

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(1)

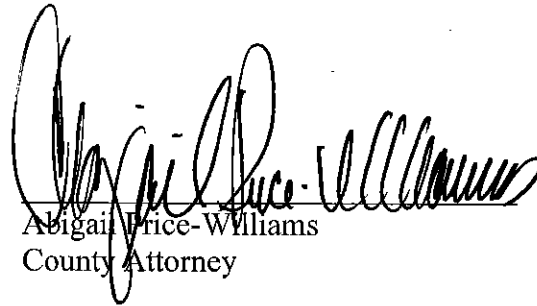
TO: Honorable Chairman Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: March 21, 2017

FROM: Abigail Price-Williams
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution directing the County
Mayor to provide a report to the
Board regarding providing
sustainable funding for mosquito
control efforts

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


Abigail Price-Williams
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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
- 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
Veto _____
Override _____

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3-21-17

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR
COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO PROVIDE A REPORT TO
THE BOARD REGARDING PROVIDING SUSTAINABLE
FUNDING FOR MOSQUITO CONTROL EFFORTS

WHEREAS, mosquito-borne diseases are diseases that can be spread through the bite of mosquitoes, and these include diseases caused by a virus, also known as arboviruses, or caused by parasites; and

WHEREAS, several mosquito species found in Florida are capable of transmitting diseases to humans, horses, dogs and other animals; and

WHEREAS, mosquito-borne diseases that are currently found in Florida include Zika, West Nile virus disease, Eastern equine encephalitis, and St. Louis encephalitis; and

WHEREAS, many other mosquito-borne diseases are found in different parts of the world, and can be brought back to Florida if infected people or animals are bitten by mosquitoes while in Florida, including chikungunya fever, dengue fever, malaria, yellow fever, and Rift Valley fever; and

WHEREAS, because of Florida's climate, mosquitoes have historically plagued Florida's residents and visitors, both as pests and disease-carriers; and

WHEREAS, in Florida, a failure to provide proper mosquito control can have deleterious effects on public health: by creating a greater risk of mosquito-borne disease transmission to humans, human comfort: by failing to alleviate the nuisance of high mosquito infestation for Florida residents and visitors, and socioeconomic conditions: by negatively impacting economic growth by altering the lifestyles of residents and visitors, decreasing productivity and increasing risk for those who work outdoors; and

WHEREAS, since the 1920's many local governments in Florida have created mosquito control districts to control mosquitoes and other arthropods ("Mosquitoes"), and there are currently approximately 56 Mosquito control districts throughout Florida; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 388 of the Florida Statutes was enacted to authorize local governments to create such Mosquito control districts and, in section 388.0101, the Florida Legislature has declared it to be "the public policy of this state to achieve and maintain such levels of arthropod control as will protect human health and safety and foster the quality of life of the people, promote the economic development of the state, and facilitate the enjoyment of its natural attractions by reducing the number of pestiferous and disease-carrying arthropods"; and

WHEREAS, there also exist other potential methods for providing broader and more sustainable funding to provide Mosquito control services, including but not limited to increasing existing fees, such as the stormwater utility fee, or creating a Mosquito control fee; and

WHEREAS, providing additional and sustainable funding would allow for the development and implementation of scientifically robust programs for surveillance, prevention, and control of arthropods, including public education, larval and adult Mosquito surveillance, predetermination of action thresholds, and implementation of effective Mosquito control strategies; and

WHEREAS, given the current outbreak of the Zika virus in Miami-Dade County (the "County") and its potential effect on the health, safety, and welfare of County residents, it is desirable to identify the best methodology to provide uniform and effective Mosquito control throughout the entire County; and

WHEREAS, given the tendency of Mosquito-borne diseases to quickly travel and spread and do so without regard to municipal boundaries, it is important that this Board ensure that uniform Mosquito control services are provided throughout the entire County,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board:

Section 1. Adopts and incorporates the foregoing recitals as if fully set forth herein.

Section 2. Directs the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to prepare such investigations, surveys, plans and specifications as may be necessary to compile a written report and recommendations setting forth the following information: (1) the options available to fund the County's Mosquito control services within the County, including but not limited to the possibility of creating a dependent Mosquito control district or using a fee such as the stormwater utility fee; (2) a review of how other local governments in Florida fund their Mosquito control efforts; and, (3) the County Mayor's recommendations and options towards securing a sustainable funding source for the County's Mosquito control efforts.

Section 3. Directs the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to provide a report containing the information identified in Section 1 to this Board within 180 days and place the completed report on an agenda of the Board pursuant to Ordinance 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:

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

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 21st day of March, 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.



Jorge Martinez-Estevé