

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(5)

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

DATE: April 18, 2023

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution supporting the appropriation of funding by the Florida Legislature to Miami-Dade County for (1) an updated Miami-Dade Fire Rescue mobile command post and (2) the K-9 Behavioral Enrichment & Training to Enhance Rehoming ("K-9 BETTER") program

Resolution No. R-377-23

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Juan Carlos Bermudez.



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 _____

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4-18-23

RESOLUTION NO. _____ R-377-23

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE APPROPRIATION OF
FUNDING BY THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO MIAMI-
DADE COUNTY FOR (1) AN UPDATED MIAMI-DADE FIRE
RESCUE MOBILE COMMAND POST AND (2) THE K-9
BEHAVIORAL ENRICHMENT & TRAINING TO ENHANCE
REHOMING (“K-9 BETTER”) PROGRAM

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

WHEREAS, to best serve the residents of the County and ensure the safety of its first responders, MDFR seeks to improve its critical equipment; and

WHEREAS, these improvement efforts include MDFR’s plan to update its 1995 Blue Bird mobile command post with a 2024 Freightliner M-112 or equivalent vehicle; and

WHEREAS, MDFR’s existing mobile command post has outdated infrastructure unsuitable for storing emergency supplies, including vital technology; and

WHEREAS, the updated mobile command post would serve as a shelter, meeting area, and temperature-controlled environment for staff members to utilize during an emergency; and

WHEREAS, equipped with an updated mobile command post, MDFR emergency response teams will be able to deliver more efficient and structured services to County residents; and

WHEREAS, the updated mobile command post would serve as a shared resource for various emergency response teams in the area as MDFR often provides command post and logistical support to local law enforcement who may be the leading authority in a given event; and

WHEREAS, Florida House Representative Juan Carlos Porras (R – Miami) has filed Appropriations Project Request No. 1896 in the House and Senator Ana Maria Rodriguez (R – Doral) has filed Local Funding Initiative Request No. 3058 in the Senate in support of funding the Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Mobile Command Post project during the 2023 session of the Florida Legislature; and

WHEREAS, the House’s proposed budget includes funding for the Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Mobile Command Post project; and

WHEREAS, it is the mission of Miami-Dade Animal Services to save the lives of abandoned animals, protect animals from cruelty, reunite lost pets with their owners, and protect people and pets in the community from health-related issues; and

WHEREAS, to fulfill the community’s request for additional lifesaving animal shelter programs, last year Miami-Dade Animal Services created the K-9 Better Enrichment & Training to Enhance Rehoming (“K-9 BETTER”) pilot program, designed to use behavioral modification and training to reduce the number of dogs euthanized due to behavioral issues; and

WHEREAS, every dog in the K-9 BETTER pilot program was either taken in by a rescue organization or adopted by a family; and

WHEREAS, K-9 BETTER’s success shows that training resources are critical to ensuring aggressive dogs are afforded the opportunity to be re-homed; and

WHEREAS, the K-9 BETTER program increases the likelihood of adoption and quality of life for dogs while reducing the need for shelter euthanasia; and

WHEREAS, the requested funds for K-9 BETTER would be used to (1) transport shelter dogs to training facilities and (2) promote the trained dogs to rescue organizations and adopters; and

WHEREAS, Florida House Representative Juan Fernandez-Barquin (R – Miami) has filed Appropriations Project Request No. 1187 in the House and Senator Ileana Garcia (R – Miami) has filed Local Funding Initiative Request No. 2429 in the Senate in support of the K-9 BETTER program during the 2023 session of the Florida Legislature; and

WHEREAS, the House’s proposed budget includes funding for the K-9 BETTER program; and

WHEREAS, this Board wishes to support the appropriation of funding by the Florida Legislature to Miami-Dade County for (1) an updated Miami-Dade Fire Rescue mobile command post and (2) the K-9 BETTER program,

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

Section 1. Supports the appropriation of funding by the Florida Legislature to Miami-Dade County for (1) an updated Miami-Dade Fire Rescue mobile command post and (2) the K-9 Behavioral Enrichment & Training to Enhance Rehoming (“K-9 BETTER”) program.

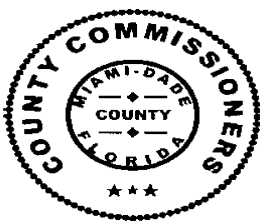
Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Governor, the Senate President, the House Speaker, Senators Ana Maria Rodriguez and Ileana Garcia, Representatives Juan Carlos Porras and Juan Fernandez-Barquin, and the remaining members of the Miami-Dade 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 Juan Carlos Bermudez. It was offered by Commissioner **Danielle Cohen Higgins** , who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Oliver G. Gilbert, III** 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 18th day of April, 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

Basia Pruna

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

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

Jose I. Ortega