

RESOLUTION NO. 21-1714

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, SETTING FORTH LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022; AUTHORIZING TOWN MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO PURSUE FUNDING FOR LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES; AUTHORIZING TOWN CLERK TO REMIT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO TOWN LOBBYIST, THE SOUTHERN GROUP; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (PIDERMANN)

WHEREAS, the State of Florida Legislature annually considers appropriation measures which provide discretionary funding for general governmental operations; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Miami Lakes (the “Town”) Manager and Town Staff have identified various projects which require funding as described and set forth in Exhibit “A”; and

WHEREAS, The Southern Group (“SG”) currently provides the Town with lobbying services; and

WHEREAS, with the assistance of SG the Town Manager is desirous of pursuing State funding for the projects set forth in Exhibit “A”; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council agrees that it is in the best interest of the Town to pursue the legislative priorities set forth in Exhibit “A.”

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Recitals. The foregoing Recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein by this reference.

Section 2. Approval of Legislative Priorities. The legislative priorities set forth in Exhibit “A,” are hereby adopted by the Town Council.

Section 3. Authorization of Town Officials. The Town Manager and/or his designee are authorized to pursue funding in order to accomplish the legislative priorities set forth in Exhibit “A.”

Section 4. **Authorization of Town Clerk.** The Town Clerk and/or her designee are authorized to submit a copy of the Town’s recommendations as set forth in Exhibit “A” to the Town’s lobbyist, The Southern Group, and to submit a copy of this Resolution to all House of Representative and Senate Committee members currently deliberating passage of these items.

Section 5. **Effective Date.** This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

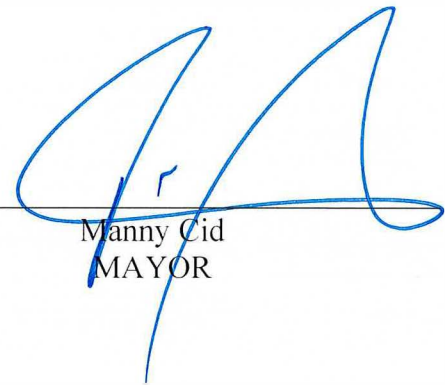
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Passed and adopted this 12th day of January 2021

The foregoing resolution was offered by Vice Mayor Collazo who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Mayor Cid and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Mayor Manny Cid	yes
Vice Mayor Luis E. Collazo	yes
Councilmember Carlos O. Alvarez	yes
Councilmember Josh Dieguez	yes
Councilmember Tony Fernandez	yes
Councilmember Jeffrey Rodriguez	yes
Councilmember Marilyn Ruano	yes



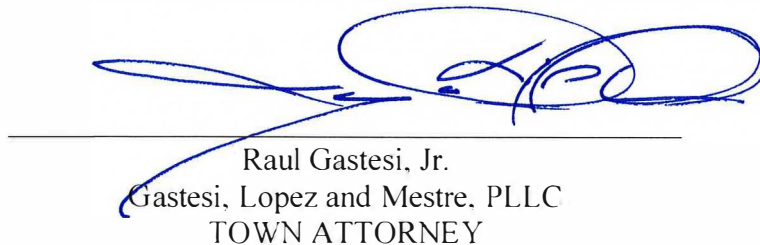
Manny Cid
MAYOR

Attest:



Gina M. Inguanzo
TOWN CLERK

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:



Raul Gastesi, Jr.
Gastesi, Lopez and Mestre, PLLC
TOWN ATTORNEY

EXHIBIT “A”

Town of Miami Lakes Legislative Priorities

2021-2022

The Fiscal Year 2021-22 Legislative Priorities are summarized herein as “**Exhibit A**”.

**EXHIBIT A
(AMENDED)**

TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES SUMMARY

REQUESTS	TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES PROJECTS AND POLICIES
<p>*AMENDED ADDITION*</p> <p>\$500,000</p>	<p>Miami Lakes Senior Community Center Project According to Florida Health, people aged 65 years and older are at high-risk for severe illness from COVID-19. Those age 65 and older account for 80% of coronavirus-related deaths. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), many seniors are staying safe by staying home and social distancing. However, seniors are now at increased risk of social isolation and loneliness, which can result in depression, anxiety, and other health related problems. Moreover, seniors are experiencing economic insecurity in the presence of the COVID-19 Pandemic, unable to afford or access health screenings or healthy meals, while their family members struggle with the negative impacts of unemployment.</p> <p>The Miami Lakes Senior Community Center Project will directly serve the vital needs of the elderly adult population. The Center will be conveniently located in the Seniors Village nearby The Residences at Governor’s Square, an age-restricted and age-friendly residential community.</p> <p>The Miami Lakes Senior Community Center Project will be the Town’s main, multi-purpose senior center, offering vital programs, services, and amenities for the elderly adult population. The Project will provide free Freebee electric vehicle ADA transportation, referral of social services, and free meals through the Town’s Elderly Affairs Committee Lunch Bunch and Bingo Program (proposed drive-by location due to COVID-19). Moreover, the Project will provide educational and computer classes, Spanish courses, arts and crafts, and free senior health fairs, including health care providers on site to administer health screenings, flu shots, and vaccinations. Through this Project, the Town will diminish isolation, loneliness, depression, and anxiety for seniors who are social distancing during the pandemic, as well as, enhance the delivery of essential services to our senior population.</p> <p>The Center’s construction is estimated at \$1.2 million. Upon completion, the building will be donated to the Town by The Grahams Companies. The Town is requesting \$500,000 in legislative appropriation funding to perform the interior design concept, fully furnish, and equip the Center to serve the senior population.</p> <p>The estimated cost to complete the Project interior is \$500,000.</p>
<p>\$300,000</p>	<p>West Lakes Drainage Improvements Phase IV Project The Town received \$500,000 in legislative appropriation and over \$1.55 million from the FEMA Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) Grant Program to assist in funding the West Lakes Drainage Improvements Phase III Project.</p> <p>The Town applied for a subsequent FY2020 FEMA FMA Grant to assist in funding the West Lakes Drainage Improvements Phase IV Project. The estimated Project cost is \$1,033,665. The FY2020 FEMA FMA Grant requires a <u>25% cost share</u>, or matching funds. The Town is requesting legislative appropriation funding to cover the proposed Town of Miami Lakes share and ancillary costs associated with Phase IV.</p>

	<p>The Phase IV Project continues the flood mitigation activities in the West Lakes community and includes the design, permitting, and construction of the drainage system installation of drainage pipes, exfiltration trenches (French Drains), and asphalt restoration between NW 89th Avenue and NW 92nd Avenue, from NW 153rd Terrace to NW 152nd Lane boundaries, connecting to the storm water main line on NW 89th Avenue leading to the outfall. The underground infrastructure previously installed in Phases I and II is the main system which this Project's new structures and inlets will intersect to further reduce or eliminate the risk of repetitive flood damage in the West Lakes community.</p> <p>The estimated total project cost is \$1,033,665 (Town of Miami Lakes share - \$300,000)</p>
<p>\$440,220</p>	<p>Royal Oaks First Addition Drainage Improvements Project The Town received \$500,000 in legislative appropriation to assist in funding the Royal Oaks Drainage Improvements Project. The Project included the construction of the drainage system in two (2) areas: Area 1: NW 164th Street to NW 165th Terrace, from NW 87th Avenue to NW 84th Court and Area 2: NW 167th Terrace to NW 169th Terrace, from NW 81st Avenue to NW 79th Avenue. This Project is now complete.</p> <p>The Town is requesting legislative appropriation to assist in funding the Royal Oaks First Addition Drainage Improvements Project. The Project includes the design, permitting, and construction of the drainage system installation of drainage pipes, exfiltration trenches (French Drains), and asphalt restoration between NW 166th Street to NW 168th Street, from NW 87th Avenue to NW 82nd Avenue.</p> <p>The estimated project cost is \$440,220.</p>
<p>\$400,000</p>	<p>NW 159th Terrace Drainage Improvements Project The Town is requesting legislative appropriation to assist in funding the NW 159th Terrace Drainage Improvements Project. The Project includes the design, permitting, and construction of the drainage system installation of drainage pipes, exfiltration trenches (French Drains), and asphalt restoration on NW 159th Terrace, from NW 79th Avenue to NW 77th Place.</p> <p>The estimated project cost is \$400,000.</p>
<p>\$400,000</p>	<p>NW 166th Street Drainage Improvements Project The Town is requesting legislative appropriation to assist in funding the NW 159th Terrace Drainage Improvements Project. The Project includes the design, permitting, and construction of the drainage system installation of drainage pipes, exfiltration trenches (French Drains), and asphalt restoration on NW 166th Street, from NW 82nd Avenue to NW 79th Avenue.</p> <p>The estimated project cost is \$400,000.</p>
<p>POLICY</p>	<p>Florida Statutes Section 163.045 Tree pruning, trimming, or removal on residential property.</p> <p><u>Support to amend FSS 163.045 as recommended:</u> (1) A local government may not require an application, approval, permit, fee, or mitigation for the pruning, trimming, or removal of a tree on residential property if the property owner obtains documentation from an arborist certified by the International Society of Arboriculture or a Florida licensed landscape architect that the tree presents a danger to persons or property; and (2) Notwithstanding the restrictions indicated in subsection (1), a local government that employs an arborist certified by the International Society of Arboriculture or a Florida licensed landscape architect, shall have the right to rebut within ten (10) days the opinion of a property owner's</p>

	<p>documentation describing that a tree presents a danger to persons or property by initiating a Code Enforcement proceeding as prescribed in Chapter 162 of the Florida Statutes or local government's Ordinance. The property owner may request an administrative hearing before a Hearing Officer or Code Enforcement board with the local government to appeal the decision of the local government. The Hearing Officer or Code Enforcement board shall make findings of fact based on evidence of record and conclusions of law and shall issue a final order affording the proper relief upholding the local government's decision.</p> <p>(3) A local government may not require a property owner to replant a tree that was pruned, trimmed, or removed in accordance with this section.</p> <p>(4) This section does not apply to the exercise of specifically delegated authority for mangrove protection pursuant to ss. 403.9321-403.9333.</p> <p>History.—s. 1, ch. 2019-155.</p>
POLICY	FRS Opt-Out Clause A provision allowing municipalities to optout of the FRS pension program. Currently, once you join the FRS, municipalities cannot opt-out.