

MEMORANDUM

Amended
Agenda Item No. 11(A)(26)

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

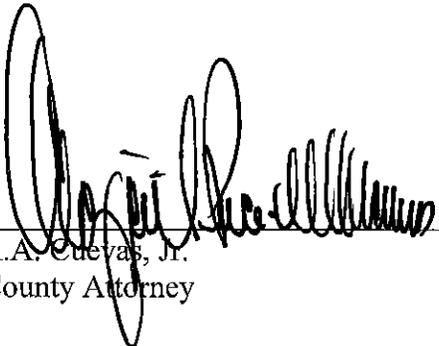
DATE: October 6, 2015

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

SUBJECT: Resolution directing Miami-Dade
Water and Sewer Department to
install aesthetic improvements,
including sustainable vegetation,
xeriscaping and other Florida-
friendly landscaping in an effort
to make department structures
including administration
buildings, pump stations and
treatment facilities consistent
with and complementary of their
environs

Resolution No. R-898-15

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



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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 Amended
Veto _____ Agenda Item No. 11(A)(26)
Override _____ 10-6-15

RESOLUTION NO. R-898-15

RESOLUTION DIRECTING MIAMI-DADE WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT TO INSTALL AESTHETIC IMPROVEMENTS, INCLUDING SUSTAINABLE VEGETATION, XERISCAPING AND OTHER FLORIDA-FRIENDLY LANDSCAPING IN AN EFFORT TO MAKE DEPARTMENT STRUCTURES INCLUDING ADMINISTRATION BUILDINGS, PUMP STATIONS AND TREATMENT FACILITIES CONSISTENT WITH AND COMPLEMENTARY OF THEIR ENVIRONS

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County’s Water and Sewer Department (“Department”) owns and maintains numerous structures including administration buildings, several very large water and wastewater treatment facilities and over 1000 pump stations some of which are unsightly; and

WHEREAS, the condition and appearance of the Department’s structures including its surrounding landscaping are important to the quality of life of Miami-Dade residents, employees and visitors; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County is a world class community and in order to maintain a world class image, the Department’s structures should blend in with the character of the surrounding environs; and

WHEREAS, many of these structures do not have sustainable vegetation, xeriscaping and other Florida-friendly landscaping that promotes water conservation and decreases energy consumption while being economical in both installation and maintenance; and

WHEREAS, sustainable vegetation, xeriscaping and Florida-friendly landscaping may also serve to camouflage any unsightly structures; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the County to promote water conservation and minimize any negative aesthetic impact of the Department's structures to the public, whenever feasible,

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. It shall be the policy of this Board for the Water and Sewer Department ("Department") to promote water conservation and beautify its structures by installing sustainable vegetation, xeriscaping, improvements, including but not limited to, other Florida-friendly landscaping and decorative features, such as walls, fountains, and artwork at all Department structures including administration buildings, pump stations and treatment facilities.

Section 3. This Board hereby directs the Department to consider the surrounding residents and businesses when working to install the improvements and/or landscaping and to camouflage its structures.

Section 4. The Department shall endeavor to engage the community in identifying the most appropriate aesthetic treatments and solicit key stakeholder input and when appropriate, accommodate those residents and businesses who may be impacted by the visual blight caused by its structures. Additionally, to the extent a private party wishes to sponsor beautification and maintenance of a landscape or beautification improvement, the Department may enter into agreements with such private party to allow for the sponsorship and maintenance of the improvement so long as the design of the proposed improvement/landscaping has been approved

in writing by the Director of the Department. A small sign acknowledging the private party's sponsorship may, at the Department Director's discretion, be allowed on the property where the improvement/landscaping is placed.

Section 5. The Department shall develop a process for accommodating those residents and businesses who may be impacted and include criteria for exceptions from the requirements of this resolution when it may not be appropriate to make aesthetic and beautification investments.

Section 6. The Department shall also consider incorporating aesthetically pleasing urban design in new structures and buildings as long as it does not inflate the cost of the new structure or building.

Section 7. The Department shall report annually to Neat Streets Miami and this Board on its investments in aesthetics and beautification which shall include a summary of the total investment in Florida-friendly landscaping as compared to the Department's total capital budget. The annual 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 Dennis C. Moss, and the Co-Sponsors are Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson and Commissioner Barbara J. Jordan. It was offered by Commissioner **Dennis C. Moss**, 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	aye		
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	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.

Henry N. Gillman

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "H. N. Gillman", written over a horizontal line.