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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

MEMORANDUM Agenda Item No. 11(A)(5)

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

DATE: June 3, 2008

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

SUBJECT: Resolution directing the County Mayor or his designee to investigate the feasibility of providing water to the City of North Miami on a wholesale basis

Resolution No. R-676-08

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Commissioner Dorrin D. Rolle and Commissioner Natacha Seijas.

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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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RESOLUTION NO. **R-676-08**

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO INVESTIGATE THE FEASIBILITY OF PROVIDING WATER TO THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI ON A WHOLESALE BASIS

WHEREAS, the City of North Miami ("North Miami") operates a water utility serving residents of North Miami as well as residents of Unincorporated Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, all the potable water North Miami serves is produced in North Miami's Winson Water Treatment Plant, which is nearly fifty years old, in a state of disrepair, and at risk of failure; and

WHEREAS, to construct a new water treatment plant North Miami may have to impose significant surcharges and/or raise rates significantly, resulting in North Miami customers having to pay water bills significantly higher than other residents of Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, many North Miami customers may be unable to pay such higher water bills; and

WHEREAS, the County has existing plant capacity to provide potable water on a wholesale basis to North Miami; and

WHEREAS, if North Miami were to purchase water on a wholesale basis from the County and therefore avoid the need to construct a new water treatment plant, financial impacts to North Miami customers might be minimized,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that the County Mayor or his designee is directed to investigate the feasibility of providing water on a wholesale basis to North Miami; this investigation should include (1) conversations with North Miami regarding service terms and rates to be charged North Miami customers, including those residents of the Unincorporated Municipal Service Area served by North Miami, as well as (2) an investigation into the willingness of the South Florida Water Management district to allow Miami-Dade County to minimize economic impacts to County residents by allowing the County to utilize existing plant capacity to provide water to North Miami. The County Mayor or his designee shall report back on the results of this investigation within sixty days.

The foregoing resolution was sponsored by Commissioner Dorrin D. Rolle and Commissioner Natacha Seijas and offered by Commissioner **Carlos A. Gimenez**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Sally A. Heyman** 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	**absent**	Audrey M. Edmonson	**absent**
Carlos A. Gimenez	**aye**	Sally A. Heyman	**aye**
Joe A. Martinez	**aye**	Dennis C. Moss	**aye**
Dorrin D. Rolle	**absent**	Natacha Seijas	**absent**
Katy Sorenson	**aye**	Rebeca Sosa	**absent**
Sen. Javier D. Souto	**aye**		

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 3rd day of June, 2008. 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

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

By: **Kay Sullivan**
Deputy Clerk

David M. Murray