

# MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 14(A)(5)

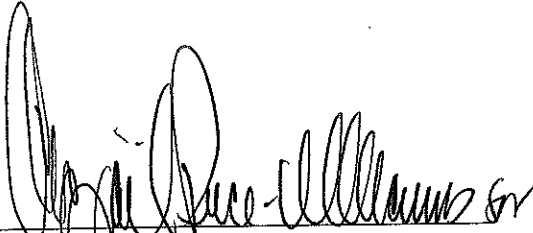
**TO:** Honorable Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

**DATE:** March 5, 2013

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

**SUBJECT:** Resolution expressing thanks to the elected City Council Members, law enforcement agencies, healthcare professionals, and the Community of Grapevine, Texas for their support of Miami-Dade County Police officer Jaime Pardinás who was injured in the line of duty while transporting a convict

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Dennis C. Moss, and Co-Sponsors Commissioner Bruno A. Barreiro, Vice Chair Lynda Bell, Commissioner Esteban L. Bovo, Jr., Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson, Commissioner Sally A. Heyman, Commissioner Barbara J. Jordan, Commissioner Jean Monestime, Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa, Commissioner Javier D. Souto, Commissioner Xavier L. Suarez 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 \_\_\_\_\_

3-5-13

Override \_\_\_\_\_

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

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THANKS TO THE ELECTED CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS, LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES, HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS, AND THE COMMUNITY OF GRAPEVINE, TEXAS FOR THEIR SUPPORT OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY POLICE OFFICER JAIME PARDINAS WHO WAS INJURED IN THE LINE OF DUTY WHILE TRANSPORTING A CONVICT

**WHEREAS**, earlier this month, a person who had recently been convicted and sentenced to a 10-year sentence for a rape he committed in the Little Havana area of Miami-Dade County was being transported back to Las Vegas, Nevada by airplane to finish the remainder of a prior 30-year to life sentence; and

**WHEREAS**, after the convict began acting erratically towards the end of the first leg of the flight, the officers rented an SUV to transport the convict the remainder of the trip to Las Vegas; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 11, 2013 while in route to Las Vegas, the officers stopped in Grapevine, Texas, a suburb of Dallas described as "a rural lakefront community" to wait for a third officer to arrive and join them in transporting the convict the remainder of trip; and

**WHEREAS**, in Grapevine, while one of the two officers was away from the vehicle, the convict tried to escape from the SUV by releasing himself from handcuffs and restraints; and

**WHEREAS**, after struggling with Miami-Dade Police Officer Jaime Pardinias who was with him in the van, the convict managed to stab the officer several times in the neck, shoulder and back with a handmade weapon the prisoner had made using a sharpened eyeglass frame; and

**WHEREAS**, although Officer Pardinias was seriously injured, he managed to called 911;  
and

**WHEREAS**, shortly thereafter, Officer Pardinias received much needed emergency medical attention and the Grapevine police, a 90-member force, quickly mobilized, and called in state and federal law enforcement agencies to assist in the manhunt; and

**WHEREAS**, an intense manhunt ensued using the excellent resources of the Grapevine police force and other law enforcement agencies which followed up on multiple leads, including fielding 80-100 tips; and

**WHEREAS**, the entire community was justly concerned about the escaped convict and, along with elected city officials, was actively engaged in warning persons in the area of the escape; and

**WHEREAS**, the convict was located hiding in a thicket of oak trees in Grapevine and was shot and killed by police shortly after midnight on February 15, 2013; and

**WHEREAS**, Officer Pardinias is recovering from his injuries and Miami-Dade County owes the elected officials, law enforcement agencies, healthcare professionals and the community of Grapevine, Texas a sincere and heartfelt debt of gratitude for all of their assistance,

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

**Section 1.** Expresses its gratitude to the law enforcement agencies and healthcare professionals for their quick, thorough, and professional response in providing much needed assistance to Officer Pardinias and fellow officers.

**Section 2.** Expresses its gratitude to the elected City Council Members and the community for their concern and active participation in locating the convict.

**Section 3.** Acknowledges that without these exemplary acts of service, our police officers could have been in even more jeopardy.

**Section 4.** Directs the Mayor and the Mayor's designee to provide an official copy of this resolution to the Grapevine City Council, the directors of its police and emergency services departments, and others directly involved in the efforts detailed in this resolution.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Dennis C. Moss, and the Co-Sponsors are Commissioner Bruno A. Barreiro, Vice Chair Lynda Bell, Commissioner Esteban L. Bovo, Jr., Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson, Commissioner Sally A. Heyman, Commissioner Barbara J. Jordan, Commissioner Jean Monestime, Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa, Commissioner Javier D. Souto, Commissioner Xavier L. Suarez, and Commissioner Juan C. Zapata.

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Rebeca Sosa, Chairwoman

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Lynda Bell, Vice Chair

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Carlos A. Gimenez, Mayor

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



Cynthia Johnson-Stacks