

ITEM TITLE:

Resolution.

A Resolution of the City Commission ending the annexation process for Little Gables. (Sponsored by Commissioner Fernandez)

BRIEF HISTORY:

Resolution No. 2022-196 directed the City Manager and City Attorney to reinitiate the annexation process for Little Gables and Resolution No. 2023-57 directed the City Manager and City Attorney to take certain steps in the annexation process, including hosting community meetings, preparing and sending petition, and holding a public hearing to adopt/not adopt an annexation Resolution. Pursuant to these resolutions, the City held a community meeting and mailed annexation petitions to registered voters in Little Gables in accordance with Chapter 20 of the Miami-Dade County Code. As of the self-imposed deadline of October 9, 2023, the City received petitions of support from 21.43% of the registered voters in Little Gables.

Pursuant to Resolution Nos. 2023-338 and 2023-366, the City Commission directed that before deciding whether to proceed with the submission of an Annexation Resolution to Miami-Dade County, the input of Coral Gables residents should be gauged. To that end, pursuant to Resolution No. 2024-60, the City Commission called a special election to be held during the August 20th primary election on the following non-binding straw ballot question:

Non-Binding, Straw Ballot Question: Possible Annexation of Little Gables into the City of Coral Gables

Would you support the City pursuing the annexation of Little Gables (the area generally bounded by SW 8th Street to the North, SW 16th Street to the South, Cortez Street to the West and SW 40th Avenue to the East) into the City of Coral Gables via Miami-Dade County's annexation process, and absorbing all associated annexation costs?

YES			
NO			

The unofficial results of the special election on the non-binding straw ballot question are as follows:

Yes: 37.41% with 3,359 votes No: 62.59% with 5,620 votes

The proposed resolution directs City staff to end the annexation process, given the results of the straw ballot question.

ATTACHMENT(S): 1. Draft Resolution								
FINANCIAL INFORMATION:								
No.	Amount	Account No.	Source of Funds					
1.	N/a	n/a	n/a					
Total:								
Fiscal Impact:								
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n/a								
BUSINESS IMPACT:								
Not applicable.								