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OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(8)

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 Directing the County Manager to Study The Feasibility of Locating An Observation Wheel, Similar to the London Eye, At the Port of Miami

R-1262-07

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

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County Attorney

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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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11-06-07

RESOLUTION NO. R-1262-07

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO STUDY . THE FEASIBILITY OF LOCATING AN OBSERVATION WHEEL, SIMILAR TO THE LONDON EYE, AT THE PORT OF MIAMI

WHEREAS, in 2000, the London Eye, then the world's tallest observation wheel, opened on the banks of the River Thames in London; and

WHEREAS, the London Eye stands at a height of close to 450 feet and offers breathtaking views of more than 15 miles in all directions in capsules that provide comfort and safety; and

WHEREAS, the London Eye has become an iconic landmark, comparable to Big Ben and the Tower of London, and is now the most popular paid visitor attraction in the United Kingdom; and

WHEREAS, more than 3.5 million people ride the London Eye each year, paying close to $30 per person; and

WHEREAS, similar observation wheels have been built at Niagara Falls and Nanchang, China, and are being built in Las Vegas, Orlando, Beijing, Singapore and Berlin; and

WHEREAS, more than 11.6 million visitors come to Miami-Dade County every year and spend $16.3 billion; and

WHEREAS, the Port of Miami is the Cruise Capital of the World and the Port of Miami last year saw 3.9 million cruise ship passengers come through its facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Port of Miami has numerous infrastructure and capital improvement needs; and

WHEREAS, the Port of Miami is situated in an ideal location for an observation wheel with breathtaking views of the ocean and downtown skyline,

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

Section 1. Directs the County Manager to study the feasibility of locating an observation wheel, similar to the London Eye, at the Port of Miami.

Section 2. Directs the County Manager to provide the feasibility study to this Board within ninety (90) days of the effective date of this resolution.

The foregoing resolution was sponsored by Commissioner Carlos A. Gimenez and offered by Commissione **Carlos A. Gimenez** , 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
Barbara J. Jordan, Vice-Chairwoman **absent**

Jose "Pepe" Diaz	**aye**	Audrey M. Edmonson	**aye**
Carlos A. Gimenez	**aye**	Sally A. Heyman	**absent**
Joe A. Martinez	**aye**	Dennis C. Moss	**aye**
Dorrin D. Rolle	**aye**	Natacha Seijas	**nay**
Katy Sorenson	**aye**	Rebeca Sosa	**aye**
Sen. Javier D. Souto	**absent**		

The Chairman thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 8th 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

By: KAY SULLIVAN
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

JMM

Jess M. McCarty