

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(2)

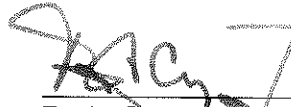
TO: Honorable Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: January 23, 2013

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

SUBJECT: Resolution directing the Mayor
to develop legislation creating
Animal Services Advisory Board

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Sally A. Heyman.



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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 Mayor'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
Veto _____
Override _____

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1-23-13

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE MAYOR OR
DESIGNEE TO DEVELOP LEGISLATION CREATING
ANIMAL SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD

WHEREAS, in Resolution No. R-647-12, this Board approved a straw ballot asking the electors of Miami-Dade County whether they would be in favor of this Board “increasing the countywide general fund millage by 0.1079 mills and applying the additional ad valorem tax revenues generated thereby to fund improved animal services, including decreasing the killing of adoptable dogs and cats . . . ; reducing stray cat populations . . . ; and funding free and low-cost spay/neuter programs, low-cost veterinary care programs, and responsible pet ownership educational programs”; and

WHEREAS, in the November 6, 2012 General Election, the voters of Miami-Dade County overwhelmingly voted “yes” on the straw ballot question, with approximately 64% voting in favor of increased funding for improved animal services programs; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative to provide an advisory board of citizens and animal experts to make recommendations as to the use of the up to 0.1079 mills of additional taxes that may be levied to provide the improved animal services approved in the November 6, 2012 straw ballot, to assure the voters that their money is being used for the purposes they intended; and

WHEREAS, the Animal Services Director and other members of the Mayor’s administration have unique expertise in the field of animal care and control and in management of resources allocated to those purposes; and

WHEREAS, this Board desires to obtain the input of the County Mayor in considering priorities for achieving the goals of the straw ballot language and in drafting legislation to create an advisory board to review any funding that may be allocated for improved animal services,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board hereby directs the Mayor or his designee to prepare legislation creating an advisory board of citizens and animal experts with the power to audit, monitor, review, and make recommendations concerning the implementation of the up-to-0.1079 mills of additional funding for improved animal services that this Board may allocate in response to voter approval of the November 6, 2012 straw ballot asking for support of such programs. The Mayor is hereby directed to present the legislation within 90 days of the adoption of this resolution.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Sally A. Heyman. 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:

Rebeca Sosa, Chairwoman
Lynda Bell, Vice Chair

Bruno A. Barreiro
Jose "Pepe" Diaz
Sally A. Heyman
Jean Monestime
Sen. Javier D. Souto
Juan C. Zapata

Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.
Audrey M. Edmonson
Barbara J. Jordan
Dennis C. Moss
Xavier L. Suarez

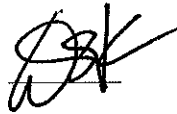
The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 23rd day of January, 2013. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

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