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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(11)

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 have the Seaport Department and the Miami-Dade Aviation Department work with the cruise lines to develop a plan to establish a Cruise Visitor Center at Miami International Airport, either for individual cruise lines or multiple cruise lines, for processing of cruise line passengers utilizing Miami International Airport for the purpose of sailing on a cruise from PortMami; and directing the County Mayor to submit a report regarding the plan to establish a Cruise Visitor Center at Miami International airport within 60 days

Resolution No. R-883-15

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz, and Co-Sponsors Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson, Commissioner Dennis C. Moss and Commissioner Rebeca Sosa.

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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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10-6-15

RESOLUTION NO. R-883-15

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR THE COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO HAVE THE SEAPORT DEPARTMENT AND THE MIAMI-DADE AVIATION DEPARTMENT WORK WITH THE CRUISE LINES TO DEVELOP A PLAN TO ESTABLISH A CRUISE VISITOR CENTER AT MIAMI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, EITHER FOR INDIVIDUAL CRUISE LINES OR MULTIPLE CRUISE LINES, FOR PROCESSING OF CRUISE LINE PASSENGERS UTILIZING MIAMI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT FOR THE PURPOSE OF SAILING ON A CRUISE FROM PORTMIAMI; AND DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR THE COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO SUBMIT A REPORT REGARDING THE PLAN TO ESTABLISH A CRUISE VISITOR CENTER AT MIAMI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT WITHIN 60 DAYS

WHEREAS, Miami International Airport and PortMiami are Miami-Dade County's largest economic engines and fuel growth in tourism and trade; and

WHEREAS, PortMiami welcomed nearly 4.8 million cruise passengers in fiscal year 2014 and continues to expand as the world's leading cruise port; and

WHEREAS, the majority of passengers sailing from PortMiami who arrive by air travel originate at Miami International Airport; and

WHEREAS, several cruise lines currently lease space at Miami International Airport for processing of their cruise passengers and others have expressed interest in leasing similar space; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners (the "Board") believes that the establishment of a cruise visitor center ("Cruse Visitor Center") will increase tourism and trade by providing a positive customer service experience and a convenient and efficient means for processing cruise line passengers and their luggage from Miami International Airport directly to PortMiami,

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. The Board hereby directs the County Mayor or the County Mayor's designee to have the Seaport Department and the Miami-Dade Aviation Department work with the cruise lines to develop a plan to establish a Cruise Visitor Center at Miami International Airport, either for individual cruise lines or multiple cruise lines, for processing of cruise line passengers utilizing Miami International Airport for the purpose of sailing on a cruise from Port Miami. The plan shall include: (1) identification of available space at Miami International Airport; (2) the costs associated with establishing, managing and operating a Cruise Visitor Center; (3) identification of potential funding sources; (4) a list of interested cruise lines; (5) a timeline for development and commencement of operations; and (6) identification of other relevant entities interested in participating (e.g., Greater Miami Convention & Visitors Bureau and Miami Hotel Association).

Section 3. The Board further directs the County Mayor or the County Mayor's designee to submit a report regarding the plan to establish a Cruise Visitor Center at Miami International Airport to this Board within 60 days of the effective date of this resolution. In the event that the County Mayor or the County Mayor's designee concludes that such plan is not feasible, the reasons for such conclusion shall be included in the report. The completed report shall be placed on an agenda of the Board pursuant to Ordinance No. 14-65.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz, and the Co-Sponsors are Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson, Commissioner Dennis C. Moss and Commissioner Rebeca Sosa. It was offered by Commissioner **Barbara J. Jordan**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Audrey M. Edmonson** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Jean Monestime, Chairman **nay**
Esteban L. Bovo, Jr., Vice Chairman **absent**

Bruno A. Barreiro	**aye**	Daniella Levine Cava	**aye**
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	**absent**	Audrey M. Edmonson	**aye**
Sally A. Heyman	**absent**	Barbara J. Jordan	**aye**
Dennis C. Moss	**aye**	Rebeca Sosa	**nay**
Sen. Javier D. Souto	**absent**	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.

Cynji A. Lee