

**MEMORANDUM**

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(8)

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**TO:** Honorable Chairman Dennis C. Moss  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

**DATE:** October 5, 2010

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

**SUBJECT:** Resolution declaring it to be priority of the Board that weekend parking fees at certain parks be eliminated and directing County Mayor to eliminate same from 2010-2011 fee schedule for Miami-Dade Park and Recreation Department and to identify alternate funds for Park and Recreation Department

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The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Co-Prime Sponsors Senator Javier D. Souto and Commissioner Rebeca Sosa.



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**Please note any items checked.**

- "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**
- Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing**
- No committee review**
- Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's \_\_\_\_, 3/5's \_\_\_\_, unanimous\_\_\_\_) to approve**
- Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required**

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Mayor

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Veto \_\_\_\_\_

10-5-10

Override \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION DECLARING IT TO BE PRIORITY OF THE BOARD THAT WEEKEND PARKING FEES AT CERTAIN PARKS BE ELIMINATED AND DIRECTING COUNTY MAYOR TO ELIMINATE SAME FROM 2010-2011 FEE SCHEDULE FOR MIAMI-DADE PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT AND TO IDENTIFY ALTERNATE FUNDS FOR PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

**WHEREAS**, Miami-Dade County residents that own property pay property taxes and such residents expect that those property taxes will go towards the funding of essential government services such as police protection, fire rescue services, waste collection services, and the availability, upkeep and maintenance of regional and local park and recreation facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, currently, Miami-Dade County residents are struggling with record unemployment rates as high as 12%, reduction in wages, and the loss of homes to foreclosures and short sales; and

**WHEREAS**, simultaneously, County government is struggling to prepare and adopt a budget that continues to provide essential government services for County residents with declining property tax revenues; and

**WHEREAS**, in an effort to balance the budget, the County approved a fee schedule in the 2009-2010 fiscal year that proposed charging weekend visitors to A.D. Barnes Park, Larry & Penny Thompson Park, Kendall Soccer Park, and Tropical Park a fee of \$4.67 plus tax for parking; and

**WHEREAS**, the County did not, however, implement that weekend parking fee schedule yet; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board recognizes that in these difficult economic times, public park and recreation facilities provide a safe, healthy, and inexpensive location for children, families and friends to gather on the weekends; and

**WHEREAS**, it is a priority for this Board that the weekend parking fees at A.D. Barnes Park, Larry & Penny Thompson Park, Kendall Soccer Park, and Tropical Park not be implemented and that those parks continue to remain affordable and available for all County residents on the weekends; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board therefore desires to eliminate the weekend parking fees at A.D. Barnes Park, Larry & Penny Thompson Park, Kendall Soccer Park, and Tropical Park this upcoming budget year in the 2010-2011 Fee Schedule for the Miami-Dade Park and Recreation Department (“MDPR”); and

**WHEREAS**, however, this Board recognizes that MDPR has severe budget constraints and this Board desires to adequately fund the park system,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**, that this Board hereby declares it to be a priority of this Board that weekend parking fees at A.D. Barnes Park, Larry & Penny Thompson Park, Kendall Soccer Park, and Tropical Park be eliminated and, accordingly, directs the County Mayor to eliminate same from the 2010-2011 Fee Schedule for MDPR and to instead identify alternate funds for MDPR in the amount anticipated to have been generated by the parking fees.

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The Co-Prime Sponsors of the foregoing resolution are Senator Javier D. Souto and Commissioner Rebeca Sosa. It was 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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|                      | Dennis C. Moss, Chairman        |
|                      | Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Vice-Chairman |
| Bruno A. Barreiro    | Audrey M. Edmonson              |
| Carlos A. Gimenez    | Sally A. Heyman                 |
| Barbara J. Jordan    | Joe A. Martinez                 |
| Dorrin D. Rolle      | Natacha Seijas                  |
| Katy Sorenson        | Rebeca Sosa                     |
| Sen. Javier D. Souto |                                 |

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 5<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2010. 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.

MR

Monica Rizo

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