

RESOLUTION NO. 21-1776

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, SETTING FORTH LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023; 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.

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.”

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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 14th day of September 2021

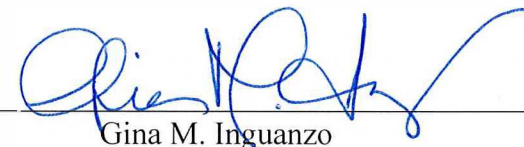
The foregoing resolution was offered by Vice Mayor Collazo who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Alvarez and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

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

2022 - 2023



TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Mayor and Town Councilmembers
From: Edward Pidermann, Town Manager
Subject: State Legislative Priorities for FY2022-23
Date: September 14, 2021

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Town Council approve the enclosed legislative priorities for FY2022-23 and authorize the Town Manager or his designee to pursue funding for the legislative priorities which require appropriations from the Florida Legislature, and if funded, to authorize the Town Manager to accept grant funds, execute the grant agreements, take all necessary steps to implement the terms and conditions of the agreements, amend the budget, and expend budgeted funds in connection with the approved legislative priorities.

Background:

Appropriations Requests:

The State Legislature annually considers appropriations which provide funding for numerous activities, projects, as well as, general government operations. The Southern Group is contracted by the Town to provide State Lobbying Services. The Southern Group lobbying services include proactively monitoring and lobbying on State budgeting and legislation which impacts the Town.

The Town annually identifies priority projects to pursue legislatively in collaboration with The Southern Group. In addition, certain policy items are pursued which are in the best interest of the Town.

It is recommended that the Town pursues the proposed State Legislative Priorities for Fiscal Year 2022-23:

- 1) **Infrastructure:** Miami Lakes NW 164th Terrace Drainage Improvements Project - \$500,000
- 2) **Infrastructure:** Miami Lakes NW 163rd Terrace Drainage Improvements Project - \$495,000
- 3) **Infrastructure:** Miami Lakes NW 162nd Street Drainage Improvements Project - \$525,225
- 4) **Infrastructure:** Miami Lakes NW 79th Avenue Drainage Improvements Project - \$557,000
- 5) **Infrastructure:** Miami Lakes NW 154th Street Extension of the Palmetto Expressway South Bound Left Turn Lanes Roadway Improvements Project - \$400,000
- 6) ***NEW ITEM: Infrastructure:** Picnic Park West Two-Way Scenic Bicycle Trail - \$150,000
- 7) **Human Services:** Miami Lakes Senior Support and Elderly Activities Community Center - \$500,000

Statutory/Policy Changes:

Additionally, there is a legislative statutory/policy amendments:

- 1) A provision allowing municipalities to optout of the FRS pension program. Currently, once you join the FRS, municipalities cannot opt-out.

The Fiscal Year 2022-23 Legislative Priorities are summarized herein as “**Exhibit A**”.

**EXHIBIT A
TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES SUMMARY**

REQUESTS	TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES PROJECTS AND POLICIES SUMMARY (AMENDED)
\$500,000	<p>Miami Lakes NW 164th Terrace Drainage Improvements Project The Town is requesting legislative appropriation to fund the Miami Lakes NW 164th Terrace Drainage Improvements Project. The Project consists of the construction of a new drainage system with exfiltration trenches, catch basins and manholes, road milling and resurfacing, pavement markings, and restoration on NW 164th Terrace from NW 82nd Avenue to NW 79th Avenue.</p> <p>The Town received \$440,220 in legislative appropriation to fund the Royal Oaks First Addition Drainage Improvements Project, currently taking place between NW 166th Street to NW 168th Street, from NW 87th Avenue to NW 82nd Avenue. This Project continues the flood mitigation activities in the Royal Oaks community.</p> <p>The estimated total project cost is \$500,000.</p>
\$495,000	<p>Miami Lakes NW 163rd Terrace Drainage Improvements Project The Town is requesting legislative appropriation to fund the Miami Lakes NW 163rd Terrace Drainage Improvements Project. The Project consists of the construction of a new drainage system with exfiltration trenches, catch basins and manholes, road milling and resurfacing, pavement markings, and restoration on NW 163rd Terrace from NW 82nd Avenue to NW 79th Avenue.</p> <p>The Town received \$440,220 in legislative appropriation to fund the Royal Oaks First Addition Drainage Improvements Project, currently taking place between NW 166th Street to NW 168th Street, from NW 87th Avenue to NW 82nd Avenue. This Project continues the flood mitigation activities in the Royal Oaks community.</p> <p>The estimated project cost is \$495,000.</p>
\$525,225	<p>Miami Lakes NW 162nd Street Drainage Improvements Project The Town is requesting legislative appropriation to fund the Miami Lakes NW 162nd Street Drainage Improvements Project. The Project consists of the construction of a new drainage system with exfiltration trenches, catch basins and manholes, road milling and resurfacing, pavement markings, and restoration on NW 162nd Street from NW 82nd Avenue to NW 79th Avenue.</p> <p>The Town received \$440,220 in legislative appropriation to fund the Royal Oaks First Addition Drainage Improvements Project, currently taking place between NW 166th Street to NW 168th</p>

	<p>Street, from NW 87th Avenue to NW 82nd Avenue. This Project continues the flood mitigation activities in the Royal Oaks community.</p> <p>The estimated project cost is \$525,000.</p>
<p>\$557,000</p>	<p>Miami Lakes NW 79th Avenue Drainage Improvements Project</p> <p>The Town is requesting legislative appropriation to fund the Miami Lakes NW 162nd Street Drainage Improvements Project. The Project consists of the construction of a new drainage system with exfiltration trenches, catch basins and manholes, road milling and resurfacing, pavement markings, and restoration on NW 79th Avenue from NW 160th Terrace to NW 155th Street.</p> <p>This Project is adjacent to the NW 159th Terrace Drainage Improvements Project, which the Town is funding as a targeted area for flood mitigation. In addition, this Project is in the vicinity of the Bob Graham Educational Center and will impact and benefit the Town’s current Safe Routes to School Project along 79th Avenue. This Project continues the flood mitigation activities in the Royal Oaks community.</p> <p>The estimated project cost is \$557,000.</p>
<p>\$400,000</p>	<p>Miami Lakes NW 154th Street Extension of the Palmetto Expressway South Bound Left Turn Lanes Roadway Improvements Project</p> <p>The Town is requesting legislative appropriation to fund the Miami Lakes NW 154th Street Extension of the Palmetto Expressway South Bound Left Turn Lanes Roadway Improvements Project. The Project consists of the design and permitting, construction, and construction engineering and inspection (CEI) for the extension of the existing westbound left turn lanes of NW 154th Street westbound from the Palmetto Expressway SB on-ramp to the NB ramp. Proposed roadway improvements will be designed in accordance with the requirements, standards and specifications of the Town of Miami Lakes, Miami-Dade County, and FDOT, where applicable.</p> <p>The estimated project cost is \$400,000.</p>
<p>\$500,000</p>	<p>Miami Lakes Senior Support and Elderly Activities Community Center</p> <p>The Town is requesting legislative appropriation to fund the furniture, fixtures, and equipment to complete the Miami Lakes Senior Support and Elderly Activities Community Center. The Center’s building, estimated at \$1.2 million, will be donated to the Town by The Grahams Companies (the developers of Seniors Village).</p> <p>The Center will directly serve the vital needs of the elderly adult population in Miami Lakes. 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. The Center will be the Town’s main, multi-purpose senior center, offering vital programs, services, and amenities for the elderly adult population. The Center will provide free ADA accessible transportation to and from, social services referrals, and free meals through the Town’s Elderly Affairs Committee Lunch Bunch and Bingo Program. Moreover, the Center 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 and enhance the delivery of essential services to our most vulnerable population.</p> <p>The estimated cost for the interior furniture, fixtures, and equipment is \$500,000.</p>

<p>*NEW ITEM: \$150,000</p>	<p>*NEW ITEM: Picnic Park West Two-Way Scenic Bicycle Trail</p> <p>The Town is requesting legislative appropriation to fund the Picnic Park West Two-Way Scenic Bicycle Trail. The Project consists of the design, permitting, and construction of a new 10-foot wide, two-way bicycle trail within the Miami Lakes Picnic Park West recreational scenic park. Picnic Park West is located at 15151 NW 82nd Avenue on the western side of Miami Lakes. Currently, the Park includes pavilions, a half-court for basketball, a lighted pedestrian walking path, playground, ENERGI™ Total Body Fitness System, and Lifetrail® Advanced Wellness System. In addition, the Park encompasses the Mary Collins Community Center, a designated early voting site, providing municipal services and amenities for the Miami Lakes population.</p> <p>Within this Park’s vicinity are residential properties, businesses and commercial properties, medical and dental offices, an early education and daycare center, restaurants, and a scenic lake along Commerce Way. Bicycling is not only a recreational activity, but also a critical transportation mode. The Picnic Park West Two-Way Scenic Bicycle Trail would be an asset for bicyclists at this specific park to safely connect bicyclists to jobs, homes, recreation, essential services, and Town amenities.</p> <p>By utilizing the natural topography of Miami Lakes’ signature canopy, the Trail will weave bicyclists through a shaded, tree-lined trail from the north side to the scenic lake view on the south side of the park. Moreover, this Project expands the Miami Lakes bicycle network, connecting the bicycle community to several existing, forthcoming, and future capital improvement projects, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Existing 8-foot wide shared-use path south of Oak Lane/Commerce Way ✓ Forthcoming multi-use trail along NW 77th Court ✓ Forthcoming bicycle lanes along NW 146th Street Greenway Corridor ✓ Forthcoming bicycle lanes along NW 82nd Avenue/Balgowan Road ✓ Future bicycle lane project along NW 79th Court/NW 146th Street along Commerce Way <p>Bicycle and pedestrian facilities are important components of a multimodal transportation system. This Project aligns with and complements the Town’s Greenways and Trails Master Plan by developing a safe, scenic, two-way bicycle trail within Miami Lakes Picnic Park West, thereby enhancing the Town’s bicycle network and connecting bicyclists to recreational, residential, educational, commercial, and municipal opportunities and amenities in Miami Lakes.</p> <p>The estimated project cost is \$150,000.</p>
<p>POLICY</p>	<p>FRS Opt-Out Clause</p> <p>A provision allowing municipalities to optout of the FRS pension program. Currently, once you join the FRS, municipalities cannot opt-out.</p>