

CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-199

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION
DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO PURSUE
FEDERAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR SEPTIC
TO SEWER CONVERSION.

WHEREAS, municipalities around the country are converting from septic to sewer for wastewater treatment; and

WHEREAS, nearly half of the single family homes in Coral Gables have septic tanks; and

WHEREAS, converting from septic to sewer allows the city to ensure that wastewater is properly treated, reduces the burden of septic tank maintenance and replacement, increases property values, and most importantly better protects human health and the environment; and

WHEREAS, there are federal funding opportunities, including grants and community project funding requests (“earmarks”), available for septic to sewer conversion projects; and

WHEREAS, last year, members of Miami-Dade’s congressional delegation secured millions of dollars in funding for resiliency projects in the region, more specifically, Representative Wilson secured \$6,905,944 for septic to sewer conversion and canal remediation, Representative Diaz-Balart secured \$7,420,000 for septic to sewer conversion, stormwater drainage improvement, and affordable housing efforts, Representative Gimenez secured \$1,850,000 for septic to sewer conversion and Biscayne Bay assessment and monitoring efforts, and Representative Salazar secured \$4,170,000 for stormwater drainage improvements and mobile computing upgrades; and

WHEREAS, communities throughout Miami-Dade County continue to pursue federal funding opportunities for septic to sewer projects; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission wishes to pursue such federal funding opportunities by having City staff work with the City’s federal lobbying firm, Becker, to identify and pursue such funding and to coordinate the City’s State Legislative Agenda and State lobbyists as necessary;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES:

SECTION 1. That the foregoing “WHEREAS” clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution upon adoption hereof.

SECTION 2. That the City Commission directs the City Manager to work with Becker, the City’s federal lobbying firm, to identify and pursue grants, earmarks, or any other available federal funding opportunities to support the City’s efforts towards septic to sewer conversion.

SECTION 3. That the City Commission directs the City Manager to work with the City’s State lobbying teams to coordinate efforts as necessary at the State level to achieve success at the federal level.

SECTION 3. That this Resolution shall become effective upon the date of its passage and adoption herein.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS ELEVENTH DAY OF JULY, A.D., 2023.

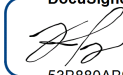
(Moved: Menendez / Seconded: Anderson)

(Yeas: Castro, Fernandez, Menendez, Anderson, Lago)

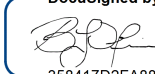
(Unanimous: 5-0 Vote)

(Agenda Item: F-5)


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