

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(15)

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

DATE: October 3, 2023

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution approving the establishment of the Miami-Dade Police Department Paws and Hooves Trust Fund ("Trust Fund") for the benefit of the Miami-Dade Police Department Community Oriented Support Dog Unit and the Miami-Dade Police Department Mounted Patrol Unit; and authorizing the County Mayor to execute all necessary documents to establish and administer the Trust Fund and to exercise the provisions set forth therein

Resolution No. R-899-23

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Vice Chairman Anthony Rodríguez and Co-Sponsor Commissioner Kevin Marino Cabrera.


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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)(15)
10-3-23

RESOLUTION NO. R-899-23

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE MIAMI-DADE POLICE DEPARTMENT PAWS AND HOOVES TRUST FUND (“TRUST FUND”) FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE MIAMI-DADE POLICE DEPARTMENT COMMUNITY ORIENTED SUPPORT DOG UNIT AND THE MIAMI-DADE POLICE DEPARTMENT MOUNTED PATROL UNIT; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR’S DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS TO ESTABLISH AND ADMINISTER THE TRUST FUND AND TO EXERCISE THE PROVISIONS SET FORTH THEREIN

WHEREAS, the Miami-Dade Police Department (“MDPD”) has re-established its Mounted Patrol Unit (“MPU”) for the first time in 14 years, with the MPU making its first official public appearance on June 17, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the MDPD MPU was disbanded years ago as a result of the 2009-2010 fiscal year budget reductions and the subsequent departmental restructuring that followed; and

WHEREAS, the MPU’s first official public appearance initiated conversations between citizens and police officers and highlighted the ability of the MPU to support community patrol and policing; and

WHEREAS, the MPU requires a number of items to continuously support the unit and its horses, including saddles, grooming supplies, feed, hoof dressings, and veterinary care as well as stabling and stable attendant services for the animals; and

WHEREAS, the MPU requires funding to maintain the unit, given its need for supplies, equipment, and services for the animals; and

WHEREAS, the MDPD also maintains a Community Oriented Support Dog Unit as part of the Community Affairs Bureau, which augments traditional police functions and provides additional support; and

WHEREAS, the Community Oriented Support Dog Unit, among other duties, conducts various career day and school presentations, visits children's hospitals, performs Assisted Living Facility visits and presentations, provides much needed support and comfort to MDPD employees during traumatic circumstances, and is also part of the MDPD Backing Our Brothers and Sisters in Blue (BOBS) peer support program; and

WHEREAS, the Community Oriented Support Dog Unit also requires additional support in the form of supplies and services for the animals that comprise the unit with their officer partners; and

WHEREAS, the MDPD wishes to establish a trust fund for the benefit of the MPU and the Community Oriented Support Dog Unit, for the purpose of receiving funding, including, but not limited to, monies collected from Departmental fundraising efforts, public and private donations, grant awards, and other funding authorized by this Board, as well as to expend any received funds to support the MPU and the Community Oriented Support Dog Unit; and

WHEREAS, this Board accordingly wishes to establish the Miami-Dade Police Department Paws and Hooves Trust Fund for such purpose,

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

Section 1. Approves the establishment of the Miami-Dade Police Department Paws and Hooves Trust Fund ("Trust Fund") for the benefit of the Miami-Dade Police Department Community Oriented Support Dog Unit and the Miami-Dade Police Department Mounted Patrol

Unit, for the purpose of receiving funding, including, but not limited to, monies collected from Departmental fundraising efforts, public and private donations, grant awards, and other funding authorized by this Board, as well as to expend any received funds to support the Miami-Dade Police Department Community Oriented Support Dog Unit and the Miami-Dade Police Department Mounted Patrol Unit.

Section 2. Authorizes the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to execute all necessary documents to establish and administer the Trust Fund, including documents necessary for the receipt and expenditure of funding in and out of the Trust Fund, and to exercise all provisions set forth in any executed documents, following approval for legal form and sufficiency by the County Attorney's Office, as well as to expend and disburse monies in the Trust Fund for the benefit of the Miami-Dade Police Department Community Oriented Support Dog Unit and the Miami-Dade Police Department Mounted Patrol Unit.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Vice Chairman Anthony Rodríguez and the Co-Sponsor is Commissioner Kevin Marino Cabrera. 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	absent
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 3rd day of October, 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

JUAN FERNANDEZ-BARQUIN, CLERK

By: Basia Pruna
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Anita", written over a horizontal line.

Anita Viciano Zapata