RESOLUTION NO. 26-

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF $626,414 FROM THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (FDEP) THROUGH THE FLORIDA COMMUNITIES TRUST (FCT), FLORIDA FOREVER PARKS (FFP) AND OPEN SPACE FLORIDA FOREVER GRANT PROGRAM (OSFFGP), TO ASSIST WITH THE LAND ACQUISITION COST FOR BAL HARBOUR PARK, AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT TOGETHER WITH ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY OR INCIDENTAL THERETO; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, on August 20, 2024, the City Commission approved the purchase of property located at 2201 NE 19 Street, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, in the amount of $1,740,000 plus closing costs (CAM 24-0681), and on October 25, 2024, the City closed on the purchase of said property currently known as Bal Harbour Park; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) grants funds through the Florida Communities Trust (FCT), Florida Forever Parks (FFP), and Open Space Florida Forever Grant Program (OSFFGP) to serve the outdoor recreation demands and needs of urban communities; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Open Space Florida Forever Grant Program provides funding to local governments for the acquisition of community-based parks, open spaces, and greenways that further the outdoor recreation and natural resource protection needs identified in local government comprehensive plans; and

WHEREAS, on January 13, 2025, the City applied for a grant with the FDEP through the FCT Grant Program to request funds in the amount of $626,414, with a required grant match from the City in the amount of $626,414, to assist with the land acquisition cost for Bal Harbour Park; and

WHEREAS, the City's acceptance of this grant is subject to and conditioned upon Bal Harbour Park's land Dedication to Public Use and Declaration of Restrictive Covenant which shall be recorded in the pubic records of Broward County within forty-five (45) days of the City's receipt of the FTC funds, and shall contain clauses providing for the conveyance of title to Bal Harbour Park to the Trustees upon failure to comply with any of the grant's covenants and

restrictions. Additionally, the City is obligated to post a sign acknowledging the site was purchased with FCT Grant Program funds, as well as interpretive signage to educate visitors about the natural environment and area history. The Park project must also include a picnic bench and exercise station, and connect to the adjacent neighborhood by a sidewalk within an existing right-of-way; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission wish to accept the FDEP grant funds through the FCT Grant Program in the amount of $626,414, with a required grant match from the City in an equal amount, to assist with the land acquisition cost of Bal Harbour Park, and authorize the City Manager or designee to execute the grant agreement and all documents necessary or incidental to accept said grant funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. That the City Commission hereby accepts the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) grant funding through the Florida Communities Trust (FCT), Florida Forever Parks (FFP) and Open Space Florida Forever Grant Program (OSFFGP), in the amount of $626,414 with a required grant funding match from the City in the amount $626,414 to assist with the land acquisition cost of Bal Harbour Park.

SECTION 2. That the City Manager or designee is hereby authorized to execute a grant agreement with FDEP through Florida Communities Trust (FCT), Florida Forever Parks (FFP) and Open Space Florida Forever Grant Program (OSFFGP), in the amount of $626,414 with a required grant funding match from the City in the amount $626,414, to assist with the land acquisition cost of Bal Harbour Park and all documents necessary or incidental to accept said grant funds.

SECTION 3. That the office of the City Attorney shall review and approve as to form all documents prior to their execution by the City Manager.

SECTION 4. That if any clause, section or other part of this Resolution shall be held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Resolution shall not be affected thereby but shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 5. That all resolutions or part(s) of resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 6. That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon final passage and

adoption.

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2026.

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Mayor
DEAN J. TRANTALIS

ATTEST:

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City Clerk
DAVID R. SOLOMAN

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND CORRECTNESS:

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City Attorney
SHARI L. MCCARTNEY

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