

## MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(24)

**TO:** Honorable Chairman Jean Monestime  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

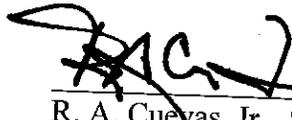
**DATE:** June 2, 2015

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

**SUBJECT:** Resolution directing the  
County Mayor to conduct a  
feasibility study to examine  
the restoration of the Mounted  
Patrol Unit in consultation with  
appropriate parties and provide  
a report

Resolution No. R-519-15

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Senator Javier D. Souto.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
R. A. Cuevas, Jr.  
County Attorney

RAC/lmp



# MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

**TO:** Honorable Chairman Jean Monestime  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

**DATE:** June 2, 2015

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

**SUBJECT:** Agenda Item No. 11(A)(24)

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 \_\_\_\_\_

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(24)  
6-2-15

RESOLUTION NO.    R-519-15

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO CONDUCT A FEASIBILITY STUDY TO EXAMINE THE RESTORATION OF THE MOUNTED PATROL UNIT IN CONSULTATION WITH APPROPRIATE PARTIES AND PROVIDE A REPORT

**WHEREAS**, mounted patrol units are an important component in law enforcement throughout the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, mounted patrol units serve as an effective deterrent to crime and are effective in controlling large crowds because the added height and visibility allow officers to observe a wider area and allow individuals in a wider area to see the officers; and

**WHEREAS**, the Miami-Dade Police Department "Mounted Patrol Unit" was disbanded in 2009; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a need for a mounted patrol unit to enhance the Miami-Dade Police Department's mission to reduce crime, maximize public safety efforts and enhance community relations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Miami-Dade Police Department and the community would benefit from the restoration of the Mounted Patrol Unit in the Miami-Dade Police Department,

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

**Section 1.** This Board directs the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to conduct a feasibility study to examine the restoration of the Mounted Patrol Unit. The feasibility study shall include the following:

1. The efficacy of a mounted patrol unit to control crowds.

2. The efficacy of a mounted patrol unit as a crime deterrent as suggested by available statistical data.
3. A review of the Mounted Patrol Unit in the Miami-Dade Police Department disbanded in 2009.
4. The costs associated with restoration of the Mounted Patrol Unit including, but not limited to, expenses for obtaining, training, feeding, stabling, and outfitting horses.
5. An identification of a funding source for the restoration of the Mounted Patrol Unit.
6. An examination of grants or donor programs available as an alternative funding source.
7. The potential manpower savings in terms of sworn law enforcement officers and civilian staff, if any.

**Section 2.** This Board directs the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to consult with all appropriate persons in carrying out the directions of this resolution, including but not limited to, the Miami-Dade Police Department, other police agencies or departments that maintain mounted patrol units, the Florida Association of Mounted Patrols and the North American Mounted Unit Commander's Association.

**Section 3.** The County Mayor or County Mayor's designee shall provide a written report to this Board within 90 days of the effective date of this resolution and shall place the completed report on an agenda of the Board pursuant to Ordinance No. 14-65.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Senator Javier D. Souto. It was offered by Commissioner **José "Pepe" Diaz**, 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:

	Jean Monestime, Chairman	<b>aye</b>	
	Esteban L. Bovo, Jr., Vice Chairman	<b>aye</b>	
Bruno A. Barreiro	<b>aye</b>	Daniella Levine Cava	<b>aye</b>
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	<b>aye</b>	Audrey M. Edmonson	<b>aye</b>
Sally A. Heyman	<b>aye</b>	Barbara J. Jordan	<b>aye</b>
Dennis C. Moss	<b>aye</b>	Rebeca Sosa	<b>absent</b>
Sen. Javier D. Souto	<b>aye</b>	Xavier L. Suarez	<b>aye</b>
Juan C. Zapata	<b>aye</b>		

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of June, 2015. This resolution shall become effective upon the earlier of (1) 10 days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the County Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board, or (2) approval by the County Mayor of this Resolution and the filing of this approval with the Clerk of the 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.

Suzanne Villano-Charif