



Town of Miami Lakes Memorandum

To: Honorable Mayor & Councilmembers

From: Edward Pidermann, Town Manager

Subject: Merger of Royal Oaks East Special Taxing District Advisory Committee and Royal Oaks Section I Special Taxing District Committee; Creation of Royal Oaks Combined Special Taxing District Advisory Committee

Date: December 10, 2019

Background:

As the result of a referendum passed in 2018, by Town Residents residing in the established Royal Oaks Section One and Royal Oaks East Special Taxing Districts, Miami-Dade County Management and oversight of the respective Special Taxing Districts was transferred from Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners to the Town of Miami Lakes Council. A major impetus for the referendum was residents desire to have local control of the Special Taxing Districts that managed security in their neighborhoods. Accordingly, and in the spirit of providing Town Residents residing in the Special Taxing District with a platform to provide direct input on the budgeting and operation of their Special Taxing District, the Town created Special Taxing District Advisory Committees.

During 2019, the Royal Oaks East Special Taxing District Advisory Committee and Royal Oaks Section I Special Taxing District Committee struggled to achieve the necessary quorum. Additionally, many of the concerns raised by the Royal Oaks East Special Taxing District Advisory Committee had a direct correlation and effect on the Royal Oaks Section I Special Taxing District Advisory Committee.

During the November 2019 Town Council meeting, the Town Council provided staff with instructions to merge the existing special taxing districts and provide a framework that would provide for equitable representation. Based on a review of the district it was discovered that both districts combined were composed 59% from Home Owner Association members and 41% from Non-Home Owner Association members. Additionally, 52% of the residents reside in the Royal Oaks Section I Special Taxing District Committee and 48% reside in Roayl Oaks East Special Taxing District.

Based on this division, the attached resolution establishes a new committee, merging the existing two special taxing districts and creating a new committee that will have equitable representation.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Town Council approve passage of this Resolution, which merges the existing and respective Royal Oaks East Special Taxing District Advisory Committee and Royal Oaks Section I Special Taxing District Committee into the newly created Royal Oaks Combined Special Taxing District Advisory Committee.