

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 4(M)

TO:	Honorable Chairman Anthony Rodriguez and Members, Board of County Commissioners	DATE:	October 20, 2026
FROM:	Geri Bonzon-Keenan County Attorney	SUBJECT:	Ordinance relating to Miami-Dade County Comprehensive Development Master Plan; providing disposition of Application No. CDMP20260007, located at 4400 Rickenbacker Causeway (Southwesternmost portion of Virginia Key), filed by Miami-Dade County Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces Department, in the May 2026 Cycle to amend the County's Comprehensive Development Master Plan; providing severability, exclusion from the code, and an effective date

The accompanying ordinance was prepared by the Regulatory and Economic Resources Department and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Raquel A. Regalado.



Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

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Memorandum



Date: October 20, 2026

To: Honorable Chairman Anthony Rodriguez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

From: Daniella Levine Cava *Daniella Levine Cava*
Mayor

Subject: Ordinance for May 2026 Cycle Application No. CDMP20260007 to Amend the
Comprehensive Development Master Plan

The attached ordinance addresses a Comprehensive Development Master Plan staff application that appears on the agenda under the sponsorship of Commissioner Raquel A. Regalado. The staff analysis and fiscal impact statement for this application are discussed in a separate report that is referenced in the ordinance and that will be presented as a supplement on the CDMP meeting agenda, which, together with this ordinance, were prepared by the Department of Regulatory and Economic Resources.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Roy Coley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Roy Coley
Deputy Mayor

Memorandum



Date:

To: Honorable Chairman Anthony Rodriguez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

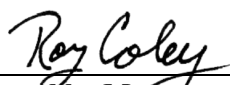
From: Lourdes M. Gomez, Director 
Department of Regulatory and Economic Resources

Subject: Request to Process Late Departmental Agenda Item

I respectfully request that the ordinance listed below be placed on the Board of County Commissioners (Board) October 20, 2026 meeting agenda for first reading, so the final hearing for this ordinance occurs at the same hearing as the corresponding lease document before the Board.

ORDINANCE RELATING TO MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT MASTER PLAN; PROVIDING DISPOSITION OF APPLICATION NO. CDMP20260007, LOCATED AT 4400 RICKENBACKER CAUSEWAY (SOUTHWESTERNMOST PORTION OF VIRGINIA KEY), FILED BY MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PARKS, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACES DEPARTMENT, IN THE MAY 2026 CYCLE TO AMEND THE COUNTY'S COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT MASTER PLAN; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, EXCLUSION FROM THE CODE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Therefore, please process the item notwithstanding that the 3-day or 4-day rule may be applicable to it. I am aware that this item is subject to approval for placement on an agenda by the Board Chairman, and review by the Office of the County Attorney.



Approved by Mayor or Mayor's Designee
Signature

Roy Coley

Print Name



Approved by Policy Director or Designee
Signature

Demetria Henderson

Print Name

c: Geri Bonzon-Keenan, County Attorney
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MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

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

DATE: October 20, 2026

FROM: 
Gen Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 4(M)

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
- ☐ Requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's present ____, 2/3 membership ____, 3/5's ____, unanimous ____, majority plus one ____, CDMP 7 votes (majority of membership) ☒, CDMP 2/3 members present but not less than 7 votes (majority of membership) ____, CDMP 9 votes (2/3 membership) ____) 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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ORDINANCE NO. _____

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WHEREAS, pursuant to chapter 163, part II, Florida Statutes, the Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners ("Board") adopted the Miami-Dade County Comprehensive Development Master Plan ("CDMP") in 1988; and

WHEREAS, the Board has provided procedures, codified as section 2-116.1 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida, to amend, modify, add to, or change the CDMP; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County's procedures reflect and comply with the procedures for adopting or amending local comprehensive plans as set forth in chapter 163, part II, Florida Statutes, including the process for adoption of small-scale comprehensive plan amendments ("small-scale amendments") set forth in section 163.3187, Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, applications to amend the CDMP may be filed with the Planning Division of the Department of Regulatory and Economic Resources ("Department") by private parties or by the County; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County's procedures classify applications as either standard or small-scale amendment applications, set forth the processes for adoption of small scale and

standard amendments, and require any application seeking adoption as a small-scale amendment to clearly state such request in the application; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County’s procedures provide that applications may be filed for processing in the January, May, or October CDMP amendment cycles or filed at any time for out-of-cycle processing; and

WHEREAS, Application No. CDMP20260007 (the “Application”) was filed by the County in the May 2026 Cycle of Applications to amend the CDMP (“May 2026 Cycle Application”) and is contained in the document titled “May 2026 Cycle of Applications to Amend the Comprehensive Development Master Plan,” dated June 2026, and kept on file with and available upon request from the Department; and

WHEREAS, the Application is eligible and has requested adoption as a small-scale amendment; and

WHEREAS, the Application has also requested to be processed concurrently with Zoning Application No. Z2026000106; and

WHEREAS, as required by section 2-116.1, Code of Miami-Dade County, the Department issued its initial recommendation addressing the Application in a report titled “Initial Recommendation May 2026 Cycle Application No. CDMP20260007 to Amend the Comprehensive Development Master Plan,” dated September 2026 and kept on file with and available upon request from the Department; and

WHEREAS, the Department’s initial recommendation addressing the Application is available in a Portable Document Format (PDF) file entitled “Initial Recommendations CDMP20260007” on the Department’s website at https://energov.miamidade.gov/EnerGov_Prod/SelfService#/home by searching for plan number “CDMP20260007,” and selecting the tab for “Attachments,” or at the following weblink to the

Attachments tab: https://energov.miamidade.gov/EnerGov_Prod/SelfService/#!/plan/ffd12967-55ec-41da-a5b7-c065066a2176?tab=attachments; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to applicable County procedures, the directly impacted community council may make a recommendation on the Application, and the Department's report reflects whether or not the community council made such a recommendation on this Application or whether, for example, it did not do so due to a lack of quorum; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Advisory Board, acting as the Local Planning Agency, has acted in accordance with the applicable State and County procedures and has conducted a public hearing and issued a recommendation for the disposition of the Application; and

WHEREAS, section 2-116.1(3)(h), Code of Miami-Dade County, requires the Board of County Commissioners to hold a public hearing within 180 calendar days after the Application filing period unless a greater time is deemed necessary by the Board of County Commissioners or the Department Director extends the time at the applicant's request prior to the earliest deadline for the publication of required public hearing notices; and

WHEREAS, at the public hearing conducted to address the Application, the Board can, by ordinance, take final action to adopt, adopt with change, or not adopt the requested small-scale amendment, or the Board can take action to transmit the Application to the State Land Planning Agency or other state and regional agencies ("reviewing agencies"); and

WHEREAS, the approval of an amendment to the CDMP does not assure favorable action upon any application for zoning or other land use approval but is part of the overall land use policies of the County; and

WHEREAS, this Board has conducted the public hearing required by the referenced procedures preparatory to enactment of this ordinance,

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA:**

Section 1. All matters set forth in the preamble are found to be true and are hereby incorporated by reference as if set forth verbatim and adopted.

Section 2. This Board hereby desires to take action on Application No. CDMP20260007 as follows:

Application Number	Applicant/Representative Location and Size Requested Amendments to the CDMP Land Use Plan Map or Text	Final Action
CDMP20260007	Miami-Dade County Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces Department/ Christina White, Director / 4400 Rickenbacker Causeway (Southwesternmost Portion of Virginia Key) / ±36.51 acres. <u>Requested Amendment to the CDMP</u> - Redesignate the application site From: "Parks and Recreation" and "Institutions, Utilities, and Communications" To: "Special District". - Amend CDMP Land Use Element "Special District" text to create the "Seaquarium Activity Area Special District" Small-Scale Amendment	

Section 3. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or provision of this ordinance is held invalid, the remainder of this ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

Section 4. It is the intention of the Board, and it is hereby ordained that the provisions of this ordinance shall be excluded from the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida.

Section 5. Pursuant to section 163.3187(5)(c), Florida Statutes, the effective date of any small-scale comprehensive plan amendment approved by this ordinance shall be 31 days after adoption by the Board, if the amendment is not timely challenged. If challenged within 30 days after adoption, the challenged small-scale comprehensive plan amendment shall not become effective until a final order is issued by the State Land Planning Agency or the Administration Commission determining the adopted amendment to be in compliance. No development orders, development permits, or land uses dependent on such individual amendment may be issued or commence before it has become effective. If a final order of noncompliance is issued by the Administration Commission, this individual amendment may nevertheless be made effective, subject to the imposition of sanctions pursuant to section 163.3184(8), Florida Statutes, by adoption of a resolution affirming its effective status, a copy of which resolution shall be filed with the Clerk of the Board and sent to the State Land Planning Agency.

Section 6. This ordinance shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of enactment unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

PASSED AND ADOPTED:

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency:

Prepared by:

Cristina M. Rabionet