

# MEMORANDUM

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Agenda Item No. 2A

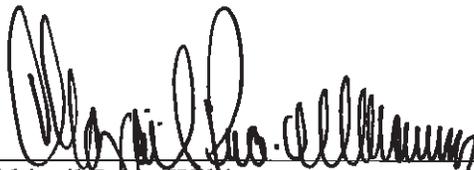
**TO:** Honorable Chairman Jean Monestime  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

**DATE:** December 13, 2016

**FROM:** Abigail Price-Williams  
County Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Resolution directing the County Mayor to create an Open Space Working Group and prepare, with the input of the Working Group, a strategy and schedule to implement the County's Open Space Master Plan, as well as provide recommendations for the long-term funding of capital, operations, programming, and maintenance needs of the Open Space Master Plan

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Daniella Levine Cava.



Abigail Price-Williams  
County Attorney

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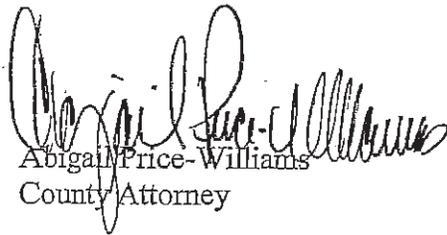


# MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

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

**DATE:** January 24, 2017

**FROM:**   
Abigail Price-Williams  
County Attorney

**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
- Statement of social equity 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

Agenda Item No.

Veto \_\_\_\_\_

Override \_\_\_\_\_

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

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO CREATE AN OPEN SPACE WORKING GROUP AND PREPARE, WITH THE INPUT OF THE WORKING GROUP, A STRATEGY AND SCHEDULE TO IMPLEMENT THE COUNTY'S OPEN SPACE MASTER PLAN, AS WELL AS PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE LONG-TERM FUNDING OF CAPITAL, OPERATIONS, PROGRAMMING, AND MAINTENANCE NEEDS OF THE OPEN SPACE MASTER PLAN

**WHEREAS**, in 2007, Miami-Dade County, through its Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces Department, finalized the Open Space Master Plan, which is an ambitious and nationally recognized plan to develop a County park system that is accessible to all County residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the multi-year process that culminated in the development of the Open Space Master Plan represented the first critical look at how the County park system functioned since 1969; and

**WHEREAS**, the Open Space Master Plan's broad guiding principles seek to provide for seamlessness, beauty, access, equity, sustainability, and the optimization of the use of taxpayer dollars; and

**WHEREAS**, more specifically, the Open Space Master Plan aims to ensure that (1) every resident in the County can walk (within five minutes) to a central neighborhood park and civic space for picnics, special events, informal play, and socialization; (2) every resident can safely and comfortably walk, bicycle, or take transit to community parks, recreation centers, and special use/sports facilities; (3) the County Parks Department works cooperatively with every municipality and Miami-Dade County Public Schools to provide public access to schools, city

parks, and County recreation areas; (4) equitable public access is provided to lakes, beaches, and other major natural features; (5) conservation areas and critical habitat are protected from over-use and negative impacts; (6) an interconnected network of shaded and safe bikeways and trails connect to parks, neighborhoods, schools, employment centers, civic buildings, and other community destinations; (7) existing streets are transformed into tree-lined boulevards and parkways that define the County's urban form; (8) bus transit is provided to every park and civic site; (9) public art, signage, and cultural/historical exhibits are integrated into every park and public realm/infrastructure project to "tell the County's story" and to create a sense of place; (10) the County's significant cultural and historical sites are protected, maintained, and promoted; (11) park improvements are used as catalysts for neighborhood stabilization and/or redevelopment; (12) parks are designed to reduce energy and water consumption, and to serve as models for sustainable development countywide; (13) parks are designed to be flexible in order to accommodate ever-changing recreation trends and demographics; and (14) residents of surrounding neighborhoods are engaged in the planning and design of each park; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board approved the Open Space Master Plan on February 19, 2008, through Resolution No. R-171-08; and

**WHEREAS**, the Parks Department has made great strides in the implementation of the Open Space Master Plan, but as observed by the Parks Department leadership in an April 19, 2016 presentation to this Board, Miami-Dade County must still narrow a gap in per capita park acreage, based on findings by the National Recreation and Park Association showing that, on average, communities in the United States have 9.5 acres of park space per thousand residents, while Miami-Dade County follows with 3.8 acres of park space per thousand residents; and

**WHEREAS**, parks are beneficial to the community on many fronts: more than 30 national studies have shown that parks have a positive impact on nearby residential property values and parks and trails promote physical activity, and provide both environmental and mental health benefits, including reducing stress, and fostering community engagement; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board desires to evaluate the status of the implementation of the Open Space Master Plan, which will assist this Board in determining how resources should be allocated to ensure continued progress in the implementation of the Open Space Master Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board desires for the study of the current status of implementation of the Open Space Master Plan be completed with the assistance of a working group that includes community stakeholders such as the Parks Foundation, the Miami Foundation, municipalities, and other parks-oriented community stakeholders that the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee determines,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**, that the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee shall:

**Section 1.** Establish a working group (the "Working Group") consisting of representatives from the Parks Foundation, the Miami Foundation, municipalities, and other parks-oriented stakeholders identified by the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee for the purpose identified in Section 2.

**Section 2.** With the input of the Working Group, prepare a report setting forth a strategy and schedule to implement the County's Open Space Master Plan, as well as provide recommendations for the long-term funding of capital, operations, programming, and maintenance needs of the Open Space Master Plan. The County Mayor or County Mayor's designee shall provide the report to this Board within 180 days of the effective date of this resolution and shall 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 Daniella Levine Cava. 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
Joe A. Martinez	Dennis C. Moss
Rebeca Sosa	Sen. Javier D. Souto
Xavier L. Suarez	

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 24<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2017. 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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Miguel A. Gonzalez