

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(1)

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

DATE: October 5, 2021

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution establishing County policy to include scrolling text on webcasts and broadcasts of meetings of the Board of County Commissioners and its committees informing the public of the current status of all items on the agenda; directing the County Mayor to implement this policy within 90 days and to provide adequate funding for this policy in subsequent County budgets

Resolution No. R-940-21

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Keon Hardemon.



Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

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(Revised)

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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 _____

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(1)
10-5-21

RESOLUTION NO. R-940-21

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING COUNTY POLICY TO INCLUDE SCROLLING TEXT ON WEBCASTS AND BROADCASTS OF MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND ITS COMMITTEES INFORMING THE PUBLIC OF THE CURRENT STATUS OF ALL ITEMS ON THE AGENDA; DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO IMPLEMENT THIS POLICY WITHIN 90 DAYS AND TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE FUNDING FOR THIS POLICY IN SUBSEQUENT COUNTY BUDGETS

WHEREAS, the County currently broadcasts all meetings of the Board of County Commissioners and its committees on Miami-Dade TV and webcasts on various internet platforms; and

WHEREAS, broadcasting and webcasting meetings of the Board of County Commissioners and its committees provides increased transparency into the legislative process of Miami-Dade County and provides the public with increased access to local government regardless of the viewing location; and

WHEREAS, the placement of scrolling text on the bottom of broadcasts and webcasts to provide easily accessible news and information, often called a ticker or crawler, has become a common tool used to increase the amount of information conveyed by the programming in a manner that does not detract from the current issue being presented; and

WHEREAS, members of the public watching meetings of the Board of County Commissioners or its committees often have particular interest in specific items on the agenda; and

WHEREAS, this Board believes that providing scrolling text on the bottom of all broadcast and webcasts of meetings of the Board of County Commissioners and its committees to inform the public of the current status of all agenda items will provide the public with a useful tool to understand the current status of items that have been heard or will be heard at each meeting; and

WHEREAS, this Board desires that the County Mayor include scrolling text on the bottom of each broadcast and webcast of meetings of the Board of County Commissioners and its committees to inform the public of the current status of all agenda items,

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

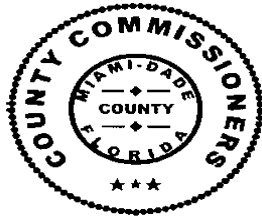
Section 1. This Board establishes as a County policy that each broadcast and webcast of meetings of the Board of County Commissioners and its committees shall include scrolling text on the bottom of the broadcast or webcast informing the public of the current status of all agenda items.

Section 2. The County Mayor is directed to implement the policy described in section 1 within 90 days of the effective date of this resolution using legally available funds from the current Fiscal Year 2020-2021 County Budget. The County Mayor is further directed to identify and include adequate funding to implement the policy described in section 1 as part of the County Mayor's proposed County Budget in subsequent fiscal years.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Keon Hardemon. It was offered by Commissioner **Raquel A. Regalado**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Joe A. Martinez** 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 5th day of October, 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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "OR" followed by a stylized flourish.

Oren Rosenthal