

RESOLUTION No. 2008 -51-738

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 2008 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 convened on Tuesday, March 4, 2008, and

WHEREAS, in preparation for the upcoming session, staff has prepared a legislative program that documents the City of Miami Garden's legislative priorities in 2008, 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.

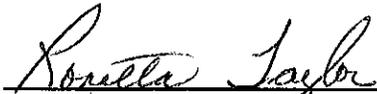
Section 2. REQUEST FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION: The City Council of the City of Miami Gardens hereby urges Governor Charlie Crist and members of the Florida Legislature to support the legislation as outlined on Exhibit "A" attached hereto.

Section 3. DIRECTIONS TO THE CITY CLERK: The City Clerk is hereby directed to send a certified copy of this Resolution to all members of the Miami Dade Legislative Delegation.

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 MARCH 12, 2008.

ATTEST:



RONETTA TAYLOR, CMC, CITY CLERK



SHIRLEY GIBSON, MAYOR

Prepared by SONJA KNIGHTON DICKENS, ESQ.
City Attorney

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

MOVED BY: Vice Mayor Watson
SECONDED BY: Councilman Bratton

VOTE: 6-0

Mayor Shirley Gibson	<u>x</u> (Yes)	___ (No)
Vice Mayor Barbara Watson	<u>x</u> (Yes)	___ (No)
Councilman Melvin L. Bratton	<u>x</u> (Yes)	___ (No)
Councilman Aaron Campbell	<u>x</u> (Yes)	___ (No)
Councilman Andre' Williams	<u>x</u> (Yes)	___ (No)
Councilwoman Sharon Pritchett	<u>x</u> (Yes)	___ (No)



2008 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.

Municipal Membership

The City of Miami Gardens City Council opposes any legislation that seeks to remove a municipality's ability to pay membership dues to organizations that assist in representing municipal interests before the Florida Legislature or any other unit of Federal, State, or local government.

Municipal Revenue

The City of Miami Gardens City Council opposes any legislative action that seeks to further limit or reduce local government 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

HB 0003/SB 500

The City of Miami Garden City Council supports HB 03/SB 500 which creates a process whereby local governments may apply for the Ounce of Prevention Fund of Florida to designate an area as a children's zone for revitalizing a disadvantaged area through programs and services for children and families including youth development opportunities.

HB 445/SB 1070

The City of Miami Gardens City Council supports HB 445/SB 1070 which encourages intergovernmental cooperation through the requirement that local governments accomplish analyses of problems and opportunities for existing schools and schools anticipated in the future including co-location of schools with other public facilities such as parks, libraries, and community centers.

HB 683

The City of Miami Gardens City Council opposes HB 683 which will require all government entities to bid construction projects over \$200,000 regardless of whether or not the government entity can use in house professionals to perform the work.

HB 991

The City of Miami Gardens City Council opposes HB 991 due to the fact that this legislation seeks to divest the authority of a government body to patrol its meetings in a manner that it deems reasonable and in accordance with existing law.

SB 84

The City of Miami Garden City Council supports SB 84 which increases the number of grant applications a local government may submit to the Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program (FRDAP) and the increases the maximum allowable FRDAP project to \$500,000.

SB 392

The City of Miami Gardens City Council opposes HB 392 which requires the Department of State to create and manage a website disclosing, on a quarterly basis, each expenditure with a total payment of \$5,000 or more made on or after July 1, 2008, by a governmental entity to a person under a contract. The legislation will place additional demands on city staff without additional resources from the state to provide said service.

SB 1182

The City of Miami Gardens City Council supports HB 1182 which requires the sanctioning authority of an independent youth athletic team to screen, through the designated websites of the Florida Department of Law Enforcement and the US Department of Justice, any person who is a sports coach of such a team.

HB 351/SB 816

The City of Miami Gardens City Council opposes HB 351/SB 816 which seeks to limit a municipality's ability to impose civil penalties for traffic infractions related to red light running.

APPROPRIATIONS REQUESTS

Drainage Improvements

Amount Requested \$757,500

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 191st Street Between NW 10th - 11th Court** **\$162,500**
 - **NW 194th Terrace - NW 196th Street / NW 21st Avenue** **\$175,000**
 - **NW 167th -175th Street / NW 11th -17th Avenue** **\$307,500**
 - **NW 179 Street / NW 32nd Ave - NW 35th Court** **\$112,500**
- \$757,500**