

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(6)

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 conduct a study on the creation of green energy farms in the agricultural areas, including funding sources and tax exemptions to encourage such green energy farms

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Dennis C. Moss, and Co-Sponsors Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa and Commissioner Juan C. Zapata.



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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

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Veto _____

1-23-13

Override _____

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE MAYOR OR MAYOR'S
DESIGNEE TO CONDUCT A STUDY ON THE CREATION OF
GREEN ENERGY FARMS IN THE AGRICULTURAL AREAS,
INCLUDING FUNDING SOURCES AND TAX EXEMPTIONS
TO ENCOURAGE SUCH GREEN ENERGY FARMS

WHEREAS, farmers and owners of agricultural property in Miami-Dade County may wish to preserve the agricultural character of their land; and

WHEREAS, keeping the agricultural character of current farmland in Miami-Dade County may benefit the entire community by maintaining the farm industry, preserving the character of farming communities, and providing locally grown products to County residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, owners of agricultural property in Miami-Dade County may be better able to preserve the agricultural character of their lands by creating solar panel farms, bio fuel opportunities, or other green energy farms; and

WHEREAS, owners of agricultural property who establish such green energy farms may be eligible for existing federal, state, or local assistance or tax exemptions; and

WHEREAS, in addition to any existing assistance programs and tax exemptions, the County may want to create new assistance programs to encourage owners of agricultural property to establish green energy farms; and

WHEREAS, the County may wish to advocate for the state or federal governments, or for non-profit agencies, to provide new assistance programs or tax exemptions for such green energy farms,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that the Mayor or Mayor's designee is hereby directed to conduct a study on the feasibility of creating green energy farms, including but not limited to solar panel farms and bio fuel opportunities, in the agricultural areas of Miami-Dade County. As part of this study, the Mayor or Mayor's designee shall investigate existing and potential sources of funding or assistance from local, state and federal governments and non-profit organizations, and the Mayor or Mayor's designee shall also explore existing and potential tax exemptions for owners of agricultural property who establish such green energy farms. The Mayor or Mayor's designee shall provide a report to the Board of County Commissioners on this study within six months of the effective date of this Resolution.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Dennis C. Moss and the Co-Sponsors are Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa and Commissioner Juan C. Zapata. 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

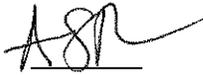
The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 23rd day of January, 2013. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

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.



Abbie Schwaderer-Raurell