MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(2)

TO:	Honorable Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa and Members, Board of County Commissioners	**DATE:**	December 3, 2013
FROM:	R. A. Cuevas, Jr. County Attorney	**SUBJECT:**	Resolution directing the Mayor to develop a plan for the creation of a local online lost-and-found database and smartphone application for missing pets within the County

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Vice Chair Lynda Bell.

R. A. Cuevas, Jr.
County Attorney

RAC/smm

MEMORANDUM
(Revised)

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

DATE: December 3, 2013

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

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 11(A)(2)

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 _____

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(2)
12-3-13

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE MAYOR OR DESIGNEE TO DEVELOP A PLAN FOR THE CREATION OF A LOCAL ONLINE LOST-AND-FOUND DATABASE AND SMARTPHONE APPLICATION FOR MISSING PETS WITHIN THE COUNTY

WHEREAS, animal welfare is an important public policy; and

WHEREAS, facilitating the reunification of lost pets with their owners will reduce the number of wandering and stray animals throughout the County and will serve the public interest; and

WHEREAS, the Miami-Dade Animal Services Department currently provides lost-and-found services to the public; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade Animal Services Department uploads photographs of pets that are reported lost or found, on an hourly basis, for nationwide viewing on the website PetHarbor.com; and

WHEREAS, the website PetHarbor.com also currently has a mechanism for the public at large to post photographs and descriptions of lost or found pets; and

WHEREAS, there is currently no local online database that allows residents who have either lost or found pets to make known, specifically on a countywide basis, that their pets have gone missing or that missing pets have been located in the County; and

WHEREAS, creation of a user-friendly countywide local online database for lost-and-found animals, accessible by the public, will facilitate the reunification of lost pets with their owners and will allow for more expedient redemption of such pets throughout the County; and

WHEREAS, such an online database should be created and implemented for the benefit of the County's residents and the welfare of their pets; and

WHEREAS, the online database should, at a minimum:

- allow individuals in the County to quickly and easily submit descriptive details of lost or found pets, upload photos, and provide information on how to be contacted; and
- provide a live link, or other mechanism, that enables municipalities to connect with the County's online database; and
- be prominently featured on the main page of the County's website and on the Miami-Dade Animal Services Department webpage; and
- be actively promoted to residents through the County's website, and/or other feasible means, to ensure substantial public awareness and notice; and

WHEREAS, the database could be known as the "Miami-Dade County Lost-and-Found Pets Online Database"; and

WHEREAS, the online database could be paired and integrated with a smartphone application that would be designed to enable residents to easily and expeditiously report lost-and-found pets remotely from their smartphone devices,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA that the Mayor or designee is hereby directed to develop a plan for the creation of a user-friendly local online database, and smartphone application, for lost-and-found pets, accessible by the public on a countywide basis. The plan should address the costs associated with its implementation. The Mayor or designee shall develop and present such plan to this Board for committee review within 60 days of the effective date of this resolution.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Vice Chair Lynda Bell. 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, Jr.
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 3rd day of December, 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.

James Eddie Kirtley