

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 14(A)(8)

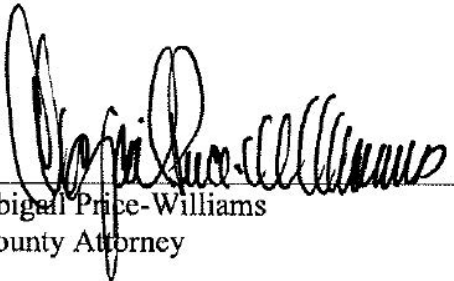
TO: Honorable Chairwoman Audrey M. Edmonson
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: August 31, 2020

FROM: Abigail Price-Williams
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution creating a Chief Bay officer position and directing the County Mayor to either designate an existing County employee to undertake the responsibilities or to revise the proposed Fiscal Year 2020-21 County budget to include the necessary funding and position for a Chief Bay officer, including appropriate staffing and office space

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Vice Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa.



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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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8-31-20

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION CREATING A CHIEF BAY OFFICER POSITION AND DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EITHER DESIGNATE AN EXISTING COUNTY EMPLOYEE TO UNDERTAKE THE RESPONSIBILITIES OR TO REVISE THE PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2020-21 COUNTY BUDGET TO INCLUDE THE NECESSARY FUNDING AND POSITION FOR A CHIEF BAY OFFICER, INCLUDING APPROPRIATE STAFFING AND OFFICE SPACE

WHEREAS, the health and well-being of Biscayne Bay as a whole are linked to the economic well-being of Miami-Dade County through industries such as tourism, commercial and recreational fishing, and other water-based recreational activities; and

WHEREAS, Biscayne Bay also provides Miami-Dade County residents and visitors with ecological and environmental benefits, beauty, and serenity; and

WHEREAS, issues that may affect the health and well-being of Biscayne Bay are of the utmost importance to Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, this Board adopted Resolution No. R-165-19, creating the Biscayne Bay Task Force; and

WHEREAS, the Biscayne Bay Task Force's purpose was to develop recommendations and an action plan identifying problem areas and prioritizing projects for Biscayne Bay, and to present them in a report to this Board; and

WHEREAS, the Biscayne Bay Task Force has now produced its report, which contains numerous recommendations for this Board; and

WHEREAS, one of the Biscayne Bay Task Force’s recommendations was that the County Mayor should appoint a Chief Bay Officer who would advise the County Mayor and this Board on issues relating to Biscayne Bay and also act as a liaison between County departments, County boards, external agencies, stakeholder groups, and local, state and federal governments; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the recommendations of the Biscayne Bay Task Force, the Chief Bay Officer would focus on water quality issues, policies and appropriations related to the health and recovery of Biscayne Bay; and

WHEREAS, the creation of a Chief Bay Officer position would provide additional focus, emphasis, and coordination for all issues related to Biscayne Bay; and

WHEREAS, for the foregoing reasons, this Board wishes to create a Chief Bay Officer position for Biscayne Bay and to direct the County Mayor to either (1) designate an existing County employee dedicated primarily to the responsibilities of that position or (2) revise the proposed Fiscal Year 2020-2021 County budget to include the necessary funding and position for a Chief Bay Officer, including appropriate staffing and office space, and make any corresponding adjustments to departmental budgets, appropriation schedules, and tables of organization to reflect this new position,

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

Section 1. This Board hereby creates the position of Chief Bay Officer, which is responsible for at least the following functions: advising the County Mayor and this Board on the water quality, health, and recovery of Biscayne Bay; and acting as a liaison between County departments, County boards, external agencies, stakeholder groups, and local, state, and federal governments on those issues.

Section 2. This Board hereby directs the County Mayor or County Mayor’s designee to either (1) designate an existing County employee who will be dedicated primarily to fulfilling the responsibilities of the Chief Bay Officer position or (2) revise the proposed Fiscal Year 2020-2021 County budget to include the necessary funding and position for a Chief Bay Officer, including appropriate staffing and office space, and make any corresponding adjustments to departmental budgets, appropriation schedules, and tables of organization to reflect this new position.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Vice Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa. It was offered by Commissioner _____, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner _____ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

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| Audrey M. Edmonson, Chairwoman | |
| Rebeca Sosa, Vice Chairwoman | |
| Esteban L. Bovo, Jr. | Daniella Levine Cava |
| Jose “Pepe” Diaz | Sally A. Heyman |
| Eileen Higgins | Barbara J. Jordan |
| Joe A. Martinez | Jean Monestime |
| Dennis C. Moss | Sen. Javier D. Souto |
| Xavier L. Suarez | |

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 31st day of August, 2020. 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

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.



Abbie Schwaderer-Raurell