

RESOLUTION NO. 08- 609

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, URGING MEMBERS OF THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO SUPPORT THE FOLLOWING ISSUES DURING THE 2008 LEGISLATIVE SESSION; DIRECTING THE TOWN CLERK TO FORWARD THE RESOLUTION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, as Florida's population continues to increase, cities are challenged to meet the service demands and infrastructure needs to account for new growth; and

WHEREAS, a majority of Florida's municipalities are challenged to meet the increasing infrastructure, affordable housing, transportation, and water quality needs of their citizens; and

WHEREAS, the state has imposed greater accountability in comprehensive planning and fiscal feasibility standards on municipalities; and

WHEREAS, Florida's municipalities are dependent on other governmental entities for financial stability presently the state, counties, and school districts, control every funding source that has been authorized for implementing growth management capital improvements and complying with concurrency requirements; and

WHEREAS, municipal self-determination and local self-government are constantly under attack from a variety of public and private interests; and

WHEREAS, the role and function of municipal government is constantly evolving from new demands from its citizens and businesses.

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

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

Section 2. Support. The Town urges Governor Charles Crist and members of the Florida Legislature to support legislation that:

- (i) Reauthorizes the affordable housing trust funds, preserves the documentary stamp fee as the trust funds' funding source and removes the legislative cap on fund distribution;

- (ii) Enhances public notice of and participation in the state environmental permitting processes;
- (iii) Fully funds state growth management mandates and provides municipalities with state and local option revenue sources to meet financial feasibility requirements and infrastructure demands;
- (iv) Allows municipalities and counties to reclassify businesses, professions, and occupations and establish new rate structures for local business taxes on a periodic basis;
- (v) Enhances municipal control over municipal employee pension plan management and funding;
- (vi) Preserves and protects property rights of mobile home owners, when mobile home parks are rezoned, but not in a manner that requires removal costs to be the responsibility of local governments;
- (vii) Broadens municipal home rule and other authority to issue tax-increment financed bonds and other forms of indebtedness without approval by referendum;
- (viii) Provides an equitable, dedicated and recurring revenue source for municipal transportation projects and opposes legislation that transfers or diverts state transportation trust fund revenues to balance the state budget;
- (ix) Prohibits the Florida Department of Transportation from eliminating, deferring, or delaying capacity improvement projects contained in the 5-year Work Plan when it negatively impacts the comprehensive plan of the local government;
- (x) Authorizes the use of electronic traffic infraction detectors at traffic intersections;
and

(xi) Maintains or increases funding of the state Water Protection and Sustainability Trust Fund.

Section 3. Direction to the Town Clerk. The Town Clerk is directed to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Governor Charlie Crist, Senate President Ken Pruitt, House of Representatives Speaker Marco Rubio and members of the Florida Legislature.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 15 day of January, 2008.

Motion to adopt by Mary Collins, second by Michael Pizzi.

FINAL VOTE AT ADOPTION

Mayor Wayne Slaton	<u>yes</u>
Vice Mayor Nancy Simon	<u>yes</u>
Councilmember Roberto Alonso	<u>yes</u>
Councilmember Mary Collins	<u>yes</u>
Councilmember Robert Meador	<u>yes</u>
Councilmember Michael Pizzi	<u>yes</u>
Councilmember Richard Pulido	<u>yes</u>

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 15 day of JANUARY 2008.

ATTEST:

Debra Eastman
Debra Eastman, MMC
TOWN CLERK

Wayne Slaton
Wayne Slaton
MAYOR

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency
for use only by the Town of Miami Lakes:

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TOWN ATTORNEY