



Town of Miami Lakes Memorandum

To: Honorable Mayor & Councilmembers

From: Edward Pidermann, Town Manager

Subject: State Legislative Priorities for FY 2020-2021

Date: September 24, 2019

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Town Council review and approve the proposed legislative priorities for pursuit in FY2020-2021.

Background:

The State Legislature annually considers appropriations which provide funding for infrastructure, activities and projects.

The Town annually identifies priority projects to pursue legislatively in collaboration with the Town's lobbying team. In addition, certain policy items are pursued and/or supported which are in the best interest of the Town.

The proposed State Legislative Priorities for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 are as follows:

- 1) Miami Lakes Multipurpose Senior Community Center (interior buildout) - \$500,000
- 2) Royal Oaks Drainage Improvements Phase II Project - \$2,000,000
- 3) Loch Lomond Drainage Improvements Project - \$1,900,000
- 4) Miami Lakes East ADA Sidewalks Infrastructure Project - \$1,400,000
- 5) Miami Lakes Emergency Management Operations, Training and Public Safety Center - \$19,788,000
- 6) NW 87th Avenue Ramp to Miami-Dade Expressway (MDX) SR 924 Extension West to the Homestead of the Florida's Turnpike (HEFT) Project - \$5,300,000
- 7) **Policy:** Florida Statutes Section 339.176: Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Governing Board to support municipalities with a population of less than 50,000 to be represented.
- 8) **Policy:** Florida Statutes Section 252.363: Tolling and Extension of Permits and other Authorizations (Development order tolling for emergency declarations) to amend this statute to limit tolling to states of emergency that actually affect the construction industry.

- 9) **Policy:** Florida Statutes 255.0525: Advertising for Competitive Bids or Proposals to support the elimination of the requirement to publicly advertise at least once in a newspaper.
- 10) **Policy:** Florida Statutes 552.30: Construction Materials Mining Activities to support the recommendations determined by the Town of Miami Lakes Blasting Advisory Board.
- 11) **Policy:** Florida Statutes 335.17: State Highway Construction; Means of Noise Abatement to support a requirement for the FDOT to construct a noise barrier where there is an approved site plan, or where a wall is interrupted from being continuous within ½ mile from the next noise barrier, effective retroactively 10 years from the project's Date of Public Knowledge.
- 12) **Policy:** Florida Retirement System (FRS) Revocation of Election and Alternative Plan (Municipal Opt-Out Option) to provide a mechanism for voluntary municipal participation in the Florida Retirement System (FRS).
- 13) **Support:** Moment of Silence Legislation for State of Florida Schools: Support to place the Moment of Silence back in all Florida schools.
- 14) **Support:** City of Hialeah Gardens - Therapy Pool for the Physically Challenged (special needs) whereby the Town of Miami Lakes Special Needs Advisory Board registrants may utilize the Therapy Pool at no cost.

The proposed Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Legislative Priorities are summarized herein as “**Exhibit A**”.

Attachments:

Exhibit A

Resolution