

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-26-1822

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO ADOPT LEGISLATION TO LEVY AN ADDITIONAL PENNY OF THE PROFESSIONAL SPORTS FRANCHISE FACILITY TAX FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING A PORTION OF UPGRADES TO SUN LIFE STADIUM; PROVIDING FOR INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CITY CLERK; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, located in the City of Miami Gardens, Sun Life Stadium is home of the National Football League's (NFL) Miami Dolphins, and

WHEREAS, over the past 25 years, Sun Life Stadium has hosted national sports championships, concerts and other entertainment events, which has contributed to the economic vitality of South Florida, and

WHEREAS, Sun Life Stadium is one of the oldest NFL stadiums, and is need of significant modernization to compete with other sports venues to host future world class events, and

WHEREAS, the Miami Dolphins franchise has pledged to cover half of the renovation costs, and desires to utilize public dollars to fund the remainder of the project, and

WHEREAS, Mayor Oliver Gilbert recommends the adoption of a Resolution to urge the Florida Legislature to levy an additional penny on the Professional Sports Franchise Facility Tax, also known as the "tourist bed tax", and

WHEREAS, the tourist bed tax is already authorized by State Statute and has been utilized to fund the construction of other sports facilities, including the American Airlines Arena and the Homestead-Miami Speedway, and

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WHEREAS, it is estimated that the South Florida region will benefit from the creation of 3,700 construction jobs, 1,100 permanent jobs, and an approximate overall economic benefit in the amount of Two Billion Dollars as a result of the renovations,

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: AUTHORIZATION: The City Council of the City of Miami Gardens hereby urges the Florida Legislature to adopt legislation to: (a) enable the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners to levy by a "super majority" vote, the already statutorily authorized additional penny of Professional Sports Franchise Facility Tax on persons (mostly visitors and tourists) lodging on the mainland of Miami-Dade County, which would exclude those persons lodging on Miami Beach, Surfside and Bal Harbour, and to use or authorize the use of such monies to fund a portion of the modernization and upgrade of Sun Life Stadium for the benefit of Miami-Dade County's economy, and (b) permit the State to grant a State sales tax rebate on goods and services sold at Sun Life Stadium, subject to a statutory requirement that all or any portion of the State sales tax rebate shall be utilized to fund a capital improvement project(s) with a cost equal to or in excess of Two Hundred Fifty Million Dollars (\$250,000,000.00).

Section 3: INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CITY CLERK: The City Clerk is hereby directed to transmit certified copies of this Resolution to Governor Rick Scott, the President of the Florida Senate, the Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives, and the Chair and Members of the Miami-Dade County State Legislative Delegation.

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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 JANUARY 23, 2013.



OLIVER GILBERT, III, MAYOR

ATTEST:



RONETTA TAYLOR, MMC, CITY CLERK

PREPARED BY: SONJA KNIGHTON DICKENS, ESQ., CITY ATTORNEY

SPONSORED BY: MAYOR OLIVER GILBERT, III

Moved by: Councilwoman Odom
Second by: Councilman Harris

VOTE: 7-0

Mayor Oliver Gilbert, III	<u>X</u> (Yes)	____ (No)
Vice Mayor Lisa Davis	<u>X</u> (Yes)	____ (No)
Councilwoman Lillie Q. Odom	<u>X</u> (Yes)	____ (No)
Councilman David Williams Jr	<u>X</u> (Yes)	____ (No)
Councilwoman Felicia Robinson	<u>X</u> (Yes)	____ (No)
Councilman Rodney Harris	<u>X</u> (Yes)	____ (No)
Councilman Erhabor Ighodaro, Ph.D.	<u>X</u> (Yes)	____ (No)



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Council Meeting Date:	January 23, 2013		Item Type:	Resolution	Ordinance	Other	
			(Enter X in box)	X			
Fiscal Impact: (Enter X in box)	Yes	No	Ordinance Reading: (Enter X in box)	1st Reading		2nd Reading	
		X	Public Hearing: (Enter X in box)	Yes	No	Yes	No
					X		
Funding Source:	N/A		Advertising Requirement: (Enter X in box)	Yes		No	
						X	
Contract/P.O. Required: (Enter X in box)	Yes	No	RFP/RFQ/Bid #:	N/A			
		X					
Strategic Plan Related (Enter X in box)	Yes	No	Strategic Plan Priority Area:	Strategic Plan Obj./Strategy: (list the specific objective/strategy this item will address) N/A			
		X	Enhance Organizational <input type="checkbox"/> Bus. & Economic Dev <input type="checkbox"/> Public Safety <input type="checkbox"/> Quality of Education <input type="checkbox"/> Qual. of Life & City Image <input type="checkbox"/> Communication <input type="checkbox"/>				
Sponsor Name	Mayor Oliver Gilbert		Department:	Office of the Mayor and City Council			

Short Title:

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Staff Summary:

Located in the City of Miami Gardens, Sun Life Stadium is home of the National Football League's (NFL) Miami Dolphins, and the University of Miami Hurricane football team. Sun Life Stadium has hosted 5 Super Bowls, 4 BCS National Championships, 2 World Series, and a plethora of noteworthy concerts, community and entertainment events. These events have led

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to the creation of thousands of jobs, and the generation of billions of dollars of economic activity in South Florida.

Sun Life Stadium is one of the oldest NFL stadiums, and is need of significant modernization to compete with other state of the art venues to host future world class events. The Miami Dolphins franchise has unveiled plans to renovate the aging, Sun Life Stadium. The franchise has pledged to cover half of the renovation costs, and desires to utilize public dollars to fund the remainder of the project. As such, Mayor Oliver Gilbert recommends the adoption of a Resolution to urge the Florida Legislature to levy an additional penny on the Professional Sports Franchise Facility Tax, also known as the "tourist bed tax". The tourist bed tax is already authorized by State Statute and has been utilized to fund the construction of other sports facilities, including the American Airlines Arena and the Homestead-Miami Speedway. It is estimated that the South Florida region will benefit from the creation of 3,700 construction jobs, 1,100 permanent jobs, and an approximate overall economic benefit in the amount of Two Billion Dollars if Sun Life Stadium is renovated.

Proposed Action:

That the City Council approves the attached Resolution.

Attachment:

None.