

**PALM BEACH COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date: May 19, 2009

☒ **Consent** ☐ **Regular**
☐ **Public Hearing**

Department:

Submitted By: ADMINISTRATION

I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to receive and file:

A) Resolution No. 11-09 of the Village Council of the Village of Tequesta, Florida, to support a dedicated funding source for commuter rail services; and

B) Resolution R2009-27 of the Village Council of the Village of Wellington, Florida, endorsing Senate Bill 1000/House Bill 365 entitled an act relating to discretionary sales surtaxes and offsetting the ad valorem property taxes.

Summary: N/A

Background and Justification: N/A

Attachments: Original Document

Recommended By: Patty Hinde

Agenda Coordinator

5/5/09
Date

Approved By: N/A

Assistant County Administrator

Date



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VILLAGE OF TEQUESTA

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April 15, 2009

FYI
TO: Bob
FROM: COMMISSIONER
JEFF KOONS

Board of County Commissioners
Palm Beach County
Attn: Chairman Jeff Koons
301 N. Olive Avenue, Suite 1201
West Palm Beach, FL 33401

Dear Chairman Koons:

Please find enclosed a certified copy of Resolution 11-09 approved during the April 9, 2009 Council Meeting. The Village Council supports a dedicated funding source for commuter rail services and supports an additional local option rental car surcharge to help support funding levels.

Sincerely,

Lori McWilliams

Lori McWilliams, CMC
Village Clerk

Attachment

Cc: Mayor and Council
Manager

RESOLUTION NO. 11-09

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF TEQUESTA, FLORIDA, TO SUPPORT A DEDICATED FUNDING SOURCE FOR COMMUTER RAIL SERVICES PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA) provides commuter rail services in South Florida; and

WHEREAS, commuter rail provides an alternative mode of travel which has experienced increased use in recent years with increased service and improved schedules; and

WHEREAS, SFRTA could access additional federal funds with a dedicated funding source, and

WHEREAS, a dedicated funding source would relieve Palm Beach County of contributions to SFRTA to meet operating costs shortfalls; and


WHEREAS, reallocation of an existing \$2.00 rental car surcharge has been considered and would have an estimated impact of approximately \$63 million on the FDOT program for Palm Beach County over five years; and

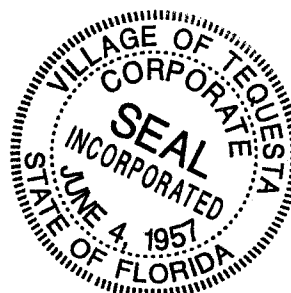
WHEREAS, The Palm Beach Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) supports continued operation and expansion of the commuter rail service and the need for a dedicated funding source.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF TEQUESTA, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1 The Council supports an additional local option rental car surcharge or one or more additional funding sources to support needed funding levels.

Section 2 The Council requests the Florida Legislature provide a dedicated funding source to support commuter rail service.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THE ABOVE AND FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY APPEARING FROM THE RECORDS IN THE VILLAGE CLERK'S OFFICE VILLAGE OF TEQUESTA, FLORIDA AND HEREBY AFFIX THE OFFICIAL SEAL THIS 15 DAY OF April, 2029

LORI McWILLIAMS, VILLAGE CLERK



The foregoing Resolution was offered by Council Member Arena who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Council Member Turnquest and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

	For Adoption	Against Adoption
Mayor Pat Watkins	X	
Vice-Mayor Tom Paterno	X	
Council Member Vince Arena	X	
Council Member Jim Humpage	X	
Council Member Calvin Turnquest	X	

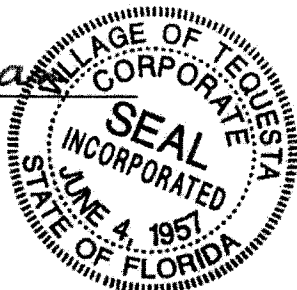
The Mayor thereupon declared the Resolution duly passed and adopted this 9th day of April, 2009.

MAYOR OF TEQUESTA

Pat Watkins
Pat Watkins

ATTEST:

Lori McWilliams
Lori McWilliams, CMC
Village Clerk





VILLAGE OF WELLINGTON

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Village Council

Darell Bowen, Mayor
Dr. Carmine A. Priore, Vice Mayor
Lizbeth Benacquisto, Councilwoman
Matt Willhite, Councilman
Howard K. Coates, Jr., Councilman

Village Manager
Paul Schofield

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April 22, 2009

The Honorable Jeff Koons
Chairman
Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners
301 North Olive Avenue, Suite 1201
West Palm Beach, FL 33401

Re: SENATE BILL 1000/HOUSE BILL 365 ENTITLED "AN ACT RELATING TO DISCRETIONARY SALES SURTAXES; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Dear Commissioner Koons:

On April 14, 2009, the Wellington Village Council approved Resolution No. R2009-27 relative to the Senate and House Bill referenced above, and has directed the Village Clerk's Office to forward the enclosed Resolution to you.

The Village Council, through their approval of Resolution No. R2009-27, hereby goes on record declaring their endorsement of Senate Bill 1000/House Bill 365 and urges all members of the Legislature of the State of Florida to vote in favor of this legislation.

If you have any questions relative to this, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely,

Awilda Rodriguez
Village Clerk

Enclosure

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RESOLUTION NO. R2009-27

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF WELLINGTON, FLORIDA, ENDORSING SENATE BILL 1000/HOUSE BILL 365 ENTITLED AN ACT RELATING TO DISCRETIONARY SALES SURTAXES AND OFFSETTING THE AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAXES; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Fire Rescue Service and Emergency Medical Services is provided to the citizens of the Village of Wellington by virtue of a municipal services taxing unit, operated and administered by Palm Beach County (Fire Rescue MSTU); and

WHEREAS, the services provided by Palm Beach County Fire Rescue for the Village of Wellington have always been viewed as exceptional for fire fighting and emergency medical services; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Wellington recognizes that the Fire Rescue MSTU imposes more ad valorem taxes on property owners in Wellington and the Village does; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Wellington recognizes that property owners are demanding alternatives to ad valorem (property) taxes; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Wellington recognizes that they would like to assist citizens by reducing ad valorem property taxes for its property owners while maintaining a high level of service the citizens have come to expect; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Wellington recognizes that the current economy demands that funding for fire rescue and emergency medical services be diversified and this diversification is essential to maintain a safe level of service for the residents and visitors of the community; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Wellington recognizes the proposed Senate Bill 1000/House Bill 365 provides for mandatory inter-local agreements with condition precedent to an election with departments covering fifty percent (50%) of municipal population; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Wellington recognizes that proposed Senate Bill 1000/House Bill 365 allow for a surtax not to exceed one percent (1%) and includes a corresponding reduction in ad valorem taxes that will assist property owners with lower property taxes; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Wellington recognizes the proposed Senate Bill 1000/House Bill 365 provides for a referendum of the public on a county by county basis; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Wellington recognizes the proposed Senate Bill 1000/House Bill 365 provides for a the regional service coordinator shall be responsible for the development and administration of the inter-local agreement(s) authorized by this act; and

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2 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE
3 VILLAGE OF WELLINGTON, that:
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5 SECTION 1. The foregoing "WHEREAS" 10 clauses are confirmed and ratified as
6 being true and correct and are hereby incorporated herein.
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8 SECTION 2. The Village Council of the Village of Wellington, Florida hereby goes on
9 record endorsing Senate Bill 1000/House Bill 365 and urges all members of the Legislature of
10 the State of Florida to vote in favor of this legislation.
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12 SECTION 3. That the Village Clerk is hereby directed to provide copies of this
13 resolution to the Governor of the State of Florida, all members of the Florida Legislature, and
14 the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners.
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16 SECTION 4. If any clause, section, other part of application of the resolution is held by
17 any court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, in part or application, it
18 shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions or applications of this resolution.
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20 SECTION 5. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.
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22 PASSED AND ADOPTED this 14th day of April, 2009.
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24 ATTEST:

25 By: Awilda Rodriguez
26 Awilda Rodriguez, Village Clerk
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VILLAGE OF WELLINGTON

By: Darell Bowen
Darell Bowen, Mayor

29 APPROVED AS TO FORM
30 AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

31 By: Jeffrey S. Kurtz
32 Jeffrey S. Kurtz, Village Attorney
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