

MEMORANDUM

Special Item No. 6

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

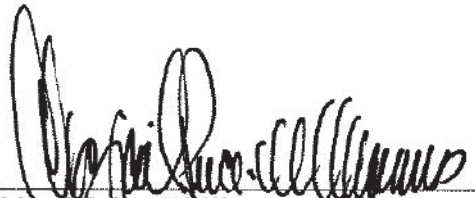
DATE: October 26, 2020

FROM: Abigail Price-Williams
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution directing the County Mayor to consider hiring sworn officers for the Miami-Dade Police Department and the Miami-Dade Corrections and Rehabilitation Department from applicants who other law enforcement agencies in Miami-Dade County have furloughed as a result of budgetary concerns caused by coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19)

Resolution No. R-1135-20

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.


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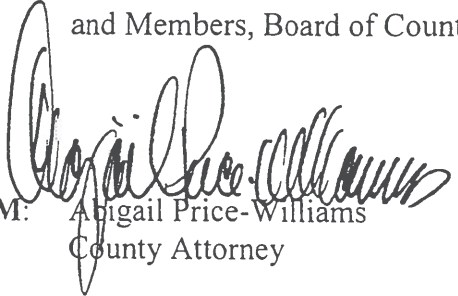


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Please note any items checked.

- ☐ "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 _____

Special Item No. 6
10-26-20

RESOLUTION NO. _____ R-1135-20

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO CONSIDER HIRING SWORN OFFICERS FOR THE MIAMI-DADE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE MIAMI-DADE CORRECTIONS AND REHABILITATION DEPARTMENT FROM APPLICANTS WHO OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY HAVE FURLOUGHED AS A RESULT OF BUDGETARY CONCERNS CAUSED BY CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19)

WHEREAS, a new coronavirus, known as SARS-CoV-2, causes an infectious disease named coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) that has spread rapidly since its initial identification in Wuhan, Hubei province, China; and

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization ("WHO") declared the outbreak "a public health emergency of international concern"; and

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, Governor DeSantis issued Executive Order No. 20-52, declaring a state of emergency in the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, Mayor Carlos A. Gimenez declared a local state of emergency for Miami-Dade County, invoking his authority to issue orders to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the community, including possibly imposing a curfew and closing certain businesses; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to reduce the possibility of mass exposure in Florida, large social and community events and gatherings have been cancelled, and businesses both large and small closed, as precautionary measures to protect the community; and

WHEREAS, the public health emergency caused by COVID-19 has had an immediate and serious economic impact in Miami-Dade County, particularly on the hospitality and tourism sectors, and on small businesses; and

WHEREAS, these economic impacts on the local economy are being felt in local government budgets, including the City of Miami's, which has been affected by decreased revenue; and

WHEREAS, according to a recent Miami Herald article, for example, the City of Miami cut more than 100 public safety jobs as part of the budget for the upcoming fiscal year, including 66 sworn police officers; and

WHEREAS, furloughed sworn officers from the City of Miami and other local law enforcement agencies may apply for employment with the Miami-Dade Police Department or the Miami-Dade Corrections and Rehabilitation Department; and

WHEREAS, such applicants are already familiar with communities in Miami-Dade County, and may also present a cost savings to the County as compared to other applicants, given that sworn officers from other local law enforcement agencies within Miami-Dade County may already possess certain accreditations or certifications required of law enforcement agents in Florida; and

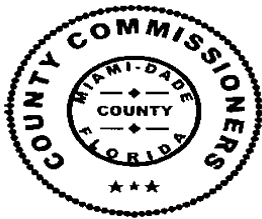
WHEREAS, this Board believes there are benefits to be realized by considering hiring sworn officers from other local law enforcement agencies within Miami-Dade County who have been furloughed and have applied for employment as a sworn officer with the Miami-Dade Police Department or the Miami-Dade Corrections and Rehabilitation Department,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board directs the County Mayor or the County Mayor's designee to consider hiring sworn officers for the Miami-Dade Police Department and the Miami-Dade Corrections and Rehabilitation Department from applicants who other law enforcement agencies in Miami-Dade County have furloughed as a result of budgetary concerns caused by coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19).

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Esteban L. Bovo, Jr. It was offered by Commissioner **José "Pepe" Diaz**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Rebeca Sosa** 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
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	aye
Eileen Higgins	aye
Joe A. Martinez	aye
Dennis C. Moss	aye
Xavier L. Suarez	absent
Daniella Levine Cava	aye
Sally A. Heyman	aye
Barbara J. Jordan	aye
Jean Monestime	aye
Sen. Javier D. Souto	aye

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 26th day of October, 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

By: **Melissa Adames**
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

Anita Viciano Zapata