

# MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 7(M)(1)(B)

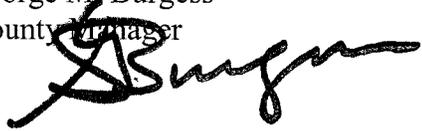
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**TO:** Honorable Chairperson Barbara Carey-Shuler, Ed.D.  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

**DATE:** October 7, 2003

**FROM:** George M. Burgess  
County Manager

**SUBJECT:** Waiver of IPSIG  
Requirements for the  
Hidden Treasures of  
Tropical America  
Construction Project



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## RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board approve the attached resolution waiving the requirements of Administrative Order 3-20, Independent Private Sector Inspector General (IPSIG) Services, for the Miami Metrozoo Hidden Treasures of Tropical America construction project.

## BACKGROUND

The Board of County Commissioners (BCC) approved Ordinance 02-253 on December 3, 2002, amending the Safe Neighborhood Parks (SNP) Bond Ordinance and allowing the Park and Recreation Department to use SNP funds to partner with the Zoological Society of Florida (Society) for the development of the Hidden Treasures (formerly Hidden Ruins) project at Miami Metrozoo. The Society is providing funding of approximately \$23 million from the private sector, which represents 66% of the total project funding of \$35 million, and is managing the project's design and construction.

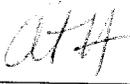
The Miami Metrozoo Oversight Board (Zoo Oversight Board) and the Society have requested a waiver of the IPSIG requirements for this project, similar to the BCC approved waiver for the reconstruction of the Miami Metrozoo Aviary. While the purpose of the IPSIG is to monitor capital development projects and prevent and detect improper activities, it is believed that sufficient oversight of this project exists through supervision provided by the Zoo Oversight Board and the Society as follows:

- The BCC created the Zoo Oversight Board as a governing advisory board. The Zoo Oversight Board closely monitors Miami Metrozoo's operational and capital development activities.
- A private, independent auditor conducts a complete Society audit of operating and capital activities annually.

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The IPSIG requirements on a project of \$35,000,000 amount to \$175,000. The Zoological Society and the Park and Recreation Department demonstrated the effectiveness of their partnership with the completion of the Aviary in an expeditious and responsible manner. This, together with the oversight described above, greatly reduces the need for additional oversight by an IPSIG.

Attachment

 9/3/03  
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Assistant County Manager



# MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

**TO:** Hon. Chairperson Barbara Carey-Shuler, Ed.D.  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

**DATE:** October 7, 2003

**FROM:** Robert A. Ginsburg  
County Attorney

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- Housekeeping item (no policy decision required)**
- No committee review**

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Mayor  
Veto \_\_\_\_\_  
Override \_\_\_\_\_

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10-7-03

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION WAIVING REQUIREMENTS  
OF ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 3-20,  
INDEPENDENT PRIVATE SECTOR  
INSPECTOR GENERAL (IPSIG) SERVICES  
FOR MIAMI METROZOO HIDDEN  
TREASURES OF TROPICAL AMERICA  
CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

WHEREAS, this Board desires to accomplish the purposes outlined in the accompanying memorandum, a copy of which is incorporated herein by reference,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board finds it in the best interest of the County to waive the requirements of Administrative Order 3-20, Independent Private Sector Inspector General (IPSIG) Services, for the Miami Metrozoo Hidden Treasures of Tropical America construction project.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Dr. Barbara Carey-Shuler, Chairperson  
Katy Sorenson, Vice-Chairperson

Bruno A. Barreiro	Jose "Pepe" Diaz
Betty T. Ferguson	Sally A. Heyman
Joe A. Martinez	Jimmy L. Morales
Dennis C. Moss	Dorrin D. Rolle
Natacha Seijas	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 7<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2003. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
BY ITS BOARD OF  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as  
to form and legal sufficiency.



Stephanie R. Miller

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Mayor

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12-3-02

Veto \_\_\_\_\_

Override \_\_\_\_\_

ORDINANCE NO. 02-253

ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS BOND ORDINANCE, ARTICLE III OF CHAPTER 25B OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA; AMENDING SECTION 25B-22 PERTAINING TO BONDS; AMENDING ORDINANCE 96-115 TO ALLOW THE PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT TO PARTNER WITH THE ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF FLORIDA FOR MIAMI METROZOO DEVELOPMENT INCLUDING MASTER PLAN UPDATE, AVIARY, AND HIDDEN RUINS OF TROPICAL AMERICA EXHIBIT; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN THE CODE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the Park and Recreation Department (PARKS) was awarded \$12,000,000 in total from the Safe Neighborhood Parks Bond (SNP) program for capital improvements to Miami Metrozoo, for the development of the second lobe; general plan update and schematic design of second lobe, including the Hidden Ruins of Tropical America exhibit; and

WHEREAS, the Zoological Society of Florida (SOCIETY) has been active for more than 40 years in supporting Miami Metrozoo; and

WHEREAS, PARKS desires to advance the relationship with the SOCIETY by allowing the SOCIETY to take advantage of resources; and

WHEREAS, PARKS is confident that the SOCIETY will be able to maximize results of SNP funding and is the best outlet for furthering the development of the Hidden Ruins of Tropical America exhibit and second lobe at Miami Metrozoo; and

WHEREAS, the SOCIETY has a proven record of successfully implementing capital improvement projects at Miami Metrozoo; and

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WHEREAS, the SOCIETY wishes to be responsible for the design and construction of the Hidden Ruins of Tropical America exhibit, with appropriate County oversight; and

WHEREAS, the partnership with the SOCIETY was recommended by the Safe Neighborhood Parks Citizen's Oversight Committee at its meeting of September 19, 2002; and

WHEREAS, the Miami Metrozoo Oversight Board, created by Ordinance 98-168; approved the proposed ordinance amendment, and

WHEREAS, the Operating Agreement with the Society authorizes such a partnership,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that:

Section 1. Article III of Chapter 25B of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida, is hereby amended to read as follows<sup>1</sup>:

Sec. 25B-22. Bonds

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Section 3.(b). Grants for specific Regional Projects: Seventy-seven million fifty thousand dollars (\$77,050,000) to the County Park and Recreation Department for the development, improvement, restoration, rehabilitation or acquisition of real property for Regional Parks, Beaches and Biscayne Bay access, specific regional projects, Heritage Facilities, Natural Area Preserves and greenways trails, in accordance with the schedule described in Exhibit "B".

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<sup>1</sup> Words ~~stricken through~~ and/or [[double bracketed]] shall be deleted. Words underscored and/or >>double arrowed<< constitute the amendment proposed. Remaining provisions are now in effect and remain unchanged.

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## Exhibit "B"

2. Fifty-seven million four hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$57,450,000) to the County Park and recreation Department for the development, improvement, restoration, rehabilitation, or acquisition of real property for regional parks, regional recreation or heritage facilities and natural area preserves, in accordance with the following schedule:

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Section 2. Ordinance 96-115 adopted by this Board on July 16, 1996 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2.H. Twelve million dollars (\$12,000,000) ~~[[toward completion of the second lobe, "The Latin American Experience" at Metrozoo]], >>for the master plan update, aviary replacement and development of "The Hidden Ruins of Tropical America" at Miami Metrozoo.<< [[in accordance with approved plans, to be implemented by the Dade County Park and Recreation Department in consultation with the Zoological Society of Florida.]] >>The Hidden Ruins of Tropical America is to be implemented by the Zoological Society of Florida in partnership with the Miami-Dade County Park and Recreation Department.<<~~

Section 3. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or provision of this ordinance is held invalid, the remainder of this ordinance shall not be affected by such invalidity.

Section 4. It is the intention of the Board of County Commissioners, and it is hereby ordained that the provisions of this ordinance, including any sunset provision, shall become and be made a part of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida. The sections of this ordinance may be renumbered or relettered to accomplish such intention, and the word "ordinance" may be changed to "section," "article," or other appropriate word.

Section 5. This ordinance shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of enactment unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

Section 6. This ordinance does not contain a sunset provision.

PASSED AND ADOPTED: DEC - 3 2002

Approved by County Attorney as  
to form and legal sufficiency: RA6

Prepared by: MMC

Mariela Martinez-Cid

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 4(G)  
(Public Hearing 12-3-02)  
November 19, 2002

TO: Honorable Chairperson and Members  
Board of County Commissioners

DATE:

FROM: Steve Shiver  
County Manager

SUBJECT:

Ordinance Amending Article III,  
Section 25B of the Code of  
Miami-Dade County, Ordinance  
96-115, Safe Neighborhood Parks  
Bond

02-253

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board approve the attached ordinance relating to the Safe Neighborhood Parks Bond Ordinance, Article III of Chapter 25B of the Code of Miami-Dade County; amending Section 25B-22 pertaining to bonds; amending Ordinance 96-115 to allow the Park and Recreation Department (Parks) to partner with the Zoological Society of Florida (Society) for Miami Metrozoo development.

BACKGROUND

Parks was awarded twelve million dollars (\$12,000,000) from the Safe Neighborhood Parks Bond (SNP) program for master plan update, aviary replacement and development of "The Hidden Ruins of Tropical America" exhibit at Miami-Metrozoo. Parks desires to partner with the Society in the development of the Hidden Ruins of Tropical America and other exhibits at the zoo.

The Society has been active for more than forty (40) years in supporting Miami-Metrozoo. It has obtained funding from state, county, and private sources for development, and in most cases, provided construction oversight saving the County both time and money. Because of the Society's commitment and record of achievement, staff is confident that the Society can assist the County in the timely design and expansion of Miami Metrozoo.

The SNP Citizen's Oversight Committee approved the proposed ordinance amendment language at its meeting of September 19, 2002. The Miami Metrozoo Oversight Board, created by Ordinance No. 98-168, has also reviewed and approved the proposed ordinance amendment.

This ordinance is comparable to that approved for improvements at Fairchild Tropical Gardens through its Board of Trustees and found to be cost effective and beneficial in time. For these reasons, it is in the best interest of the County to approve this amendment so that the much needed improvements at Miami Metrozoo may proceed.

FISCAL IMPACT

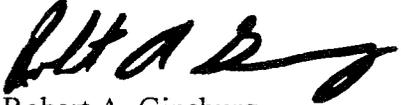
This ordinance will have a positive fiscal impact, allowing capital development to proceed more effectively at Miami Metrozoo, saving the County time and money.



MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Chairperson and Members  
Board of County Commissioners

DATE: December 3, 2002

FROM:   
Robert A. Ginsburg  
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 4(G)

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