

RESOLUTION NO. 2021 – 3944

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI SPRINGS, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING THE CITY'S 2022 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES AND STATE APPROPRIATION REQUESTS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Miami Springs (the "City") Council desires to establish the legislative policies and appropriation requests set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto as the City's 2022 legislative priorities; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that this Resolution is in the best interest and welfare of the residents of the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI SPRINGS, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Recitals. The above recitals are confirmed, adopted, and incorporated herein and made a part hereof by reference.

Section 2. Establishing Legislative Priorities. That the City Council hereby establishes the legislative policies and appropriation requests set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto as the City's 2022 legislative priorities.

Section 3. Effective Date. That this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

The foregoing Resolution was offered by Councilman Vazquez who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Best and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Vice Mayor Jacky Bravo	<u>YES</u>
Councilman Bob Best	<u>YES</u>
Councilman Dr. Walter Fajet	<u>YES</u>
Councilman Dr. Victor Vazquez	<u>YES</u>
Mayor Maria Puente Mitchell	<u>YES</u>

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 11th day of October, 2021.

Maria Puente Mitchell

MARIA PUENTE MITCHELL
MAYOR

ATTEST:

Erika Gonzalez

ERIKA GONZALEZ, MMC
CITY CLERK



APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY
FOR THE USE AND RELIANCE OF THE CITY OF MIAMI SPRINGS ONLY:

Handwritten signature

WEISS SEROTA HELFMAN COLE & BIERMAN, P.L.
CITY ATTORNEY

EXHIBIT A
**CITY OF MIAMI SPRINGS' 2022 LEGISLATIVE
PRIORITIES AND APPROPRIATION REQUESTS**

The following policies and appropriations are established as the City of Miami Springs' 2022 Legislative Priorities:

POLICIES

1. The City supports the broad exercise of home rule powers granted to municipalities under the Florida Constitution and supports consistency in the Legislature with the provisions of Section 166.021, Florida Statutes.
2. The City supports amending Chapter 125, Florida Statutes, to require a fair and proportional distribution of funding generated through the Tourist Development Tax, also known as the "Bed Tax," to municipalities for the purpose of promoting, enhancing, and addressing the growing needs created by tourism.

APPROPRIATIONS

1. **South Drive Stormwater and Roadway Improvement Project.** The City supports grant and legislative line item funding of \$2,000,000 for the redevelopment of the South Drive corridor to accommodate pedestrian, bicycle and vehicular activity and to address safety, drainage, and landscape improvements. This project will evaluate the existing conditions, the use of green infrastructure for stormwater management, and is intended to improve connectivity of sidewalks for pedestrian safety, including landscape lighting, permitting, engineering, landscape architectural design, and cost estimating. Contracted services under this funding will include surveying, demolition, clearing, geotechnical services, design, permitting, cost estimating and construction of drainage and landscape improvements. This is a much-needed public safety, landscape and drainage improvement project as documented in several local meetings with support by residents and elected officials. This area has an important part of Historic Miami Springs as it includes the Dr. Van Browne Memorial at the traffic circle located at the intersection of Pinecrest Drive and South Drive.
2. **Erosion Control and Stabilization of Esplanade Canal Banks.** The City supports legislative line item or grant funding in the amount of \$2,000,000 for Phase II and III of the City's Erosion Control and Stabilization Project relating to the collapsing Esplanade Canal Banks. Engineering studies by Craven, Thompson, and Associates, Inc. and Waterfront Properties, Inc. d/b/a/ Gator Dredging reveal that curb, gutter, and adjacent roads and mature trees near the canal could collapse within five years, leading to property damage and loss of resident and emergency vehicle access to homes adjacent to the canal. Furthermore, erosion near the canal is currently causing sedimentation and causing impaired water to discharge into Biscayne Bay. Phase II and III would implement canal bank stabilization services, which include, mobilization, testing, surveying, demolition, clearing of 1.5" asphalt, 8" limerock base, 12" standardized subgrade, curbs, and gutters, planting new trees, and miscellaneous utility work.

3. **Miami Springs Senior Center Supplemental Meals and Services.** The City supports legislative line item or grant funding in the amount of \$300,000 to supplement the City's Senior Center Meals and Services programs. Supplemental funding is required to:
 - a. Extend home delivery services from Monday to Friday in order to provide homebound, elderly citizens with nutritious hot meals and breakfast delivery;
 - b. Provide physical and mental health support activities, including, chair exercise, yoga, aerobics, dance, and Tai Chi; and
 - c. Provide acts-based recreational activities that promote senior socialization, which is key to addressing isolation and depression prevalent in the senior population.

The City's Senior Center Meals and Services programs have been ongoing for over forty years, and has been supported through City funding, SNAP federal funding, and the Older Americans Act. Due to an increasing number of low income elderly citizens, as demonstrated in both the 2000 and 2010 U.S. census reports, demand for the City's Senior Center Meals and Services programs are expected to continue growing into the future and, as such, additional legislative appropriation funding is necessary.

4. **Hook Square Pump House Replacement Project.** The City supports legislative line item or grant funding in the amount of \$750,000 for restoration of the Hook Square Pump House by constructing new pumps, as well as a new building to house the pump stations and pump station telemetry. If implemented, the new project will improve stormwater and floodplain management, improve storage capacity within stormwater infrastructure, and enhance stormwater quality. Additionally, drainage improvements associated with the new pump station will help protect the public health by improving flood control, conservation of natural resources, and erosion and sedimentation levels.
5. **Curtiss Parkway Memorial Restoration Project.** The City supports legislative appropriation or grant funding in the amount of \$100,000 to restore the City's Curtiss Parkway Memorial located at 100 block of Curtiss Parkway. Due to its construction in the mid-1950s, the Curtiss Parkway Memorial requires a complete restoration in order to serve as a worthy symbol of the nation's appreciation for the service members of all branches of the U.S. military.