## CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

## RESOLUTION NO. 2023-366

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION DIRECTING STAFF TO PREPARE A STRAW BALLOT QUESTION REGARDING THE ANNEXATION OF LITTLE GABLES FOR THE PRIMARY ELECTION SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 20, 2024.

- **WHEREAS,** Resolution No. 2022-196 directed the City Manager and City Attorney to reinitiate the annexation process for Little Gables; and
- **WHEREAS,** 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 petitions, and holding a public hearing to adopt/not adopt an annexation resolution; and
- **WHEREAS,** 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; and
- **WHEREAS,** as of the self-imposed deadline of October 9th, the City received petitions of support from 21.43% of the registered voters in Little Gables; and
- **WHEREAS**, before deciding whether to proceed with the submission of an annexation resolution to Miami-Dade County, the City Commission wishes to obtain input from Coral Gables residents via a straw ballot question on the August 20<sup>th</sup> primary election ballot; and
- **WHEREAS**, the City Commission shall retain the authority to decide whether to proceed with annexation notwithstanding the results of the straw ballot question; and
- **WHEREAS**, city staff shall prepare ballot language for the City Commission's consideration at an upcoming Commission Meeting;

## 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 staff to prepare a straw ballot question regarding the annexation of Little Gables for the primary election scheduled for August 20, 2024.

**SECTION 4.** That this Resolution shall become effective upon the date of its passage and adoption herein.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS TWELFTH DAY OF DECEMBER, A.D., 2023.

(Moved: Fernandez / Seconded: Menendez) (Yeas: Castro, Fernandez, Menendez, Lago)

(Nays: Anderson) (Majority: 4-1) (Agenda Item: H-5)

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