

MEMORANDUM

Non-Agenda Item No. 15(F)(1)

TO: Honorable Chairman Anthony Rodriguez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: April 1, 2025

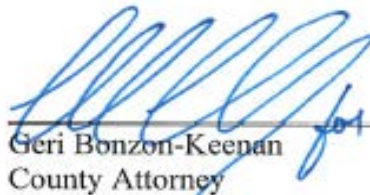
FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution declaring an impasse as to the Special Joint Meeting; directing the County Mayor to coordinate with the County Attorney's Office to schedule mediation with the City of Hialeah pursuant to the requirements of Chapter 164, Florida Statutes, and to complete the mediation within 90 days of the effective date of this resolution; directing the County Mayor to retain an independent expert to complete testing on the County's meters at the City of Hialeah's Pump Station 200, prior to participating in the mediation with the City of Hialeah; and directing the County Attorney's Office to proceed with any actions necessary to collect the outstanding debt from the City of Hialeah, including filing a legal action, within 14 days of completion of the mediation, if such mediation does not resolve the dispute

Resolution No. R-377-25

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

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Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

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MEMORANDUM (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 _____

Non-Agenda Item No. 15(F)(1)
Special Meeting 4-1-25

RESOLUTION NO. R-377-25

RESOLUTION DECLARING AN IMPASSE AS TO THE SPECIAL JOINT MEETING; DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO COORDINATE WITH THE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE TO SCHEDULE MEDIATION WITH THE CITY OF HIALEAH PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF CHAPTER 164, FLORIDA STATUTES, AND TO COMPLETE THE MEDIATION WITHIN 90 DAYS OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS RESOLUTION; DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO RETAIN AN INDEPENDENT EXPERT TO COMPLETE TESTING ON THE COUNTY'S METERS AT THE CITY OF HIALEAH'S PUMP STATION 200, PRIOR TO PARTICIPATING IN THE MEDIATION WITH THE CITY OF HIALEAH; AND DIRECTING THE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE TO PROCEED WITH ANY ACTIONS NECESSARY TO COLLECT THE OUTSTANDING DEBT FROM THE CITY OF HIALEAH, INCLUDING FILING A LEGAL ACTION, WITHIN 14 DAYS OF COMPLETION OF THE MEDIATION, IF SUCH MEDIATION DOES NOT RESOLVE THE DISPUTE

WHEREAS, at the April 1, 2025 Special Joint Public Meeting between the Board of County Commissioners and the City of Hialeah's Council, a motion was made to declare an impasse as to the Special Joint Public Meeting and directing: (1) the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to coordinate with the County Attorney's Office to schedule mediation with the City of Hialeah, pursuant to the requirements of chapter 164, Florida Statutes, which mediation shall be completed within 90 days of the effective date of this resolution; (2) the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to retain an independent expert to complete testing on the County's meters at the City of Hialeah's Pump Station 200, prior to participating in the mediation with the City of Hialeah; and (3) the County Attorney's Office to proceed with any actions necessary to collect the outstanding debt from the City of Hialeah, including filing a legal action, within 14 days of completion of the mediation, if the mediation does not resolve the dispute,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that the Board declares impasse as to the Special Joint Public Meeting and directs: (1) the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to coordinate with the County Attorney's Office to schedule mediation with the City of Hialeah, pursuant to the requirements of chapter 164, Florida Statutes, which mediation shall be completed within 90 days of the effective date of this resolution; (2) the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to retain an independent expert to complete testing on the County's meters at the City of Hialeah's Pump Station 200, prior to participating in the mediation with the City of Hialeah; and (3) the County Attorney's Office to proceed with any actions necessary to collect the outstanding debt from the City of Hialeah, including filing a legal action, within 14 days of completion of the mediation, if such mediation does not resolve the dispute.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Danielle Cohen Higgins. It was offered by Commissioner **Danielle Cohen Higgins** , who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Micky Steinberg** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Anthony Rodriguez, Chairman	aye		
Kionne L. McGhee, Vice Chairman	aye		
Marleine Bastien	aye	Juan Carlos Bermudez	aye
Kevin Marino Cabrera	aye	Sen. René García	aye
Oliver G. Gilbert, III	aye	Roberto J. Gonzalez	aye
Keon Hardemon	aye	Danielle Cohen Higgins	aye
Eileen Higgins	aye	Raquel A. Regalado	aye
Micky Steinberg	aye		

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 1st day of April, 2025. 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.

SED

Sarah E. Davis