

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(5)

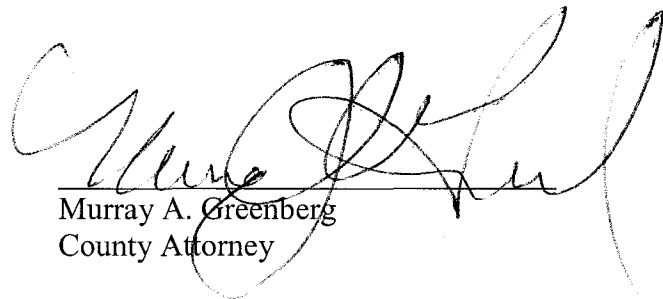
TO: Honorable Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: April 24, 2007

FROM: Murray A. Greenberg
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution relating to the
establishment of a mounted
patrol police unit at the Ronald
Reagan Equestrian Center

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Senator Javier D. Souto, Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Commissioner Carlos A. Gimenez, Commissioner Dennis C. Moss and Commissioner Rebeca Sosa.



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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 _____
Override _____

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4-24-07

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO
PROVIDE A REPORT REGARDING ESTABLISHMENT OF A
MOUNTED PATROL POLICE UNIT AT THE RONALD
REAGAN EQUESTRIAN CENTER

WHEREAS, for many years the City of Miami Police Department's mounted patrol unit occupied at least 25 horse stalls at the Ronald Reagan Equestrian Center at Tropical Park, while the Miami-Dade County Police Department's mounted patrol unit has leased facilities from a private homeowner in the horse country neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, the City of Miami constructed their own facility to house their Mounted Patrol horses near Downtown Miami and therefore recently vacated the stalls at the Ronald Reagan Equestrian Center in Unincorporated Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, the equestrian facilities recently vacated by the City of Miami Mounted Patrol would be ideal to house a Miami-Dade County Police Department Mounted Patrol Unit of sufficient size as to provide a highly visible community policing program for the residents of Unincorporated Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, a Miami-Dade County Police Department Mounted Patrol Unit could also provide community policing and increase police visibility and presence in Regional Parks like Tropical Park, Tamiami Park, Kendall Indian Hammocks Park, Amelia Earhart Park, A.D. Barnes Park, West Kendall Regional Park, other regional and neighborhood parks as well as the Metro Zoo; and

WHEREAS, mounted patrol police officers are excellent for community policing because residents and their children establish a rapport with these officers because of the natural affinity towards horses; and

WHEREAS, mounted patrol units are also excellent for crowd control during events or incidents with large concentrations of people; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County Police Department's current mounted patrol is one fifth the size of the City of Miami's unit, and inadequate to address the community policing needs of a large County like Miami-Dade County,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that the County Manager is hereby is hereby directed to provide a report to the Budget and Finance Committee identifying funding options for establishing a Mounted Patrol Police Unit of at least 20 mounted patrol officers to be housed out of the Ronald Reagan Equestrian Center at Tropical Park.

The foregoing resolution was sponsored by Senator Javier D. Souto, Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Commissioner Carlos A. Gimenez, Commissioner Dennis C. Moss and Commissioner Rebeca Sosa 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:

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| Bruno A. Barreiro, Chairman | |
| Barbara J. Jordan, Vice-Chairwoman | |
| Jose "Pepe" Diaz | Audrey M. Edmonson |
| Carlos A. Gimenez | Sally A. Heyman |
| Joe A. Martinez | Dennis C. Moss |
| Dorrin D. Rolle | Natacha Seijas |
| Katy Sorenson | Rebeca Sosa |
| Sen. Javier D. Souto | |

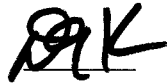
The Chairman thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 24th day of April, 2007. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

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.



Dennis A. Kerbel

