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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

MEMORANDUM

Amended
Agenda Item No. 11(A)(14)

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

DATE: April 21, 2015

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

SUBJECT: Resolution directing the County Mayor to develop a multi-agency uniformed police patrol program consisting of Miami-Dade County and municipal police officers to jointly patrol certain high crime areas in Miami-Dade County, irrespective of jurisdictional boundaries, identify areas in Miami-Dade County that would benefit from such program, identify available funding sources within the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 County budget to implement the County portion of such program

Resolution No. R-340-15

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson, and Co-Sponsors Commissioner Barbara J. Jordan and Senator Javier D. Souto.

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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-340-15

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO DEVELOP A MULTI-AGENCY UNIFORMED POLICE PATROL PROGRAM CONSISTING OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL POLICE OFFICERS TO JOINTLY PATROL CERTAIN HIGH CRIME AREAS IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, IRRESPECTIVE OF JURISDICTIONAL BOUNDARIES, IDENTIFY AREAS IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY THAT WOULD BENEFIT FROM SUCH PROGRAM, IDENTIFY AVAILABLE FUNDING SOURCES WITHIN THE FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015 COUNTY BUDGET TO IMPLEMENT THE COUNTY PORTION OF SUCH PROGRAM, IDENTIFY MUNICIPALITIES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM AND NEGOTIATE ANY NECESSARY AGREEMENTS WITH SUCH MUNICIPALITIES, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, AND PROVIDE A REPORT ON THE PROPOSED PROGRAM

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County through its Police Department is committed to promoting a safe and secure environment for all Miami-Dade County residents and visitors to enjoy; and

WHEREAS, the Miami-Dade Police Department has collaborated with federal and state law enforcement agencies, as well as community organizations, to further its commitment to public safety and crime prevention; and

WHEREAS, in 2012, the Miami-Dade Police Department began collaborating in a number of joint investigations with federal law enforcement agencies, including the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the Drug Enforcement Administration, to target illegal firearms in Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, this multi-agency collaboration resulted in the seizure of over 248 firearms and the arrest of over 97 individuals in Miami-Dade County between 2012 and 2013; and

WHEREAS, another example of successful multi-agency collaboration stems from the mutual aid agreement between Miami-Dade County and the City of Miami, pursuant to Resolution No. R-932-14 resulting in the joint participation of undercover officers from the respective police forces working across political jurisdictions as the North-End Street Violence Task Force; and

WHEREAS, the North-End Street Violence Task Force focuses its efforts in certain northern areas of Miami-Dade County, including the areas in which the Liberty Square public housing project is located; and

WHEREAS, in order to address escalating crime in the area of operation of the North-End Street Violence Task Force and certain other areas of Miami-Dade County, including areas proximate to or within municipalities, such as the City of Miami, the City of Miami Gardens, and the City of Opa-Locka, it would be beneficial to have multi-agency collaborations between uniformed County and municipal police forces in these areas (the "Program"); and

WHEREAS, the Program should focus on utilizing uniformed officers to patrol identified high-crime areas, as having uniformed officers would serve an important deterrent effect and help allay the residents' fears by visibly reminding them that the police are present as a resource for them; and

WHEREAS, since persons who commit crimes don't respect jurisdictional boundaries, having uniformed police officers from a municipality and the County patrol identified areas irrespective of jurisdictional boundaries would assist in criminal investigations and apprehension of persons accused of committing crimes; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County may need to employ additional officers to accomplish the purposes of the Program which may require additional budgetary resources; and

WHEREAS, the County Mayor or the County Mayor's designee should identify areas within Miami-Dade County that would benefit from the Program, identify funding sources within the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 County Budget to implement the County's portion of the Program, and negotiate agreements with the identified municipalities to implement the Program, subject to approval by the Board of County Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, since multi-agency uniform police patrol is urgently needed to address escalating crime in Miami-Dade County, the County Mayor or the County Mayor's designee should be directed to take action pursuant to this resolution expeditiously, so that the Board of County Commissioners can implement the program as soon as possible,

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

Section 1. Incorporates the above recitals in this resolution.

Section 2. Directs the County Mayor or the County Mayor's Designee to:

(a) develop a multi-agency uniformed police patrol program consisting of Miami-Dade County and municipal police officers to jointly patrol certain high crime areas in Miami-Dade County, irrespective of jurisdictional boundaries;

(b) identify areas within Miami-Dade County irrespective of jurisdictional boundaries that would benefit from the Program;

(c) identify available funding sources from within the 2014-2015 County Budget to implement the County's portion of the Program and to include funding for the County's portion of the Program in the Mayor's Proposed Budget for FY 2015-2016; and

(d) identify municipalities to participate in the Program and negotiate any necessary agreements with the identified municipalities to implement the Program, subject to approval by the Board of County Commissioners.

Section 3. Directs the County Mayor or the County Mayor's designee to provide a report to the Board of County Commissioners outlining the Program within 90 days of the effective date of this resolution; such report shall contain the information as directed by the preceding sections of this resolution, including a description of any proposed future legislation or agreements with identified municipalities needed to accomplish the Program, and such report shall be placed on an agenda of the Board of County Commissioners pursuant to County Ordinance No. 14-65.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson, and the Co-Sponsors are Commissioner Barbara J. Jordan and Senator Javier D. Souto. It was offered by Commissioner **Audrey M. Edmonson**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Jean Monestime** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

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

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 21st day of April, 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.

Cynthia Johnson-Stacks