

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(14)

TO: Honorable Chairman Oliver G. Gilbert, III
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: February 7, 2023

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution urging the Florida Legislature to appropriate funding to Miami-Dade County for the Fire Rescue Department to (1) install electric vehicle charging ports at Miami-Dade Fire-Rescue stations; (2) acquire ballistics equipment for operational staff; and (3) update Miami-Dade Fire Rescue's smoke and fire alarm system

Resolution No. R-111-23

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



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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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2-7-23

RESOLUTION NO. _____ R-111-23

RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO APPROPRIATE FUNDING TO MIAMI-DADE COUNTY FOR THE FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT TO (1) INSTALL ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING PORTS AT MIAMI-DADE FIRE-RESCUE STATIONS; (2) ACQUIRE BALLISTICS EQUIPMENT FOR OPERATIONAL STAFF; AND (3) UPDATE MIAMI-DADE FIRE RESCUE’S SMOKE AND FIRE ALARM SYSTEM

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade Fire Rescue (“MDFR”) has 71 fire-rescue stations within unincorporated Miami-Dade County (the “County”) and serves 29 municipalities; and

WHEREAS, to best serve the people of the County and ensure the safety of its first responders, MDFR continuously seeks to improve its stations, equipment, and systems; and

WHEREAS, these improvement efforts include MDFR’s plan to install electric vehicle charging ports at MDFR stations to be used by MDFR and County electric fleet vehicles, assisting in MDFR’s transition towards more sustainable and environmentally-friendly energy sources; and

WHEREAS, these charging ports will produce less fossil fuel emissions from County vehicles, resulting in (1) better air quality for first responders and other essential staff; (2) an ecofriendly and healthier workplace which improves the psyche and job performance of first responders; and (3) compliance with the County’s Climate Action Strategy; and

WHEREAS, additionally, MDFR seeks to acquire protective equipment to better safeguard its first responders from non-fire-related dangers including mass shootings, terrorist events, and other violent crimes; and

WHEREAS, specifically, MDFR seeks to provide its first responders with ballistics gear that meet the highest recognized National Fire Protection Association standards, including helmets, vests, and chest plates for front-line operations personnel, all of which will protect such personnel in emergencies and allow them to act more efficiently and precisely when making critical decisions; and

WHEREAS, further, MDFR seeks to improve its fire stations and better guarantee the safety of its first responders by upgrading the fire and smoke alarm system in several stations to comply with local, state, and federal standards; and

WHEREAS, the new fire and smoke alarm system will detect smoke and fire emergencies more efficiently and will be monitored by an off-site office, assisting with overall protection of MDFR first responders housed at the stations; and

WHEREAS, to support MDFR's efforts in improving its stations, equipment, and systems, this Board wishes to urge the Florida Legislature to appropriate funding to Miami-Dade County to assist MDFR with (1) installing electric vehicle charging ports at Miami-Dade Fire Rescue stations; (2) acquiring ballistics equipment for operational staff; and (3) updating Miami-Dade Fire Rescue's smoke and fire alarm system,

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

Section 1. Urges the Florida Legislature to appropriate funding to Miami-Dade County to assist the Fire Rescue Department with (1) installing electric vehicle charging ports at Miami-Dade Fire Rescue stations; (2) acquiring ballistics equipment for operational staff; and (3) updating Miami-Dade Fire Rescue's smoke and fire alarm system.

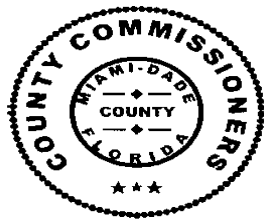
Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Governor, the Senate President and House Speaker of the State of Florida, and the Chair and members of the Miami-Dade County State Legislative Delegation.

Section 3. Directs the County’s state lobbyists to advocate for the action described in section 1 above, and authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to amend the 2023 State Legislative Package to include this item.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Micky Steinberg. It was offered by Commissioner **Anthony Rodriguez** , who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Danielle Cohen Higgins** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Oliver G. Gilbert, III, Chairman	aye		
Anthony Rodríguez, Vice Chairman	aye		
Marleine Bastien	aye	Juan Carlos Bermudez	aye
Kevin Marino Cabrera	aye	Sen. René García	aye
Roberto J. Gonzalez	aye	Keon Hardemon	aye
Danielle Cohen Higgins	aye	Eileen Higgins	aye
Kionne L. McGhee	aye	Raquel A. Regalado	aye
Micky Steinberg	aye		

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 7th day of February, 2023. 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

LUIS G. MONTALDO, CLERK AD INTERIM

By: **Basia Pruna**
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "JO", is written over a horizontal line.

Jose I. Ortega