

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(12)

TO: Honorable Chairman Jose "Pepe" Diaz
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: July 8, 2021

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution directing the County Mayor to collaborate with the Beacon Council, Inc. and other community partners to work on attracting pharmaceutical companies to establish offices, manufacturing facilities and distribution centers in Miami-Dade County, to develop a plan for same and to provide a written report to the Board

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



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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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7-8-21

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO COLLABORATE WITH THE BEACON COUNCIL, INC. AND OTHER COMMUNITY PARTNERS TO WORK ON ATTRACTING PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANIES TO ESTABLISH OFFICES, MANUFACTURING FACILITIES AND DISTRIBUTION CENTERS IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, TO DEVELOP A PLAN FOR SAME AND TO PROVIDE A WRITTEN REPORT TO THE BOARD

WHEREAS, shortages and escalating prices of essential medical supplies and other goods and services during the COVID-19 pandemic revealed the importance of having manufacturing facilities, personnel, technology and raw materials domestically in the United States so as not to have to largely depend on global supply chains for essential medical supplies and equipment; and

WHEREAS, on February 24, 2021, the President of the United States issued an executive order directing the U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services, in consultation with the heads of appropriate agencies, to identify risks in the supply chain for pharmaceuticals and active pharmaceutical ingredients and report on policy recommendations to address these risks; and

WHEREAS, one way to provide additional security and assurances in the supply chain for pharmaceutical ingredients, products and manufacturing is to have governments and companies purchase from domestic sources rather than international sources; and

WHEREAS, on May 24, 2021, the Harvard Business Review published an article recommending that the United States implement policies such as providing government tax credits, reimbursements or other incentives to private companies to make domestic production and distribution of pharmaceutical products and other medical equipment more sustainable; and

WHEREAS, local governments can take many of the same measures; and

WHEREAS, not only would increasing domestic sourcing of pharmaceutical ingredients, production and manufacture of pharmaceutical products and medical equipment, and distribution centers of same provide stability and security for any future pandemic or national medical emergency, but such efforts would also provide well-paying jobs and economic development to residents and communities that are home to those companies; and

WHEREAS, indeed, the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America (“PRMA”) reports that the U.S. biopharmaceutical industry employs more than 800,000 workers and supports more than four million jobs throughout the United States- from suppliers, to retail, to transportation; and

WHEREAS, the jobs in the biopharmaceutical industry require a workforce with diverse skills and of all educational levels, from Ph.D. scientists to technicians and support staff, and PRMA reports that, in 2017, employees in direct biopharmaceutical jobs earned an average annual salary of \$126,587.00; and

WHEREAS, the European Federation of Pharmaceutical Industries and Associations commissioned a study and report from a global accounting firm in 2019 which reported that, as of 2016, the pharmaceutical sector supported over 2.5 million jobs in the European Union and the activities of pharmaceutical companies directly contributed nearly €100 billion to European Union economies that year with an additional €106 billion provided through the supply chain and employee spending; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of this County to attract, and this Board desires to vigorously pursue, pharmaceutical companies to establish offices, manufacturing facilities and distribution centers in Miami-Dade County in order to increase economic development and attract well-paying jobs to our community,

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

Section 1. Approves the foregoing recitals and incorporates them herein by reference.

Section 2. Directs the County Mayor or County Mayor’s designee to collaborate with the Beacon Council, Inc. (“Beacon Council”), as the official economic development agency for Miami-Dade County and its local and regional partners: (a) in the effort to work on attracting pharmaceutical companies to establish offices, manufacturing facilities and distribution centers in Miami-Dade County; and (b) to develop a plan to attract pharmaceutical companies to establish offices, manufacturing facilities and distribution centers in Miami-Dade County, including, but not limited to, the provision of financial incentives and provision of real property at below-market rates.

Section 3. Directs the County Mayor or County Mayor’s designee to submit a report to the Board within 120 days of the effective date of this resolution setting forth the plan and progress of and efforts to date to attract pharmaceutical companies to Miami-Dade County. This Board further directs the County Mayor or County Mayor’s designee to place the completed report on an agenda of this Board pursuant to Ordinance No. 14-65.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Rebeca Sosa and the Co-Sponsor is Senator Javier D. Souto. 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:

Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Chairman
Oliver G. Gilbert, III, Vice-Chairman

Sen. René García	Keon Hardemon
Sally A. Heyman	Danielle Cohen Higgins
Eileen Higgins	Joe A. Martinez
Kionne L. McGhee	Jean Monestime
Raquel A. Regalado	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 8th day of July, 2021. 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.

MRP

Monica Rizo Perez