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OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(2)

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

DATE: March 4, 2014

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

SUBJECT: Resolution directing the Mayor, through the Park, Recreation and Open Spaces Department, to conduct a study to assess the tree canopy and greening in County Commission District 8 with intent to increase same and to present written results of study to Board within thirty (30) days

Resolution No. R-231-14

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Vice Chair Lynda Bell.

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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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3-4-14

RESOLUTION NO. R-231-14

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE MAYOR, THROUGH THE PARK, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACES DEPARTMENT, TO CONDUCT A STUDY TO ASSESS THE TREE CANOPY AND GREENING IN COUNTY COMMISSION DISTRICT 8 WITH INTENT TO INCREASE SAME AND TO PRESENT WRITTEN RESULTS OF STUDY TO BOARD WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS

WHEREAS, the benefits of trees are widely known; they absorb carbon dioxide, produce clean air, increase aesthetic appeal and provide shade; and

WHEREAS, by designing large-scale urban tree programs and adopting tree ordinances that improve the shading of streets and parking lots, local planners can play a key role in expanding the canopy coverage of communities; and

WHEREAS, recently the Community Image Advisory Board adopted a program that is known as the "Million Tree Miami" program in an effort to plant 1 million trees in the County by 2020 in order to achieve a 30% canopy cover for Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, it is incumbent upon Commission District 8, both in furtherance of the "Million Tree Miami" program and the general well-being and beautification of District 8, to adopt and encourage programs that expand the tree canopy in urban and suburban areas, specifically along roads, parking lots, and other public facilities; and

WHEREAS, this Board desires to direct the County Mayor, through the Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces Department ("PROS"), to conduct a study to evaluate the tree canopy and greening in County Commission District 8; and

WHEREAS, the study should include the identification of areas that would benefit from additional tree canopy and greening, suggestions for cost-effective and efficient plantings and

methods for increasing the tree canopy and greening, and suggestions for ensuring the maintenance of existing tree canopies and greening, all with an aim towards increasing the tree canopy and greening throughout County Commission District 8; and

WHEREAS, the study should also include specific, segregated goals with timeframes and means of achievement with respect to increasing the tree canopy and greening of District 8, so that the community and not-for-profit entities can be engaged and solicited to achieve them,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board directs the County Mayor, through Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces Department ("PROS"), to conduct a study to assess the tree canopy and greening in County Commission District 8, with an intent to increase the tree canopy and greening in County Commission District 8 and approves the foregoing recitals and incorporates them herein by reference. The results of the assessment shall be presented to the Board within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this resolution.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Vice Chair Lynda Bell. It was offered by Commissioner **Dennis C. Moss**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **José "Pepe" Diaz** 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	**absent**
Sally A. Heyman	**absent**	Barbara J. Jordan	**aye**
Jean Monestime	**aye**	Dennis C. Moss	**aye**
Sen. Javier D. Souto	**aye**	Xavier L. Suarez	**aye**
Juan C. Zapata	**absent**		

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 4th day of March, 2014. 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.

Monica Rizo