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Agenda Item No. 14(A)(1)
05-22-07

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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. R-635-07

RESOLUTION DIRECTING COUNTY MANAGER TO PREPARE A REPORT AND ACTION PLAN RELATED TO REDUCING THE LOCAL OPTION GAS TAXES BY 50 PERCENT FOR A THREE-MONTH PERIOD

WHEREAS, the U.S. average self-serve regular price of gasoline increased another 19.47 cents in the past two weeks, to a new record high price of $3.07, according to a recent Lundberg Survey of approximately 7,000 U.S. gas stations; and

WHEREAS, this gasoline price surpasses the August 11, 2006 record by 4.28 cents; and

WHEREAS, this price is only six cents shy of the all-time inflation-adjusted record price in March, 1981 when the price of regular gasoline was $1.35 a gallon, which would be $3.13 in today's dollars; and

WHEREAS, this summer's increasing gasoline prices largely have been attributed to the fact that no new refineries have been built in the U.S. in the last 30 years; and

WHEREAS, the 149 refineries that are currently in production have operated at or near 100 percent capacity for months in an effort to satisfy record consumer demand; and

WHEREAS, refineries operating at or near 100 percent capacity has produced a summer of fires, accidents and shutdowns, all of which have further limited refinery capacity and driven prices higher; and

WHEREAS, rising gasoline prices affect everyone on a daily basis, and consumers are in need of immediate relief from rising gasoline prices; and

WHEREAS, federal, state and local governments can all assist in providing needed relief to rising gasoline prices by temporarily reducing motor fuel taxes; and

WHEREAS, local motor fuel are used for road and other transportation-related projects; and

WHEREAS, there are companion items on this agenda that urge the federal and state governments to reduce their respective gas taxes by 50 percent for a three month period; and

WHEREAS, a three-month reduction in local motor fuel taxes might offer consumers some relief from high gasoline prices without unduly burdening local transportation projects that are dependent on motor fuel tax revenue,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board directs the County Manager to prepare a report and action plan related to cutting the local option gas taxes by 50 percent for a three-month period, which would include the specific projects that would be impacted and how the County will adjust schedules, projects, and/or awards. The recommendations shall be reported to the Budget and Finance Committee at their June 12, 2007 meeting, before going to the full Board of County Commissioners at the subsequent meeting.

The foregoing resolution was sponsored by Commissioner Joe A. Martinez and offered by Commissioner Rebeca Sosa, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dorrin D. Rolle and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Bruno A. Barreiro, Chairman	aye		
Barbara J. Jordan, Vice-Chairwoman	aye		
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	aye	Audrey M. Edmonson	aye
Carlos A. Gimenez	aye	Sally A. Heyman	aye
Joe A. Martinez	aye	Dennis C. Moss	aye
Dorrin D. Rolle	aye	Natacha Seijas	aye
Katy Sorenson	aye	Rebeca Sosa	aye
Sen. Javier D. Souto	absent		

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 22nd day of May, 2007. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: KAY SULLIVAN
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency. JMM

Jess M. McCarty

MEMORANDUM

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TO:	Honorable Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro and Members, Board of County Commissioners	**DATE:**	May 22, 2007
FROM:	Murray A. Greenberg County Attorney	**SUBJECT:**	Resolution directing County Manager to prepare a report and action plan related to reducing the local option gas taxes by 50 percent for a three-month period

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Commissioner Joe A. Martinez.

Murray A. Greenberg
County Attorney

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MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

TO: Honorable Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: May 22, 2007

FROM: Murray A. Greenberg
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 14(A)(1)

Please note any items checked.

✓ **"4-Day Rule" ("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**

____ **Bid waiver requiring County Manager's written recommendation**

____ **Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing**

____ **Housekeeping item (no policy decision required)**

____ **No committee review**