

**RESOLUTION No. 22-61**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DORAL, FLORIDA, URGING MIAMI-DADE COUNTY NOT TO EXTEND THE LEASE WITH COVANTA ENERGY FOR THE WASTE-TO-ENERGY FACILITY IN DORAL FLORIDA, AND URGING MIAMI-DADE COUNTY TO LOCATE A FUTURE FACILITY OUTSIDE OF DORAL; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

**WHEREAS**, lease agreement between Miami-Dade County and Covanta Energy for the operation of the waste-to-energy facility is currently scheduled to expire at midnight on October 31, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, unless the County delivers notice at least one year prior to the expiration date (October 31, 2022), the lease will automatically be extended for up to four five-year terms (i.e., the fourth and final renewal term would expire on October 31, 2043).; and

**WHEREAS**, that a short-term extension of the lease may need to be renegotiated to allow the county to find a long-term solution. However, it is critical that the lease not be automatically extended, and the county not be locked into a twenty-year extension; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council support Miami-Dade Mayor Daniella Levine Cava's recommendations to develop and release a Request for Information (RFI) as a useful tool to perform formal market research and gather information such as comments and feedback; best practices, industry standards and available technologies as well as alternative sites for the new facility; and

**WHEREAS**, as with the preliminary cost estimates place a new facility at over \$1 billion dollars, the Mayor and Council also support Mayor Levine Cava's recommendation

to explore and solicit of P3 opportunities to minimize the costs associated with the development of a new facility; and

**WHEREAS**, the Covanta facility operations are egregiously impacting the quality of life of the adjacent Doral communities; and

**WHEREAS**, there is no location in Doral where a facility can be located that will not negatively impact the quality of life, health, welfare, and safety of the neighboring Doral communities; and

**WHEREAS**, by locating the facility outside of Doral, citizens will no longer have to refrain from activities enjoyed by other Miami-Dade residents such as jogging, bike-riding, group sports, walking trails, park activities with children, property maintenance, gardening, barbeques, and neighborhood socialization; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council urge the Miami-Dade County Commission to consider and identify other areas in the Miami-Dade County and possibly Broward County where the facility can be located outside of Doral.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DORAL AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1. Recitals.** The above recitals are confirmed, adopted, and incorporated herein and made part hereof by this reference.

**Section 2. Opposition to Automatic Extension of Lease.** The Mayor and City Council for the City of Doral are hereby opposed to the automatic extension lease agreement between Miami-Dade County and Covanta Energy. The City of Doral urges Mayor Levine Cava the Board of County Commissioners to deliver notice to Covanta of

its decision not to renew the agreement after expiration of the current term prior to October 31, 2022.

**Section 3. Opposition to the Location of a New Facility in Doral.** The Mayor and City Council for the City of Doral are hereby opposed to the location of a new Waste-To-Energy facility or a new Materials Recovery Facility in Doral.

**Section 4. Transmittal.** The City Clerk is hereby directed to transmit a certified copy of this Resolution to Mayor Daniella Levine Cava, Chairman Jose “Pepe” Diaz, Vice Chairman Oliver G. Gilbert, and the Members of the Board of the Miami-Dade County.

Section 5. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

The foregoing Resolution was offered by Councilmember Puig-Corve who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Mariaca and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

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| Mayor Juan Carlos Bermudez   | Yes |
| Vice Mayor Digna Cabral      | Yes |
| Councilman Pete Cabrera      | Yes |
| Councilwoman Claudia Mariaca | Yes |
| Councilman Oscar Puig-Corve  | Yes |

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 13 day of April, 2022.

  
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JUAN CARLOS BERMUDEZ, MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
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CONNIE DIAZ, MMC  
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY  
FOR THE USE AND RELIANCE OF THE CITY OF DORAL ONLY:

  
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LUIS FIGUEREDO, ESQ.  
CITY ATTORNEY