

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(7)

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

DATE: June 26, 2025

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 fourth 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 COVID-19 pandemic

Resolution No. R-625-25

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

GBK/uw



MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

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

DATE: June 26, 2025

FROM: 
Glen Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 11(A)(7)

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)(7)
6-26-25

RESOLUTION NO. R-625-25

RESOLUTION WAIVING THE REQUIREMENTS OF IMPLEMENTING ORDER 3-38 FOR SECURING SPONSORSHIPS AND PURCHASING GOODS AND SERVICES FOR HOSTING THE FOURTH 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 COVID-19 PANDEMIC

WHEREAS, first responders, healthcare professionals, and law enforcement professionals are everyday heroes who protect us, keep us healthy, and care for us, many times at the risk and sacrifice of their own health, safety and families; 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 the nation’s First Responders Day with celebrations, ceremonies and other activities that promote awareness of the contributions of first responders in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the coronavirus disease 2019 (“COVID-19”) pandemic had a devastating impact on communities globally and locally, and was a significant burden on first responders, healthcare professionals, and law enforcement professionals in Miami-Dade County (the “County”); and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners (“Board”) appreciates the efforts that these volunteer and professional workers exhibited throughout the pandemic, as well as their ongoing efforts on behalf of the County; and

WHEREAS, on September 1, 2021, this Board approved Resolution No. R-836-21 directing the County Mayor or County 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 each year; and

WHEREAS, each annual Hometown Heroes Parade and festival has been an incredible success and a stunning showcase of unity, featuring beautifully decorated floats, live music, and moving tributes to local heroes, whose inspiring stories of heroism uplift the community; and

WHEREAS, the Hometown Heroes Parade honors those who embody the very best of the community and has blossomed into one of the County’s most cherished traditions, drawing together thousands of residents, local heroes, and municipalities in a vibrant celebration of courage, dedication, and community spirit; and

WHEREAS, the fourth annual Hometown Heroes Parade will be held in October of 2025; and

WHEREAS, to ensure the success of the fourth 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, this Board seeks 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 set forth 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 fourth 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 fourth 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 fourth 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 **Kionne L. McGhee** , who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Marleine Bastien** 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
Sen. René García	aye	Oliver G. Gilbert, III	aye
Roberto J. Gonzalez	aye	Keon Hardemon	absent
Danielle Cohen Higgins	aye	Eileen Higgins	absent
Natalie Milian Orbis	aye	Raquel A. Regalado	aye
Micky Steinberg	aye		

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 26th day of June, 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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "AAP".

Ashlee A. Pouncy
Sophia Guzzo