as required by both §1.03(b)(1) and §1.03 (d) of the Miami Beach City Charter. The CITY's and BHI's Vacation and Right of Way Improvement Agreement for Seagull Hotel Site at 100 21 Street Agreement ("Vacation Agreement") that had been included in the City Commission Agenda and on the online agenda package included provisions that did not allow the closing to transfer and/or convey the right of way under the Vacation Agreement until the related Historic Preservation Order was final.
- 33. Without notice to the public and without a public hearing, Defendants CITY and BHI behind closed doors modified the Vacation Agreement to allow the CITY to proceed with the vacating and sale of the waterfront property before the Historic Preservation Order was final.
- 34. The Defendants executed and recorded in the public records the following documents to complete the vacation of the City's beach access right of way including the transfer of City waterfront property and the unification of that property with the Seagull Hotel Site:

- (A) Vacation and Right of Way Improvement Agreement for Seagull Hotel Site at 100 21st Street. Recorded on August 18,2022 at Book 33343, Page 2428 of the Public Records of Miami-Dade County, Florida.
- (B) Quit-Claim Deed. Recorded on August 19, 2022 at Book 33346, Page 698 of the Public Records of Miami-Dade County, Florida.
- (C) Roadway Easement Agreement 21 Street. Recorded on August 19, 2022 at Book 33346, Page 716 of the Public Records of Miami-Dade County, Florida.
- (D) Declaration of Restrictive Covenants in Lieu of Unity of Title. Recorded on August 19, 2022 at Book 33346, Page 709 of the Public Records of Miami-Dade County, Florida.
- (E) Declaration of Restrictive Covenants and Maintenance Agreement.

 Recorded on August 19, 2022 at Book 33346, Page 730 of the Public Records of Miami
 Dade County, Florida.
- 35. The CITY did not have the power or authority to dispose of the beach access and waterfront parcel unless and until the referendums were held. The CITY's actions were *ultra vires*.

COUNT I - DECLARATORY JUDGMENT REGARDING CITY'S FAILURE TO SET A CITYWIDE REFERENDUM FOR CONVEYANCE OF CITY-OWNED WATERFRONT PROPERTY AND TRANSFER OF INTEREST IN A PUBLIC BEACH RIGHT-OF-WAY

- 36. The allegations set forth in paragraphs 1 through 35 hereinabove are realleged herein as if fully set forth below.
- 37. This is an action for Declaratory Relief pursuant to Chapter 86, Florida Statutes, against the CITY and BHI to declare the rights, status, or other equitable relief

or legal relations of the parties as it relates to the CITY's legal duty, obligation, and responsibility to convey City-owned waterfront property and to transfer the City's interest in a public beach right-of-way.

- 38. In order to transfer any CITY interest in a public beach right-of-way that serves access to the beach from Collins Avenue to the Erosion Control Line (formerly the Atlantic Ocean), and to transfer waterfront property owned by the City, the Miami Beach City Charter requires that transfer be approved by vote of the electorate in referenda under two provisions of the City Charter.
- 39. The CITY failed to hold referenda as required by both §1.03(b)(1) and §1.03(d) of the Miami Beach City Charter.
- 40. Plaintiff asserts that the CITY has been derelict in its legal duty, obligation and responsibility to provide for legally required Citywide referendums.
- 41. Based on the above and foregoing, there is bona fide, actual, present and practical need for a resolution of these interests and a declaration of the respective rights of the parties. Such declaration deals with a present, ascertained or ascertainable state of facts and/or present controversy as to a state of facts; the rights of the parties are dependent upon these facts or the law applicable to the facts; and any antagonistic and adverse interests are all before the Court by proper process.
- 42. There is a bona fide, actual, present, and practical need for a declaration within the purview of Chapter 86, Florida Statutes that (a) the CITY was required to submit the approval of the conveyance of City-owned waterfront land and the vacating and transferring of the beach access right-of-way to the Citywide electorate, (b) those actions to convey City-owned waterfront land and the vacating and transfer of right of way

providing beach access were ultra vires and (c) the following documents were executed by the CITY without power and authority to do so and should be vacated and set aside:

- (A) Vacation and Right of Way Improvement Agreement for Seagull Hotel Site at 100 21st Street. Recorded on August 18,2022 at Book 33343, Page 2428 of the Public Records of Miami-Dade County, Florida.
- (B) Quit-Claim Deed. Recorded on August 19, 2022 at Book 33346, Page 698 of the Public Records of Miami-Dade County, Florida.
- 43. As a result of this illegal transaction described in the preceding paragraphs, the following documents should also be vacated and set aside:
- (A) Roadway Easement Agreement 21 Street. Recorded on August 19, 2022 at Book 33346, Page 716 of the Public Records of Miami-Dade County, Florida.
- (B) Declaration of Restrictive Covenants in Lieu of Unity of Title. Recorded on August 19, 2022 at Book 33346, Page 709 of the Public Records of Miami-Dade County, Florida.
- (C) Declaration of Restrictive Covenants and Maintenance Agreement.

 Recorded on August 19, 2022 at Book 3346, Page 730 of the Public Records of Miami
 Dade County, Florida.
- 44. The CITY's actions and BHI's actions have injured Plaintiff, because Plaintiff has been deprived of his right to vote in a referendum on the vacation of beach access and the disposition of city owned waterfront property. The Plaintiff and the electorate of Miami Beach have been denied due process provided under the Miami Beach City Charter.

- 45. As a result of the CITY's Commission's approval of the resolution and the agreements vacating of the right-of-way and deed conveying the waterfront property, it has become necessary for Plaintiff to retain counsel in order to represent his interests and to assert the claims set forth herein.
- 46. Plaintiff does not have an adequate remedy at law and require an adjudication by this Court that the Plaintiff was entitled to have a Citywide referendum, but that the CITY was derelict in and failed to perform its legal duties, obligations and responsibility to set such an election.
- 47. Due to the parties differing positions regarding whether the City Charter applies to the transfer of public beach right-of-way section and the sale and conveyance of waterfront property, the Plaintiff request that court declare that (a) City Charter §1.03(b)1 and §1.03(d) each apply, (b) that the subject sale, conveyance, and transfer require Citywide referendums and (c) any subject sale, conveyance, and transfer prior to the certification of said referendum elections approving same are illegal and void.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff MITCHELL SCOTT NOVICK respectfully requests that this Court enter a judgment against the CITY and BHI declaring the parties' rights and duties with respect to whether the CITY was derelict in its legal duty, obligation and responsibility to set City-wide referendums, whether the sale and conveyance of City-owned waterfront land is illegal and void, whether vacation and transfer of the right-of-way is illegal and void, enter an order vacating the Historic Preservation Board Order, enter an order declaring any such sale, conveyance and transfer illegal and void, and setting aside and declaring any such act and resolution illegal and void, vacating all such sale, conveyance and transfer and grant such supplemental relief, including taxable

costs, and such other and further relief as may be deemed just and proper under the circumstances.

COUNT II – BREACH OF RIGHT TO TRUTH IN GOVERNMENT CONTAINED IN THE CITIZENS' BILL OF RIGHTS UNDER MIAMI BEACH CITY CHARTER

- 48. The allegations set forth in paragraphs 1 through 35, 44 and 45 hereinabove are re-alleged herein as if fully set forth below.
- 49. Under the Miami Beach City Charter, Citizens' Bill of Rights, Truth in Government, "No municipal official or employee shall knowingly furnish false information on any public matter, nor knowingly omit significant facts when giving requested information to members of the public."
- 50. As a consequence of this omission of significant facts or the giving of false information, the Resolution approving the conveyance and transfer of 21st Street to BHI omitted the requirement for City-wide referenda.
- 51. It was not disclosed that the City intended to convey a portion of City owned waterfront property and to transfer beach access to BHI without a referendum.
- 52. The CITY did not disclose in its papers and presentations before the City Commission that a portion of right-of-way was waterfront property owned in fee simple by the City pursuant to the deed conveying said waterfront property by Oxford Gardens to the City of Miami Beach or that a portion of the right of way was beach access.
- 53. At the public hearing concerning the Resolution approving the vacation and transfer of the right-of-way, the CITY:
- (A) did not disclose that the easternmost portion of the "right-of-way" to be vacated was part of a waterfront parcel owned in fee simple by the City;

- (B) did not disclose that the Resolution included the deeding of a portion of the City owned waterfront parcel to BHI;
- (C) did not advise or otherwise disclose to the City Commission that, because City-owned waterfront property was being sold and conveyed, a referendum was required under the City Charter.
- 54. At the public hearing concerning the Resolution approving the vacation and transfer of the right-of-way, the CITY:
- (A) did not disclose that the "right-of-way" to be vacated was beach access; and
 - (B) did not disclose that the Resolution included transfer beach access;
- (C) did not advise or otherwise disclose to the City Commission that, because the property being transfer was beach access, a referendum was required under the City Charter.
- 55. The City officials and employees knowingly omitted significant facts in their public representations to the City Commission that the City Charter referenda provisions related to the sale of public waterfront property and the vacating of beach access were applicable to the Resolution and would require approval by the electorate through city-wide referenda.
- 56. As a consequence of this affirmative failure to disclose the City's fee simple ownership and the property was waterfront property and/or misrepresent the City's did not own the property in fee simple and that the property was not waterfront property, the CITY denied the public its right to know the nature of the transaction and to approve the sale and conveyance by referendum.

57. As a consequence of this affirmative failure to disclose the City's transferring of beach access to BHI and/or misrepresent that the property being vacated was not beach access, the CITY denied the public its right to know the nature of the

transaction and to approve the sale and conveyance by referendum.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff MITCHELL SCOTT NOVICK respectfully requests that this Court enter a judgment declaring that the Plaintiff was deprived of his rights to Truth in Government under the Miami Beach Citizens' Bill of Rights, and awarding Plaintiff his costs and all other remedies under the Miami Beach Citizens' Bill of Rights, along with such further relief as this Court deems just and proper.

Dated November 16, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

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RESOLUTION NO 2021-31723

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING, ON SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING OF THIS RESOLUTION, THE VACATION OF THAT PORTION OF THE SOUTHERN HALF OF 21ST STREET, **GENERALLY LOCATED BETWEEN APPROXIMATELY 150 FEET EAST OF** COLLINS AVENUE AND MIAMI BEACH DRIVE, AND CONSISTING OF APPROXIMATELY 6,736 SQUARE FEET IN TOTAL AREA, AS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT "A" TO THE MEMORANDUM ACCOMPANYING THIS RESOLUTION (THE "ROW"), IN FAVOR OF THE ABUTTING PROPERTY OWNER, BHI LIMITED MIAMI CORPORATION (THE "APPLICANT"); FURTHER, PROVIDING THAT THE VACATION OF THE CITY ROW SHALL BE SUBJECT TO AND CONDITIONED UPON THE APPLICANT'S DELIVERY OF CERTAIN PUBLIC BENEFITS TO THE CITY. INCLUDING A PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,400,000.00, A MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT PROVIDING FOR THE INSTALLATION AND PERPETUAL MAINTENANCE OF ADDITIONAL LANDSCAPING WITHIN THE CITY'S BEACH ACCESS AND BEACHWALK AREA EAST OF MIAMI BEACH DRIVE AS MORE PARTICULARLY DEPICTED ON EXHIBIT "E" TO THE MEMORANDUM ACCOMPANYING THIS RESOLUTION, AND A PERPETUAL EASEMENT IN FAVOR OF THE CITY OVER THE ROW, TO ENSURE CONTINUED PUBLIC USE OF THE ROW FOR CITY ACCESS, PEDESTRIAN AND VEHICULAR TRAVEL, AND UTILITIES; AND WAIVING, BY 5/7THS VOTE. THE COMPETITIVE BIDDING REQUIREMENT, PURSUANT TO SECTION 82-38 OF THE CITY CODE. FINDING SUCH WAIVER TO BE IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE CITY; AND FURTHER, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE A VACATION AGREEMENT, A COPY OF WHICH IS ATTACHED, IN SUBSTANTIAL FORM. AS EXHIBIT "F" TO THE COMMISSION MEMORANDUM ACCOMPANYING THIS RESOLUTION.

WHEREAS, the City holds a right-of-way dedication to the portion of the southern twenty-five (25) feet of 21 Street located approximately 150 feet east of Collins Avenue and running east for approximately 269.43 feet, consisting of approximately 6,736.28 square feet, and more particularly described in Exhibit "A" to the Memorandum accompanying this Resolution (the "ROW"); and

WHEREAS, BHI Miami Limited Corp. (the "Applicant") owns the property abutting the ROW located at 100 21 Street and identified by tax folio number 02-3226-001-0040 (the "Property"), more particularly described in Exhibit "B" to the Memorandum accompanying this Resolution; and

WHEREAS, Applicant's Property, currently known as the Seagull Hotel, consists of an 8-story structure constructed in 1950, and designed by architect Albert Anis; and

WHEREAS, the Applicant is proposing a major renovation of the existing structure in order to accommodate a new high-end luxury hotel operator, Bulgari Hotels & Resorts (the "Proposed Development"); and

WHEREAS, in conjunction with Proposed Development, the Applicant is requesting that the City vacate the ROW, and submitted its application to the City's Public Works Department with respect thereto; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article II, Sections 82-36 through 82-40, of the City Code, prior to approving a request for vacation, the following requirements must be satisfied: (1) the title of the Resolution approving the proposed vacation shall be heard by the City Commission on two separate meeting dates, with the second reading to be accompanied by a duly noticed public hearing; (2) the proposed vacation shall be transmitted to the Finance and Economic Resiliency Committee ("FERC") for its review; (3) the City's Planning Department shall prepare a written planning analysis, to be submitted to the City Commission concurrent with its consideration of the proposed vacation; and (4) the City shall obtain an independent appraisal of the fair market value of the property proposed to be vacated; and

WHEREAS, the Applicant is proposing that the Proposed Development be developed as a unified development site, and the ROW and the Applicant's Property would be joined via a unity of title or covenant in lieu of unity of title following the effective date of the vacation, to permit Applicant to utilize the floor area associated with the ROW within the Proposed Development; and

WHEREAS, the Public Works Department obtained an appraisal for the market value of the ROW on January 13, 2021, which appraisal is attached as Exhibit "D" to the Memorandum accompanying this Resolution, and valued the ROW at \$7,400,000; and

WHEREAS, the Applicant obtained an appraisal for the market value of the ROW, which appraisal is attached as Exhibit "C" to the Memorandum accompanying this Resolution, and valued the ROW at \$5,000,000; and

WHEREAS, at the January 22, 2021 FERC meeting, the Applicant accepted the City's higher appraisal value for the ROW at \$7,400,000, and the FERC recommended in favor of the proposed vacation of the ROW, with the vacation of the ROW subject to and conditioned upon the Applicant's delivery of certain public benefits to the City: (1) the Applicant's payment of \$7,400,000 to the City, and (2) the Applicant providing the City with a perpetual easement over the ROW to ensure continued public use of the ROW for City access, public pedestrian and vehicular travel, and the installation and maintenance of utilities; and

WHEREAS, the Applicant has further agreed to the installation and perpetual maintenance, at Applicant's sole cost and expense, of additional landscaping adjacent to the Applicant's Property within the City's Beach Access and Beachwalk area depicted in Exhibit "E" to the Memorandum accompanying this Resolution, to be memorialized in a recorded Maintenance Agreement; and

WHEREAS, on February 10, 2021, the Mayor and City Commission approved the vacation of the ROW on first reading, setting a date for the second reading/public hearing for the vacation of the ROW; and

WHEREAS, on April 27, 2021, following a presentation by the Applicant, the Planning Board approved the vacation of the ROW as required pursuant to Section 1.03(b)(4) of the City Charter; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Department analysis of the vacation, in accordance with Section 82-38 of the City Code, is attached as Exhibit "G" to the Memorandum accompanying this Resolution: and

WHEREAS, Section 82-39(a) of the City Code provides that the lease or sale of public property requires an advertised public bidding process, which requirement may be waived by 5/7th vote of the City Commission; and

WHEREAS, by operation of law, once the City vacates the ROW, the underlying fee interest in the ROW vests with the current abutting property owner; and

WHEREAS, as the only party entitled to the vacated ROW is the Applicant (as the abutting property owner and holder of the appropriate reversionary interests), the City Administration recommends that the Mayor and City Commission waive the competitive bidding requirement, finding that the public interest is served by waiving such condition; and

WHEREAS, as explained more fully in the Commission Memorandum accompanying this Resolution, incorporated by reference herein, the proposed vacation requires approval pursuant to Section 1.03 (b)(4) of the City Charter, which requires approval by a majority vote of the Planning Board and a 6/7ths vote of the City Commission; and

WHEREAS, subject to the foregoing approval requirements of the City Charter and City Code, the City Commission has the discretion to approve the vacation if the City Commission finds that the vacation meets the criteria established in Section 82-38 of the City Code and the public benefit proffered is compelling; and

WHEREAS, the vacation of the ROW shall be subject to and conditioned upon the Applicant and City executing a Vacation Agreement, a copy of which is attached, in substantial form, as Exhibit "F" to the Commission Memorandum accompanying this Resolution, that includes the following terms and conditions:

- (1) In consideration of the vacation, Applicant shall pay the City \$7,400,000 as part of its public benefit package, with the schedule of payments discussed below.
- (2) The vacation agreement will provide for the City to convey the ROW to the Applicant at an agreed-upon closing date (prior to the issuance of the building permit for the Proposed Development). As permitted under Section 1.03(c) of the City Charter (discussed more fully below) and Section 118-5 of the City Code, the Applicant, upon obtaining fee ownership of the ROW, would join the ROW and the Applicant's Property via a unity of title and create a unified development site, thereby permitting the aggregation of floor area ("FAR") across the unified abutting parcels.
- (3) As a condition of the proposed vacation, the Applicant would grant a perpetual, non-revocable easement in favor of the City, for the City's continued use of the ROW for vehicular, pedestrian and utility purposes, so that the public's use of 21st Street would not be altered or diminished in any way.

- (4) Applicant and the City shall enter into a Maintenance Agreement providing for installation (prior to the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy) and perpetual maintenance of additional landscaping at the Applicant's sole cost in the portion of the City's Beach Access and Beachwalk area as depicted in Exhibit "E" to the Commission Memorandum accompanying this Resolution, which area is directly to the east of the ROW, and directly to the east of Applicant's Property (defined below as the "Proposed Maintenance Area").
- (5) Applicant shall pay all of the City's costs in connection with the proposed vacation of the ROW, including any City closing costs, recording fees, or outside legal fees that may be incurred by the City.
- (6) Applicant agrees that City's quit claim deed for the ROW shall contain a reverter clause, to provide for the ROW to revert back to the City in the event Applicant fails to satisfy all conditions of the Vacation Resolution and Vacation Agreement prior to the completion of the Proposed Development (except the installation and maintenance of the landscape improvements depicted in Exhibit "E," which shall be governed by the Maintenance Agreement), and with such reverter being without prejudice to any other rights or remedies that may be available to the City in the event the Applicant fails to satisfy the conditions of the Vacation Resolution/Vacation Agreement.
- (7) Applicant agrees that City shall not issue a Temporary Certificate of Occupancy or final Certificate of Occupancy (whichever comes first) for the Proposed Development until the Applicant has satisfied all conditions of the Vacation Resolution and the Vacation Agreement; and

WHEREAS, in the event the foregoing conditions of the Vacation Resolution or Vacation Agreement are not met, following notice to Applicant and a reasonable opportunity to cure, the Vacation Agreement shall be subject to termination, and in the event of any such termination, this Vacation Resolution shall be null and void; and

WHEREAS, the Applicant has proposed that the public benefit cash payment to the City in the amount of \$7,400,000 would be provided in installment payments, namely:

- (1) the Applicant shall make the first payment to the City, in the amount of \$750,000, within thirty (30) days following the Historic Preservation Board approval for the Proposed Development becoming final and non-appealable (the "First Installment"). The First Installment shall be refundable until the vacation of the ROW is effective pursuant to the terms of the Vacation Agreement; and
- the Applicant shall make the second payment, in the amount of \$3,325,000, prior to the issuance of a building permit for the Proposed Development (the "Second Installment"). The vacation of the ROW shall be effective as of the date the Owner makes the Second Installment. Upon the Owner's payment of the Second Installment, both the First Installment and Second Installment be non-refundable; and

(3) the Applicant shall make the third payment, in the amount of \$3,325,000, prior to the issuance of a temporary certificate of occupancy allowing public occupancy (the "TCO") or certificate of occupancy (the "CO"), whichever comes first, for the Proposed Development (the "Final Installment"). Further, the Applicant agrees that the City shall not issue the TCO or CO for the Proposed Development until the Final Installment Payment is made. The Final Installment shall be non-refundable; and

WHEREAS, for the reasons as set forth more fully in the Commission Memorandum accompanying this Resolution, the Administration recommends approval of the vacation at second reading/public hearing, subject to the terms and conditions contained in this Resolution and the Vacation Agreement.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, that the Mayor and City Commission hereby approve, on Second Reading/Public Hearing of this Resolution, the vacation of that portion of the southern half of 21 Street, generally located between approximately 150 feet east of Collins Avenue and Miami Beach Drive, and consisting of approximately 6,736.28 square feet in total area, as more particularly describe in Exhibit "A" to the Memorandum accompanying this Resolution (the "ROW"), in favor of the abutting property owner, BHI Limited Miami Corporation (the "Applicant"); further, providing that the vacation of the City ROW shall be subject to and conditioned upon the Applicant's delivery of certain public benefits to the City, including a voluntary monetary payment in the amount of \$7,400,000, a maintenance agreement providing for the installation and perpetual maintenance of additional landscaping within the City's beach access and beachwalk area east of Miami beach Drive as more particularly depicted on Exhibit "E" to the memorandum accompanying this Resolution, and a perpetual easement in favor of the City over the ROW, to ensure continued public use of the ROW for City access, pedestrian and vehicular travel, and utilities; further, waiving, by 5/7ths vote, the competitive bidding requirement, pursuant to Section 82-38 of the City Code, finding such waiver to be in the best interest of the City; and further, authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a Vacation Agreement, a copy of which is attached, in substantial form, as Exhibit "F" to the Memorandum accompanying this Resolution.

PASSED and ADOPTED this 26 day of _______, 2021.

ATTEST:

Rafael G. Granado, City Clerk

Dan Gelber, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM & LANGUAGE & FOR EXECUTION

City Attorney

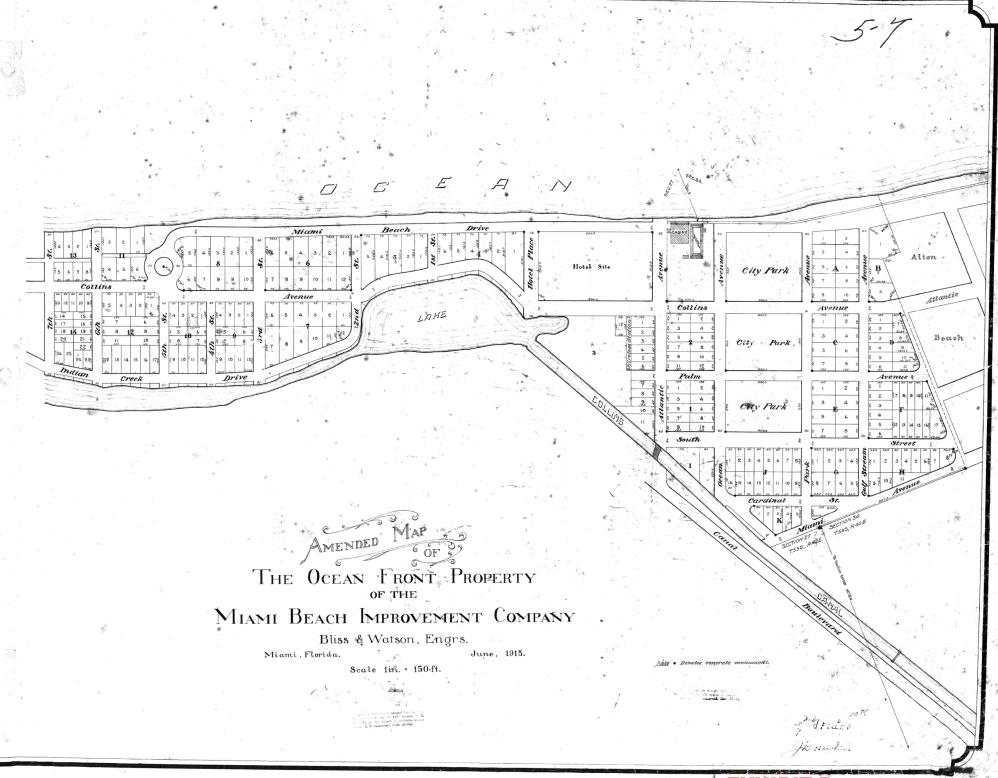
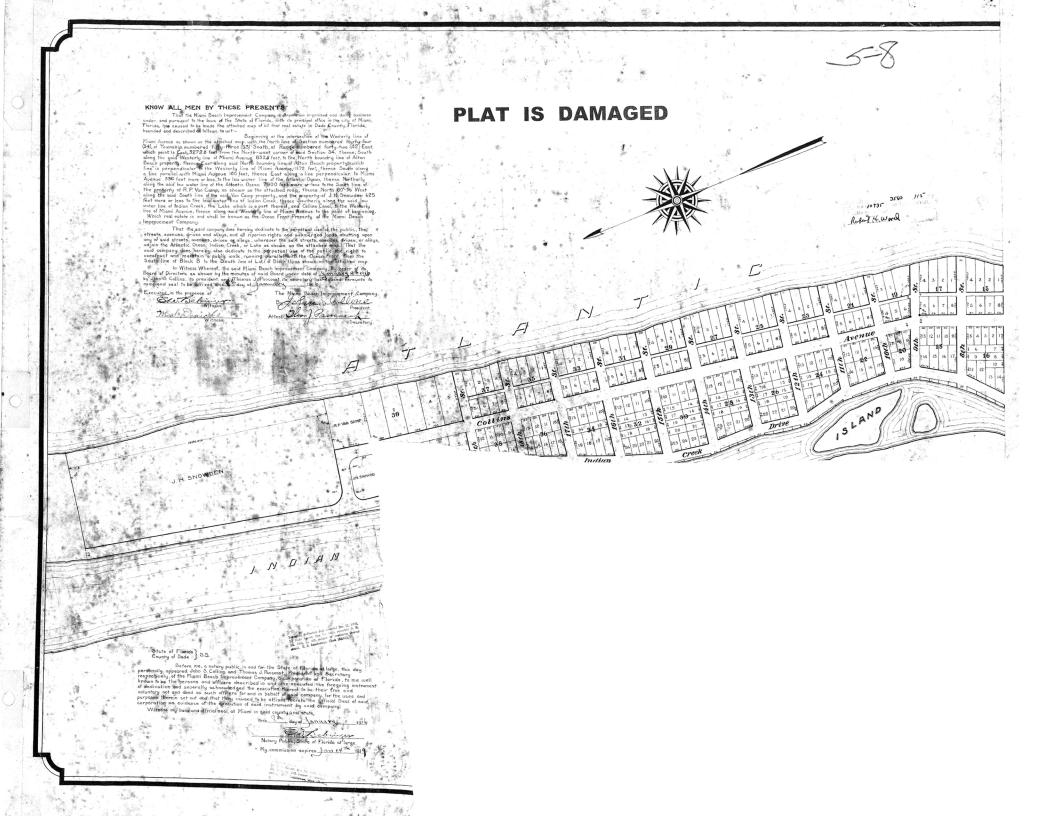


EXHIBIT B



THIS INDENTURE, AND COLUMN OF LASTIN

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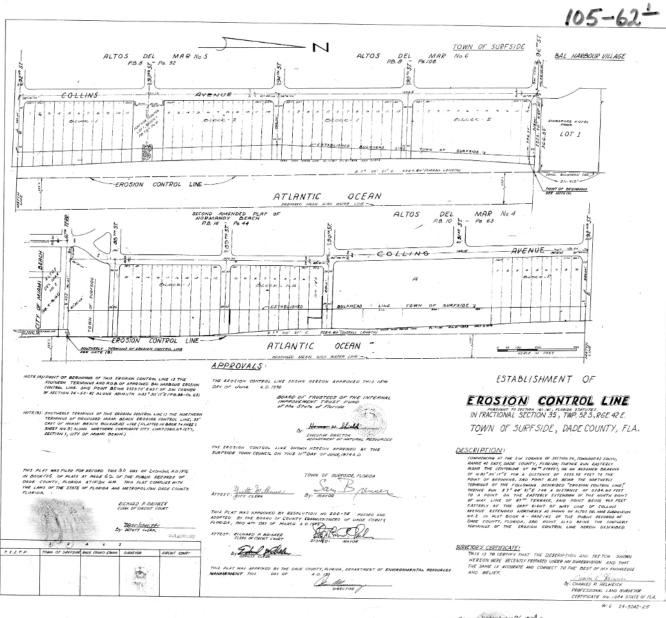
for and in consideration of the sum of Ten lotters and other valuable consideration in hand paid by the said party of the second part, the receipt thereof is hereby acknowledged, both remised, released an init-claimed, and by these presents loth remised, release and juit claim unto the said party of the second part, and its assigns forever, all the right, title, interest, claim and demand which the said party of the first part both in one to the following exempted lot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being to the County of Dage, State of Florida, to-wit:

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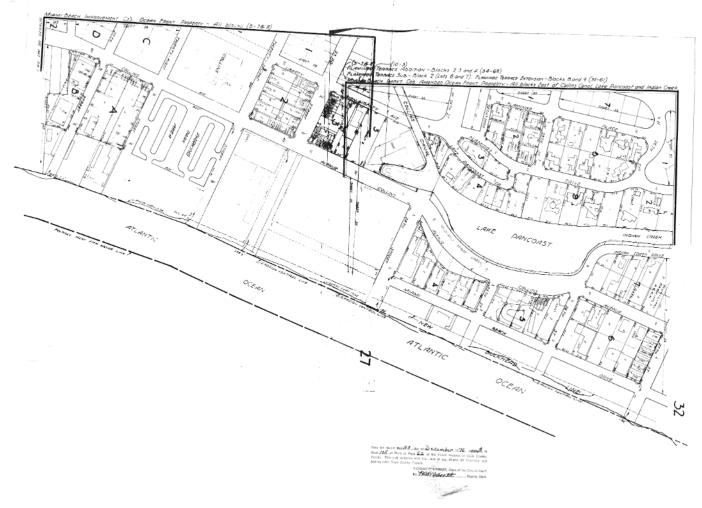
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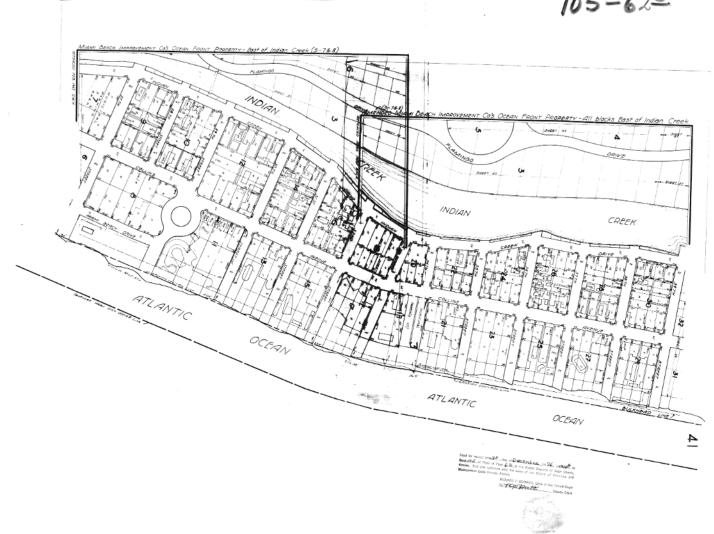
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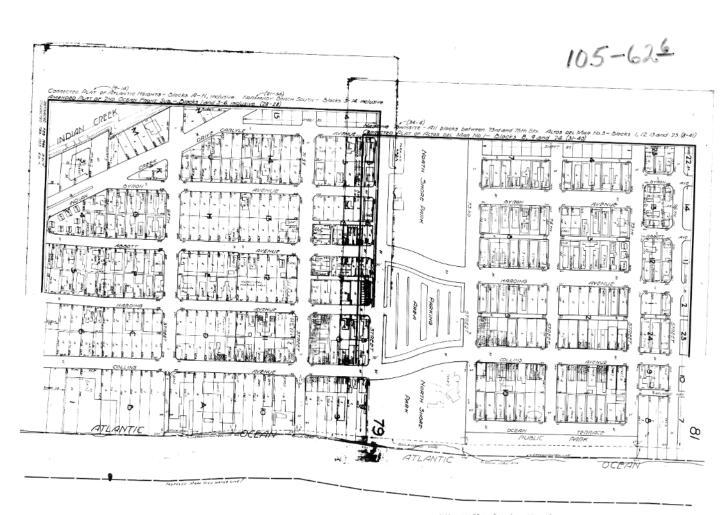
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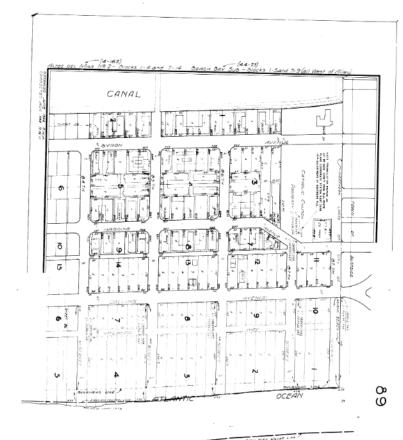
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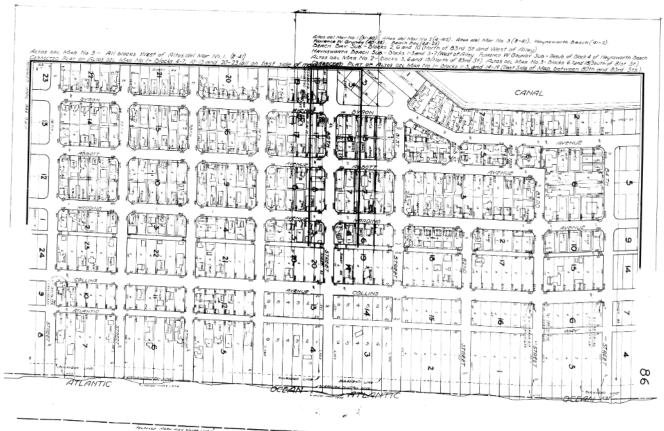
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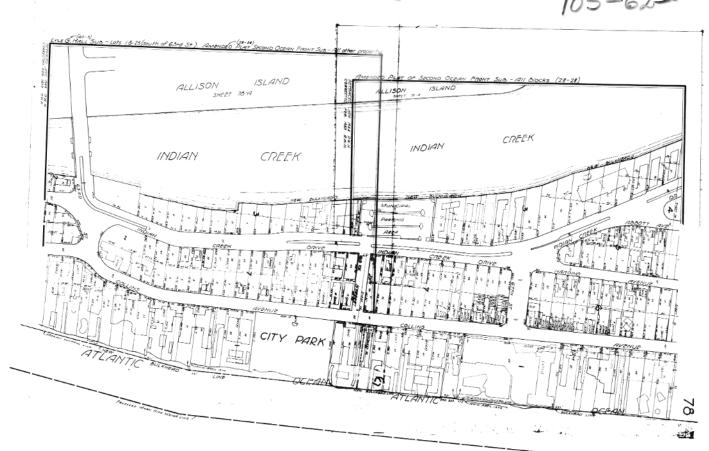
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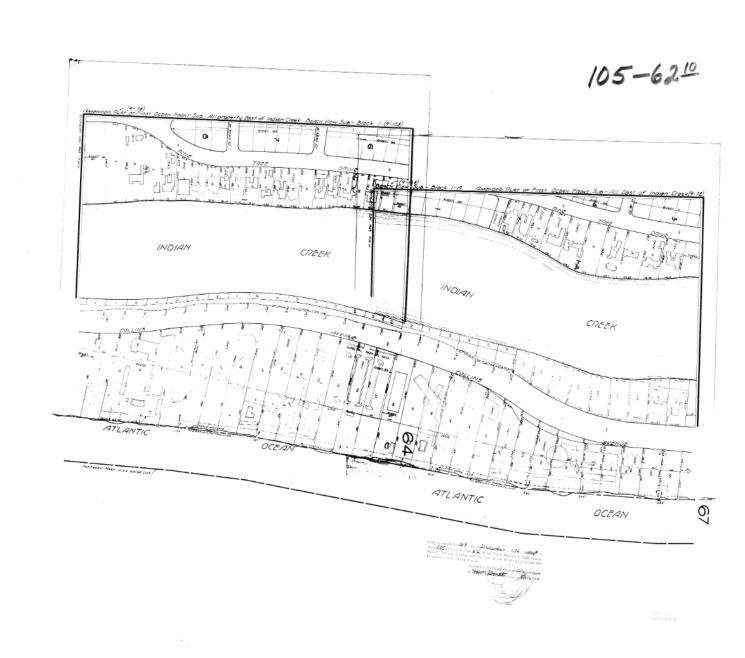
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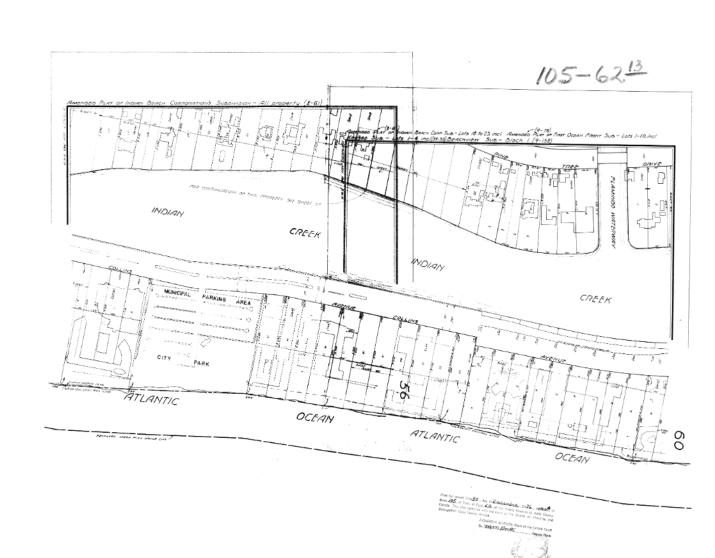


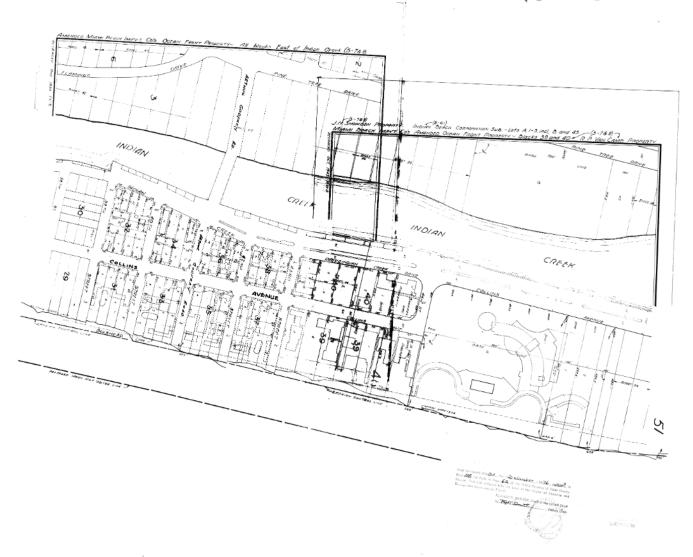
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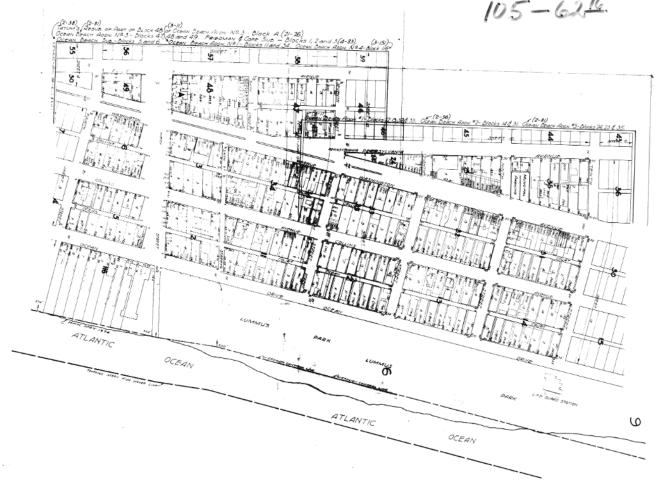


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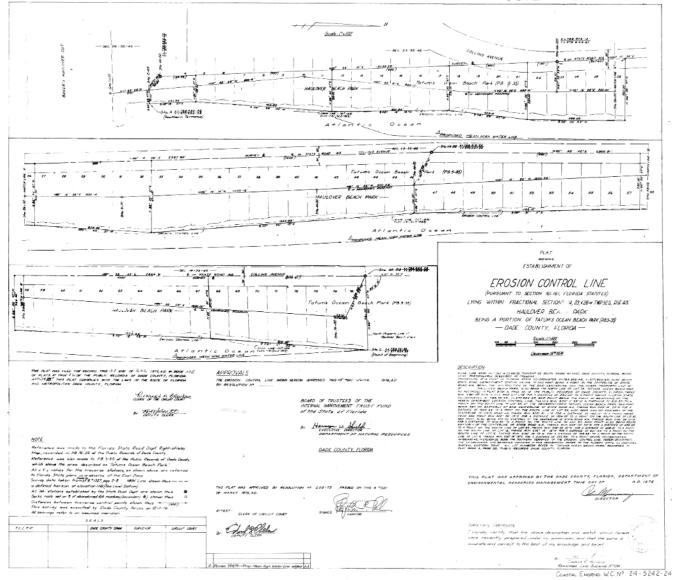
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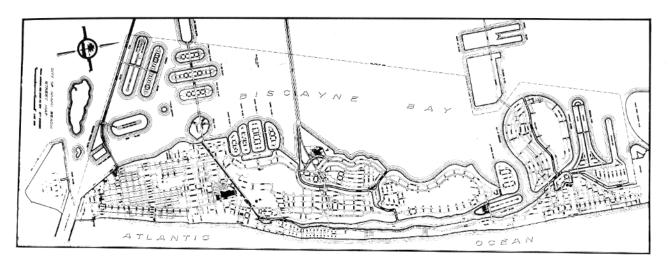
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ESTABLISHMENT OF

EROSION CONTROL LINE

PURSUANT TO SECTION 161.161, FLORIDA STATUTES

CITY OF MIAMI BEACH DADE COUNTY FLORIDA

APPROVALS:

THE EROSION CONTROL LINE SHOWN HEREON APPROVED THIS 15th DAY OF June A.D. 1976

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT TRUST FUND of the State of Florida

By Harran W. Should EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

THE EROSION CONTROL LINE SHOWN HEREON APPROVED BY RESOLUTION NO.75-14696 ON THIS 16th DAY OF APRIL A.D. 1975

CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA est: Elaine Marilus CITY CLERK

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THIS PLAT WAS APPROVED BY THE DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT THIS DAY OF A.D.1976

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THE DESCRIPTION CONFORMS WITH
THE EROSION CONTROL LINE AS SHOWN HEREM AND THAT THE SAME
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By: William P. neilrow WILLIAM P. NEILSON REGISTERED LAND SURVEYOR CERTIFICATE NO. 972 STATE OF FLA.



RESOLUTION NO. 75-14696

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER CONSENTS TO ESTABLISHMENT OF EROSION CONTROL LINE.

WHEREAS, the United States government and the government of the State of Florida and Dade County are about to engage in a cooperative effort of beach nourishment, hurricane protection, and erosion control; and

WHEREAS, such program requires the cooperation of owners of property abutting mean high water along the beaches involved; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 161, Florida Statutes, empowers the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund to establish an erosion control line at the request of the authorized local government, provided that the owners of more than 50% of the number of lineal feet of property abutting the proposed line consent thereto in writing; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of such a line and the restoration or creation of public beaches seaward of said line will be of considerable benefit to the owners as well as to the public; and

WHEREAS, the City of Miami Beach is the owner of certain parcels of land abutting the proposed erosion control line; and

WHEREAS, the proper officials of Metropolitan Dade County have requested the City of Miami Beach to execute and deliver appropriate consent agreements covering the parcels of land owned by the City abutting the proposed erosion control line; and

WHEREAS, the execution and delivery of said forms of consent is necessary for the establishment of a proposed erosion control line, and is in conformity with law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, that the Mayor and the City Clerk be and they are hereby authorized to execute and deliver the required consents covering all parcels of land owned by the City of Miami Beach abutting the proposed erosion control line.

PASSED and ADOPTED this 16th day of April, 1975.

Attest:

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ORIGINAL RESOLUTION NO. 75-14696 (Authorizing Mayor and City Clerk to exe-cute and deliver consents to establishment of erosion control line)