

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(12)

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

DATE: May 7, 2013

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

SUBJECT: Resolution directing the County Mayor to develop a plan to fund costs associated with conducting required public meetings at locations throughout the County, and to issue a written report to the Board of County Commissioners detailing the plan

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa.



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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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5-7-13

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR THE MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO DEVELOP A PLAN TO FUND COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH CONDUCTING REQUIRED PUBLIC MEETINGS AT LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY, AND TO ISSUE A WRITTEN REPORT TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS DETAILING THE PLAN

WHEREAS, numerous public meetings are held annually throughout the County in order to inform the public of matters of great public importance; and

WHEREAS, for example, the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida provides that six public meetings shall be conducted regarding any resolution calling an election on a proposed Home Rule Charter amendment or whenever the Mayor's proposed County budget provides for new taxes or fees or increases in certain taxes, fees, rates or charges; and

WHEREAS, these provisions of the Code require that these meetings be held at locations and times which are accessible and convenient to the public and which allow for maximum participation by the diverse population of the County; and

WHEREAS, the County owns a number of facilities throughout the County that may be made available at little or no cost for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, there are other instances when the Board may decide, as a matter of policy, that public meetings at locations throughout the County may be warranted; and

WHEREAS, this Board desires to direct the County Mayor or the County Mayor's designee to develop a plan to fund costs associated with these public meetings and to issue a written report to the Board detailing the Mayor's recommended plan,

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

Section 1. The foregoing recitals are incorporated in this resolution and are approved.

Section 2. This Board hereby directs the County Mayor or the County Mayor's designee to develop a plan to fund costs associated with conducting public meetings throughout the County. The plan shall at a minimum include details regarding: the funding source(s) or alternative resources identified to implement the plan, including, but not limited to, use of County-owned facilities that may host these public meetings at no cost, use of County-owned equipment necessary to properly conduct the public meeting, use of existing County staff to staff the meetings, and absorption of certain costs associated with the public meetings from within appropriations to County administrative departments; and, logistical considerations, such as the deployment of staff and County equipment to these sites. The County Mayor or the Mayor's designee shall submit a written report to this Board on or before sixty (60) days from the effective date of this resolution detailing such plan.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa. 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	Esteban L. Bovo
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	Audrey M. Edmonson
Sally A. Heyman	Barbara J. Jordan
Jean Monestime	Dennis C. Moss
Sen. Javier D. Souto	Xavier L. Suarez
Juan C. Zapata	

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 7th day of May, 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