

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 8(H)(1)

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

DATE: October 1, 2024

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution amending Resolution
No. R-1150-01 to authorize an
increase in the annual
expenditure authority to
\$1,400,000.00 to allow the Parks,
Recreation and Open Spaces
Department to procure animals
and pay all associated expenses
for animal transportation, feed,
laboratory and medical supplies
for animal care and exhibits at
Zoo Miami

Resolution No. R-852-24

The accompanying resolution was prepared by the Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces Department and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Kionne L. McGhee.



Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

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From: Daniella Levine Cava 
Mayor

Subject: Increasing Annual Spending Authority to Procure Animals, Animal Feed, Animal Transportation Services, and Laboratory and Medical Supplies for Zoo Miami

Executive Summary

The purpose of this item is to gain authorization by the Board of County Commissioners (Board) to amend Resolution R-1150-01, which allows for the waiver of formal bidding procedures to procure animals, animal feed, animal transportation services, laboratory and medical supplies for Zoo Miami, by increasing the annual spending authority under the resolution from \$800,000.00 to \$1,400,000.00, as the annual expense related to animal care and transportation has increased significantly since the initial adoption of the resolution 23 years ago in 2001.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board amend Resolution No. R-1150-01, to authorize an increase from \$800,000.00 to \$1,400,000.00 in the annual spending authority under the resolution for the Miami-Dade Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces Department (PROS) and authorize PROS' Zoo Miami to procure animals and pay for all associated expenses for animal feed, animal transportation, laboratory and medical supplies for animal care and exhibits and pay the associated invoices by direct bill.

Scope

Zoo Miami is located at 12400 SW 152 Street, Miami FL 33177 within County Commission District 9, which is represented by Commissioner Kionne L. McGhee.

Fiscal Impact/Funding Source

Animal feed, animal drugs, laboratory and medical supplies and animal transportation service expenses are funded from Zoo Miami Department Codes PR33030300 and PR33030400.

Track Record/Monitor

Expenses incurred under this resolution will be monitored by Eric Kaminsky, Zoo Miami's Business Manager.

Delegation of Authority

Authorizes the County Mayor or the County Mayor's designee to exercise all provisions contained within the resolution.

Background

Resolution R-1150-01 was established in 2001 as a waiver of formal bid which is required for the timely and successful purchase of animal feed, drugs and supplies, as well as the purchase and

transportation of animals suitable for exhibit at Zoo Miami. Proper animal care requires the ability to purchase drugs, medical supplies and food in a timely manner. As in the human medical industry, drugs for animals frequently change or are discontinued for various reasons. Animals develop resistance to drugs and new treatments must be found. If an animal is acquired as a newborn and is to be hand-raised, special care is required. Medications and special dietary items must be acquired quickly. Sole source laboratories may conduct tests for certain pathogens; sources for drugs and laboratory services are not available locally. In addition, animal diets are constantly adjusted. The Zoo Veterinarian prescribes diets according to present animal conditions, and most often, the diets change from day to day. The feeding and care of the animal collection is of utmost importance to their survival.

In addition to the procurement of animal drugs, medical supplies and feed, a bidding procedure is not practical for the procurement of animals or for the transportation services for these animals. Over 50% of all animal transaction agreements are the result of recommendations made by international governing bodies. The decision to acquire a particular species is based upon several considerations, such as the scarcity of a particular species, the bloodline involved, the sex, the age and if a medical history exists. Therefore, there is a low frequency rate of using the same seller twice in a given year. The time and effort it requires to adhere to the county's vendor application requirements are prohibitive for the average animal seller to invest for a single transaction. Since most zoos operate with tight budgets, the impact is great.

Most of the transportation services utilized for acquiring Zoo Miami's new animals are various commercial airlines. Occasionally, other shipping methods are used. When utilizing airlines, the carrier is chosen based on several factors, including the availability of flights, the shortest travel time, usually direct flights, and accommodations benefitting the animals. It is a common practice in the zoological industry that the cost of transportation is the responsibility of the receiving institution.

The acquisition of new animals enriches the overall visitor experience and enables Zoo Miami to fulfill its mission by contributing to the global conservation effort. It is in the best interest of the County to amend Resolution No. R-1150-01 to obtain the needed animal transportation services and animal support and care items using this resolution.



Jimmy Morales
Chief Operating Officer



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(Revised)

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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 ____, majority plus one ____, 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) ____, 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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10-1-24

RESOLUTION NO. R-852-24

RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. R-1150-01
TO AUTHORIZE AN INCREASE IN THE ANNUAL
EXPENDITURE AUTHORITY TO \$1,400,000.00 TO
ALLOW THE PARKS, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACES
DEPARTMENT TO PROCURE ANIMALS AND PAY ALL
ASSOCIATED EXPENSES FOR ANIMAL
TRANSPORTATION, FEED, LABORATORY AND
MEDICAL SUPPLIES FOR ANIMAL CARE AND
EXHIBITS AT ZOO MIAMI

WHEREAS, this Board desires to accomplish the purposes outlined in the accompanying memorandum, a copy of which is incorporated herein by reference,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board amends Resolution No. R-1150-01 to authorize an increase from \$800,000.00 to \$1,400,000.00 in the annual spending authority under the resolution, and authorize the Miami-Dade Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces Department (PROS) to pay by direct bill in an amount not to exceed \$1,400,000.00 annually for the procurement of animals and associated expenses for animal transportation, feed, laboratory and medical supplies for exhibits and animal care at PROS' Zoo Miami.

The foregoing resolution 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	aye
Roberto J. Gonzalez	absent	Keon Hardemon	aye
Danielle Cohen Higgins	aye	Eileen Higgins	absent
Kionne L. McGhee	aye	Raquel A. Regalado	aye
Micky Steinberg	aye		

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 1st day of October, 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 blue ink, appearing to read "BED", is written over a horizontal line.

Brianna E. Donet