

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(4)

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 evaluate the long-term strategy for the provision of police and fire services in south Miami-Dade County, and requiring a report

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


Geri Bonzon-Keenan
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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 EVALUATE THE LONG-
TERM STRATEGY FOR THE PROVISION OF POLICE AND
FIRE SERVICES IN SOUTH MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, AND
REQUIRING A REPORT

WHEREAS, this Board has observed that communities in southern Miami-Dade County ("South Dade") have experienced, and continue to experience, significant population growth in recent years; and

WHEREAS, this Board anticipates that South Dade will continue to experience significant population growth and expansion; and

WHEREAS, a mayoral report issued to this Board in early 2019 cited population projections indicating South Dade would experience an approximate 50 percent increase in population and a 65 percent increase in employment by 2040, which represented the highest growth rate in Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, many communities in South Dade are served by the Miami-Dade Police Department and the Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Department; and

WHEREAS, these police and fire services are spread not only across a significantly increasing population, but also a large geographical area; and

WHEREAS, for example, the Miami-Dade Police Department's South District spans from Southwest 152nd Street to the southern boundary of Miami-Dade County, and from the eastern boundary to the western boundary of Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, the Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Department serves not only the unincorporated areas of Miami-Dade County, but also 29 municipalities within the County; and

WHEREAS, police and fire services in South Dade must also address the needs of varied communities, as South Dade grows to encompass both urban and agricultural areas; and

WHEREAS, this continued population growth and expansion continues to increase the demands on the Miami-Dade Police Department and the Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Department as they serve communities and residents in South Dade; and

WHEREAS, this Board is committed to serving all of the communities in Miami-Dade County and ensuring that resources are deployed and allocated to reflect and address the needs of growing communities throughout the County,

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

Section 1. Directs the County Mayor or County Mayor’s designee to evaluate the long-term strategy for the provision of police and fire services in southern Miami-Dade County (“South Dade”), including the need for additional police and fire stations, and to make recommendations on the potential for creating new police and fire districts to serve the growing communities of South Dade.

Section 2. Directs the County Mayor or County Mayor’s designee to provide a report on the issues identified in section 1 above within 120 days of the effective date of this resolution. 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.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Danielle Cohen 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.



Anita Viciano Zapata