

**RESOLUTION NO. 18 - 1507**

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES DIRECTING THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO DEVELOP THE BRIDGE JOINING N.W. 154<sup>th</sup> STREET OVER INTERSTATE 75; PROVIDING FOR AUTHORIZATION OF TOWN OFFICIALS; PROVIDING FOR AUTHORIZATION OF THE TOWN CLERK; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, on February 3, 2015, the Town of Miami Lakes (the “Town”) Council approved a new business item and instructed Town Staff to research the conversion of the N.W. 154<sup>th</sup> Overpass Bridge (the “Bridge”) over Interstate 75 (“I-75”) into a passive park; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 10, 2015, the City of Hialeah, the Town’s neighbor west of I-75, passed Resolution 2015 – 22 supporting the Town’s desire to convert the Bridge into a passive park and urging Florida Department of Transportation (“FDOT”) to obtain necessary funding for the project; and

**WHEREAS**, similar projects have been funded and maintained by FDOT in northern and central Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, during a meeting between the Town’s Mayor and Manager, FDOT expressed a willingness to assist in the conversion and maintenance of a passive park on the Bridge; and

**WHEREAS**, the conversion of the Bridge into a passive park is in the best interest of the Town.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE  
TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA,**

**Section 1.**     **Recitals.** The recitals are true and correct and are adopted by reference and incorporated as if fully set forth in this Section.

**Section 2.**     **Authorization of Town Officials.** The Town Council hereby authorizes the Town Manager and/or his designee, and the Town Attorney to negotiate an agreement to facilitate the conversion and maintenance of a passive park on the Bridge, and to do all things necessary to carry out the intent of this Resolution.

**Section 3.**     **Authorization of the Town Clerk.** The Town Council, hereby directs the Town Clerk to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the Florida Department of Transportation.

**Section 4.**     **Effective Date.** This Resolution shall be effective upon passing.

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**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 16<sup>th</sup> day of January 2018.

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

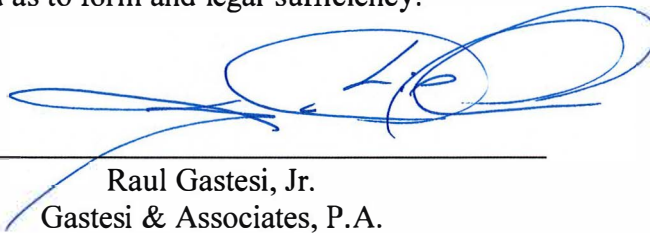
Mayor Manny Cid	<u>YES</u>
Vice Mayor Frank Mingo	<u>YES</u>
Councilmember Luis Collazo	<u>YES</u>
Councilmember Timothy Daubert	<u>absent</u>
Councilmember Ceasar Mestre	<u>YES</u>
Councilmember Nelson Rodriguez	<u>YES</u>
Councilmember Marilyn Ruano	<u>YES</u>

  
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Manny Cid  
MAYOR

Attest:

  
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Gina Inguanzo  
TOWN CLERK

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:

  
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Raul Gastesi, Jr.  
Gastesi & Associates, P.A.  
TOWN ATTORNEY