

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-R-20**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE DESIGNATION OF THE COMMERCIAL AREAS ALONG NW 7<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE BETWEEN NW 119<sup>TH</sup> STREET TO NW 135<sup>TH</sup> STREET AS A 'CHINATOWN CULTURAL ARTS AND INNOVATION DISTRICT'; FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER TO DO ALL THINGS NECESSARY TO CREATE A MASTER PLAN TO SERVE AS A DESIGN GUIDE TO ENSURE THE FUTURE GROWTH OF THE SUBJECT AREA; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND FOR ALL OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, Goal 9 of the City of North Miami ("City") adopted Comprehensive Plan requires that the City create conditions which will enhance the economic prosperity of local businesses and attract new business while improving the quality of life for all of its citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, the City desires to stimulate economic growth and development within its commercial districts with particular interest in reviving the stagnant NW 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue Corridor, by expanding opportunities for existing businesses while attracting new investment; and

**WHEREAS**, it is further recognized that as an emerging market, China serves as an important trading partner for the United States, dominating the global market in the manufacture of goods and commodities; and

**WHEREAS**, major destinations in the United States, such as Washington D.C., Seattle, New York, Los Angeles and San Francisco all have Chinatowns that serve as strategic portals for tourism and significant gateways to usher in billions of dollars of foreign investment; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to position itself as a desirable gateway for Chinese investment and commerce, the City seeks to establish an area along NW 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue to serve as a regional anchor to promote Chinese culture, commerce and innovation; and

**WHEREAS**, the City desires to designate the commercially zoned areas along NW 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue between NW 119<sup>th</sup> Street to NW 135<sup>th</sup> Street as *Chinatown Cultural Arts and Innovation District* and will work with a seven (7) member steering committee comprised of CRA and City Staff as well as regional partners and experts in Chinese culture, business and investment; and

**WHEREAS**, the City seeks to develop a Chinatown Master Plan & Design Guidelines to

serve as a blueprint to aid in the future integration of Chinese motifs and cultural elements in the streetscape and the building façade of the proposed district; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 9, 2016, the Planning Commission conducted its review at a duly noticed public meeting and found the proposed Chinatown Master Plan & Design Guidelines to be consistent with applicable policies and goals of the Comprehensive Plan, and thereby unanimously recommended approval to the Mayor and City Council with the condition that the reference of “*Chinatown*” be removed to allow instead a ‘*Cultural Arts and Innovation District*’, and thereby broadening the proposed designation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami have determined that the resolution as originally proposed (i.e., *Chinatown Cultural Arts and Innovation District*), is in the best interest of the City, promotes economic development and positively enhances the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the City of North Miami.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA:**

**Section 1. Creation of the District.** The Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, hereby designate the C-1 zoned areas along NW 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue between NW 119<sup>th</sup> Street to NW 125<sup>th</sup> Street as a *Chinatown Cultural Arts and Innovation District*.

**Section 2. Authorization to Create Master Plan and Steering Committee.** The Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, hereby authorize the Interim City Manager to do all things necessary to effectuate the creation of a seven (7) member Steering Committee to begin working on a ‘Chinatown Master Plan & Design Guidelines’ to serve as a design guide to ensure the future growth of the subject area.

**Section 3. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by a 5 - 0 vote of the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, this 23rd day of February, 2016.

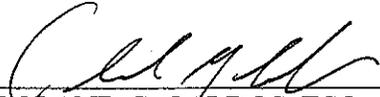
  
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DR. SMITH JOSEPH  
MAYOR

ATTEST:



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MICHAEL A. ETIENNE, ESQ.  
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:



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ROLAND C. GALDOS, ESQ.  
INTERIM CITY ATTORNEY

SPONSORED BY: VICE MAYOR ALIX DESULME

Moved by: Desulme

Seconded by: Bien-Aime

**Vote:**

- Mayor Smith Joseph, D.O., Pharm. D.
- Vice Mayor Alix Desulme
- Councilman Scott Galvin
- Councilwoman Carol Keys, Esq.
- Councilman Philippe Bien-Aime

- X (Yes) \_\_\_\_\_ (No)
- X (Yes) \_\_\_\_\_ (No)