

RESOLUTION No. 2007-44-551

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, URGING THE MEMBERS OF THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO SUPPORT CERTAIN ISSUES DURING THE 2007 LEGISLATIVE SESSION; PROVIDING FOR DIRECTIONS TO THE CITY CLERK; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Regular Session of the Florida Legislature will convene on Tuesday, March 6, 2007, and

WHEREAS, in preparation for the upcoming session, staff has prepared a legislative program that documents the City of Miami Garden's legislative properties in 2007, and is recommending that the City Council approve the proposed program, and

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

Section 1. ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS: The foregoing Whereas paragraphs are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true, and the same are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution.

Section 2. REQUEST FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION: The City Council of the City of Miami Gardens hereby urges Governor Charlie Crist and members of the Florida Legislature to support the legislation as outlined on Exhibit "A" attached hereto.

Section 3. DIRECTIONS TO THE CITY CLERK: The City Clerk is hereby directed to send a certified copy of this Resolution to Governor Charlie Crist and to all members of the Florida Legislature.

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Section 4. EFFECTIVE DATE: This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its final passage.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS AT ITS REGULAR MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 28, 2007.

  
SHIRLEY GIBSON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
RONETTA TAYLOR, CMC, CITY CLERK

Prepared by SONJA KNIGHTON DICKENS, ESQ.  
City Attorney

SPONSORED BY: Dr. Danny O. Crew, City Manager

MOVED BY: Councilwoman Watson  
SECONDED BY: Councilman Campbell

VOTE: 6-0

Mayor Shirley Gibson	<u> x </u> (Yes)	<u> </u> (No)	
Vice Mayor Oscar Braynon, II	<u> x </u> (Yes)	<u> </u> (No)	
Councilman Melvin L. Bratton	<u> </u> (Yes)	<u> </u> (No)	Not present
Councilman Aaron Campbell	<u> x </u> (Yes)	<u> </u> (No)	
Councilman Andre' Williams	<u> x </u> (Yes)	<u> </u> (No)	
Councilwoman Sharon Pritchett	<u> x </u> (Yes)	<u> </u> (No)	
Councilwoman Barbara Watson	<u> x </u> (Yes)	<u> </u> (No)	

# City of Miami Gardens

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Miami Gardens, Florida 33169



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## MEMORANDUM

To: The Honorable Mayor and City Council  
From: Dr. Danny O. Crew, City Manager  
Date: February 20, 2007  
Re: Proposed 2007 City of Miami Gardens State Legislative Program

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The Regular Session of the Florida Legislature will convene on Tuesday, March 6, 2007. In preparation for the upcoming session, staff has prepared a legislative program that documents the City of Miami Garden's legislative properties in 2007. The proposed legislative program is separated into three sections; Policy Statements, Legislative Proposals, and Appropriations requests.

### **Policy Statements**

The policy statement is a written expression of the Council's official position on an issue, the adoption of these statements will provide our state lobbyist with clear direction regarding the City's legislative priorities.

### **Legislative Proposals**

These proposals represent legislation that the City is directing its lobbying team to develop and pursue during the 2007 session.

### **Appropriations Requests**

The appropriations requests are a product of the Community Budget Issue Request submissions forwarded to the Legislative Delegation in December 2006. Per the direction of our lobbying team the focus of this year's requests are storm water management related.

**Recommendation:** That the City Council approve the attached resolution adopting the 2007 City of Miami Gardens State Legislative Program.



## 2007 City of Miami Gardens State Legislative Program

### POLICY STATEMENTS

#### Cultural Arts Program Funding

The City of Miami Gardens City Council supports the preservation of state funding for cultural programs.

#### Disaster Response

With the predicted cycle of increased hurricane activity over the next few years, municipal governments are faced with the costly impact of disaster recovery, creating fiscal constraints for many cities statewide. The City of Miami Gardens City Council supports the creation of alternative funding options for municipal governments responsible for responding to the impacts of declared disasters.

#### Property Tax Caps

The City of Miami Gardens City Council opposes any legislation that would cap municipal expenditures or revenues.

#### Recreation and Open Space Program Funding

The City of Miami Gardens City Council supports the preservation of state funding for recreational programs and open space preservation grants.

#### Workforce Housing

Over the past two years, the City of Miami Gardens has experienced a 28% increase in property values. This rapid increase in the cost of housing places the average working resident at a disadvantage when faced with attaining adequate housing for their family. The City of Miami Gardens City Council supports legislation that maintains the availability of workforce housing for residents of the City of Miami Gardens.

### LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS

#### Department of Revenue Audit of Communication Services Tax Revenues

Enact legislation that places a reasonable time frame on the completion of the DOR audit process and or makes the communication services providers responsible for correcting billing systems after formal notice from a local municipality and provide penalties for non-response to include interest.

## Statewide Certification of Building Inspectors

Enact legislation recognizing F.S. 468.609 as the statewide certification for Building officials and delete provisions that allow local jurisdictions to require other qualifications beyond the state certification requirements.

## Youth Violence Prevention Programs

Support legislation that establishes a dedicated funding source for youth violence prevention programs, and provides support for alternative positive programming for teens such as local level youth councils.

## APPROPRIATIONS REQUESTS

### Drainage Improvements

**Amount Requested: \$957,500**

The following locations have been identified by City engineers as areas of critical concern; these locations are in need of storm water drainage improvements due to flooding and require immediate attention. Projects involve design and construction of the local drainage system:

- **NW 179<sup>th</sup> Street Drainage Project** - (Between NW 32 Avenue and NW 35 Court)

Total Estimated Cost:	\$ 225,000
City Contribution:	\$ 112,500
<b>State Appropriation Request:</b>	<b>\$ 112,500</b>

- **NW 191<sup>st</sup> Street Drainage Project** – (Between NW 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue t and NW 11<sup>th</sup> Court)

Total Estimated Cost:	\$ 325,000
City Contribution:	\$ 162,500
<b>State Appropriation Request:</b>	<b>\$ 162,500</b>

- **NW 21<sup>st</sup> Avenue Drainage Project** – (Between NW 194 Terrace and NW 196 Street)

Total Estimated Cost:	\$ 350,000
City Contribution:	\$ 175,000
<b>State Appropriation Request:</b>	<b>\$ 175,000</b>

- **NW 153<sup>rd</sup> & NW 155<sup>th</sup> Street Drainage Project** – (Between NW 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue and NW 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue)

Total Estimated Cost:	\$400,000
City Contribution:	\$200,000
<b>State Appropriations Request:</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>

- **NW 167<sup>th</sup> & NW 175<sup>th</sup> Street Drainage Project** – (Between NW 11 Avenue and NW 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue)

Total Estimated Cost: \$615,000

City Contribution: \$307,500

**State Appropriation Request: \$307,500**