



AGENDA ITEM NO. _____

City of Coral Gables CITY COMMISSION MEETING October 27, 2009

ITEM TITLE:

Resolution. Resolution requesting that “enclaves” be exempted from the provisions of a proposed Miami-Dade County Ordinance relating to municipal boundary change requests; suspending the processing and consideration of municipal boundary requests, thereby suspending and placing a moratorium on municipal government annexations.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE CITY MANAGER:

Approval.

BRIEF HISTORY:

On 10.20.2009, Miami-Dade County approved (7-4 vote) an Ordinance on first reading that “suspends” the ability for municipal governments to complete annexations (see Exhibit B). Specifically, the County Agenda No. 4(D), title is an “Ordinance on First Reading “Relating to boundary change requests; suspending the processing and consideration of municipal boundary requests; creating Section 20-4.1 of Miami-Dade County Code. The County is requesting passage “Due to the economic slowdown is having a severe impact on the ability of the County to deliver services to the unincorporated areas ” and “Annexation have the potential to diminish the ability of the County to provide such services.”

In advance of the County first reading consideration of the above item, the Mayor forwarded a letter opposing passage of the Ordinance. This letter was forwarded to the County Mayor, County Commissioners and County Manager on 10.19.09 (see Exhibit C).

In addition to the above item, the County Commission also considered another Ordinance referenced as 4(E). This Ordinance allows the County Commission, “The discretion to decide whether to refer municipal boundary requests to the Planning Advisory Board, to deny such request or to defer consideration of such request.” Previously the County Code required referral to the County Planning Advisory Board. This agenda item was also approved (10-1 vote).

The City has collaborated closely with Miami-Dade County regarding the annexation of two areas classified by Miami-Dade County as “enclaves”. These areas known as “Little Gables” and “High Pines” are scheduled for public meetings in the near future. “Davis-Ponce”, an area within High Pines received unanimous support of this City Commission with supporting resolution transmitted to the County some years ago, and waiting for the High Pines annexation to be completed (see Exhibit D).

City Staff has prepared a Resolution “Opposing” to the passage of the County Ordinance as presented. This Resolution requests that “enclaves” be exempted from any moratorium, allowing continued efforts to provide efficient and cost effective services to residents in such areas.

Upon City Commission adoption, the City will transmit the Resolution to the County and appropriate Committees, Florida League of Cities, etc. After County approval on first reading, six weeks are required between first and second reading of County Ordinances.

APPROVED BY:

Department Director	City Attorney (If Applicable)	City Manager
Eric Riel, Jr. Planning Director		

EXHIBIT(S):

- A. Resolution 2009-____ with accompanying Coral Gables Annexation Area Map.
- B. 10 20 2009 Miami-Dade County Agenda No. 4(D).
- C. 10.19.09 Mayor's Letter
- D. Coral Gables Annexation Area Map