

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(3)

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

DATE: October 16, 2024

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution directing the County
Mayor to examine the feasibility
of establishing a library in the
Brickell area and to provide a
report

Resolution No. R-949-24

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



Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

GBK/uw



MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

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

DATE: October 16, 2024

FROM: 
Glen Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 11(A)(3)

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 _____

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(3)
10-16-24

RESOLUTION NO. _____ R-949-24

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR
COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EXAMINE THE
FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING A LIBRARY IN THE
BRICKELL AREA AND TO PROVIDE A REPORT

WHEREAS, U.S. census data shows the Brickell area's residential population has grown from 27,776 in 2010 to 37,876 in 2020; and

WHEREAS, there is currently not a Miami-Dade Public Library location in the Brickell area; and

WHEREAS, the Miami-Dade Public Library locations nearest to the Brickell area are the Main Library Branch at 101 West Flagler Street, the Hispanic Branch at 1398 SW 1st Street, the Culmer/Overtown Branch at 350 NW 13th Street, and the Library Kiosk at 1501 NW 12th Avenue, which is inside the UHealth/Jackson Metrorail Station; and

WHEREAS, the Miami-Dade Public Library System—which was named the 2024 Library of the Year by the Florida Library Association—provides extraordinary services, spaces, and experiences that promote literacy and learning, personal growth, and limitless opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the presence of a library in a central location like Brickell will provide convenient access to a broad range of resources and services for the growing number of residents, workers, and visitors in the area; and

WHEREAS, establishing a library in the Brickell area would enhance the accessibility of these valuable resources to the rapidly growing and diverse community; and

WHEREAS, the Brickell Metrorail Station is one of the most frequented in Miami, serving as a pivotal transit hub for residents, workers, and visitors alike, thus indicating a high potential foot traffic for a new library; and

WHEREAS, the addition of a library in such a strategic location would align with the County's commitment to meeting the evolving needs of its residents and leveraging high-traffic areas to maximize the impact of public services; and

WHEREAS, the County should explore the feasibility of establishing a library in the Brickell area to serve the growing population there,

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 examine the feasibility of establishing a library in the Brickell area, including exploring options such as leasable or purchasable space within existing and planned developments, including County-zoned properties that are required to include community benefits, and options within and around the Brickell Metrorail Station. The feasibility study should examine, but not be limited to, the expected fiscal impact of establishing a library in the Brickell area, including potential funding sources for its establishment and operation; the availability of existing County-owned space, including options within and around the Brickell Metrorail Station, or the lease or purchase of suitable space in the Brickell area; the construction of the library; the ongoing operation and maintenance of the library, including what equipment, inventory, and staffing would be needed; and the expected short-term and long-term benefits that the library would provide.

Section 2. Directs the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee, within 90 days of the effective date of this resolution, to prepare a report regarding the directive in Section 1 above and to place the completed report on an agenda of this 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 Commissioner Eileen Higgins. It was offered by Commissioner **Eileen Higgins**, 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	aye	Keon Hardemon	absent
Danielle Cohen Higgins	aye	Eileen Higgins	aye
Kionne L. McGhee	aye	Raquel A. Regalado	aye
Micky Steinberg	absent		

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 16th 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