

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(33)

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 Phase I park flood
mitigation and infrastructure
improvements at the former
Melreese Golf Course in Miami-
Dade County

Resolution No. R-1179-23

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Kevin Marino Cabrera.


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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-1179-23

RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO
APPROPRIATE FUNDING FOR PHASE I PARK FLOOD
MITIGATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS AT
THE FORMER MELREESE GOLF COURSE IN MIAMI-DADE
COUNTY

WHEREAS, Senator Bryan Avila (R – Hialeah Gardens) and Representative Lawrence McClure (R – Plant City) have submitted appropriations requests for consideration during the 2024 session of the Florida Legislature requesting \$5,000,000.00 for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 for Phase I park flood mitigation and infrastructure improvements at the site formerly known as the Melreese Golf Course in Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, Phase I is central to a wider environmental remediation and conversion of the former golf course with contaminated soil into a community asset, fostering recreation alongside a separately funded economic development and global innovation initiative; and

WHEREAS, Phase I of the project includes golf course conversion and remediation efforts, solid pipe drainage, catch basins, water and sewer systems, bike paths, sidewalks, a wellness loop, tree planting, landscaping, electrical work, and other amenities; and

WHEREAS, Phase I enhancements are necessary to develop the site and drive economic growth in our community; and

WHEREAS, this Board is supportive of this development, and accordingly, wishes to urge the Florida Legislature to appropriate funding for same,

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 Phase I park flood mitigation and infrastructure improvements at the former Melreese Golf Course in Miami-Dade County.

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, Senator Bryan Avila, Representative Lawrence McClure, 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 set forth 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 Kevin Marino Cabrera. 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. MSM

Javier Zapata
Michael J. Mastrucci