

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(25)

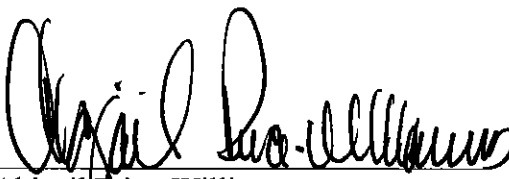
TO: Honorable Chairwoman Audrey M. Edmonson
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: October 3, 2019

FROM: Abigail Price-Williams
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution urging the Florida
Legislature to appropriate
funding for the Cutler Wetlands
Observation Facility

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


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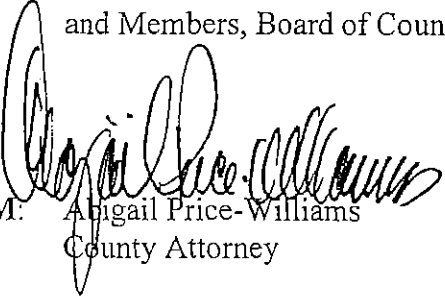


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Please note any items checked.

- ☐ "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 present ____, 2/3 membership ____, 3/5's ____, unanimous ____, CDMP 7 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3)(h) or (4)(c) ____, CDMP 2/3 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3)(h) or (4)(c) ____, or CDMP 9 vote requirement per 2-116.1(4)(c)(2) ____ 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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RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO
APPROPRIATE FUNDING FOR THE CUTLER WETLANDS
OBSERVATION FACILITY

WHEREAS, the Town of Cutler Bay has spent almost ten years planning its Cutler Wetlands Observation Facility project; and

WHEREAS, the project would revitalize an approximately 53-acre parcel of wetlands located at about SW 97th Avenue and SW 224th Street by constructing trails, boardwalks, and a wildlife observation tower, and by installing educational signage about the environment; and

WHEREAS, one of the main goals of the Cutler Wetlands Observation Facility is to serve as an educational “lab” for students at local schools who are studying environmental sciences; and

WHEREAS, another main goal of the Cutler Wetlands Observation Facility is to serve as a park open to the public, particularly because three different bicycle trails intersect there and the wetlands there are ideal for birdwatching, which could in turn promote ecotourism; and

WHEREAS, construction of the Cutler Wetlands Observation Facility could also help prevent illegal dumping and ATV usage, which have caused damage to the wetlands; and

WHEREAS, Cutler Bay has estimated the Cutler Wetlands Observation Facility project to cost \$446,000, and although Cutler Bay has previously sought \$200,000.00 in financial assistance from the State of Florida, Cutler Bay has not yet obtained financial assistance from the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Cutler Wetlands Observation Facility would benefit the residents, the environment, and the economy of Miami-Dade County,

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

Section 1. Urges the Florida Legislature to appropriate funding for the Cutler Wetlands Observation Facility.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Governor, Senate President, House Speaker, and Chair and Members of the Miami-Dade County State Legislative Delegation.

Section 3. Directs the County's state lobbyists to advocate for the appropriation set forth in Section 1 above, and authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to amend the 2020 State Legislative Package to include this item.

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:

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

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 3rd day of October, 2019. 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.

CJW

Christopher J. Wahl