



MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item 15(B)3

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

DATE: April 22, 2008

FROM: Honorable Harvey Ruvin, Clerk
Circuit and County Courts

SUBJECT: Resolution No. 2008-3390
City of Miami Springs

Kay Sullivan, Director
Clerk of the Board Division

Attached for your information is a copy of Resolution No. 2008-3390 of the City Council of the City of Miami Springs authorizing and approving the establishment of a countywide consolidated municipal election date; proposing the date for election; providing for transmission of the resolution; effective date.

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Attachment

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-3390

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CLERK, SINGLER COUNTY COURTS
DADE COUNTY, FLA.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF MIAMI SPRINGS
AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE
ESTABLISHMENT OF A COUNTYWIDE
CONSOLIDATED MUNICIPAL ELECTION
DATE; PROPOSING THE DATE FOR
ELECTION; PROVIDING FOR
TRANSMISSION OF THE RESOLUTION;
EFFECTIVE DATE**

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Miami Springs has been debating the benefits and detriments associated with moving the date of the City's General Municipal Election which is conducted every two (2) years in odd numbered years; and,

WHEREAS, the internal debate has centered upon the impact of a "Spring Break Election" upon the electorate, the potential for a larger voter turn-out if the City election is conducted simultaneously with a County/State/Federal election, the cost of conducting "stand alone" elections, and whether local issues and City Council elections would be less significant in "coordinated elections" with County, State or Federal ballots; and,

WHEREAS, on February 5, 2008, County Manager George M. Burgess, authored a memorandum that discussed the feasibility and advisability of requesting municipalities to consider participating in some form of "consolidated elections"; and,

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WHEREAS, although the memorandum discussed the merits and impacts of municipalities continuing to conduct “stand alone” elections, it is clear that the County preference would be for all Miami-Dade County municipalities to conduct their general elections on a consolidated, single date basis, either in conjunction with a countywide election, or on a single “municipalities only” election date; and,

WHEREAS, the memorandum went on to discuss many of the same issues that have been debated by the City of Miami Springs City Council; and,

WHEREAS, as a result of its recent debate on the subject, the City of Miami Springs City Council has authorized the calling of a Special City Election to amend the City Charter to change the City election date from the first Tuesday in April of odd numbered years to the fourth Tuesday; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council believes that this new election date solves the “Spring Break” unavailability problems of the electorate while maintaining the autonomy and the importance of local ballot issues; and,

WHEREAS, although the City Council does not believe that the City will experience a larger voter turnout on municipal issues if the City election is conducted in conjunction with a County/State/Federal election, the City remains concerned about the costs of continuing to conduct its own “stand alone” elections; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Miami Springs believes that a consolidated municipal election date, not in conjunction with a County/State/Federal election, is a sound idea and a less costly alternative to the conducting of multiple “stand alone” municipal elections in the County;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI SPRINGS, FLORIDA:

Section 1: That the City Council of the City of Miami Springs hereby authorizes and approves the establishment of a “consolidated municipal election date”, not in conjunction with the conducting of a County/State/Federal election.

Section 2: That the City Council of the City of Miami Springs hereby respectfully suggests that the proposed consolidated election date be established as the fourth Tuesday in April of every year in order to accommodate all staggered terms for all municipal elected officials.

Section 3: That the City Clerk is hereby requested to provide a certified copy of this resolution to the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, the Miami-Dade County Supervisor of Elections and each City, Town and Village Clerk in Miami-Dade County.

Section 4: That this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Miami Springs, Florida, this 10th day of March, 2008.

The motion to adopt the foregoing resolution was offered by Councilman Garcia, seconded by Vice Mayor Dotson, and on roll call the following vote ensued:

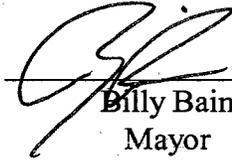
Vice Mayor Dotson
Councilman Best

“aye”
“aye”

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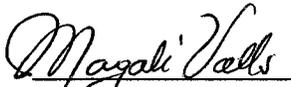
Councilman Garcia
Councilman Youngs
Mayor Bain

“aye”
“aye”
“aye”


Billy Bain
Mayor

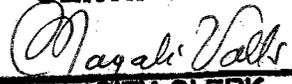


ATTEST:


Magali Valls, CMC
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO LEGALITY AND FORM:


Jan K. Seiden, City Attorney

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CITY CLERK
CITY OF MIAMI SPRINGS
Date 3/21/08

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