

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(15)

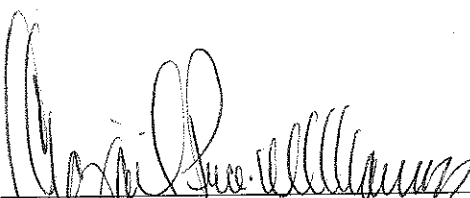
TO: Honorable Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: September 17, 2013

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

SUBJECT: Resolution directing the County
Mayor to prepare a study on
the feasibility of the County
providing U.S. passport services
to its residents at County
facilities

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa, and Co-Sponsors Vice Chair Lynda Bell and Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson.



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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 _____

9-17-13

Override _____

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR
COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO PREPARE A STUDY ON
THE FEASIBILITY OF THE COUNTY PROVIDING U.S.
PASSPORT SERVICES TO ITS RESIDENTS AT COUNTY
FACILITIES

WHEREAS, the U.S. passport is an important identity and citizenship document, allowing U.S. citizens to travel internationally; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of State's Passport Services Directorate is responsible for issuing passports to U.S. citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Department of State has designated over 9,100 public sector facilities, called Passport Application Acceptance Facilities, to accept passport applications and ensure the integrity of the passport approval process; and

WHEREAS, Passport Application Acceptance Facilities are authorized to collect and retain the \$25 execution fee required as part of all passport applications; and

WHEREAS, a public sector facility may apply to the Department of State's National Passport Center to become designated as a Passport Application Acceptance Facility; and

WHEREAS, many post offices, clerks of court, public libraries and other state, county, and municipal government offices across the U.S., including some post offices and municipal government offices within Miami-Dade County, currently offer U.S. passport services as Passport Application Acceptance Facilities; and

WHEREAS, while the County at one time used to process U.S. passport applications at its "Team Metro" offices, this service was ultimately discontinued; and

WHEREAS, resuming this service by providing U.S. passport services at County facilities would offer a substantial and valuable benefit to residents; and

WHEREAS, in light of the potential for the benefits discussed above, a study regarding the feasibility of the County providing U.S. passport services to its residents, including a cost analysis for the service and an analysis detailing the most appropriate County facilities to provide the service, would be in the best interest of the citizens of Miami-Dade County,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board directs the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to prepare a study on the feasibility of the County providing U.S. passport services to its residents at County facilities, including a cost analysis for the service and an analysis detailing the most appropriate County facilities to provide the service, within ninety (90) days of the effective date of this Resolution via a written report.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa, and the Co-Sponsors are Vice Chair Lynda Bell and Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson. 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 17th day of September, 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.

MTM

Michael J. Mastrucci