## **MEMORANDUM**

Substitute

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(21)

**TO:** Honorable Chairwoman Audrey M. Edmonson

and Members, Board of County Commissioners

**DATE**: April 7, 2020

**FROM:** Abigail Price-Williams

**County Attorney** 

**SUBJECT:** Resolution creating a coronavirus

2019 (COVID-19) Economic Recovery Task Force; setting forth powers and responsibilities of such task force; providing for a report; and providing for sunset

This substitute differs from the original version in that it removes a seat on the Task Force to be appointed by the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity and adds a seat for an appointment by the Miami Association of Realtors.

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Joe A. Martinez and Co-Sponsor Commissioner Eileen Higgins.

Abigail Price-Williams

County Attorney

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(Revised)

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| FROM:       | Abigail Price-Williams County Attorney   | SUBJECT:                               | Substitute<br>Agenda Item No. 11(A)(21) |  |
| Ple         | ease note any items checked.   |  |   |  |
|             | "3-Day Rule" for committees applicable if  | raised                                 |   |  |
|             | 6 weeks required between first reading an  | d public hearin                        | g                                       |  |
|             | 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing   |  |   |  |
|             | Decreases revenues or increases expenditu  | ires without bal                       | ancing budget                           |  |
|             | Budget required  |  |   |  |
|             | Statement of fiscal impact required  |  |   |  |
|             | Statement of social equity required  |  |   |  |
|             | Ordinance creating a new board requires report for public hearing  | detailed County                        | Mayor's                                 |  |
|             | No committee review  |  |   |  |
|             | Applicable legislation requires more than present, 2/3 membership, 3/5's, 3/5's, 7 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3)(h) or (4)(c) requirement per 2-116.1(4)(c)(2)) to a | , unanimou<br>(c), CDM<br>_, or CDMP 9 | s, CDMP<br>P 2/3 vote                   |  |
| <del></del> | Current information regarding funding so balance, and available capacity (if debt is   | •                                      |   |  |

| Approved | Mayor                | Substitute                |
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| Veto     |                      | Agenda Item No. 11(A)(21) |
| Override |                      | 4-7-20                    |
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RESOLUTION CREATING A CORONAVIRUS 2019 (COVID-19) ECONOMIC RECOVERY TASK FORCE; SETTING FORTH POWERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF SUCH TASK FORCE; PROVIDING FOR A REPORT; AND PROVIDING FOR SUNSET

**WHEREAS**, a new coronavirus, known as SARS-CoV-2, causes an infectious disease named coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) that has spread rapidly since its initial identification in Wuhan, Hubei province, China; and

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the International Health Regulations Emergency Committee of the World Health Organization ("WHO") declared the outbreak a "public health emergency of international concern"; and

**WHEREAS,** on March 9, 2020, Governor DeSantis issued Executive Order No. 20-52, declaring a state of emergency in the state of Florida, designating the Director of the Division of Emergency Management as the State Coordinating Officer for the duration of the emergency, and delegating the State Coordinating Officer with the authority to exercise the powers delineated in §§ 252.36(5) – (10), Florida Statutes, as needed to meet the emergency; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, Mayor Carlos A. Gimenez declared a local state of emergency for Miami-Dade County invoking his authority to issue orders to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the community, including possibly imposing a curfew and closing certain businesses; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to reduce the possibility of mass exposure in Florida, large social and community events and gatherings have been cancelled as precautionary measures to protect the community; and

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WHEREAS, similarly, on a national front, professional and college sports leagues, including, but not limited to, the National Basketball Association, Major League Baseball, National Collegiate Athletic Association, National Hockey League, and the Professional Golfers' Association have suspended operations; and

WHEREAS, businesses and government offices are continuing to announce new closures daily to ensure the protection of the public health, safety, and welfare as a result of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, the public health emergency caused by COVID-19 has had an immediate and serious economic impact in Miami-Dade County, particularly on the hospitality and tourism sectors, and on small businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board is concerned about the short-term and long-term economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic to businesses in Miami-Dade County; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board believes it will be beneficial to establish a forum for various entities and organizations with ties to the hospitality, tourism, and small business communities in Miami-Dade County to coordinate information and resources that will assist with an economic recovery in the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, this Board wishes to establish a task force that will coordinate information and recommend to the Board appropriate actions to aid an economic recovery in Miami-Dade County,

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

Section 1. Creation. This Board hereby creates the Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) Economic Recovery Task Force, which shall consist of 19 members, consistent with the requirements set forth in this resolution.

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**Section 2.** *Purpose, Powers, and Duties.* The Task Force is established solely for the

purpose of advising this Board on issues related to an economic recovery in the County in the

aftermath of COVID-19, including but not limited to: identifying resources, such as grants, loans,

and other financial assistance, available to businesses in Miami-Dade County; the establishment

of public outreach and information programs; and recommendations regarding possible Board

actions that would aid with such economic recovery. As part of the duties, the Task Force shall

review any relevant data, studies, assessments, reports, and evaluations relating to the economic

impact of COVID-19 in Miami-Dade County and may hear additional presentations and comments

from relevant stakeholders and members of the public. Consistent with the purposes outlined

herein, the Task Force shall prepare a written report with information and recommendations to this

Board, including, but not limited, to: information regarding available resources, for

communicating such information to the public, and for possible Board actions that would aid with

such economic recovery.

**Section 3.** Limitations on Authority. The Task Force is advisory only and shall not

have the power or authority to commit the County or any of its agencies or instrumentalities to any

policies, incur any financial obligations, or to create any liability, contractual or otherwise, on

behalf of the County or any of its agencies or instrumentalities.

**Section 4.** *Membership Composition, Appointment, and Vacancies.* The Task Force

shall consist of 19 members, which shall include one seat to be appointed by each County

Commissioner, and one seat each to be appointed by the [Florida Department of Economic

Opportunity]]<sup>1</sup> >> Miami Association of Realtors <<; the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce;

the Miami-Dade Chamber of Commerce, the Miami-Beach Chamber of Commerce, the Miami-

The differences between the substitute and the original item are indicated as follows: Words stricken through and/or [[double bracketed]] shall be deleted, words underscored and/or >>double

arrowed<< are added.

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Dade Beacon Council, and the Neighbors & Neighbors Association (NANA). The NANA member

shall be an individual who is familiar with the administration of the Mom and Pop Small Business

Grant Program. Within 15 days of the lifting of the State of Local Emergency in Miami-Dade

County, the County Mayor shall appoint an appropriate non-voting County employee to staff the

Task Force and provide the Task Force with advice and assistance, such as an employee from the

Small Business Development division of the Internal Services Department. Member appointments

shall be made within 14 days of the effective date of this resolution. Members of the Task Force

shall reflect the diversity of the community. Members of the Task Force should be, but are not

required to be, themselves business owners or have a background in Economics, Business

Administration, Tourism, Hospitality, or a similar field. In the event of a vacancy, each appointing

commissioner or organization shall fill the applicable vacancy. In the event of a chairperson

vacancy, the vice chairperson shall conduct the next meeting and the members of the Task Force

shall select a new chairperson at that meeting. In the event of a vice chairperson vacancy, the

chairperson shall conduct the next meeting and the members of the Task Force shall select a new

vice chairperson at that meeting.

**Section 5.** Organization and procedures at meetings. The Task Force may establish,

adopt, and amend bylaws, rules, and regulations for its own governance. The Task Force shall

elect, by majority vote, one of its members as chairperson and one of its members as vice-

chairperson. The chairperson shall preside at all meetings at which he or she is present. The vice

chairperson shall act as chairperson in the absence of the chairperson. In the event that neither the

chairperson nor the vice-chairperson can preside at a meeting, the members present shall select a

member from those present to preside over such meeting. To conduct any business or to exercise

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any power vested in the Task Force, a quorum consisting of a majority of those persons duly

appointed shall be present. The members of the Task Force shall serve without compensation and

shall not be eligible for reimbursement of expenses accrued in serving as a member of this Task

Force, including travel expenses.

**Section 6.** Government in the Sunshine, Ethics, and Other Regulations. All

proceedings of the Task Force shall be conducted in accordance with the Government in the

Sunshine Law, section 286.011, Florida Statutes; and the Citizens Bill of Rights of the Miami-

Dade County Home Rule Charter. The Task Force shall be deemed an "agency" for purposes of

the Public Records Law. The Task Force shall be governed by all State and County conflict of

interest laws, as applicable, including the Miami-Dade County Conflict of Interest and Code of

Ethics Ordinance, section 2-11.1 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, as determined by the Miami-

Dade County Commission on Ethics and Public Trust. The Task Force shall provide members of

the public a reasonable opportunity to be heard, consistent with section 286.0114, Florida Statutes.

Accordingly, Rule 6.06 of the Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners Rules of Procedures

is incorporated by reference. The Task Force shall meet at least once within 30 days of the lifting

of the State of Local Emergency in Miami-Dade County, and shall meet at least once every 30

days thereafter for the following 120 days. Additional meetings may be held at the discretion of

the Task Force.

**Section 7.** Report. The Task Force shall provide a written report with

recommendations to the Board within 30 days of the Task Force's initial meeting. The Task Force

shall subsequently provide periodic reports to the Board every month for the following 120 days.

The initial report and subsequent periodic reports shall address the matters described in section 2

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above and placed on an agenda of the Board as required by Ordinance No. 14-65 for consideration

by the Board. The Board may then request such further work of the Task Force as may be in the

public interest.

**Section 8.** Staff. The County Mayor shall provide adequate staff and support services

to the Task Force. The staff shall maintain and keep records of the Task Force, prepared in

cooperation with the chairperson, including the agenda for each meeting. The staff shall be

responsible for the preparation of such reports, minutes, documents, or correspondence as the Task

Force may direct, and generally administer the business and affairs of the Task Force, subject to

budgetary limitations. The County Attorney's Office shall provide legal counsel, as needed, to the

Task Force.

**Section 9.** Sunset. The Task Force shall sunset and stand dissolved on the 240th day

from its initial meeting.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Joe A. Martinez and the

Co-Sponsor is Commissioner Eileen Higgins. 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

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The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 7<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2020. 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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Anita Viciana Zapata