

RESOLUTION NO. 24-1965

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, SCHEDULING A SPECIAL ELECTION ON APRIL 9, 2024, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 2.5 OF THE TOWN CHARTER; SETTING QUALIFYING DATES; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN CLERK TOWN MANAGER AND TOWN ATTORNEY TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY ACTIONS; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, on November 14, 2023, Vice-Mayor Alvarez provided his resignation to Mayor Cid, effective immediately; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 2.5 (c)ii of the Town Charter, upon the occurrence of a vacancy on the Town Council, should six months or more remain in the unexpired term of the vacant councilmember's seat, the term shall be filled by a nomination of the mayor made within thirty (30) calendar days, subject to confirmation by the Town Council; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Mayor has nominated Ms. Mariam Llanes to fill the vacancy created by Vice Mayor Alvarez' resignation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council has failed to confirm the Mayor's nominee; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Charter Section 2.5 (c)ii provides that if the Council is unable to confirm a nominee, the Town shall hold an election within ninety days of the Mayor's nomination; and

**WHEREAS**, Florida Law provides that election dates are scheduled by the Department of Elections; and

**WHEREAS**, Miami-Dade County Department of Elections has provided April 9, 2024 as the next available election date; and

**WHEREAS**, according to Section 10.21(c), as amended by Ordinance 18-219, qualifying dates shall commence at noon on January 29, 2024 and conclude on February 7, 2024 and

**WHEREAS**, campaign finance reports will be set by the Town Clerk.

**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. Scheduling of Special Election and Setting Qualifying Dates.** In accordance with Section 2.5, the Town Council hereby requests the Town Clerk to schedule a Special Election on April 9, 2024, for Seat 6 of the Town Council. Qualifying for this seat shall run from noon, January 29, 2024 through noon, February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**Section 3. Authorization of Town Officials.** The Town Mayor, or his designee and the Town Attorney are authorized to take all steps necessary to implement the terms and conditions of the Amendment.


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

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Passed and adopted this 16th day of JANUARY, 2024.

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

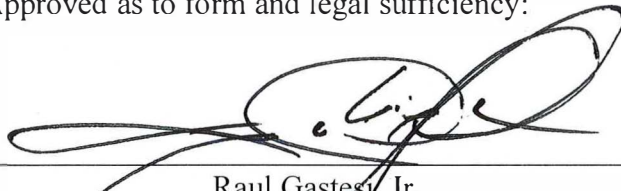
Mayor Manny Cid	<u>NO</u>
Vice Mayor Tony Fernandez	<u>NO</u>
Councilmember Luis E. Collazo	<u>YER</u>
Councilmember Joshua Dieguez	<u>YER</u>
Councilmember Ray Garcia	<u>YER</u>
Councilmember Marilyn Ruano	<u>YER</u>

 for Manny Cid.  
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