

RESOLUTION NO. 2023 – 4142

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF MIAMI SPRINGS, FLORIDA,
ESTABLISHING THE CITY'S 2024 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 2024 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 2024 legislative priorities.

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

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

Vice Mayor Jacky Bravo	<u>YES</u>
Councilman Jorge Santin	<u>YES</u>
Councilman Dr. Walter Fajet, Ph.D.	<u>YES</u>
Councilman Dr. Victor Vazquez, Ph.D.	<u>YES</u>
Mayor Maria Puente Mitchell	<u>YES</u>

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 13th day of November, 2023.

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MARLA PUENTE MITCHELL
MAYOR

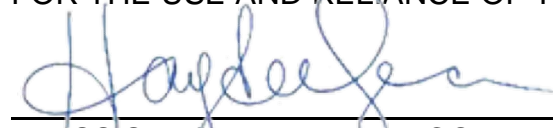
ATTEST:



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 & BIERMAN, P.L.
CITY ATTORNEY

EXHIBIT A

CITY OF MIAMI SPRINGS' 2024 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES AND APPROPRIATION REQUESTS

The following policies and appropriations are established as the City of Miami Springs' 2024 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. **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 our Monday through Friday home delivered nutritionally-hot meal program for frail homebound elderly clients with breakfast and weekend meal deliveries;
 - b. Provide physical and mental health support activities (adult fitness classes including chair exercise, yoga, dance and Tai Chi for arthritis; and
 - c. Provide acts-based recreational activities that promote socialization and target the isolation and depression prevalent in a 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.

2. **Phase II of Stormwater and Flood Mitigation Improvements on Esplanade Drive Project.** The City supports legislative line item or grant funding in the amount of \$1,000,000 to complete Phase II of the Stormwater and Flood Mitigation Improvements on Esplanade Drive Project, including improvements to mitigate flooding, erosion, accessibility, and roadway failure caused by current and projected storm events and storm surges. The Project will provide safety

improvements of hardening of the Esplanade Embankment from Westward Drive to North Royal Poinciana Blvd. along both the east and west sides. It will benefit a service area designated as high priority by the City with the aim to mitigate and eliminate damage caused by severe flooding due to storm events and sea level rise to include the prevention of roadway collapse and potential property loss and the preservation of approximately 50 mature trees at risk of toppling due to severe erosion. Moreover, the project aims to protect and preserve critical infrastructure, including roadways for both private and public schools, libraries, senior citizen facilities, and historical sites.

3. **Miller Drive Roadway Improvements Project.** The City supports legislative line item or grant funding in the amount of \$1,000,000 to implement the Miller Drive Roadway Improvements Project. The Project includes roadway improvements for the Miller Drive corridor from NW 36 Street to South Royal Poinciana Blvd., to accommodate pedestrian, bicycle and vehicular activity and to address their safety. Construction of the Project shall provide roadway repaving, pothole repairs and re-striping to ensure smoother and safer road surfaces, optimize traffic flow, reduce congestion, and improve overall transportation efficiency. The Project will also implement safety measures, including the installation of improved signage, and expand pedestrian safety with crosswalks/sidewalks. The Project will include the cost of engineering, architectural design, permitting, construction management, and cost estimating.
4. **Forrest Drive Stormwater and Flood Mitigation Improvements Project.** The City supports legislative line item or grant funding in the amount of \$1,000,000 to implement the Forrest Drive Stormwater and Flood Mitigation Improvements Project. The Project provides for implementation of stormwater management measures, including the construction of drainage and roadway enhancements along Forrest Drive, extending from NW 36 Street to South Royal Poinciana Blvd in the northbound direction. This Project is aimed at mitigating water pollution risks, enhancing the road's resilience to flooding, and addressing the growing challenges posed by climate change. Not only will the general public's well-being be improved, but this Project will also open doors to increased economic development opportunities within the City of Miami Springs. This Project involves the revitalization of the Forrest Drive corridor, focusing on enhancing stormwater drainage infrastructure, while also prioritizing pedestrian, bicycle, and vehicular safety. Additionally, it aims to introduce landscape improvements. The Project will assess the current conditions and employ green infrastructure for stormwater management.
5. **World War I Memorial Project.** The City supports legislative line item or grant funding in the amount of \$200,000 to create a World War I memorial on Curtiss Parkway, which will continue the City's tradition of honoring our country's military. The Memorial Project will include a sculpture of WWI Era airplane JN-4D, also known as "the Jenny", which was invented by Miami Springs' founder Glenn Curtiss. The sculpture will be installed in a new plaza with a sitting area and up-lighting as well as a flagpole. The memorial plaza will connect via walkway to the City's Veteran's memorial.