

MEMORANDUM

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Agenda Item No. 3(F)

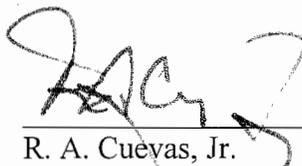
TO: Honorable Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: April 15, 2008

FROM: R. A. Cuevas, Jr.
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution relating to
water bills of Roots in
the City

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson.



R. A. Cuevas, Jr.
County Attorney

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MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

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

DATE: May 6, 2008

FROM: 
R. A. Cuevas, Jr.
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No.

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.
5-6-08

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION REQUESTING COUNTY MAYOR TO
TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO PAY THE PAST
AND FUTURE WATER BILLS OF ROOTS IN THE
CITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE COMMUNITY
GARDEN AND COUNTY-OWNED VACANT LOTS

WHEREAS, Roots in the City, Inc. (“Roots”) is a non-profit small business located in Overtown whose mission is urban beautification using a workforce of previously unemployed or hard-to-employ residents of neighborhoods in which Roots performs its work; and

WHEREAS, for the past 15 years Roots has maintained county-owned vacant lots in the Overtown community; and

WHEREAS, in 1998, Roots established a community garden at NW Third Avenue and Fourteenth Street along I-395; and

WHEREAS, Roots created the community garden to help transform the depressed urban landscape into a community of gardens, blooming flowers and shady trees; and

WHEREAS, the community garden provides beauty, environmental benefits and community service to the County; and

WHEREAS, Roots has two sprinkler accounts with the Miami-Dade Water and Sewer Department for purposes of maintaining the community garden and other county-owned vacant lots; and

WHEREAS, Roots' water bills were previously paid by grants from the City of Miami Community Redevelopment Agency and Florida International University; and

WHEREAS, Roots has not received any grants for payment of the water bills for several years; and

WHEREAS, the past-due amount for the sprinkler accounts is \$17,594.25; and

WHEREAS, this Board desires for the County to pay the past and future water bills of Roots as being in the best interest of the County,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board hereby requests that the Mayor take appropriate action to pay the past-due and future water bills of Roots in the City, Inc. for the maintenance of the community garden and county-owned vacant lots.

The foregoing resolution was sponsored by Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson 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:

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
Dorrrin D. Rolle	Natacha Seijas
Katy Sorenson	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 6th day of May, 2008. 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.



Henry N. Gillman