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OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(23)

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

DATE: December 12, 2023

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution urging the Florida
Legislature to appropriate
funding for Miami-Dade Fire
Rescue Station 71

Resolution No. R-1170-23

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Kionne L. McGhee.



Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

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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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12-12-23

RESOLUTION NO. _____ R-1170-23

RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO
APPROPRIATE FUNDING FOR MIAMI-DADE FIRE RESCUE
STATION 71

WHEREAS, this Board has observed that communities in southern Miami-Dade County (“South Dade”) have experienced significant population growth in recent years; and

WHEREAS, this Board anticipates that South Dade will continue to experience significant population growth and expansion; and

WHEREAS, a mayoral report issued to this Board in early 2019 cited population projections indicating South Dade would experience an approximate 50 percent increase in population and a 65 percent increase in employment by 2040, which represented the highest growth rate in Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, in addition to a substantial population growth in the last 10 years, the Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Department (“MDFR”) has identified 66 new developments in South Dade undergoing or approved through the Comprehensive Development Master Plan, adding more than 17,000 residential units and nearly one million square feet of commercial space to the area in the next five years; and

WHEREAS, numerous communities in South Dade are presently served by MDFR; and

WHEREAS, MDFR’s services in South Dade are spread not only across a significantly increasing population, but also a large geographical area; and

WHEREAS, MDFR serves not only the unincorporated areas of Miami-Dade County (the “County”), but also 29 municipalities within the County; and

WHEREAS, the continued population growth and expansion continues to increase the demands on the MDFR as they serve communities and residents in South Dade; and

WHEREAS, MDFR services in South Dade must also address the needs of varied communities, as South Dade grows to encompass both urban and agricultural areas; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. R-318-23, sponsored by Commissioner Danielle Cohen Higgins and adopted by the Board of County Commissioners on April 4, 2023, directed the Miami-Dade County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to evaluate the long-term strategy for the provision of police and fire services in the County; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. R-318-23 also directed the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to make recommendations on the potential for creating new fire districts to serve the growing communities of South Dade; and

WHEREAS, the County Mayor included her findings in a September 29, 2023 Report (the "Report") on the provision of police and fire services in the County, which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference; and

WHEREAS, the Report suggested, among other things, that MDFR install a temporary, prefabricated station ("Station 71") at 15450 SW 184 Street; and

WHEREAS, Station 71 would allow MDFR to immediately address the increased demands for fire services resulting from significant current and projected population and construction growth in South Dade; and

WHEREAS, this Board remains committed to serving all of the communities in Miami-Dade County and ensuring that resources are deployed and allocated to reflect and address the needs of growing communities throughout the County; and

WHEREAS, on November 14, 2023, Representative Kevin Chambliss (D – Miami) submitted Appropriations Project Request No. 2115 for Fiscal Year 2024-2025, which requested \$1,000,000.00 for Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Department Eureka Station 71, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference; and

WHEREAS, this Board wishes to pursue all available funding for the construction of MDFR Station 71 and the provision of fire services to the residents of South Dade,

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 for Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Station 71.

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, Representative Kevin Chambliss (D – Miami), and the Chair and remaining 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 2024 State Legislative Package to include this item.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Kionne L. McGhee. It was offered by Commissioner **Anthony Rodriguez** , who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Raquel A. Regalado** 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	absent	Juan Carlos Bermudez	aye
Kevin Marino Cabrera	aye	Sen. René García	aye
Roberto J. Gonzalez	aye	Keon Hardemon	absent
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 12th day of December, 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.

Christian J. Fernandez-Andes

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For projects meeting the definition of House Rule 5.14

1. Title of Project: Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Department Eureka Station 71
2. Date of Submission: 11/14/2023
3. House Member Sponsor: Kevin Chambliss

4. Details of Amount Requested:

- a. Has funding been provided in a previous state budget for this activity? No
- b. What is the most recent fiscal year the project was funded?
- c. Were the funds provided in the most recent fiscal year subsequently vetoed?
- d. Complete the following Project Request Worksheet to develop your request.

FY:	Input Prior Year Appropriation for this project for FY 2023-24 (If appropriated in 2023-24 enter the appropriated amount, even if vetoed.)			Develop New Funds Request for FY 2024-25 (Requests for additional RECURRING funds are prohibited.)		
	A	B	C	D	E	F
Column: Funds Description:	Recurring Funds	Nonrecurring Funds	Total Funds Appropriated	Recurring Base Budget	Additional Nonrecurring Request	TOTAL Nonrecurring plus Recurring Base Funds
Input Amounts:					1,000,000	1,000,000

e. Provide the total cost of the project for FY 2024-25 from all sources of funding (Enter "0" if amount is zero):

Type of Funding	Amount	Percent of Total	Are the other sources of funds guaranteed in writing?
1. Amount Requested from the State in this Appropriations Project Request	1,000,000	27.8%	N/A
2. Federal	0	0.0%	No
3. State (Excluding the requested Total Amount in #4d, Column F)	0	0.0%	No
4. Local	2,600,000	72.2%	Yes

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5. Other		0	0.0%	No
TOTAL		3,600,000	100%	

5. Is this a multi-year project requiring funding from the state for more than one year?

No

6. Which is the most appropriate state agency to place an appropriation for the issue requested? Department of Financial Services

- a. Has the appropriate state agency for administering the funding, if the request were appropriated, been contacted? Yes
b. Describe penalties for failing to meet deliverables or performance measures which the agency should provide in its contract to administer the funding if appropriated.

Failure to meet deliverables will result in non-payment.

7. Requester:

- a. Name: Raied Jadallah
b. Organization: Miami-Dade County Fire Rescue
c. Email: ray.jadallah@miamidade.gov
d. Phone #: (786)331-5106

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8. Contact for questions about specific technical or financial details about the project.

- a. Name: Maria Reyes
b. Organization: Miami-Dade County Fire Rescue
c. Email: maria.reyes@miamidade.gov
d. Phone #: (786)331-5253

9. Registered lobbyist working to secure funding for this project.

- a. Name: Jess M. McCarty
b. Firm: None
c. Email: jmm2@miamidade.gov
d. Phone #: (305)979-7110

10. Organization or Name of entity receiving funds:

- a. Name: Miami-Dade County

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- b. County (County where funds are to be expended): Miami-Dade
- c. Service Area (Counties being served by the service(s) provided with funding): Miami-Dade

11. What type of organization is the entity that will receive the funds?

- ☐ For Profit
- ☐ Non Profit 501(c)(3)
- ☐ Non Profit 501(c) (4)
- ☒ Local Government
- ☐ School District
- ☐ State Agency
- ☐ University or College
- ☐ Other (Please describe)

12. What is the specific purpose or goal that will be achieved by the funds being requested?

Station 71 would allow MDR to immediately address the increased demands for fire-rescue services resulting from significant current and projected population and construction growth in South Miami-Dade County (SMDC). In addition to 10% population growth in the last 10 years, MDR identified 66 new developments in SMDC undergoing or approved through the County's CDMP, adding more than 17,846 residential units and nearly one million sq.ft. of commercial space to the area in the next five years.

13. Provide specific details on how funds will be spent. (Select all that apply)

Spending Category	Description	Amount Requested (Should equal 4d, Col. E) Enter "0" if request is zero for the category
Administrative Costs:		
☐ a. Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
☐ b. Other Salary and Benefits		
☐ c. Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
☐ d. Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		

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Operational Costs:			
☐ e. Salaries and Benefits			
☐ f. Expenses/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other			
☐ g. Consultants/Contracted Services/Study			
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:			
☒ h. Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		Site development, architectural and engineering consultants and purchase of Extreme Modular Building.	1,000,000
TOTAL			1,000,000

14. For Fixed Capital Costs requested in Question 13, what type of ownership will the facility be under when complete?

- ☐ For Profit
☐ Non Profit 501(c) (3)
☐ Non Profit 501(c) (4)
☒ Local Government
☐ School District
☐ State Agency
☐ University or College
☐ Other (Please describe)

15. Is the project request an information technology project?

No

16. Is there any documented show of support for the requested project in the community including public hearings, letters of support, major organizational backing, or other expressions of support?

Yes

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a. Please Describe:

Letters from area constituents prompted Danielle Cohen Higgins, District 8 Commissioner, to sponsor Resolution No. R-318-23, which was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners on April 4, 2023, directing the County Mayor to evaluate the long-term strategy for fire-rescue services including the need for additional fire stations, and make recommendations to serve the growing area of SMDC.

17. Has the need for the funds been documented by a study, completed by an independent 3rd party, for the area to be served?

No

18. Will the requested funds be used directly for services to citizens?

Yes

a. What are the activities and services that will be provided to meet the purpose of the funds?

Implementation of Temporary Station 71 at 15450 SW 184 Street (Eureka Drive), will allow MDR to relocate Rescue 71, currently operating out of Station 6 at 15890 SW 288 Street, to it's permanent location and enhance service to the intended community by reducing response times to emergency care.

b. Describe the direct services to be provided to the citizens by the funding requested.

Residents and visitors within the Station 71 service territory will benefit from reduced response times for Advanced Life Support (ALS) and fire emergency services.

c. Describe the target population to be served (i.e., "the majority of the funds requested will serve these target populations or groups"). Select all that apply to the target population:

- ☐ Elderly persons
- ☐ Persons with poor mental health
- ☐ Persons with poor physical health
- ☐ Jobless persons
- ☐ Economically disadvantaged persons
- ☐ At-risk youth
- ☐ Homeless
- ☐ Developmentally disabled
- ☐ Physically disabled
- ☐ Drug users (in health services)
- ☐ Preschool students

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- ☐ Grade school students
- ☐ High school students
- ☐ University/college students
- ☐ Currently or formerly incarcerated persons
- ☐ Drug offenders (in criminal Justice)
- ☐ Victims of crime
- ☒ General (The majority of the funds will benefit no specific group)
- ☐ Other (Please describe)

d. How many in the target population are expected to be served?

- ☐ < 25
- ☐ 25-50
- ☐ 51-100
- ☐ 101-200
- ☐ 201-400
- ☐ 401-800
- ☒ >800

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19. What benefits or outcomes will be realized by the expenditure of funds requested? (Select each Benefit/Outcome that applies)

Benefit or Outcome	Provide a specific measure of the benefit or outcome	Describe the method for measuring level of benefit or outcome
☒ Improve physical health	The rescue unit will enhance service delivery and improve response times to communities in the immediate area served by the station, as well as neighboring communities, which have been facing increases in service demands over the past five years, coinciding with population growth	MDFR utilizes Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) data to track response times, unit availability, and unit reliability, which will be the key performance measures analyzed to determine that the intended outcomes are being met. Measure Unit Availability and Response Time before and

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	and economic development.	after implementation of Station.
☒ Improve mental health	The rescue unit will enhance service delivery and improve response times to communities in the immediate area served by the station, as well as neighboring communities, which have been facing increases in service demands over the past five years, coinciding with population growth and economic development.	MDFR utilizes Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) data to track response times, unit availability, and unit reliability, which will be the key performance measures analyzed to determine that the intended outcomes are being met. Measure Unit Availability and Response Time before and after implementation of Station.
☐ Enrich cultural experience		
☐ Improve agricultural production/promotion/education		
☐ Improve quality of education		
☒ Enhance/preserve/improve environmental or fish and wildlife quality	In addition to the traditional services provided by a fire-rescue department, MDFR provides many specialized services including air rescue, ocean rescue, aircraft fire and rescue, maritime fire rescue, SCUBA rescue, hazardous materials, urban search and rescue, technical rescue, and venom response that benefit both the environment and wildlife.	Measure acres of wildland saved and number of wildlife saved.

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☒ Protect the general public from harm (environmental, criminal, etc.)	The rescue unit will enhance service delivery to the neighboring communities and improve response times to individuals who are in need of immediate health and safety assistance.	MDFR utilizes Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) data to track response times, unit availability, and unit reliability, which will be the key performance measures analyzed to determine that the intended outcomes are being met.
☐ Improve transportation conditions		
☐ Increase or improve economic activity		
☐ Increase tourism		
☐ Create specific immediate job opportunities		
☐ Enhance specific individual's economic self sufficiency		
☐ Reduce recidivism		
☐ Reduce substance abuse		
☐ Divert from Criminal/Juvenile justice system		
☐ Improve wastewater management		
☐ Improve stormwater management		
☐ Improve groundwater quality		
☐ Improve drinking water quality		
☐ Improve surface water quality		

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☒ Other (Please describe): Alleviation of Emergency Services Demand	Construction of Eureka Fire-Rescue Station 71 is expected to alleviate service demands currently handled by existing fire-rescue resources (units) and reduce response times to incidents occurring within the proposed service area.	MDFR utilizes Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) data to track response times, unit availability, and unit reliability, which will be the key performance measures analyzed to determine that the intended outcomes are being met. Measure Unit Availability and Response Time before and after implementation of Station.
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