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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(7)

TO: Honorable Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: November 5, 2013

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

SUBJECT: Resolution directing the County Mayor to update conceptual study analyzing development of Cuban Exile History Museum at Parcel B of FEC property
Resolution No. R-922-13

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson, and Co-Sponsors Commissioner Bruno A. Barreiro and Commissioner Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.

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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 Mayor'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 _____

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RESOLUTION NO. R-922-13

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO UPDATE CONCEPTUAL STUDY ANALYZING DEVELOPMENT OF CUBAN EXILE HISTORY MUSEUM AT PARCEL B OF FEC PROPERTY AND TO EXPAND SUCH STUDY TO INCLUDE OTHER POTENTIAL SITES FOR SUCH PROJECT IN THE SURROUNDING AREA

WHEREAS, Parcel B of the FEC Property (the "Parcel B"), approximately 2.76 acres in size, is immediately adjacent to the American Airlines Arena (the "Arena"); therefore, any development of Parcel B may materially interfere with operation of the Arena; and

WHEREAS, in 2007, the Board directed the County Manager to prepare a conceptual study analyzing development of the Bay of Pigs Museum and Library ("Project") at Parcel B based upon a preliminary design of the Project prepared by Chisholm Architects; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the terms of the Board's directive, the conceptual study was to include at a minimum a section addressing the following: the feasibility of underground parking, the provision of public open space, development of a baywalk and options to mitigate any material impact to operation of the Arena arising from development of Parcel B; and

WHEREAS, the conceptual study prepared by the County Manager was presented to the Board at its May 6, 2008 regularly scheduled meeting (the "2008 Conceptual Study"); and

WHEREAS, Parcel B still remains undeveloped; and

WHEREAS, in the intervening years since the 2008 Conceptual Study, many of the Project's original proponents have gradually evolved its scope and content, in a series of substantive, detailed and prolonged discussions with Miami-Dade County and other officials, to a much broader, more inclusive and sustainable Cuban Exile History Museum (the "Revised Project"), rather than the prior narrower predecessor concept focused primarily on the Bay of Pigs; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hialeah Gardens has since procured an initial $1,000,000.00 grant from the Florida Legislature, and contributed its own land, for the establishment of a similar Bay of Pigs Museum and Library in its jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, there is no other substantial Cuban exile history museum, other than one focused solely on Cuban art, in Miami-Dade County of a size and scope commensurate with the contributions of this ethnic/immigrant group both to the South Florida area as well as nationally and internationally; and

WHEREAS, this Board wishes to direct the County Mayor or Mayor's designee to update the 2008 Conceptual Study analyzing development of the Revised Project at Parcel B and to expand such study to include development of the Revised Project at other sites in the surrounding area; and

WHEREAS, this Board wishes to direct the County Mayor or Mayor's designee to consult with Basketball Properties, Ltd ("BPL"), the operator and manager of the Arena, to determine whether the development of a Cuban Exile History Museum at Parcel B may materially impact the operation of the Arena,

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

Section 1. The foregoing recitals are incorporated in this resolution and are approved.

Section 2. This Board directs the County Mayor or Mayor's designee to update the 2008 Conceptual Study analyzing development of the Revised Project at Parcel B and to expand such study to include development of the Revised Project at other sites in the surrounding area. In addition, this Board directs the County Mayor or Mayor's designee to consult with BPL prior to completion of the updated conceptual study to determine whether the development of a Cuban Exile History Museum at Parcel B may materially impact the operation of the Arena. The

County Mayor shall present the conceptual study to this Board within ninety (90) days from the effective date of this resolution.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson, and the Co-Sponsors are Commissioner Bruno A. Barreiro and Commissioner Esteban L. Bovo, Jr. It was offered by Commissioner **Audrey Edmonson**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Bruno A. Barreiro** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Rebeca Sosa, Chairwoman			**aye**
Lynda Bell, Vice Chair			**absent**
Bruno A. Barreiro	**aye**	Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.	**aye**
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	**aye**	Audrey M. Edmonson	**aye**
Sally A. Heyman	**aye**	Barbara J. Jordan	**aye**
Jean Monestime	**aye**	Dennis C. Moss	**absent**
Sen. Javier D. Souto	**absent**	Xavier L. Suarez	**absent**
Juan C. Zapata	**aye**		

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 5th day of November, 2013. 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: **Christopher Agrippa**
Deputy Clerk

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

Geri Bonzon-Keenan