Miami Dade County

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LEGISLATIVE ANALYSIS

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Board of County Commissioners

Public Safety Committee

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PSC ITEMS 3(A), 3(A) Alternate & 8(A)
September 14, 2004

LEGISLATIVE ANALYSIS AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

ITEM 3(A) *RESOLUTION DIRECTING COUNTY MANAGER TO SEEK RECLASSIFICATION OF THOSE PERSONS EMPLOYED BY THE MIAMI-DADE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND ENROLLED IN ACADEMY CLASSES FOR THE MIAMI-DADE POLICE DEPARTMENT BETWEEN OCTOBER 1, 1978 AND JULY 1, 1984 AS SPECIAL RISK FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE FLORIDA RETIREMENT SYSTEM, AND AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF UP TO $100,000 FOR SUCH PURPOSE*

Commissioner Natacha Seijas

ITEM 3(A) Alternate *RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO AMEND FLA. STAT. CH. 121, PERTAINING TO THE FLORIDA RETIREMENT SYSTEM, TO PROVIDE SPECIAL RISK RETIREMENT CREDIT FOR PERSONS ATTENDING POLICE OFFICER OR CORRECTIONAL OFFICER ACADEMY CLASSES BETWEEN OCTOBER 1, 1978 AND JULY 1, 1984, AND AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF UP TO $1,000,000 TO PURCHASE RETIREMENT CREDIT ON BEHALF OF ANY SUCH OFFICERS EMPLOYED BY THE COUNTY*

Commissioner Sally A. Heyman and Commissioner Dorrin D. Rolle

ITEM 8(A) *REPORT ON SPECIAL RISK RETIREMENT CREDITS*

County Manager

I. SUMMARY

Item 3(A) is a resolution proposing that the County Manager seek to correct the Florida Retirement System (FRS) classification of Miami-Dade Police Department personnel in the police academy during the specified period (10/1/78-7/1/84) and authorizing up to $100,000 for the additional retirement contributions for Miami-Dade County police personnel. During the period 10/1/78-6/30/84, police personnel in the police academy received special risk retirement credit only if they were already certified. This item came before the Public Safety Committee meeting on 5/18/04 but was deferred following discussions about: 1) other personnel, such as corrections officers, who might be in the same situation and 2) a County Manager's report on the subject that indicated that costs might be as high as $940,000 if corrections officers were included.

Item 3(A) Alt. This is an alternate resolution that: 1) covers both police and corrections, 2) urges the Florida Legislature to correct the situation subject to a person's employer making the necessary contributions to the Florida Retirement System, and 3) authorizes up to $1 million for the additional retirement contributions for Miami-Dade County police and corrections personnel.

Item 8(A) This report confirms the County Manager's previous estimate that, if the State of Florida passed legislation authorizing the special risk retirement credits that are subject of Item 3(A) Alternate, costs would be approximately $940,000 for the affected Miami-Dade law enforcement and correctional officers. Furthermore, the County Manager indicates that: (1) State legislation is required to implement the action proposed in Items 3(A) and 3(A) Alternate; and (2) if it is the will of the BCC, the matter could be included in the County's list of legislative priorities for next year.

II. PRESENT SITUATION

Commencing July 1, 1984, Florida Statutes were changed to provide special risk retirement credit for police and corrections personnel who are required to be certified. The provision was not retroactive.

III. POLICY CHANGE AND IMPLICATION

Affected police and corrections officers are negatively impacted by not receiving FRS special risk retirement credit while in the academy and are/will be paid differently than their peers who went through the academy either before or after them.

IV. ECONOMIC IMPACT

$940,000 to include all law enforcement and correctional officers who remain in County employment and attended the academy during the time period covered by these proposed resolutions.

V. COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

- Costs would be significantly lower ($234,000 instead of $940,000) if the County could convince the State to waive the 6.5% interest payments in the interest of fairness to the many police and correctional officers, statewide, who will be compensated differently because of the gap in statutory authority for special risk retirement credits.

PSC ITEM 4(D)
September 14, 2004

LEGISLATIVE ANALYSIS AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A LEASE AGREEMENT AT THE 12000 S.W. 49 STREET, MIAMI, WITH RAUL DOMINGUEZ, FOR PREMISES UTILIZED BY THE MIAMI-DADE POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR ITS MOUNTED PATROL UNIT; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO EXERCISE ANY AND ALL OTHER RIGHTS CONFERRED THEREIN

General Services Administration Department

I. SUMMARY

This is a proposal to execute a 5-year lease for facilities for use by the Miami-Dade Police Department Mounted Patrol Unit at 12000 SW 49 St. at a first year cost of $72,176.80 (includes: $66,219.96 annual rent, $5,297.54 lease management, & $660 phone service.) Facilities include 8 horse stables, office space, restroom, shower, washer & dryer area, parking and use of adjacent paddock for equine activities.

II. PRESENT SITUATION

The Mounted Patrol Unit is presently at Paradise Farm of Miami, Inc., 12265 SW 56 St and could exercise the third & final one-year option to renew at a cost of $66,219.96 under the terms of the lease approved in 2001 (R-1015-01).

III. POLICY CHANGE AND IMPLICATION

The terms of the existing contract and proposed new contract provide similar terms: stabling/care/feeding of horses, utilities, administrative space, and ability to expand for up to 6 more horses.

IV. ECONOMIC IMPACT

$72,176.80 (MDPD-first year & +2% each subsequent year). [The previous contract provided for 3% increase each year.]

V. COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Wording describing lease conditions, availability of administrative space, and other terms are virtually identical in the County Manager's memoranda recommending this Item and the one that recommended the 2001 agenda item. Notable exceptions are: (1) the memorandum in 2001 praised that facility's suitability for "renovations to the space as required, and occupy office space at the site;" (2) the memorandum recommending this Item notes availability of adjacent paddock space and the 1% lower annual cost increase that is incorporated in the proposed contract.