

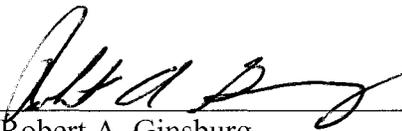
MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 10(A)(1)

TO: Honorable Chairperson Barbara Carey-Shuler, Ed.D. and Members, Board of County Commissioners **DATE:** November 30, 2004

FROM: Robert A. Ginsburg
County Attorney **SUBJECT:** Resolution establishing a committee to study feasibility of having utility wiring installed underground

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Commissioner Bruno A. Barreiro and Commissioner Sally A. Heyman.



Robert A. Ginsburg
County Attorney

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(Revised)

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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 _____
Over _____

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11-30-04

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A COMMITTEE TO
STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF HAVING UTILITY
WIRING IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY INSTALLED
UNDERGROUND TO REDUCE UTILITY OUTAGES
AND EXPLORE OTHER MEANS TO REDUCE AND
PREVENT HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS RESULTING
FROM HURRICANES AND OTHER SEVERE
WEATHER EVENTS

WHEREAS, in 1992 Miami-Dade County suffered widespread electrical outages as a result of Hurricane Andrew; and

WHEREAS, every year Miami-Dade County faces a hurricane season that threatens our community with the peril of high winds, storm surge and related natural conditions; and

WHEREAS, recently Hurricane Frances caused more than 100,000 homes in Miami-Dade County to lose electrical service despite not making landfall in Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, underground wiring of vital utility services such as electricity, telephone and cable services may help prevent widespread outages resulting from hurricanes or other severe weather events and the hazardous conditions associated with downed utility poles and wires; and

WHEREAS, preventative and proactive measures that can reduce widespread vital utility outages should be identified; and

WHEREAS, in enacting state law regarding emergency management the Florida Legislature specifically granted in section 252.38 of the Florida Statutes a role to political subdivisions of the State of Florida such as Miami-Dade County when it stated that

“safeguarding the life and property of its citizens is an innate responsibility of the governing body of each political subdivision of the state;” and

WHEREAS, while it is recognized that the Florida Public Service Commission is involved in the issues arising from the installation of underground wiring especially as it relates to its regulation of the utility industries, disruption of utility services caused by hurricanes or severe weather events have a significant impact on the health, safety and welfare of our community and is therefore an important local concern; and

WHEREAS, for the foregoing reasons it is in the best interest of Miami-Dade County to establish an Underground Wiring Committee to study the feasibility of having utility wiring in Miami-Dade County installed underground within the next five (5) to fifteen (15) years as a means of reducing utility outages resulting from hurricanes or other severe weather events and explore other means to reduce and prevent the hazardous conditions associated with downed utility poles and wires,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that:

Section 1. This Board establishes an Underground Wiring Committee for a term not exceeding one year to study the feasibility of having utility wiring in Miami-Dade County installed underground within the next five (5) to fifteen (15) years as a means of reducing utility outages and hazardous conditions resulting from hurricanes or other severe weather events, and explore other means to reduce and prevent service interruptions.

Section 2. This Board appoints the following members to the Underground Wiring Committee: (a) Commissioner Bruno A. Barreiro as Committee Chairman, (b) an FPL representative, (c) a Bell South representative, (d) a Florida Cable Telecommunications Association representative, (e) a Comcast representative, (f) an

Adelphia representative, (g) a Public Works Department representative, (h) a County Manager's Office representative, and (i) a Miami-Dade County League of Cities representative.

Section 3. This Board directs the Underground Wiring Committee to develop recommendations and prepare a report to the Board of County Commissioners to be completed within no more than one year from the date of this resolution.

The foregoing resolution was sponsored by Commissioner Bruno A. Barreiro and Commissioner Sally A. Heyman 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
Carlos A. Gimenez	Sally A. Heyman
Barbara J. Jordan	Joe A. Martinez
Dennis C. Moss	Dorin D. Rolle
Natacha Seijas	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 30th day of November, 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

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency. ER

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Eric A. Rodriguez

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