

CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION TO ENCOURAGE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY TO DELAY ITS DECISION ON THE LOCATION OF A NEW WASTE TO ENERGY FACILITY IN ORDER TO EXPLORE ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS, CONDUCT A DETAILED COST ANALYSIS, AND ADOPT AN UPDATED SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT MASTER PLAN.

WHEREAS, on February 12, 2023, a fire occurred at the Miami-Dade County Resources Recovery Facility (the “RRF”) in Doral, which was a central component of Miami-Dade County’s (the “County”) solid waste system, rendering the RRF largely inoperable; and

WHEREAS, on November 6, 2024, the County is scheduled to decide on the location of a new waste to energy incinerator (“WTE”) facility to replace the RRF; and

WHEREAS, in a memo dated September 13, 2024, County Mayor Danielle Levine Cava recommended building the WTE facility at the Opa-Locka West Airport site, which is located outside of the Uniform Development Boundary and would adversely impact wetlands of regional significance; and

WHEREAS, the County estimates that constructing a new WTE facility at the Opa-Locka West Airport site will cost approximately \$1.6 billion with a development schedule of over nine (9) years; and

WHEREAS, the loss of the RRF creates an opportunity for the County to conduct further evaluation and a wholesale review of its waste management practices; and

WHEREAS, the County has not updated its Solid Waste Management Master Plan after the RFF fire to guide its waste management practices.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES:

1. The foregoing “**WHEREAS**” clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution upon adoption hereof.
2. That the County pause the decision on the location of the new WTE facility to allow for further evaluation and incorporation of alternative waste management methods, including reduction and diversion strategies, as well as municipal composting.

3. That the County conduct a detailed cost analysis of the fiscal impact that the location of the WTE facility will have on the thirty-four (34) affected municipalities to ensure informed decision-making.
4. That the County finalize an updated Solid Waste Management Master Plan prior to making any decisions regarding the location of a new WTE facility.
5. That the County engage an expert in waste reduction strategies, waste diversion strategies, and alternative forms of waste management to incineration, and to incorporate the advice of that expert into the updated Solid Waste Management Master Plan.
6. That this resolution shall become effective upon the date of its adoption herein.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS TWENTY-SECOND DAY OF OCTOBER 2024.

Moved: / Seconded:

Yeas:

Unanimous:

Agenda Item:

APPROVED:

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