

MEMORANDUM

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Agenda Item No. 2C

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

DATE: August 27, 2015

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

SUBJECT: Resolution establishing policy limiting checked luggage wrapped in plastic film that will be allowed into the baggage handling system for Miami International Airport to those items wrapped by the authorized vendor for luggage wrapping services; and directing the County Mayor to develop a process by which plastic film utilized by persons or entities other than the authorized vendor for luggage wrapping services can be approved for use at Miami International Airport within 60 days

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Juan C. Zapata.



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MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

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

DATE: October 6, 2015

FROM: 
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SUBJECT: Agenda Item No.

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.

9-1-15

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING POLICY LIMITING CHECKED LUGGAGE WRAPPED IN PLASTIC FILM THAT WILL BE ALLOWED INTO THE BAGGAGE HANDLING SYSTEM FOR MIAMI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT TO THOSE ITEMS WRAPPED BY THE AUTHORIZED VENDOR FOR LUGGAGE WRAPPING SERVICES; AND DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO DEVELOP A PROCESS BY WHICH PLASTIC FILM UTILIZED BY PERSONS OR ENTITIES OTHER THAN THE AUTHORIZED VENDOR FOR LUGGAGE WRAPPING SERVICES CAN BE APPROVED FOR USE AT MIAMI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT WITHIN 60 DAYS

WHEREAS, Miami International Airport ("Airport") has a significant number of travelling passengers that utilize luggage wrapping plastic film on their checked baggage to protect their possessions from a variety of variables including, but not limited to, theft, damage, inclement weather and mishandling; and

WHEREAS, in July of 2012, the Airport began operating a new \$220 million dollar in-line checked baggage handling and delivery system ("baggage system") in the North Terminal, which is a fully automated system outfitted with state-of-the-art explosive detection technology, that screens and transports 30,000 to 40,000 bags per day, and consists of approximately 14 miles of conveyor belts that stretches from the ticket counters to the loading gates, and is in the process of installing a new automated baggage system in the Central and South Terminals; and

WHEREAS, passengers utilizing wrapping material that has not been tested and approved for operational use may cause injuries to baggage handlers who cannot load bags into the plane properly due to luggage sticking together, can cause difficulty in unwrapping for the

Transportation Security Administration (“TSA”) during the checked baggage screening process leading to processing delays, and could potentially causes jams and other problems in the Airport’s baggage system and conveyor belts creating system delays and shutdowns; and

WHEREAS, JFK Airport’s Terminal 4 has a similar policy in place for operational reasons, which limits checked luggage wrapped in plastic film into the baggage handling system to those items wrapped by the approved luggage wrapping provider; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County owns and operates Miami International Airport in a proprietary capacity, and costs incurred in the operation of Miami International Airport are borne solely by the Miami-Dade Aviation Department; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners (the “Board”) finds that in the interest of operational performance and efficiency of Miami International Airport, there should be controls on the type of luggage wrapping material that will be allowed into the Airport; and,

WHEREAS, the authorized vendor for luggage wrapping services at Miami International Airport has been approved by this Board and is required by TSA to have its wrapping material tested and approved prior to commencing operations to ensure there will be no operational interference with the Airport’s baggage system; and

WHEREAS, this Board finds that a policy should be established limiting checked luggage wrapped in plastic film to standards at least as stringent as those met by the authorized vendor for luggage wrapping services at Miami International Airport,

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. The Board establishes a policy at Miami International Airport limiting checked luggage wrapped in plastic film to those plastic films that meet the same standards met by the authorized vendor for luggage wrapping services at Miami International Airport. This policy shall not be enforced until the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee reports back to the Board, pursuant to Section 3 below, on a recommended process for evaluating plastic films utilized by persons or entities other than the authorized vendor for luggage wrapping services.

Section 3. The Board directs the County Mayor or the County Mayor's designee to develop a process by which luggage wrapping plastic film utilized by persons or entities other than the authorized vendor for luggage wrapping services can be approved for use at Miami International Airport, and to submit such process to this Board for approval within 60 days; this process may include recommendations related to inspections, bonding, and insurance. In the event that the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee concludes that such a process is not feasible, the reasons for such conclusion shall be submitted to this Board.

Section 4. The Board further directs the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to submit a fiscal impact statement detailing the costs associated with implementation and enforcement of the Board's policy and/or the recommended process for evaluating plastic films within 60 days of the effective date of this resolution and place the completed report on an agenda of the Board pursuant to Ordinance No. 14-65.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Juan C. Zapata. 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

Jose "Pepe" Diaz

Sally A. Heyman

Dennis C. Moss

Sen. Javier D. Souto

Juan C. Zapata

Daniella Levine Cava

Audrey M. Edmonson

Barbara J. Jordan

Rebeca Sosa

Xavier L. Suarez

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 6th day of October, 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.



Cynji A. Lee

