

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-107

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH, FLORIDA REQUESTING MIAMI-DADE COUNTY TO CLOSE THE BRIDGE LOCATED AT WEST 28 AVENUE/N.W. 87 AVENUE AT THE NORTHERN-MOST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF N.W. 138 STREET TO PREVENT VEHICULAR TRAFFIC FROM THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES FROM EXACERBATING TRAFFIC IN THE CITY OF HIALEAH.

WHEREAS, the Town of Miami Lakes has belatedly opposed the opening of the N.W. 170 Street overpass on the basis that the flow of traffic eastbound from the City would exacerbate traffic within the Town of Miami Lakes; and

WHEREAS, the Town has also renewed its objection to the opening of the N.W. 154 Street overpass for the same reasons; and

WHEREAS, the overpasses are not under the jurisdictional control of the City or the Town;

WHEREAS, the overpasses are part of the network of roads operated and controlled by Miami-Dade County ("County") and/or the Florida Department of Transportation ("FDOT") for the benefit of all county residents; and

WHEREAS, the County imposes roadway impact fees on all development in the County, including development in the City of Hialeah and the Town of Miami Lakes, to improve the road network for the benefit of all county residents, not for some to the exclusion of others; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, the County approved amendments to its comprehensive development master plan to allow the development of property north of N.W. 170 Street and

bound by I-75 and the Florida Turnpike Expressway, including the American Dream Miami mega mall; and

WHEREAS, the American Dream Miami mega mall will generate significant traffic that will impact the residents of the County, the City and the Town, to which neither City objected; and

WHEREAS, in order to provide for the traffic anticipated to be generated from development in the unincorporated area, the County required the coordination of a multimillion dollar interchange to the Florida Turnpike at N.W. 170 Street between the County, the Florida Department of Transportation and all other surrounding landowners including the City; and

WHEREAS, undoubtedly, the opening of the N.W. 170 Street overpass will improve traffic circulation for the benefit of county residents and motorists in this area, including the City and the Town; and

WHEREAS, notwithstanding, the Town objects to the opening of the N.W. 170 Street overpass unless substantial capital improvements are built, including connecting N.W. 87 Avenue and N.W. 67 Avenue to the Gratigny Expressway, constructing underpasses beneath the Palmetto Expressway and declaring a Countywide moratorium on development;

WHEREAS, since the overpasses would connect only the City and the Town, the Town's objections can only be interpreted to be directed specifically to the use of the overpasses by the citizens of Hialeah; and

WHEREAS, the Town's objections were the subject of a Town Council meeting on August 20, 2019 wherein the Town Council upheld its continued efforts to prevent any bridge openings; and

WHEREAS, the Town's general premise in support of their objection is that the City of Hialeah should contain traffic generated by development within its borders instead of using Town roads;

WHEREAS, the Town is also contributing to the exacerbation of traffic, which is not contained within the Town, through their new developments on N.W. 87 Avenue and N.W. 67 Avenue adjacent to Town Hall, to the detriment of City residents, County residents and their own Town; and

WHEREAS, there are additional pending developments planned on N.W. 87 Avenue agreed to by the Town through development agreements that will add additional traffic on N.W. 87 Avenue to the detriment of the City; and

WHEREAS, the Town's objections to the opening of the overpasses which would serve both cities and the county is unreasonable and prejudicial; and

WHEREAS, while the City of Hialeah believes that vehicular access on the overpasses, and in particular the N.W. 170 Street overpass, in light of the development approved for the mega mall among others, is desirable and beneficial for all county motorists to the same extent that the Town found vehicular access over the N.W. 87 Avenue overpass desirable and beneficial; and

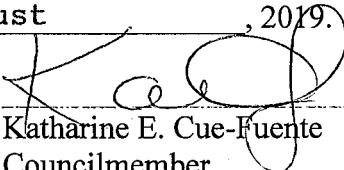
WHEREAS, given the Town's myopic view of the significance of an integrated countywide road system, the City of Hialeah is compelled to respectfully request that Miami-Dade County close access to vehicular traffic over the N.W. 87 Avenue bridge from Miami Lakes into Hialeah.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH, FLORIDA, THAT:

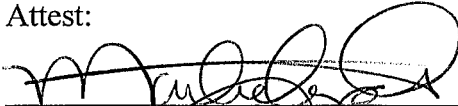
Section 1. The City of Hialeah respectfully requests Miami-Dade County to close ingress and egress over the bridge located at West 28th Avenue/N.W. 87 Avenue at the intersection of N.W. 138 Street to prevent vehicular traffic from the Town of Miami Lakes into the City of Hialeah and thereby preventing the exacerbation of traffic within the City of Hialeah generated by development in the Town of Miami Lakes.

Section 2. The City Clerk is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the Town of Miami Lakes, the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners, Florida Senator Manny Diaz, Jr., and Florida House of Representatives Speaker Jose Oliva, Bryan Avila and Cindy Polo.

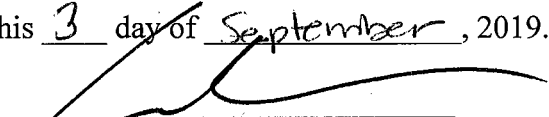
PASSED AND ADOPTED this 27 day of August, 2019.


Katharine E. Cue-Fuente
Councilmember


Attest:


Marbelys Fatjo, City Clerk

Approved on this 3 day of September, 2019.


Mayor Carlos Hernandez

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:


Lorena E. Bravo, City Attorney

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Resolution was adopted by a 5-0-2 vote with Councilmembers, Cue-Fuente, Lozano, Caragol, Hernandez and Zogby voting "Yes" and with Councilmembers Casáls-Muñoz and Garcia-Martinez absent.