

**RESOLUTION NO. 22- 1838**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN MANAGER, TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT) PUBLIC TRANSIT SERVICE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM GRANT; AUTHORIZING TOWN OFFICIALS TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY STEPS TO IMPLEMENT THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE PUBLIC TRANSIT SERVICE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM GRANT; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO APPLY FOR ANNUAL RENEWALS; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO APPLY MATCHING FUNDS, AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXPEND BUDGETED FUNDS; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (PIDERMANN)**

**WHEREAS**, a key component to the Town of Miami Lakes (the “Town”) overall transportation strategic plan, as described in Resolution 15-1330, is the pursuit of alternative strategies to the Town’s on-demand service; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2019, the Town of Miami Lakes passed Resolution No. 19-1608, which provided the Manager with authority to apply for and accept the Florida Department of Transportation (“FDOT”), Public Transit Service Development Program Grant (the “Grant”), for Fiscal Years, 2021, 2022 and 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, the Grant was awarded to the Town and provided One Hundred Seventy One Thousand, Seven Hundred Thirty Dollars and 00/100 (\$171,730.00) of annual transit funding for fiscal years 2021, 2022, and 2023, and which has allowed the Town to expand, operate and maintain its Freebee fleet of on-demand public transportation electric vehicles; and

**WHEREAS**, currently, demand for Town on-demand Freebee service outpaces the Town’s on-demand program, caused in part by the Town’s reliance on Freebee GEM models which are limited in speed to 25mph, and 60-70 miles per battery life; and

**WHEREAS**, upgrading to Tesla X Models, will provide greater utility of the Freebee program by providing vehicles that can travel at greater speed and range; and

**WHEREAS**, FDOT has offered the Town the opportunity to apply for the Grant for fiscal years 2024, 2025, and 2026, which if granted will provide the Town with an estimated Two Hundred Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and 00/100 (\$203,500.00) per year in funding, that can be applied towards the replacement of the GEM models with the Tesla X models; and

**WHEREAS**, the Grant requires fifty-percent (50%) matching funds from the Town; and

**WHEREAS**, matching funds are budgeted and can be provided through the Peoples Transportation Plan Fund; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council desires to authorize the Town Manager to apply for the Grant, and if awarded to accept the Grant and execute an agreement with FDOT, to execute annual renewals, and to expend budgeted funds.

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

**Section1. Recitals.** The foregoing Recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein by this reference.

**Section2. Apply for and if Awarded Accept Grant.** The Town Council hereby authorizes the Town Manager and/or his designee to apply for the Florida Department of Transportation, Public Transit Service Improvement Project Grant (hereinafter referred to as the “Grant”), and if awarded authorizes the Town Manager to accept Grant funds, execute such Grant agreements, amendments, modifications, annual renewals, and any other documents necessary to effectuate the Grant, and take such other acts as may be necessary to bind the Town and accomplish the intent of this Resolution.

**Section 3. Authorization of Town Officials.** The Town Manager and/or his designee and the Town Attorney, or his designee are authorized to take all steps necessary to implement the terms and conditions of the Grant. The Town Clerk is hereby directed to send copies of this Resolution to any person or agency as directed by the Council of the Town of Miami Lakes.

**Section 4. Authorization of Matching Funds.** If awarded, the Town agrees to commit up to Two Hundred Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and 00/100 (\$203,500.00) annually of budgeted funds, as matching funds to implement the terms and conditions of the Grant.

**Section 5. Authorization to Expend Budgeted Funds.** If awarded, the Town Manager is authorized to expend budgeted funds.

**Section 6. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

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Passed and adopted this 10th day of May 2022.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Councilmember Alvarez 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 Jeffrey Rodriguez	Yes
Councilmember Carlos O. Alvarez	Yes
Councilmember Luis E. Collazo	Yes
Councilmember Josh Dieguez	Yes
Councilmember Tony Fernandez	Yes
Councilmember Marilyn Ruano	Yes



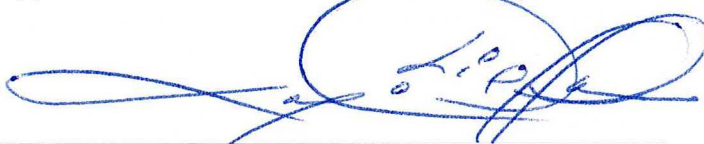
Manny Cid  
MAYOR

Attest:



Gina M. Inguanzo  
TOWN CLERK

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:



Raul Gastesi, Jr.  
GASTESI, LOPEZ AND MESTRE, PLLC  
TOWN ATTORNEY