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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(1)

TO: Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: May 3, 2011

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

SUBJECT: Resolution directing the County Mayor to analyze current land uses and conditions in western Miami-Dade County, identify successful practices used in other parts of the country for greenbelts, conduct community outreach, develop a strategic plan, and investigate funding opportunities, with the goal of creating a contiguous greenbelt in Western Miami-Dade County

Resolution No. R-274-11

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz.

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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**

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

_____ **No committee review**

_____ **Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's ____, 3/5's ____, unanimous_____) to approve**

_____ **Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required**

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(1)
5-3-11

RESOLUTION NO. R-274-11

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR THE MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO ANALYZE CURRENT LAND USES AND CONDITIONS IN WESTERN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, IDENTIFY SUCCESSFUL PRACTICES USED IN OTHER PARTS OF THE COUNTRY FOR GREENBELTS, CONDUCT COMMUNITY OUTREACH, DEVELOP A STRATEGIC PLAN, AND INVESTIGATE FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES, WITH THE GOAL OF CREATING A CONTIGUOUS GREENBELT IN WESTERN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

WHEREAS, the Miami-Dade County Parks and Open Space System Master Plan envisions a contiguous greenbelt in western Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, a contiguous greenbelt in western Miami-Dade County could provide recreational opportunities that are more accessible to western residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, a greenbelt could be created through a number of different methods which consider the existing land uses and conditions, as well as the interests of the residents, interested parties, and property owners in western Miami-Dade County; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that the Mayor or the Mayor's designee is directed to do the following, with the goal of creating a contiguous greenbelt in western Miami-Dade County:

(1) Conduct an inventory of maps, studies and reports pertaining to the western portion of Miami-Dade County; analyze those results to determine the current land uses, animal and plant habitats, environmental conditions such as flooding, and land regulations, including but not limited to easements, zoning, and utility corridors; and map these results.

(2) Identify successful practices that have been used in other areas of the United States to develop similar greenbelt areas using fee or less than fee ownership and summarize this information for use as a reference by Miami-Dade County.

(3) Conduct outreach with potentially affected stakeholders, elected officials and interested parties and organizations, and prepare a summary of the input received.

(4) Develop a strategic plan which identifies potential benefits and concerns, specific opportunities and constraints on those opportunities, and focus areas; and create a plan with graphics and text to illustrate the ideas.

(5) Identify funding strategies and research funding opportunities for implementing this plan for a western greenbelt.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz. It was offered by Commissioner **Audrey Edmonson**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Rebeca Sosa** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Joe A. Martinez, Chairman			**aye**
Audrey M. Edmonson, Vice Chairwoman			**aye**
Bruno A. Barreiro	**aye**	Lynda Bell	**aye**
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	**absent**	Sally A. Heyman	**aye**
Barbara J. Jordan	**aye**	Jean Monestime	**aye**
Dennis C. Moss	**aye**	Rebeca Sosa	**aye**
Senator Javier D. Souto	**aye**		

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 3rd day of May, 2011. 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: DIANE COLLINS
Deputy Clerk

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

Abbie Schwaderer-Raurell