

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(7)

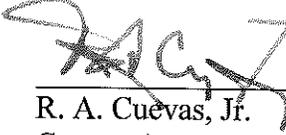
TO: Honorable Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: February 20, 2013

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

SUBJECT: Resolution urging the Florida
Legislature to enact legislation
to expand the authorized use
of Tourist Development Tax
revenues to include funding of
infrastructure projects

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.



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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 _____

2-20-13

Override _____

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO
ENACT LEGISLATION TO EXPAND THE AUTHORIZED
USE OF TOURIST DEVELOPMENT TAX REVENUES TO
INCLUDE FUNDING OF INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ordinance No. 78-62 enacted by the Board on October 4, 1978, as amended, the County levies and collects the 2% tourist development room tax under section 125.0104, Florida Statutes, on the privilege of renting, leasing or letting living quarters or accommodations in any hotel, apartment hotel, motel, resort motel, apartment, apartment motel, rooming house, mobile home park, recreational vehicle park or condominium located in the County (excluding those facilities within the municipal limits of the cities of Miami Beach, Bal Harbour and Surfside) (the "Tourist Development Tax"); and

WHEREAS, collections of Tourist Development Tax revenues are currently used to fund, among other things, the Greater Miami Convention and Visitors Bureau, to promote County tourism by sponsoring tourist-oriented culture, cultural and special events, to promote tourism, to fund tourist related facilities, and to fund tourist-oriented events located within the City of Miami, and as a secondary pledge to pay debt service on bonds issued to finance professional sports franchise facilities; and

WHEREAS, the County has unfunded infrastructure needs throughout the County; and

WHEREAS, the development of infrastructure improvements may promote tourism and spur economic development; and

WHEREAS, this Board wishes to urge the legislature to expand the authorized use of Tourist Development Tax revenues to include the funding of infrastructure projects so as to achieve the goals set forth above,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board:

Section 1. Urges the Florida Legislature to enact legislation that would expand the authorized use of Tourist Development Tax revenues to include the funding of infrastructure projects.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit certified copies of this resolution to the Governor, Senate President, House Speaker, and the Chair and Members of the Miami-Dade County State Legislative Delegation.

Section 3. Directs the County's state lobbyists to advocate for the legislation described in Section 1 above, and authorizes and directs the 2013 State Legislative Package be amended to include this item.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Esteban L. Bovo, Jr. 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 20th day of February, 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.

GBK

Geri Bonzon-Keenan