

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(37)

TO: Honorable Chairwoman Audrey M. Edmonson
and Members, Board of County Commissioners


DATE: October 3, 2019

FROM: Abigail Price-Williams
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution urging the Florida
Legislature to provide funding
for local wastewater utilities to
perform pilot projects for
advanced biosolids processing

Resolution No. R-1105-19

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Daniella Levine Cava.



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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 present ____, 2/3 membership ____, 3/5's ____, unanimous ____, CDMP 7 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3)(h) or (4)(c) ____, CDMP 2/3 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3)(h) or (4)(c) ____, or CDMP 9 vote requirement per 2-116.1(4)(c)(2) ____) 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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10-3-19

RESOLUTION NO. R-1105-19

RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO
PROVIDE FUNDING FOR LOCAL WASTEWATER UTILITIES
TO PERFORM PILOT PROJECTS FOR ADVANCED
BIOSOLIDS PROCESSING

WHEREAS, wastewater utilities throughout Florida produce biosolids from sewage sludge as a necessary part of the wastewater treatment process; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County is the largest producer of wastewater biosolids in Florida; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County has contractors that haul and dispose of Class B biosolids, which is the majority of the biosolids, for land application as a soil amendment for sod farms and other limited agricultural uses mostly in Central Florida; and

WHEREAS, more stringent restrictions may be placed on Class B biosolids which will further limit their value and disposal to mostly landfills; and

WHEREAS, cost-effective processing methods to create Class A biosolids which are more safely and productively useable could improve the value of biosolids and address current concerns regarding possible contamination of water resources from biosolids uses; and

WHEREAS, wastewater utilities are well situated to work with educational and research institutions, utility associations, and wastewater professionals to support pilot projects to test the effectiveness of emerging technologies for biosolids processing; and

WHEREAS, Florida wastewater utilities have been working collaboratively with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and other stakeholders to improve biosolids management throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, biosolids management is a statewide issue that will benefit from additional applied research and as the basis for statewide solutions that are cost-effective and practical,

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

Section 1. Urges the Florida Legislature to provide funding for pilot projects for advanced biosolids processing.

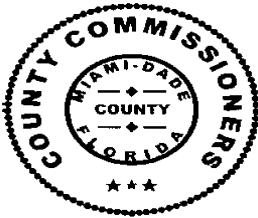
Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit certified copies of this resolution to the Governor, the Senate President, the House Speaker, and the Chair and Members of the Miami-Dade State Legislative Delegation.

Section 3. Directs the County's state lobbyists to advocate for the legislation described in section 1 above, and authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to amend the 2020 State Legislative Package to include this item.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Daniella Levine Cava. It was offered by Commissioner **Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Rebeca Sosa** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Audrey M. Edmonson, Chairwoman	aye
Rebeca Sosa, Vice Chairwoman	aye
Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.	aye
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	aye
Eileen Higgins	aye
Joe A. Martinez	aye
Dennis C. Moss	aye
Xavier L. Suarez	aye
Daniella Levine Cava	aye
Sally A. Heyman	aye
Barbara J. Jordan	aye
Jean Monestime	aye
Sen. Javier D. Souto	aye

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 3rd day of October, 2019. 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: Linda L. Cave
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "HG", is written over a horizontal line.

Henry N. Gillman