

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(10)

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

DATE: January 17, 2024

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution directing the County Mayor to (1) explore various ways in which the County may provide support to the Bahamian Arts, History and Cultural Center; and (2) provide a report

Resolution No. R-53-24

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Chairman Oliver G. Gilbert, III.


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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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RESOLUTION NO. _____ R-53-24

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO (1) EXPLORE VARIOUS WAYS IN WHICH THE COUNTY MAY PROVIDE SUPPORT TO A BAHAMIAN ARTS, HISTORY AND CULTURAL CENTER; AND (2) PROVIDE A REPORT

WHEREAS, the Thelma Gibson Health Initiative, Inc., a Coconut Grove-based organization which provides a wide array of services to low-income communities, is planning to develop a Bahamian Arts, History and Cultural Center (the "Center") that would celebrate the Bahamian community that originally settled in Coconut Grove and help preserve the community's Afro-Bahamian culture; and

WHEREAS, in 2022, at the request of Representative Frederica S. Wilson (District 24), the Center received a federal appropriation of \$2,200,000.00 from an allocation in the 2022 Consolidated Appropriations Act (P.L. 117-103), signed into law on March 15, 2022; and

WHEREAS, again in 2023, at the request of Representative Wilson, the Center received another federal appropriation of \$4,000,000.00 from an allocation in the Consolidated Appropriations Act (P.L. 117-328), signed into law on December 29, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Board seeks to explore ways in which Miami-Dade County may support the forthcoming Center,

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

Section 1. Directs the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to explore different methods by which the County may provide support to the forthcoming Bahamian Arts, History and Cultural Center (the "Center") and to determine the feasibility of each method. This may

include but is not limited to ascertaining whether there is any legally available funding to be used to support the Center and identifying County departments or personnel with expertise that may lend technical assistance in the design, construction and/or operation of the Center.

Section 2. Directs the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to provide a report to this Board regarding the directive set forth in Section 1 of this resolution within 120 days of the effective date of this resolution. The completed report shall be placed on an agenda of the full Board without committee review pursuant to Rule 5.06(j) of the Board's Rules of Procedure.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Chairman Oliver G. Gilbert, III. It was offered by Commissioner **Danielle Cohen Higgins** , who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Juan Carlos Bermudez** 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 17th day of January, 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.

SMG

Sophia Guzzo