

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(6)

TO: Honorable Chairman Oliver G. Gilbert, III
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: April 4, 2023

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution directing the County
Mayor to conduct a study
regarding agrihoods throughout
the United States; and to provide
a report

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Eileen Higgins.


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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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4-4-23

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR
COUNTY MAYOR’S DESIGNEE TO CONDUCT A STUDY
REGARDING AGRIHOODS THROUGHOUT THE UNITED
STATES; AND TO PROVIDE A REPORT

WHEREAS, an agrihood is a type of planned residential community that integrates agricultural uses; and

WHEREAS, the Urban Land Institute defines agrihoods as “single-family, multifamily, or mixed-use communities built with a working farm or community garden as a focus”; and

WHEREAS, agrihoods commonly feature clustered development around open spaces; and

WHEREAS, some agrihoods have been designed to accommodate environmentally sustainable technologies, such as solar panels and electric vehicle infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, some agrihoods offer amenities similar to those offered in traditional suburban developments, such as swimming pools, walking paths, bicycle paths, playgrounds, equestrian facilities, golf courses, and clubhouses; and

WHEREAS, Forbes reports that there are approximately 100 agrihoods in the United States; and

WHEREAS, a private party submitted an application to amend the Miami-Dade County Comprehensive Development Master Plan to provide for the creation of agrihoods as an alternative land use in the South Dade agricultural area, and to allow for agritourism uses when associated with such agrihoods; and

WHEREAS, consideration of that application was deferred until after the completion of the Agricultural Lands Study, which was approved pursuant to Resolution No. R-423-22 and is anticipated to be completed in the fall of 2023; and

WHEREAS, before the private agrihood application returns for this Board's consideration, this Board finds it appropriate to study agrihoods in various jurisdictions throughout the United States to inform any further discussion this Board has concerning agrihoods; and

WHEREAS, this study should compare the quantity of acres utilized solely for agricultural purposes in agrihoods to the quantity of acres utilized solely for agricultural purposes on agricultural lands; and

WHEREAS, in addition, this study should evaluate any novel resilience practices developed by agrihood projects to address environmental changes and impacts, including, without limitation, sea level rise, water supply, and water quality issues; and

WHEREAS, accordingly, this Board directs the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to conduct such a study,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board directs the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to conduct a study regarding agrihoods in various jurisdictions throughout the United States. Such study shall include, but not be limited to, consideration of the following: (a) a comparison of the quantity of acres utilized solely for agricultural purposes in agrihoods with the quantity of acres utilized solely for agricultural purposes on agricultural lands; and (b) an evaluation of any novel resilience practices developed by agrihood projects. The County Mayor or County Mayor's designee shall provide a report detailing the findings of the study to this Board. Pursuant to rule 5.06(j) of the Board's Rules of

Procedure, the completed report shall be placed on an agenda of the full Board without committee review at the same time as the submittal of the final report of the Agricultural Lands Study completed pursuant to Resolution No. R-423-22.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution 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:

Oliver G. Gilbert, III, Chairman	
Anthony Rodríguez, Vice Chairman	
Marleine Bastien	Juan Carlos Bermudez
Kevin Marino Cabrera	Sen. René García
Roberto J. Gonzalez	Keon Hardemon
Danielle Cohen Higgins	Eileen Higgins
Kionne L. McGhee	Raquel A. Regalado
Micky Steinberg	

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 4th day of April, 2023. 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

LUIS G. MONTALDO, CLERK AD INTERIM

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.



Cristina M. Rabionet