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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(17)

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

DATE: October 6, 2015

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

SUBJECT: Resolution directing the County Mayor to conduct a feasibility study to examine equipping Miami-Dade County police vehicles with dashboard cameras and to provide a report

Resolution No. R-889-15

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

Cynthia J. McStarr for

R. A. Cuevas, Jr.
County Attorney

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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-889-15

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO CONDUCT A FEASIBILITY STUDY TO EXAMINE EQUIPPING MIAMI-DADE COUNTY POLICE VEHICLES WITH DASHBOARD CAMERAS AND TO PROVIDE A REPORT

WHEREAS, technology increasingly has been used as a mechanism for surveillance and observation both by law enforcement and private entities; and

WHEREAS, this Board desires to ensure that the safest possible environment is provided to civilians and police officers; and

WHEREAS, on December 2, 2014, this Board passed Resolution No. R-1078-14, directing the Mayor or designee to conduct a study and prepare a report on the benefits and concerns associated with police officer body-worn cameras, specifically as they pertain to Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, the benefits found by the Mayor's study of police officer body-worn cameras included increasing transparency and public confidence in the police, protecting civilians from police misconduct, and protecting police officers from false allegations of misconduct; and

WHEREAS, many of the benefits associated with police officer body-worn cameras may also be realized by police vehicle dashboard cameras; and

WHEREAS, dashboard cameras have been used by police departments throughout the country since the early 1990's as a method of capturing the real-time encounters between police and civilians; and

WHEREAS, dashboard cameras may be effective independently or in conjunction with police officer body-worn cameras, as they could capture footage that body-worn cameras may not record; and

WHEREAS, accordingly, the feasibility of equipping Miami-Dade County police vehicles with dashboard cameras should be examined,

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

Section 1. Directs the County Mayor or Mayor's designee to conduct a feasibility study to examine equipping Miami-Dade County police vehicles with dashboard cameras. At a minimum, the feasibility study shall include the (1) the benefits and concerns of police vehicle dashboard cameras; (2) a plan to equip police vehicles with dashboard cameras; (3) the anticipated cost to fully implement the plan; and (4) proposed funding sources for the implementation of the plan.

Section 2. Directs the County Mayor or Mayor's designee to provide a written report detailing the findings, results and recommendations of the feasibility study to this Board within 90 days of the effective date of this resolution and place the completed report on an agenda of the Board pursuant to Ordinance No. 14-65.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Barbara J. Jordan and the Co-Sponsor is Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson. It was offered by Commissioner **Dennis C. Moss**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Rebeca Sosa** 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	**aye**	Daniella Levine Cava	**aye**
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	**aye**	Audrey M. Edmonson	**aye**
Sally A. Heyman	**absent**	Barbara J. Jordan	**aye**
Dennis C. Moss	**aye**	Rebeca Sosa	**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 6th day of October, 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. MP

Matthew Papkin