

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(9)

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

DATE: June 4, 2024

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution urging the United States Customs and Border Protection Agency (“CBP”) and the United States Department of Homeland Security to increase CBP staffing levels at Miami International Airport by at least 20 percent of current levels and urging the United States Congress to appropriate funding to CBP for such staffing level increase

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Juan Carlos Bermudez.



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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

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6-4-24

Veto _____

Override _____

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION AGENCY (“CBP”) AND THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY TO INCREASE CBP STAFFING LEVELS AT MIAMI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT BY AT LEAST 20 PERCENT OF CURRENT LEVELS AND URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO APPROPRIATE FUNDING TO CBP FOR SUCH STAFFING LEVEL INCREASE

WHEREAS, Miami International Airport (“MIA”) is one of the nation’s busiest airports, ranking first and second in the nation for international freight and international passenger travel, respectively; and

WHEREAS, despite MIA’s importance to the nation’s airspace system, immigration and customs processing wait times at MIA are some of the longest in the nation; and

WHEREAS, recently, immigration and customs processing wait times at MIA reached six hours; and

WHEREAS, long immigration and customs processing wait times at MIA is an issue of national significance because, as one of the nation’s key gateway airports, many of the international passengers arriving at MIA have connecting flights to various destinations throughout the nation, and when immigration wait times are long, it increases the probability that passengers will miss their connecting flights; and

WHEREAS, one of the most significant factors affecting immigration and customs processing wait times at MIA is the level of United States Customs and Border Protection Agency (“CBP”) staffing; and

WHEREAS, CBP has informed MIA officials that it has staffed its operations at MIA up to the maximum levels possible based on current funding, and that a twenty percent staffing level increase would help alleviate MIA’s long immigration and customs processing wait times,

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

Section 1. Urges the CBP and the United States Department of Homeland Security to increase CBP staffing levels at MIA by at least twenty percent of current levels, and urges the United States Congress to appropriate funding to CBP for such staffing level increase.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the members of the Florida Congressional Delegation, CBP Commissioner Troy A. Miller, and United States Department of Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas.

Section 3. Directs the County’s federal lobbyists to advocate for the actions set forth in section 1 above, and authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to amend the 2024 Federal Legislative Package to include this item.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Juan Carlos Bermudez. 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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| | Oliver G. Gilbert, III, Chairman |
| | Anthony Rodríguez, Vice Chairman |
| Marleine Bastien | Juan Carlos Bermudez |
| Kevin Marino Cabrera | Sen. René García |
| Roberto J. Gonzalez | Keon Hardemon |
| Danielle Cohen Higgins | Eileen Higgins |
| Kionne L. McGhee | Raquel A. Regalado |
| Micky Steinberg | |

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 4th day of June, 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: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency. RCZ

Ryan C. Zagare