

MEMORANDUM

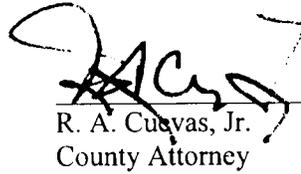
TO: Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: March 7, 2011

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

SUBJECT: Resolution directing the County Mayor to prepare and issue a competitive solicitation for installation and operation of communication towers in certain parks in order to provide additional revenue to Park and Recreation Department and to mitigate further reductions in staff, maintenance and programming

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Chairman Joe A. Martinez.



R. A. Cuevas, Jr.
County Attorney

RAC/cp

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

Agenda Item No.
4-1-11

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO PREPARE AND ISSUE A COMPETITIVE SOLICITATION FOR INSTALLATION AND OPERATION OF COMMUNICATION TOWERS IN CERTAIN PARKS IN ORDER TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL REVENUE TO PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT AND TO MITIGATE FURTHER REDUCTIONS IN STAFF, MAINTENANCE AND PROGRAMMING

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County's Park and Recreation Department ("Parks Department") offers 263 various park sites in a nationally acclaimed system of park and recreation open spaces; and

WHEREAS, however, the budgetary reductions in the Parks Department's staff, maintenance, programs and services over the past two County budgets jeopardizes its reputation for excellence and its ability to continue to provide services to the community; and

WHEREAS, other Park and Recreation agencies locally and nationally have successfully authorized the installation of cellular communication towers to produce additional operating revenue; and

WHEREAS, the County's Parks Department could likewise benefit from additional operating revenue; and

WHEREAS, the Miami-Dade County School Board allows placement of cell towers on school grounds; and

WHEREAS, this Board desires to supplement and enhance the Park Department's budget by allowing communications companies to install and operate cellular/communications towers in

County parks, and such communications towers should also be able to service the County Park itself; and

WHEREAS, the County Mayor or Mayor's designee is in a position to assess and make a determination as to which County parks are most appropriate for the installation and operation of these communication towers; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 7 of the County Charter, these communication towers should be placed in parks so as not to adversely impact natural resources or park facilities and uses,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that, in order to provide additional revenue to the Parks Department and to mitigate further reductions in staff, maintenance and programming at County parks, this Board directs the County Mayor or Mayor's designee to prepare and issue a competitive solicitation for communications companies to install and operate communications towers in those County parks deemed most appropriate for such use by the County Mayor or Mayor's designee.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Chairman Joe A. Martinez. 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:

Joe A. Martinez, Chairman	
Audrey M. Edmonson, Vice Chairwoman	
Bruno A. Barreiro	Lynda Bell
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	Carlos A. Gimenez
Sally A. Heyman	Barbara J. Jordan
Jean Monestime	Dennis C. Moss
Natacha Seijas	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 4th day of April, 2011. 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.



Monica Rizo