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MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(3)

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


DATE: November 6, 2007

FROM: R. A. Cuevas, Jr.
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution authorizing loan
to Bird Lakes Homeowners
Association

R-1240-07

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



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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

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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11-6-07

RESOLUTION NO. R-1240-07

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A LOAN TO THE BIRD LAKES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION TO PAY FOR COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE APPOINTMENT OF A RECEIVER FOR THE BIRD LAKES ESTATES AND ALLOWING FOR THE WAIVER OF THE REPAYMENT OF THAT LOAN UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES

WHEREAS, the County, through Team Metro, has sued the Bird Lakes Estates Homeowners Association (HOA) to correct certain County Code violations which exist on both common properties and individual properties; and

WHEREAS, the HOA had become defunct and was no longer operating at the time of the filing of the lawsuit; and

WHEREAS, the lawsuit has resulted in the appointment of a Receiver to reconstitute and organize the HOA so that the code violations may be corrected; and

WHEREAS, the Receiver has taken the steps necessary to reinstate the corporate HOA as a legal entity with the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, the work of the Receiver has resulted in costs that may be born by the home owners through assessment from the HOA; and

WHEREAS, mistakes have occurred in the Receivership with respect to notice to the residents resulting in extra fees and costs; and

WHEREAS, the residents of various areas of the Bird Lakes development have differing interests in the results of the lawsuit depending on their location and have needed to retain attorneys to represent their interests and have been obligated to pay those attorneys; and

WHEREAS, the residents of the area are living on limited incomes and are not able to absorb the costs of the Receiver or the costs of private attorneys; and

WHEREAS, the residents have now expressed a desire to organize and operate the HOA without the Receiver and intend on operating the HOA which will resolve and potentially settle this lawsuit; and

WHEREAS, the residents may have available to them methods to recover the costs of the Receiver, but those methods may take some time to effect,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that the County Mayor is authorized and directed to extend and fund a loan to the Bird Lakes Homeowners Association for the payment of the costs incurred as a result of the lawsuit including the costs of the Receiver and/or private attorneys hired by the Homeowners in an amount not to exceed \$250,000. The Mayor is authorized to waive the repayment of the loan in his discretion, provided the HOA has taken all reasonable steps to recover the costs through other available methods and has taken all reasonable steps to organize and operate and fund itself for the benefit of the residents and has addressed, to the satisfaction of the Mayor, the County code violations within the HOA.

The foregoing resolution was sponsored by Commissioner Joe A. Martinez and offered by Commissioner **Joe A. Martinez** , who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Jose "Pepe" Diaz** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

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

The Chairman thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 6th day of November, 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

KAY SULLIVAN
 Deputy Clerk



Approved by County Attorney as
 to form and legal sufficiency.

Thomas H. Robertson

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