AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY FORM

Date: 09/20/2019
Commission Meeting Date: 10/10/2019
Requesting Department: Sea Level Rise Committee
Sponsored By: Francis Suarez, Ken Russell, Joe Carollo
District Impacted: All

Type: Resolution
Subject: Establish - Energy Efficiency Goals

Purpose of Item:

A Resolution of the Miami City Commission encouraging the Florida Public Service Commission (PSC) to set meaningful energy efficiency goals in the 2019 Florida Energy Efficiency and Conservation Act proceedings, including establishing a strong energy efficiency resource standard for the State of Florida, adopting a strong demand side management programs that includes rebates and leveraging federal weatherization assistance program funds to provide greater assistance to low income homeowners throughout; providing for transmittal to the chair and clerk of the PSC and filing in relevant PSC dockets; and providing for severability and an effective date.

Background of Item:

The City of Miami’s Sea Level Rise Committee passed a resolution during their June 10, 2019 regular meeting in support of setting meaningful energy efficiency goals in the 2019 Florida Energy Efficiency and Conservation Act proceedings.

Improved conservation goals will generally lead to more robust energy efficiency programs and options directed at residential and commercial customers that reduce energy usage and provide economic and environmental benefits.

Budget Impact Analysis

Item has NO budget impact
Item is NOT Related to Revenue
Item is NOT funded by Bonds

Total Fiscal Impact: N/A

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A RESOLUTION OF THE MIAMI CITY COMMISSION ENCOURAGING THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION ("PSC") TO SET MEANINGFUL ENERGY EFFICIENCY GOALS IN THE 2019 FLORIDA ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION ACT PROCEEDINGS, INCLUDING ESTABLISHING A STRONG ENERGY EFFICIENCY RESOURCE STANDARD FOR THE STATE OF FLORIDA, ADOPTING A STRONG DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM THAT INCLUDES UTILITY REBATES, AND LEVERAGING FEDERAL WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FUNDS TO PROVIDE GREATER ASSISTANCE TO LOW INCOME HOMEOWNERS; PROVIDING FOR TRANSMITTAL TO THE CHAIRPERSON AND CLERK OF THE PSC AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO FILE THE SAME IN RELEVANT PSC DOCKETS.

WHEREAS, the Florida Legislature passed the Florida Energy Efficiency and Conservation Act ("FEECA") in 1980 to reduce peak electricity demand and energy consumption; and

WHEREAS, in 2008, the Florida Legislature amended FEECA to include an emphasis on cost-effective energy conservation measures; and

WHEREAS, FEECA requires that the Florida Public Service Commission ("PSC") establish numeric energy conservation goals for Florida's largest utilities at least every five (5) years; and

WHEREAS, the current 2019 FEECA proceedings before the PSC present an opportunity for substantial improvement to Florida's energy conservation goals; and

WHEREAS, energy use among the built environment, consisting of residential and commercial buildings, is a significant contributor to greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, energy conservation and efficiency programs and policies that promote behavioral and operational changes by residents and building owners can significantly reduce energy demand from the built environment, which is of high importance to the City of Miami; and

WHEREAS, the PSC is statutorily required, at a minimum, to establish goals for utilities regulated by FEECA and review such goals every five (5) years; and

WHEREAS, in turn, the utilities are required to develop cost-effective demand-side management plans that meet those goals and submit them to the PSC for approval; and

WHEREAS, the 2019 FEECA proceedings present a once in five (5) year opportunity to reset and improve the energy conservation goals for Florida's largest utilities; and
WHEREAS, improved conservation goals will generally lead to more robust energy efficiency programs and options directed at residential and commercial customers that reduce energy usage and provide economic and environmental benefits; and

WHEREAS, the Sea Level Rise Committee adopted a resolution encouraging the PSC to set meaningful energy efficiency goals in the 2019 FEECA proceedings;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI, FLORIDA:

Section 1. The recitals and findings contained in the Preamble to this Resolution are adopted by reference and incorporated as if fully set forth in this Section.

Section 2. The City Commission hereby urges the PSC to set meaningful energy efficiency goals in the 2019 FEECA proceedings, including establishing a strong energy efficiency resource standard for Florida, adopting a strong demand-side management program that includes utility rebates, and leveraging federal weatherization assistance program funds to provide greater assistance to low income homeowners.

Section 3. This City Clerk is directed to transmit this resolution to the Chairperson and Clerk of the PSC.

Section 4. The City Manager is authorized to file this Resolution in any relevant FEECA PSC administrative proceeding docket.

Section 5. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption and signature of the Mayor.¹

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND CORRECTNESS:

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Victoria Mendez, City Attorney
10/1/2019

¹ If the Mayor does not sign this Resolution, it shall become effective at the end of ten (10) calendar days from the date it was passed and adopted. If the Mayor vetoes this Resolution, it shall become effective immediately upon override of the veto by the City Commission.