

# MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(14)

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

**DATE:** October 5, 2021

**FROM:** Geri Bonzon-Keenan  
County Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Resolution directing the County Mayor to negotiate with the Beacon Council, Inc. to develop a Countywide plan to promote the growth of the clean technology industry and the use of clean technology; and directing the County Mayor to provide a report

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The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Raquel A. Regalado and Co-Sponsor Commissioner Sally A. Heyman.



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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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10-5-21

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR’S DESIGNEE TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE BEACON COUNCIL, INC. TO DEVELOP A COUNTYWIDE PLAN TO PROMOTE THE GROWTH OF THE CLEAN TECHNOLOGY INDUSTRY AND THE USE OF CLEAN TECHNOLOGY; AND DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR’S DESIGNEE TO PROVIDE A REPORT

**WHEREAS**, public and private entities in Miami-Dade County use significant energy to operate their buildings, facilities, and vehicles; and

**WHEREAS**, clean technology, also known as cleantech, generally refers to processes, products, and services that result in significant improvements in either energy efficiency or sustainable use of resources, by reducing negative environmental impacts, transitioning to a low-carbon economy; and

**WHEREAS**, greater use of clean technology within Miami-Dade County could result in both environmental and financial benefits to County residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the Miami-Dade Beacon Council, Inc. (“Beacon Council”), a Florida not for profit corporation, is the official economic development organization for Miami-Dade County; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board wishes to negotiate with the Beacon Council to develop a plan to promote the use of clean technology throughout the incorporated and unincorporated areas of Miami-Dade County with economic development strategies to promote the clean technology industry and the use of clean technology,

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

**Section 1.** The foregoing recitals are incorporated herein by reference and are approved.

**Section 2.** This Board directs the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to negotiate with the Beacon Council to develop a plan to promote the use of clean technology throughout the incorporated and unincorporated areas of Miami-Dade County (the "Clean Technology Plan") and to present the resulting Clean Technology Plan, and any necessary agreements with the Beacon Council, to this Board for approval within 100 days of the effective date of this resolution ("deadline"). The Clean Technology Plan must include economic development strategies to: (a) grow and diversify the County's clean technology industry by attracting and retaining companies and organizations in various sectors, including but not limited to water, transportation, energy generation and storage, waste reuse, information technology, and environmental finance; (b) foster partnerships between industry and research institutions on the use of clean technology; (c) increase public awareness of the importance of clean technology and the clean technology industry; (d) communicate information regarding programs available to assist clean technology companies; and (e) educate and train the emerging workforce to meet clean technology industry needs.

**Section 3.** If the Clean Technology Plan and negotiations have not been concluded prior to the deadline, then this Board directs the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to submit a report setting forth the status of the development of the Clean Technology Plan and negotiations to the Board by the deadline. This Board further directs the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to place the completed report directly on an agenda of this Board, without committee review, pursuant to Ordinance No. 14-65.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Raquel A. Regalado and the Co-Sponsor is 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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| 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 5<sup>th</sup> day of October, 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.



Cristina M. Rabionet  
Dennis A. Kerbel