

MEMORANDUM

Amended
Agenda Item No. 11(A)(21)

TO: Honorable Chairwoman Audrey M. Edmonson
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

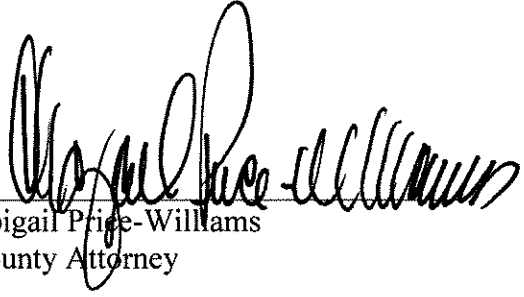
DATE: February 4, 2020

FROM: Abigail Price-Williams
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution approving 2020
federal legislative priorities;
waiving requirements of
Resolution No. R-764-13
limiting number of federal
legislative priorities

Resolution No. R-159-20

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Chairwoman Audrey M. Edmonson.



Abigail Price-Williams
County Attorney

APW/smm

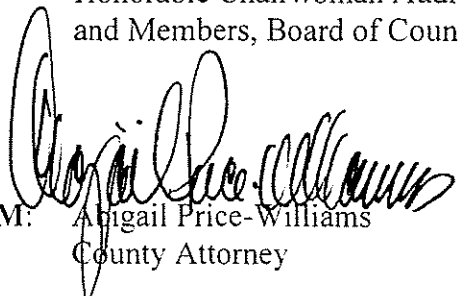


MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

TO: Honorable Chairwoman Audrey M. Edmonson
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: February 4, 2020

FROM: 
Abigail Price-Williams
County Attorney

Amended
SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 11(A)(21)

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 _____

Amended
Agenda Item No. 11(A)(21)
2-4-20

RESOLUTION NO. R-159-20

**RESOLUTION APPROVING 2020 FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE
PRIORITIES; WAIVING REQUIREMENTS OF RESOLUTION
NO. R-764-13 LIMITING NUMBER OF FEDERAL
LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES**

WHEREAS, the 116th United States Congress began on January 3, 2019 and will continue through the end of 2020; and

WHEREAS, on January 24, 2012, this Board approved Resolution No. R-59-12, which directed the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, when it presents the proposed federal or state legislative packages respectively to the Board, to include all “urging” resolutions and other resolutions related to federal or state legislation passed by the Board of County Commissioners to date for the current Congress or session; and

WHEREAS, on September 17, 2013, this Board approved Resolution No. R-764-13, which directed that the federal and state legislative packages each be presented to the Board in two separate companion items, one consisting of no more than ten priorities for distribution to the Miami-Dade Legislative Delegation and the other to include guiding principles, Board “urging” resolutions enacted to date and departmental items for approval by the Board; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. R-764-13 provided that, upon the priorities being approved and effective, incorporating any amendments by the Board, the Chair of the Board, or a County Commissioner designated by the Chair, shall transmit the priorities to the respective federal or state legislative delegation; and

WHEREAS, on December 4, 2018, this Board approved Resolution No. R-1267-18, which:

1. Directed the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to timely remit the federal legislative package, after its approval by the Board, to the County's federal contract lobbyists for feedback and to prepare a report detailing the findings of said feedback prior to the Board's consideration of the federal legislative priorities, with such report being placed on the Board agenda as a supplement to the item providing for the Board's consideration of the federal legislative priorities;
2. Directed the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to include in the draft federal legislative package the federal legislative requests from the Public Health Trust, if available; and
3. Requested that the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, starting in December 2019 and each year thereafter, present the draft legislative package for the following year to the Board for consideration in December; and

WHEREAS, the provision of Resolution No. R-1267-18 directing the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to seek the input of the County's federal contract lobbyists after the Board approves the federal legislative package necessitates the Board approving the federal legislative package at one meeting and then deciding on federal legislative priorities at a subsequent meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Board approved the 2020 federal legislative package at the January 22, 2020 meeting; and

WHEREAS, the report detailing the findings of the feedback from the County's federal contract lobbyists is contained in a supplement to this item pursuant to Resolution No. R-1267-18; and

WHEREAS, the proposed 2020 federal legislative priorities as determined by the Board are attached to this resolution and incorporated by reference,

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

Section 1. Waives Resolution No. R-764-13 and approves the County's federal legislative priorities for 2020 as determined by the Board.

Section 2. Directs the County's federal lobbyists to advocate for the 2020 federal legislative priorities.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Chairwoman Audrey M. Edmonson. It was offered by Commissioner **Rebeca Sosa**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Eileen Higgins** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Audrey M. Edmonson, Chairwoman	aye		
Rebeca Sosa, Vice Chairwoman	aye		
Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.	aye	Daniella Levine Cava	aye
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	absent	Sally A. Heyman	aye
Eileen Higgins	aye	Barbara J. Jordan	aye
Joe A. Martinez	absent	Jean Monestime	aye
Dennis C. Moss	aye	Sen. Javier D. Souto	absent
Xavier L. Suarez	absent		

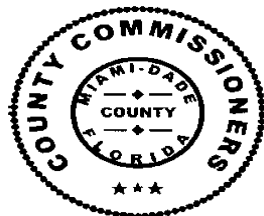
The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 4th day of February, 2020. This resolution shall become effective upon the earlier of (1) 10 days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the County Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override 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

Linda L. Cave

By: _____
Deputy Clerk



Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

MTM *for*

Jess M. McCarty

2020 Federal Legislative Critical Priorities

1. **R-1160-19: RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS AND THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO PROVIDE FUNDING TO ASSIST LOCAL COMMUNITIES WITH ELIMINATING SEPTIC SYSTEMS AND CONVERTING TO SEWER SYSTEM CONNECTIONS; PRELIMINARILY IDENTIFYING THIS ISSUE AS A FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE PRIORITY FOR 2020**
2. **Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) - SUPPORT** for increased federal funding for the HUD CDBG program.
 - The CDBG entitlement program provides grants on a formula basis to general units of local governments and states to address a variety of community development needs in very-low to-moderate income areas.
 - The CDBG program's primary objective is to assist in the development of viable urban communities by supporting projects that:
 - benefit very-low to moderate-income persons
 - are integrated in a long range community strategy
 - leverage further private and public partnerships
 - enhance deteriorated residential and business districts

The projects are classified in four categories: Public Facilities and Capital Improvement; Economic Development; Public Services; and Affordable Housing. CDBG program funds can be used to build community facilities, roads, and parks; to repair or rehabilitate housing, to provide new or increased public services to local residents or to fund initiatives that generate or retain new jobs.

Over the last five years Miami-Dade County has adopted a strategic focus on development within the Neighborhood Revitalization Areas in an effort to have the greatest impact among the most needy communities and households. The reduction of funding for the CDBG program has a significant impact on the County's ability to continue to implement programs designed to address the needs of its very-low to moderate-income communities which this program serve. The CDBG program funding has declined each year over the last ten years and given the current economic conditions this financial support is critically needed to continue serving and addressing the needs of very-low and moderate-income residents.

3. **SMART Plan Funding - SUPPORT** funding for all corridors in the Strategic Miami Area Rapid Transit (SMART) Plan.

4. **Ludlam Trail Corridor - *ADVOCATE* and *SUPPORT*** federal funding for the construction of the Ludlam Trail. The Ludlam Trail Corridor is an approximately 5.6 mile long, generally one-hundred foot wide, abandoned Florida East Coast Railway spur-line that stretches from NW 7 St. just south of Miami International Airport to SW 80 St. just north of Dadeland Mall. This funding request will help reduce an estimated \$60,000,000 in unfunded needs for various phases of Ludlam Trail development and will help continue the phased conversion and activation of this abandoned railway corridor into a public bicycle and pedestrian corridor. This corridor will be owned, developed and maintained by Miami-Dade County and is an important element of the plan for a County-wide network of bicycle and pedestrian trails.
5. **R-1362-19: RESOLUTION SUPPORTING PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP'S DECISION TO SEEK \$200 MILLION IN FUNDING FOR THE UNITED STATES ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS FOR EVERGLADES RESTORATION PROJECTS; AND URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO APPROPRIATE THE FULL \$200 MILLION REQUESTED BY THE PRESIDENT FOR EVERGLADES RESTORATION PROJECTS**
6. **R-60-20: RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO ENACT THE TRAUMA-INFORMED MODERNIZATION OF ELDERCARE FOR HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS ACT, S. 2179, H.R. 4077, OR SIMILAR LEGISLATION THAT WOULD AMEND THE OLDER AMERICANS ACT OF 1965 TO INCLUDE HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS AS INDIVIDUALS AUTHORIZED TO RECEIVE BENEFITS, SUPPORT, AND SERVICES FUNDED UNDER SAID ACT**
7. **Older Americans Act (OAA) - *SUPPORT*** an increase in Older Americans Act Title III B, C & E Supported Services which fund personal care, homemaker services, transportation, meals and in-home/facility respite as well as other vital services that help maintain older adults in their own homes.
8. **Ryan White Program - *SUPPORT* and *ADVOCATE*** for an increase in funding for The HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act. The act is the nation's largest HIV-specific federal grant program and a critical source of health care and treatment for people living with HIV/AIDS. The program has been in existence since 1990 and has been re-authorized four times.
9. **Funding for Homeless Programs – *ADVOCATE* and *SUPPORT*** expanding HUD's McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Grants programs, including the competitive Continuum of Care (CoC) program and the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) formula grant program which are the cornerstones of our community's homeless system. In Miami-Dade, ESG grants fund outreach, shelter, prevention and rapid rehousing. The CoC program funds permanent supportive housing,

rapid rehousing (short-to medium-term rental assistance), transitional housing for youth, and coordinated entry (outreach). Support of FY 2020 in the amount of at least \$3 billion in McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Grants will allow Miami-Dade to continue our work toward ending homelessness, with a particular emphasis on unsheltered single adults, families with minor children, youth (18-24) and Veterans. The Homeless Trust receives more than \$31 million in funding under CoC program, and together with communities including Miami, Hialeah, Miami Gardens, Miami-Dade and the State of Florida leverages additional ESG and State Housing Initiatives Partnership Program (SHIP) funds to serve homeless and at-risk households.

- 10. Project Safe Neighborhoods – *SUPPORT*** full funding for Project Safe Neighborhoods, Miami-Dade, where a demonstration program will be implemented for national replication which incorporates the Project Safe Neighborhoods priorities and other significant components including best practices to prevent gun violence, community participation, technology enhancements, multi-level (federal, state and local) and multi-agency partnerships, and evaluation to document the program outcomes. Funding will support this strategic intervention to reduce violence and improve public safety, minimize arrest and incarceration, and strengthen relationships between police and communities.
- 11. Public Housing & Section 8 Housing - *ADVOCATE*** for increased federal funding from HUD for public housing and Section 8 programs. Funding for these programs will ensure the preservation of existing housing stock and improvement of federally-funded programs that provide crucial affordable housing and rental subsidies to low-income families.
- 12. South Corridor Rapid Transit Project Funding - *SUPPORT*** Miami-Dade County's Small Starts Application to the Federal Transit Administration for the South Corridor Rapid Transit Project, one of the six corridors in Miami-Dade County's Strategic Miami Area Rapid Transit (SMART) Plan.