

# MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(1)

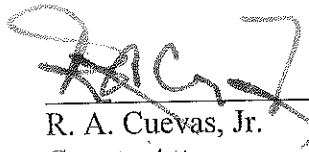
**TO:** Honorable Chairman Jean Monestime  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

**DATE:** March 3, 2015

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

**SUBJECT:** Resolution rescinding  
Resolution No. R-1062-13  
and directing County Mayor  
to negotiate and finalize  
agreements with all necessary  
parties for development of  
soccer stadium facility for  
new Major League Soccer  
franchise at the former  
Orange Bowl Stadium location  
adjacent to Marlins Ballpark,  
subject to subsequent Board  
consideration and approval

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Bruno A. Barreiro.

  
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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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3-3-15

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

RESOLUTION RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. R-1062-13;  
AND DIRECTING COUNTY MAYOR OR MAYOR'S  
DESIGNEE TO NEGOTIATE AND FINALIZE AGREEMENTS  
WITH ALL NECESSARY PARTIES FOR DEVELOPMENT OF  
SOCCER STADIUM FACILITY FOR NEW MAJOR LEAGUE  
SOCCER FRANCHISE AT THE FORMER ORANGE BOWL  
STADIUM LOCATION ADJACENT TO MARLINS  
BALLPARK, SUBJECT TO SUBSEQUENT BOARD  
CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL AND SCHEDULE AND  
HOLD PUBLIC MEETINGS

**WHEREAS**, the sport of soccer, the "World's Game", has over 265 million participants worldwide, and is one of the top participation sports in the United States with over 24 million participants; and

**WHEREAS**, Major League Soccer, the highest level of professional soccer in the United States and Canada, is the third most popular professional sports league in the United States in terms of average attendance; and

**WHEREAS**, due to the growth of soccer's popularity, Major League Soccer has announced a strong interest in expanding its league with a strong desire to have a presence in the southeast United States; and

**WHEREAS**, in light of soccer's popularity and international appeal, the City of Orlando and Orange and Seminole Counties partnered with Orlando City Soccer Club to bring Major League Soccer to their community in an effort to leverage soccer's international exposure to further strengthen the area's tourism and hospitality industry; and

**WHEREAS**, on November 18, 2013 Major League Soccer announced that Orlando City Soccer Club, in partnership with the City of Orlando and Orange and Seminole Counties, will be the league's 21<sup>st</sup> team joining the league in 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 16, 2014, Major League Soccer announced that the City of Atlanta will be the location of the league's 22<sup>nd</sup> team as part of the league's southeastern United States expansion strategy; and

**WHEREAS**, Miami-Dade County has demonstrated its support of the game by strong attendance at local international matches and high television viewership as evidenced by Nielsen ratings of soccer matches, both due in large part to the County's demographics; and

**WHEREAS**, a Major League Soccer franchise would generate a positive economic impact to our community by creating jobs and delivering other direct and indirect benefits; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 5, 2014, Major League Soccer reported that Mr. David Beckham exercised his option to own an Major League Soccer franchise; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Beckman has publicly conveyed his interest in Miami-Dade County as the possible home of his Major League Soccer franchise; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Resolution No. R-1062-13, this Board, among other things, directed the County Mayor or his designee to identify viable locations in or near downtown Miami for the development of a soccer stadium facility for a new Major League Soccer franchise, to negotiate agreements for such development subject to certain conditions, and to present such agreements to this Board for its consideration; and

**WHEREAS**, several potential sites were considered, including the site of the former Orange Bowl Stadium located in Little Havana which is adjacent to the site of Marlins Ballpark; and

**WHEREAS**, a large portion of the site is comprised of property owned by the City of Miami; and

**WHEREAS**, the site is close to mass transportation and is adjacent to four City of Miami-owned parking garages; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board wishes to rescind Resolution No. R-1062-13, and instead direct the County Mayor or his designee to negotiate agreements for the development of a soccer stadium for a new Major League Soccer franchise at the former Orange Bowl Stadium site adjacent to Marlins Ballpark and to present such agreements to this Board for its consideration,

**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.** Resolution No. R-1062-13 is hereby rescinded.

**Section 3.** This Board directs the County Mayor or the Mayor's designee to negotiate and finalize the terms of agreements with all necessary parties for development of a soccer stadium facility for a new Major League Soccer franchise at the former Orange Bowl Stadium location adjacent to the Marlins Ballpark and to present such agreements to this Board for its subsequent consideration and approval. At a minimum, the agreements shall provide as follows: (a) the County shall have no responsibility or obligation to contribute County funds towards the development and construction costs of the soccer stadium facility; (b) the developer of the soccer stadium facility shall be solely responsible for funding all development and construction costs of the stadium facility; and (c) payments shall be due and owing to the County for use and occupancy of the soccer stadium site if such site is owned by the County.

**Section 4.** The County shall hold three (3) public meetings regarding any resolution approving agreements related to the development of a new soccer stadium facility for a new Major League Soccer franchise. The County Mayor or the Mayor's designee shall schedule public meetings on any such proposed resolution following the Chairperson's assignment of the items to committee or following any waiver of the committee requirement. Such public meetings shall be held prior to this Board's consideration of the proposed resolution. The public meetings required in this section shall be conducted by County staff and shall be for the purpose of soliciting community input about the proposed development. Members of the public, County officials and County staff may be heard at such meetings. All public meetings required hereby shall be held at locations and times which are accessible and convenient to the majority of residents in Miami-Dade County and allow for maximum participation by geographic and ethnic communities within Miami-Dade County. All public meetings shall be appropriately advertised, including use of print advertisements in newspapers of general circulation and community based periodicals. The provisions of this section shall be construed as directory only and failure to comply with the provisions hereof shall not affect the validity of any resolution or action of this Board.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Bruno A. Barreiro. 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:

Jean Monestime, Chairman	
Esteban L. Bovo, Jr., Vice Chairman	
Bruno A. Barreiro	Daniella Levine Cava
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	Audrey M. Edmonson
Sally A. Heyman	Barbara J. Jordan
Dennis C. Moss	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	Xavier L. Suarez
Juan C. Zapata	

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2015. This resolution shall become effective upon the earlier of (1) 10 days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the County Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board, or (2) approval by the County Mayor of this Resolution and the filing of this approval with the Clerk of the 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.

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Geri Bonzon-Keenan