RESOLUTION NO. 2018-R-52

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA, URGING THE MIAMI DADE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO DENY THE PROPOSAL TO EXTEND THE SR-836 “KENDALL PARKWAY” PROJECT PAST THE 2020 URBAN DEVELOPMENT BOUNDARY AND EXPRESSING CONCERN OVER THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF REGULATORY AND ECONOMIC RESOURCES’ POSITION AS THE APPLICANT FOR THIS PROPOSAL; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND FOR ALL OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the Miami Dade County Urban Development Boundary (UDB) is a zoning tool established in 1983 to protect the wetlands, agricultural land, and open space lying between the county’s urban core and the wetlands of Everglades National Park to the West as well as Biscayne National Park to the East; and

WHEREAS, the expansion of urban development outside the current UDB boundary places strain upon county fresh-water, ecological, agricultural, and fiscal resources; and

WHEREAS, county staff has not found any demonstrated need to extend the boundaries of the 2020 UDB at this time; and

WHEREAS, Miami Dade Expressway Authority (MDX) is currently pursuing county approval for a proposal to extend the SR-836 outside of the 2020 UDB; and

WHEREAS, MDX itself acknowledges that the road in question would place developmental pressure on the surrounding area; and

WHEREAS, the proposed road passes over many highly resourced critical areas outside the 2020 UDB, including a large portion of the West Wellfield, thousands of acres of active farmland and South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) designated Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP) buffer zones; and

WHEREAS, Miami Dade County Commissioners have already rejected this proposal over concerns about extension past the UDB on two separate occasions in 2017; and
WHEREAS, Mayor Gimenez and MDX continue to pursue approval of this project; and

WHEREAS, under the Mayor’s direction the Miami Dade County Department of Regulatory and Economic Resources has submitted a proposal to amend the Comprehensive Development Master Plan to allow for this project; and

WHEREAS, the fact of an internal department within the county government applying for this proposal presents an unorthodox situation that could complicate the final decision; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA:

Section 1. Recommendation. The Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami recommends against allowing the Department of Regulatory and Economic Resources to proceed as the applicant for the SR 836 extension proposal and asserts that the application should instead come from the Miami Dade Expressway authority itself and urges that any application to extend the SR-836 past the 2020 Urban Development Boundary be denied.

Section 2. Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by a 5-0 vote of the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, this 24th day of April, 2018.

DR. SMITH, MAYOR

ATTEST:

MICHAEL A. ETIENNE, ESQ.
CITY CLERK

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Moved by: __________ Desulme
Seconded by: __________ Galvin

Vote:
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Vice Mayor Carol Keys, Esq.
Councilman Scott Galvin
Councilman Philippe Bien-Aime
Councilman Alix Desulme

X (Yes) (No)
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