

Memorandum



Date: January 15, 2016

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Agenda Item No. 2B3

To: Honorable Chairman Jean Monestime
And Members, Board of County Commissioners

From: Carlos A. Gimenez
Mayor

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carlos A. Gimenez", written over the printed name of the Mayor.

Subject: Report on Parking Fees at Miami-Dade County Parks - Directive 151386

At the June 15, 2015 Strategic Planning and Government Operations Committee, Commissioner Sally A. Heyman directed the Administration to prepare and submit a report evaluating parking fees and what parks were charging for parking fees.

The Miami-Dade County Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces Department (PROS) charges a parking fee at eight (8) County parks: Amelia Earhart Park, Black Point Park, Crandon Park, Greynolds Park, Haulover Park, Homestead Bayfront Park, Matheson Hammock Park, and Pelican Harbor Marina. The current fee for vehicles is \$5.00 on weekdays and \$7.00 on weekends and holidays. All current PROS parking and other fees were approved by the Board of County Commissioners (Board) at its September 18, 2014 meeting under Ordinance No. 14-92. The Board retains the authority to determine which parks will charge a fee or make any other adjustments to the amounts charged for parking fees.

PROS recently obtained Board approval under Resolution No. R-1154-15 to implement a pay-by-phone system coupled with pay-by-plate through parking meters. This will improve the way in which PROS manages the existing collection of parking fees. In addition to the substantial savings to the County in operational costs, the handling of cash at park sites will be streamlined. The vehicle congestion that occurs on busy weekends and holidays will be alleviated. PROS will not charge parking fees at any additional parks nor increase the fees at existing parks that charge for parking without Board approval.

In accordance with Ordinance 14-65, this memorandum will be placed on the next available Board of County Commissioners meeting agenda.

If additional information is needed, please contact Jack Kardys, Director, Miami-Dade County Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces Department at (305) 755-7903.

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