

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-R-76

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF A LETTER OF INTEREST AND AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE WATER INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCE AND INNOVATION ACT (“WIFIA”) PROGRAM FOR THE NOMI WATER TREATMENT PLANT EXPANSION PROJECT; FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF AN APPLICATION FEE IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$100,000.00); PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND ALL OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City of North Miami (“City”) is desirous of completing the NoMi Water Treatment Expansion Project with the goal of renovating the existing Winson Water Treatment Plant to address increasing water demands based on current needs and projected population growth, ensuring a resilient water supply; and

WHEREAS, the new NoMi Water Treatment Plant will be built to meet the growing needs of our growing community by providing an additional twelve (12) million gallons of clean, potable water each day, protecting the city from water scarcity and promoting residential, commercial, and industrial expansion; and

WHEREAS, additionally, the project prioritizes public benefits by efficiently removing contaminants such as PFAS and impurities from water sources using advanced filtration and treatment systems; and

WHEREAS, the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (“WIFIA”) program, administered by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”) is soliciting letters of interest and subsequent applications for low interest financing; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to utilize WIFIA financing for the project to minimize any rate impacts on North Miami’s water customers; and

WHEREAS, to ensure the City has sufficient time to complete the loan application process, a One Hundred Thousand Dollar (\$100,000.00) application fee is required, which must be paid to secure the application submission; and

WHEREAS, approving the payment of the application fee will allow the City to maintain eligibility for WIFIA funding, which is essential for advancing key infrastructure projects; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council find it to be in the best interest of the City of North Miami to authorize the Interim City Manager to submit a letter of interest and application for WIFIA financing through the EPA.

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

Section 1. **Approval of Application Fee.** The Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, hereby authorize the payment of an application fee in the amount of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00).

Section 2. **Submission of Application.** The Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, hereby authorize the Interim City Manager to submit any and all pre-application letter(s) of interest and applications for financial assistance loan under the WIFIA program.

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED by a 4 - 0 vote of the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, this 11th day of March, 2025.



ALIX DESULME, ED.D.
MAYOR

ATTEST:



VANESSA JOSEPH, ESQ.
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:



JEEE P. H. CAZEAU, ESQ.

CITY ATTORNEY

SPONSORED BY: CITY ADMINISTRATION

Moved by: Charles

Seconded by: Estime-Irvin

Vote:

Mayor Alix Desulme, Ed.D.

(Yes) (No)
 (Yes) (No) Absent
 (Yes) (No)
 (Yes) (No)
 (Yes) (No)

Vice-Mayor Kassandra Timothe, MPA

Councilman Kevin A. Burns

Councilwoman Mary Estimé-Irvin

Councilman Pierre Frantz Charles, M.Ed.