

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(2)

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

DATE: June 15, 2021

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution directing the County
Mayor to provide a report on the
child care operations offered at
the Carol Glassman Donaldson
Center and the Child Care Center
Trust Fund scholarship program

Resolution No. R-606-21

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Danielle Cohen Higgins.



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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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6-15-21

RESOLUTION NO. _____ R-606-21

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR
COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO PROVIDE A REPORT ON
THE CHILD CARE OPERATIONS OFFERED AT THE CAROL
GLASSMAN DONALDSON CENTER AND THE CHILD CARE
CENTER TRUST FUND SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

WHEREAS, in Resolution No. R-122A-89, the Board approved the establishment of a Child Care Center Trust Fund ("Trust Fund") and directed the County Mayor to budget sufficient funds annually, up to a maximum of \$30,000.00 per year, to provide scholarships for children of certain Miami-Dade County employees who were enrolled in the Carol Glassman Donaldson Center (the Carol Center), located at 112 NW 3rd Street, adjacent to the Stephen P. Clark Center; and

WHEREAS, the Carol Center was designed to provide quality child care at a cost which would be affordable to the majority of County employees; and

WHEREAS, the scholarship program was established because certain County employees were nonetheless unable to afford these child care fees; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. R-432-89, this Board approved a scholarship fee schedule for the Trust Fund to be used for determining financial assistance that would be made available to select County employees for child care costs; and

WHEREAS, since 1992, the YWCA of Greater Miami-Dade, Inc. (YWCA), a Florida not-for-profit organization, has managed and operated the Carol Center, under various contractual agreements with the County; and

WHEREAS, the most recent agreement was executed in 2017, pursuant to Resolution No. R-344-17, wherein this Board authorized a lease with YWCA for a term of five years, plus one additional, five-year optional renewal term; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. R-344-17, the YWCA is to use the property to deliver high quality child care and educational services and programs to children of County employees, ranging in ages from six weeks to five years old, as well as children of non-County employees based on enrollment availability; and

WHEREAS, like other child care centers in our community, the YWCA was negatively impacted by the coronavirus disease 2019 (“COVID-19”) pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the YWCA had to temporarily close the child care program and is currently only offering Early Head Start services as a delegate agency of the County’s Head Start Program; and

WHEREAS, although the scholarship program for the Carol Center was discontinued, the \$30,000.00 annual allocation to the Trust Fund continued; and

WHEREAS, the balance in the Trust Fund is now \$529,898.10; and

WHEREAS, our community is facing a child care crisis, with parents struggling to find quality child care that is affordable and accessible; and

WHEREAS, quality and affordable child care is an essential precondition for a successful economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, revitalizing the child care program at the Carol Center and reinstating the child care scholarship program may be a means to support County employees and support our community’s economic recovery,

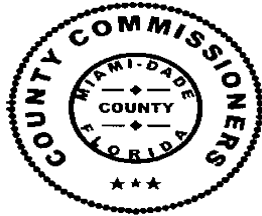
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board directs the County Mayor or County Mayor’s designee to, within 30 days, place a written report on an agenda of this Board pursuant to Ordinance No. 14-65, that, at a minimum, includes the following information: (i) a status report of the child care operations and capabilities at the Carol Glassman Donaldson Center, including the number of children that can be served; (ii) when the scholarship program ended and the reason it ended; (iii) the feasibility of reinstating the scholarship program and, if feasible, a plan on how to accomplish its implementation, or, if not feasible, an explanation as to why it is not feasible and a proposed alternative plan for the use of the funds in the Child Care Center Trust Fund; and (iv) the feasibility and advisability of using some of the funds in the Child Care Center Trust Fund to carry out renovations at the Carol Glassman Donaldson Center, including identifying all renovations that may be necessary and the proposed cost and timeframe for the renovations.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Danielle Cohen Higgins.

It was offered by Commissioner **Rebeca Sosa** , who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Sally A. Heyman** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

	Jose “Pepe” Diaz, Chairman	aye
	Oliver G. Gilbert, III, Vice-Chairman	aye
Sen. René García	aye	Keon Hardemon aye
Sally A. Heyman	aye	Danielle Cohen Higgins aye
Eileen Higgins	aye	Joe A. Martinez aye
Kionne L. McGhee	aye	Jean Monestime aye
Raquel A. Regalado	aye	Rebeca Sosa aye
Sen. Javier D. Souto	aye	

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 15th day of June, 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

Melissa Adames

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

LCK

Leigh C. Kobrinski