

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(17)


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

DATE: January 20, 2016

FROM: Abigail Price-Williams
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution directing the County
Mayor to proceed with a pilot
program for Adaptation Action
Areas related to sea level rise and
the Comprehensive Development
Master Plan

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Rebeca Sosa and Co-Sponsors Commissioner Daniella Levine Cava and Commissioner Sally A. Heyman.



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County Attorney



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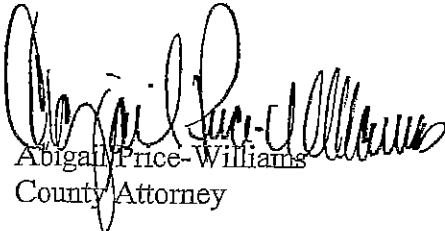


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Please note any items checked.

- "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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1-20-16

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR
COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO PROCEED WITH A
PILOT PROGRAM FOR ADAPTATION ACTION AREAS
RELATED TO SEA LEVEL RISE AND THE
COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT MASTER PLAN

WHEREAS, in 2013, pursuant to Resolution No. R-599-13, this Board created the Miami-Dade County Sea Level Rise Task Force; and

WHEREAS, this Board subsequently adopted multiple resolutions in order to implement the recommendations of the Sea Level Rise Task Force, and some of those resolutions required that reports subsequently be presented to this Board; and

WHEREAS, on October 23, 2015, the County Mayor submitted the Second Quarter Status Report in Response to Multiple Resolutions Pertaining to Recommendations by the Sea Level Rise Task Force (the "Status Report"), and this Status Report includes a feasibility assessment for Adaptation Action Areas, as requested by Resolution No. R-44-15; and

WHEREAS, as described in more detail in the Status Report, Adaptation Action Areas may be designated in a local government's Comprehensive Development Master Plan (CDMP) to identify those areas that experience coastal flooding due to extreme high tides and storm surge and that are vulnerable to the related impacts of rising sea levels, for the purpose of prioritizing funding for infrastructure needs and adaptation planning; and

WHEREAS, the feasibility assessment for Adaptation Action Areas in the Status Report discussed four different approaches, and recommended the fourth approach, referred to as "area planning for newly-identified vulnerable areas," at least on a pilot program basis; and

WHEREAS, “area planning for newly-identified vulnerable areas” would involve using the best available science on vulnerable areas, including the results of the United States Geological Survey’s integrated surface and groundwater modeling for Miami-Dade County, in order to designate Adaptation Action Areas on the basis of their vulnerability to rising sea levels and related impacts; and

WHEREAS, although the Status Report acknowledged that a more comprehensive vulnerability analysis is needed to carry out the above-mentioned approach, pilot Adaptation Action Areas could be selected based on available information; and

WHEREAS, the Status Report’s “Recommended Next Steps” includes thorough and well thought out plans of how Miami-Dade County could begin such a pilot program, including how to select the initial pilot locations and how to involve and collaborate with interested municipalities, and such a program may ultimately involve the identification of specific problems and possible solutions; and

WHEREAS, this Board wishes to encourage and support such a pilot program, with the goal of continuing to build upon Miami-Dade County’s knowledge about and ability to address sea level rise issues and concerns,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board hereby directs the County Mayor or County Mayor’s designee to actively proceed with the pilot program for Adaptation Action Areas and “area planning for newly-identified vulnerable areas,” as discussed in the Status Report.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Rebeca Sosa, and the Co-Sponsors are Commissioner Daniella Levine Cava and Commissioner Sally A. Heyman. It was offered by Commissioner _____, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner _____ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

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| | Jean Monestime, Chairman |
| | Esteban L. Bovo, Jr., Vice Chairman |
| Bruno A. Barreiro | Daniella Levine Cava |
| Jose "Pepe" Diaz | Audrey M. Edmonson |
| Sally A. Heyman | Barbara J. Jordan |
| Dennis C. Moss | Rebeca Sosa |
| Sen. Javier D. Souto | Xavier L. Suarez |
| Juan C. Zapata | |

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 20th day of January, 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: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.



Abbie Schwaderer Raurell
James Eddie Kirtley, Jr.