

RESOLUTION NO. 2023 – 4065

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF MIAMI SPRINGS, FLORIDA,
ESTABLISHING THE CITY'S 2023 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 2023 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 2023 legislative priorities.

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

The foregoing Resolution was offered by Vice Mayor Lob 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 George Lob	<u>YES</u>
Councilman Bob Best	<u>YES</u>
Councilwoman Jacky Bravo	<u>YES</u>
Councilman Dr. Walter Fajet	<u>ABSENT</u>
Mayor Maria Puente Mitchell	<u>YES</u>

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 23rd day of January, 2023.



MARÍA PUENTE MITCHELL
MAYOR

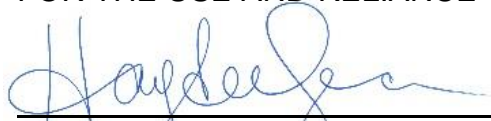
ATTEST:



ERIKA GONZALEZ, MMC
CITY CLERK



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



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

EXHIBIT A
**CITY OF MIAMI SPRINGS' 2023 LEGISLATIVE
PRIORITIES AND APPROPRIATION REQUESTS**

The following policies and appropriations are established as the City of Miami Springs' 2023 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. **Erosion Control and Stabilization of Esplanade Canal Banks.** The City supports legislative line item or grant funding in the amount of \$3,000,000 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.
2. **Miami Springs Senior Center Supplemental Meals and Services.** The City supports legislative line item or grant funding in the amount of \$750,000 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.

3. **Curtiss Parkway Memorial Restoration Project.** The City supports legislative appropriation or grant funding in the amount of \$150,000 to restore the City's Curtiss Parkway War Memorial located at 100 block of Curtiss Parkway. Due to its construction in the mid-1950s, the Curtiss Parkway War 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.