

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(2)

TO: Honorable Chairman Anthony Rodríguez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: February 19, 2025

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution authorizing and
approving the site selection for a
new waste to energy facility

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Oliver G. Gilbert, III.



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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 ____, majority plus one ____, 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) ____, 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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RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE SITE
SELECTION FOR A NEW WASTE TO ENERGY FACILITY

WHEREAS, the Miami-Dade County Resources Recovery Facility (“RRF”), located in the City of Doral, Florida began commercial operations in 1982 and was originally sited on 100 acres of land, including the adjacent ash fill; and

WHEREAS, the RRF was the keystone of Miami-Dade County’s (the “County”) solid waste system, operating 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, and resulting in an average annual processing of over 1,000,000 tons of waste produced in the County; and

WHEREAS, on July 19, 2022, this Board adopted Resolution No. R-782-22, which authorized and approved the selection of the existing RRF site for a new waste to energy (“WTE”) facility; and

WHEREAS, on February 12, 2023, a fire occurred at the RRF, and, except for tire shredding, the RRF has remained inoperable since that date; and

WHEREAS, on March 7, 2023, this Board adopted Resolution No. R-240-23, which, among other things (i) rescinded Resolution No. R-782-22, (ii) authorized the County Mayor or County Mayor’s designee to analyze and recommend siting alternatives for a new WTE facility to replace the RRF, and (iii) directed the County Mayor or County Mayor’s designee to prepare a report regarding said analysis and recommendation; and

WHEREAS, on September 19, 2023, this Board adopted Resolution No. R-821-23, which among other things, directed the County Mayor or County Mayor’s designee to (i) present three alternative WTE sites (Opa-Locka West Airport, Medley, and RRF), to FDEP for preliminary

permit and regulatory review, and (ii) negotiate an interlocal agreement with the City of Doral (“Doral”), for annual contributions to partially defray costs and fund the relocation, construction, and operation of a new WTE facility outside of Doral; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to select a site for a new Waste-to-Energy facility to be located at either Opa-Locka West Airport, Medley, RRF, or the recent site proposed to the County for a potential land swap along US-27,

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

Section 1. This Board incorporates the foregoing recitals.

Section 2. This Board authorizes and approves
_____ as the site for the County’s new WTE facility.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Oliver G. Gilbert, III.
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:

Anthony Rodríguez, Chairman	
Kionne L. McGhee, Vice Chairman	
Marleine Bastien	Juan Carlos Bermudez
Kevin Marino Cabrera	Sen. René García
Oliver G. Gilbert, III	Roberto J. Gonzalez
Keon Hardemon	Danielle Cohen Higgins
Eileen Higgins	Raquel A. Regalado
Micky Steinberg	

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 19th day of February, 2025. 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

JUAN FERNANDEZ-BARQUIN, CLERK

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.



David Stephen Hope