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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(5)

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

DATE: February 6, 2024

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution waiving the requirements of Implementing Order 3-38 for securing sponsorships and purchasing goods and services for hosting the third annual countywide Hometown Heroes Parade and associated events to honor first responders, healthcare workers and law enforcement professionals for sacrifices made for Miami-Dade County residents, including during the coronavirus disease 2019 ("COVID-19") pandemic

Resolution No. R-123-24

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Danielle Cohen Higgins.


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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2-6-24

RESOLUTION NO. R-123-24

RESOLUTION WAIVING THE REQUIREMENTS OF IMPLEMENTING ORDER 3-38 FOR SECURING SPONSORSHIPS AND PURCHASING GOODS AND SERVICES FOR HOSTING THE THIRD ANNUAL COUNTYWIDE HOMETOWN HEROES PARADE AND ASSOCIATED EVENTS TO HONOR FIRST RESPONDERS, HEALTHCARE WORKERS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT PROFESSIONALS FOR SACRIFICES MADE FOR MIAMI-DADE COUNTY RESIDENTS, INCLUDING DURING THE CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (“COVID-19”) PANDEMIC

WHEREAS, the coronavirus disease 2019 (“COVID-19”) pandemic has had a devastating impact on communities globally and locally since March 2020; and

WHEREAS, this Board acknowledges that the COVID-19 pandemic has been a significant burden on first responders, healthcare professionals, and law enforcement professionals and appreciates the efforts these volunteer and professional workers have exhibited throughout the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, beyond the sacrifices made and efforts exhibited throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, first responders, healthcare professionals, and law enforcement professionals are everyday heroes—they protect us, keep us safe and healthy, and take care of us, many times at the risk and sacrifice of their own health, safety and family; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, Congress designated October 28 as National First Responders Day and acknowledged that first responders, including professional and volunteer firefighters, police officers, emergency medical technicians, and paramedics deserve recognition for their commitment to safety, defense, and honor; and

WHEREAS, Congress has further encouraged the people of the United States to observe honoring the Nation's First Responders Day with appropriate ceremonies and activities that promote awareness of the contributions of first responders in the United States; and

WHEREAS, on September 1, 2021, this Board approved Resolution No. R-836-21 directing the County Mayor or Mayor's designee to budget and plan an annual countywide parade of heroes to honor first responders, healthcare professionals, and law enforcement professionals (the "Hometown Heroes Parade") to be held on or around October 28th every year; and

WHEREAS, the first annual Hometown Heroes Parade was held on October 30, 2022 in downtown Miami and it was an incredible success; and

WHEREAS, the second annual Hometown Heroes Parade was held on October 28, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the third annual Hometown Heroes Parade will be held this year in October 2024; and

WHEREAS, in order to ensure the success of the third annual Hometown Heroes Parade, the County desires to purchase certain goods and services utilizing budget funds approved by this Board; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the foregoing, the Office of County Commissioner Danielle Cohen Higgins desires to secure sponsors to assist in defraying the costs of this County event; and

WHEREAS, Implementing Order 3-38 was established pursuant to section 2-8.1 of the Code of Miami-Dade County to establish, whenever practicable, competitive processes and procedures for the County's purchase of goods and services; and

WHEREAS, while the dollar value of the goods, services, and sponsorships sought to be secured for the third annual Hometown Heroes Parade is below the threshold amount requiring formal sealed bids under County policies, those County policies nevertheless require market research and written quotes in advance of such purchases; and

WHEREAS, due to the nature of the goods, services, timing and sponsorships that the County desires to obtain, and to ensure that the third annual Hometown Heroes Parade is expeditiously planned and developed, this Board seeks to waive the requirements of Implementing Order 3-38,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that the requirements of Implementing Order 3-38 are waived for purposes of obtaining sponsorships and purchasing goods and services to host the third annual Hometown Heroes Parade and associated events to honor first responders, healthcare workers and law enforcement professionals for sacrifices made for Miami-Dade County residents, including during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Danielle Cohen Higgins. It was offered by Commissioner **Eileen Higgins** , who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Anthony Rodriguez** 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 6th day of February, 2024. 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 be "AAP", is written over a horizontal line.

Monica Rizo Perez
Ashlee A. Pouncy