

CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-196

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER AND CITY ATTORNEY TO REINITIATE THE ANNEXATION PROCESS FOR LITTLE GABLES BY TAKING STEPS TO DETERMINE WHETHER THERE IS POLITICAL SUPPORT AMONG THE MIAMI-DADE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, RETAINING PROFESSIONAL CONSULTING SERVICES, AND PERFORMING CERTAIN ANALYSES RELATED TO THE ANNEXATION.

WHEREAS, Little Gables is an enclave bounded by the City of Coral Gables to the East, West and South; and

WHEREAS, in July 2017, pursuant to Miami-Dade County Code, Chapter 20 “Municipalities”, Article I “Boundary Change Procedure”, the City conducted a petition process to ascertain support amongst registered voters in Little Gables for annexation; and

WHEREAS, in response to said petition, 23.9% of registered voters in Little Gables supported annexation, surpassing the required 20%; and

WHEREAS, soon thereafter, the City Commission adopted Resolution No. 2017-344, directing the City Manager and City Attorney to prepare and submit an application for the annexation of Little Gables; and

WHEREAS, the City’s annexation application received a positive recommendation from the County’s Planning Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, then County Mayor Carlos Gimenez issued a memorandum in support of the City’s application to annex Little Gables setting forth certain conditions; and

WHEREAS, on July 17, 2019, a public hearing was held on the annexation application before the Health Care and County Operations Committee (HCOC), and the HCOC laid the City’s application on the table; and

WHEREAS, without the approval of the HCOC the annexation application could not proceed any further in the process and was effectively denied without the full Board of County Commissioners ever hearing the matter and without giving residents in the area the opportunity to vote in a referendum; and

WHEREAS, given the documented support for the City's annexation effort, and the long-term benefits that will accrue to both the City and Little Gables, the City wishes to re-initiate the annexation process for Little Gables; and

WHEREAS, to reinitiate the annexation process, the City Commission directs the City Manager and City Attorney to take the following action: retain up to one hundred seventy thousand dollars (\$170,000.00) worth of professional consulting services to assist City staff with the annexation process, meet with the Board of County Commissioners following the November 2022 election to ascertain support for the annexation, analyze the additional City resources necessary to support Little Gables if annexed, analyze a sample of one hundred (100) recent home sales within Little Gables, and report findings to the City Commission at an appropriate time to determine next steps;

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

SECTION 1. 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 hereby directs the City Manager and the City Attorney to reinitiate the annexation process for Little Gables.

SECTION 3. That the City Commission hereby allocates up to one hundred seventy thousand dollars (\$170,000.00) for consulting fees related to the annexation process and directs the City Manager and City Attorney to retain the necessary professional consultants.

SECTION 4. That the City Commission hereby authorizes the administration and/or professional consultant/s to meet with members of the Board of County Commissioners following the November 2022 election to ascertain support for the annexation.

SECTION 5. That the City Commission directs the City Manager to analyze the additional City resources necessary to support Little Gables if annexed and analyze a sample of one hundred (100) recent home sales within Little Gables.

SECTION 6. That the City Commission hereby directs the City Manager and the City Attorney to report findings to the City Commission at an appropriate time to determine next steps.

SECTION 7. That this Resolution shall become effective upon the date of its passage and adoption herein.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS TWENTY-FOURTH DAY OF AUGUST, A.D., 2022.

(Moved: Mena / Seconded: Anderson)

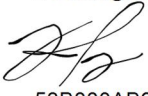
(Yeas: Mena, Menendez, Anderson, Lago)

(Nays: Fors, Jr.)


(Majority: 4-1) Vote)

(Agenda Item: G-12)


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