

RESOLUTION No. 2009-140-1085

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE GLOBAL WARMING BILL AND THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S EFFORTS TO REDUCE TOXIC EMISSIONS AND GLOBAL WARMING; PROVIDING FOR INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CITY CLERK; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, recently the House of Representatives passed legislation which is intended to address global warming and energy efficiency, and

WHEREAS, this vote marked the first time that either House of Congress has approved a Bill meant to curb heat-trapping gases that have been linked to climate change, and

WHEREAS, passage of the Bill could lead to changes in various sectors of the economy including electric power generation, agriculture, manufacturing and construction, and

WHEREAS, the Obama Administration has lent apparent support to the Bill, and urges the Senate to pass the measure, and

WHEREAS, the City of Miami Gardens would like to lend its support to the legislation and remains committed to reducing its own carbon footprint and creating an energy efficient clean energy driven fleet, and

WHEREAS, the City of Miami Gardens commits itself to utilizing green principles for future construction efforts made by the City, and

WHEREAS, the City of Miami Gardens has already undertaken energy efficient efforts that include:

Implementing Paperless processes in several departments; incorporating green building standards in new developments; designing a new city fueling facility which includes Bio-Diesel; implementing the conversion of a percentage of the police and public works fleets to Hybrid and Bio-Diesel vehicles; and Office Recycling Program.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Miami Gardens would like to lend its support to the Bill passed by Congress and would like to urge the Senate and the Obama Administration to approve the same,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS: The foregoing Whereas paragraphs are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true, and the same are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution.

Section 2. SUPPORT: The City Council of the City of Miami Gardens hereby lends its support to the Global Warming Bill and the federal government's efforts to reduce toxic emissions and global warming.

Section 3. INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CITY CLERK: The City Clerk is directed to send a certified copy of this resolution to the Obama Administration, and the Chairs of the U.S. House and Senate.

Section 4. EFFECTIVE DATE: This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its final passage.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS AT ITS REGULAR MEETING HELD ON JULY 22, 2009.


SHIRLEY GIBSON, MAYOR

ATTEST:


RONETTA TAYLOR, MMC, CITY CLERK

PREPARED BY: SONJA KNIGHTON DICKENS, ESQ.
City Attorney

MOVED BY: Vice Mayor Watson
SECOND BY: Councilman Gilbert

VOTE: 6-0

Mayor Shirley Gibson	<u>X</u> (Yes)	___ (No)
Vice Mayor Barbara Watson	<u>X</u> (Yes)	___ (No)
Councilman Melvin L. Bratton	<u>X</u> (Yes)	___ (No)
Councilman Aaron Campbell	<u>X</u> (Yes)	___ (No)
Councilman Andre' Williams	<u>X</u> (Yes)	___ (No)
Councilwoman Sharon Pritchett	___ (Yes)	___ (No)(not present)
Councilman Oliver Gilbert	<u>X</u> (Yes)	___ (No)

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Council Meeting Date:	July 22, 2009		Item Type:	Resolution	Ordinance	Other	
				X			
Fiscal Impact:	Yes	No	Ordinance Reading:	1st Reading		2nd Reading	
		X		Public Hearing:	Yes	No	Yes
				X			
Funding Source:	N/A		Advertising Requirement:	Yes		No	
						X	
Contract/P.O. Required:	Yes	No	RFP/RFQ/Bid #:				
		X					
Sponsor Name	Andre Williams, Councilman		Department:	Mayor/Council			

Short Title:

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Staff Summary:

The House of Representatives passed legislation which is intended to address global warming and energy efficiency. This vote marked the first time that either House of Congress has approved a Bill meant to curb heat-trapping gases that have been linked to climate change. It is anticipated that the passage of the Bill could lead to changes in various sectors of the economy including electric power generation, agriculture, manufacturing and construction. The City of Miami Gardens would like to lend its support to the legislation and remains committed to reducing its own carbon footprint and creating an energy efficient clean energy driven fleet.

The City of Miami Gardens commits itself to utilizing green principles for future construction efforts under the "Green Local Government" standards set forth by the Florida Green Building Coalition. In addition, the City has already undertaken several new projects in support of energy conservation:

- Implementation of paperless processes in Code Enforcement, Building Department, Police Department, and City Clerk's Officer
- Currently in design phase for a city fueling facility which includes bio-diesel fuel
- Currently planning for the conversion or purchase of bio-diesel and hybrid powered vehicles primarily in the police and public works departments.

Proposed Action:

Councilman Williams recommends the adoption of the attached resolution urging the Senate to pass the Global Warming Bill.

Attachment:

None