

RESOLUTION NO. 23 - 1944

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, SETTING FORTH LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025; AUTHORIZING TOWN MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO PURSUE FUNDING FOR LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE ANY AGREEMENT IN FURTHERANCE OF ADVANCING LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXPEND BUDGETED FUNDS; 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”), together with Sun City Strategies (“SC”), currently provide the Town with lobbying services; and

WHEREAS, with the assistance of SG and SC, the Town Manager is desirous of pursuing State funding for legislative priority projects, set forth in Exhibit “A” (“Legislative Priorities”); and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of advancing the Legislative Priorities, the Town Manager seeks authority to negotiate any agreement, execute any document, and expend necessary funds; and

WHEREAS, in the event that the Town Manager, in consultation with SG, SC, and the Town’s State Legislators, find that additional or substitute legislative priorities should be pursued, the Town Manager should be provided discretion to make necessary changes to the Legislative Priorities; 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.” Additionally, the Town Manager, in consultation with The Southern Group and Sun City Strategies, and the Town’s State Legislators, is authorized to amend and, or augment the Legislative Priorities when in his discretion he believes it is in the best interest of the Town to do so.

Section 4. **Authorization to Execute Agreements.** The Town Manager and/or his designee are authorized to negotiate and execute any document necessary and in furtherance of the Legislative Priorities, as described in Exhibit “A,” or as amended hereafter.

Section 5. Authorization to Expend Budgeted Funds. The Town Manager is authorized to expend budgeted funds in furtherance of the Legislative Priorities as described in Exhibit “A,” or as amended hereafter.

Section 6. 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 Florida House of Representative and Senate members currently deliberating passage of these items.

Section 7. Effective Date. This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

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Passed and adopted this 12th day of September 2023

The foregoing resolution was offered by Councilmember Dieguez who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Fernandez and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Mayor Manny Cid	Yes
Vice Mayor Carlos O. Alvarez	Absent
Councilmember Luis E. Collazo	Yes
Councilmember Josh Dieguez	Yes
Councilmember Tony Fernandez	Yes
Councilmember Ray Garcia	Yes
Councilmember Marilyn Ruano	Yes



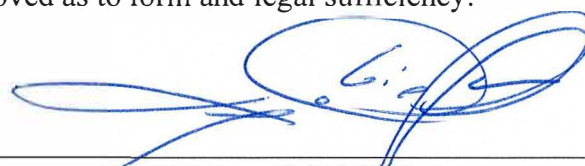
Manny Cid
MAYOR

Attest:



Gina M. Inguanzo
TOWN CLERK

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:



LORENZO COBIELLA
Gastesi, Lopez and Mestre, PLLC
DEPUTY TOWN ATTORNEY



EXHIBIT A

Town of Miami Lakes

Proposed Legislative Priorities

2024 – 2025

(Amended 9/12/2023)

Stormwater Infrastructure Projects:

- 1) Miami Lakes West Lakes Gardens Third Addition Drainage Improvements Project - \$500,000
- 2) Miami Lakes Loch Lomond Phase II Drainage Improvements Project - \$920,000
- 3) Miami Lakes Canal Bank Stabilization Phase IV - \$1.8 Million

Infrastructure/Transportation/Roadway Projects:

- 1) Miami Lakes NW 154th Street to NW 77th Court Turn Lane Extension Transportation Improvements Project - \$630,000
- 2) Miami Lakes Multipurpose Senior Community Center - \$500,000

Statutory/Policy:

Additionally, the legislative statutory/policy recommendations include:

- 1) Repeal of Florida Statute 163.045, in order to allow the Town to regain control regarding the permitting of pruning, trimming, or tree removals on residential properties.
- 2) Amending Florida Statute 316.2126, to add a requirement mandating seatbelts on all golf-carts operating on municipal roads.
- 3) Support of Legislation that will mitigate the effects of Lime Rock Mining Blasts on Miami Lakes residential and commercial properties.
- 4) A repeal of Florida Statute § 121.051(2)(b)(4), which prohibits FRS participating municipalities from withdrawing their membership with FRS.