

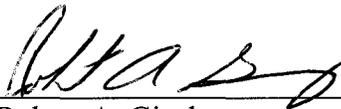
MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 10(A)(5)

TO: Honorable Chairperson Barbara Carey-Shuler, Ed.D. and Members, Board of County Commissioners **DATE:** October 19, 2004

FROM: Robert A. Ginsburg
County Attorney **SUBJECT:** Resolution directing County Manager to report feasibility of purchasing biodiesel fuel for use in diesel fuel buses

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Senator Javier D. Souto.



Robert A. Ginsburg
County Attorney

RAG/bw



MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

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

DATE: October 19, 2004

FROM: Robert A. Ginsburg
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 10(A)(5)

Please note any items checked.

- "4-Day Rule" ("3-Day Rule" for committees) applicable if raised
- 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- Budget required
- Statement of fiscal impact required
- Bid waiver requiring County Manager's written recommendation
- Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing
- Housekeeping item (no policy decision required)
- No committee review

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

Agenda Item No. 10(A)(5)
10-19-04

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO
PREPARE A REPORT REGARDING THE FEASIBILITY AND
ADVISABILITY OF PURCHASING BIODIESEL FOR USE IN
DIESEL FUEL BUSES OPERATED BY MIAMI-DADE
COUNTY

WHEREAS, biodiesel fuel (hereinafter "biodiesel") is an alternative to petrol-based fuel, and is created from soybean oil, other vegetable oils or from used cooking oil; and

WHEREAS, biodiesel can be used in any diesel engine built after 1986 with little or no modification to the engine fuel system; and

WHEREAS, biodiesel can safely be blended with petroleum diesel; and

WHEREAS, biodiesel has been approved by the U.S. EPA as an alternative fuel and has been used extensively in Europe for over 20 years; and

WHEREAS, biodiesel provides a domestic, renewable energy source; and

WHEREAS, increased use of biodiesel could create new jobs and increase the incomes of farmers; and

WHEREAS, biodiesel is biodegradable and reduces carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide, sulfur dioxide (one of the main causes of acid rain), hydrocarbons, benzene, and particulate matter; and

WHEREAS, the Commission believes it to be in the best interest of the County to explore the feasibility and advisability of using biodiesel in diesel buses operated by Miami-Dade County,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that the County Manager is

directed to prepare a report analyzing the feasibility and advisability of using biodiesel in diesel buses operated by Miami-Dade County. The County Manager shall provide the Commission with a copy of the report within 90 days from the adoption of this resolution.

The foregoing resolution was sponsored by Sen. Javier D. Souto and 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 19th day of October, 2004. 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.

GKS

Gerald K. Sanchez

4