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OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(19)

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

DATE: March 8, 2016

FROM: Abigail Price-Williams
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution directing the County Mayor to develop and promote the use of the Ronald Reagan Equestrian Center for the sport of polo, including but not limited to, through issuing a solicitation for a polo events manager and/or programming partner for polo recreation programs, the rental of horse stalls for polo horses, and the rental of the Equestrian Center for polo practice and matches for local and international events such as those hosted by the University of Miami's Polo Club

Resolution No. R-239-16

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

Abigail Price-Williams
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

_____ Statement of social equity 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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3-8-16

RESOLUTION NO. R-239-16

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO DEVELOP AND PROMOTE THE USE OF THE RONALD REAGAN EQUESTRIAN CENTER FOR THE SPORT OF POLO, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THROUGH ISSUING A SOLICITATION FOR A POLO EVENTS MANAGER AND/OR PROGRAMMING PARTNER FOR POLO RECREATION PROGRAMS, THE RENTAL OF HORSE STALLS FOR POLO HORSES, AND THE RENTAL OF THE EQUESTRIAN CENTER FOR POLO PRACTICE AND MATCHES FOR LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL EVENTS SUCH AS THOSE HOSTED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI'S POLO CLUB; DIRECTING COUNTY MAYOR OR MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO REPORT BACK TO THIS BOARD WITHIN 90 DAYS WITH THE STATUS OF AND PROGRESS MADE IN DEVELOPING AND PROMOTING THE USE OF THE RONALD REAGAN EQUESTRIAN CENTER FOR THE SPORT OF POLO

WHEREAS, since 1979, Tropical Park has been a county-operated urban park located in Miami-Dade County, southwest of the intersection of the State Road 826-Palmetto Expressway and Bird Road; and

WHEREAS, Tropical Park attracts approximately 1.5 million visitors annually, offering many activities to park-goers, including, among others, bicycling, walking, running, basketball, and racquet sports; and

WHEREAS, Tropical Park today has the Ronald Reagan Equestrian Center that hosts over 30 horse shows annually, including international shows, as well as the renowned Miami International Agriculture, Horse, and Cattle Show; and

WHEREAS, the Ronald Reagan Equestrian Center could also be used for the sport of polo, a centuries-old sport that is played throughout many Latin American and European countries and which has seen its popularity steadily rise since the 1980's; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of Miami-Dade County to develop the sport and play of polo at the Ronald Reagan Equestrian Center as it can provide additional recreational opportunities for the community, additional revenue opportunities for Tropical Park, and national and international exposure and tourism to Miami-Dade County for large polo events hosted therein,

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 develop and promote the use of the Ronald Reagan Equestrian Center for the sport of polo, including but not limited to, through the issuance of a solicitation for a polo events manager and/or a programming partner for polo recreation programs, the rental of horse stalls for polo horses, and the rental of the Ronald Reagan Equestrian Center for polo practice and matches for local and international events such as those hosted by the University of Miami's Polo Club.

Section 2. Directs the County Mayor or Mayor's designee to report back to this Board within 90 days of the effective date of this resolution with the status of and progress made in developing and promoting the use of the Ronald Reagan Equestrian Center for the sport of Polo. Such written report shall be placed on an agenda of this Board pursuant to Ordinance 14-65.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Senator Javier D. Souto. It was offered by Commissioner **Sally A. Heyman**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Barbara J. Jordan** 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	**aye**	Audrey M. Edmonson	**aye**
Sally A. Heyman	**aye**	Barbara J. Jordan	**aye**
Dennis C. Moss	**aye**	Rebeca Sosa	**absent**
Sen. Javier D. Souto	**aye**	Xavier L. Suarez	**aye**
Juan C. Zapata	**aye**		

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 8th day of March, 2016. 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. MBV

Monica Rizo Perez