MEMORANDUM

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Agenda Item No. 6A

TO: Honorable Chairwoman Natacha Seijas and Members of the Governmental Operations and Environment Committee

DATE: March 13, 2007

FROM: Kay M. Sullivan, Director
Clerk of the Board

SUBJECT: Approval of Commission Committee Minutes

The following Clerk's Summary of Minutes are submitted for approval by the Governmental Operations and Environment Committee:

- February 13, 2007

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CLERK'S SUMMARY OF

Meeting Minutes

Governmental Operations and Environment Committee

Natacha Seijas (13) Chair; Jose "Pepe" Diaz (12) Vice Chair; Commissioners Audrey M. Edmonson (3), Carlos A. Gimenez (7), Joe A. Martinez (11), and Dorrin D. Rolle (2)

Tuesday, February 13, 2007 **9:30 AM** **COMMISSION CHAMBERS**

Members Present: Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Audrey M. Edmonson, Carlos A. Gimenez, Dorrin Rolle, Natacha Seijas.

Members Absent: None.

Members Late: Joe A. Martinez.

Members Excused: None.

MINUTES PREPARED BY:

Report: *Jill Thornton, Commissioner Reporter*
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1A INVOCATION

1B PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1C ROLL CALL

Report: *The following staff members were present: Assistant County Manager Roger Carlton, Assistant County Attorneys Joni Armstrong-Coffey, Oren Rosenthal and David Murray; and Deputy Clerks Doris Dickens and Jill Thornton.*

Assistant County Attorney Joni Armstrong-Coffey noted that in addition to the changes listed in the County Manager's Memorandum entitled "Requested Changes to the Governmental Operations and Environmental Committee Agenda," Commissioners Diaz and Edmonson should be added as co-sponsors to Agenda Item 3E.

It was moved by Commissioner Diaz that the County Manager's memorandum entitled "Requested Changes to the Governmental Operations and Environmental Committee Agenda," dated February 13, 2007, be approved with the additional changes noted by Assistant County Attorney Armstrong-Coffey. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Rolle, and upon being put to a vote, passed by a vote of 5-0. (Commissioner Martinez was absent)

1D CHAIRPERSON

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070273 **Report**

REMARKS FROM CHAIRPERSON SEIJAS ***Presented***

Report: *Chairwoman Seijas called the meeting to order at 9:48 a.m. and welcomed the new Governmental Operations and Environmental Committee (GOEC) members. She provided opening remarks, which she noted was intended to address a number of housekeeping matters. Chairwoman Seijas noted a number of departments now reporting to the GOE would assist this committee in dealing with complex issues facing the County, municipalities, and the unincorporated areas.*

Chairwoman Seijas noted she provided the department directors who were not under the jurisdiction of the previous Infrastructure and Land Use Committee with a copy of a memorandum that was sent to the Mayor last week. She noted she indicated in this memo that each department under the GOE Committee's jurisdiction should be prepared to submit a Budget Report at the March 13th GOEC Meeting identifying their performance measures adopted in the County Budget and identify in what stage they were in. She noted each Department Director should be prepared to explain their achievements to the date relative to the adopted performance measures.

Chairwoman Seijas noted a resolution she proposed, declaring the first week of April each year as "Water for People Week" was adopted by the Board at the January 25th BCC meeting in her absence. She noted Miami-Dade Water and Sewer Department (WASD), in conjunction with the American Water Works Association, was now authorized to engage in activities to support the mission of the private, not-for-profit agency known as "Water for People." She noted this agency assists impoverished areas worldwide to improve quality of life by providing local and sustainable drinking water.

Chairwoman Seijas noted Miami-Dade Water and Sewer Department lost a respected engineer and career employee who dedicated his life work to ensure local, sustainable drinking water for the people of this community. Chairwoman Seijas asked ACA Armstrong-Coffey to prepare a resolution for consideration at the March 6th BCC Meeting, renaming the Miami-Dade fund that

supports the Water for People Agency, as the "Robert A. Cuevas Memorial Fund" in memory of Mr. Cuevas.

Chairwoman Seijas commended WASD staff for their efforts in spreading the message to the public concerning water conservation. She expressed appreciation to Commissioner Martinez for his sponsorship and initiatives in policies adopted by the County Commission for the Water Use Efficiency 5-year Plan. She also expressed appreciation to the Channel 6 News Team for recognizing the County's efforts in addressing water conservation.

Chairwoman Seijas noted the first meeting of the Climate Exchange Task Force was scheduled for Friday, February 23rd, 2007, at 10:00 a.m. This meeting would be held at the Lawson Thomas Center, 11th Floor Conference Room, she noted and this Committee would be receiving quarterly reports from this Task Force. Chairwoman Seijas noted that as Chair of this Committee, it was her intent to act upon recommendations from the Task Force as they were presented as opposed to waiting five years for a comprehensive plan. She stated that the County was a sea-level community that could not afford to wait and see the impact of global warming on the sea level. She noted she was confidant that Harvey Ruvin, as Chairman of the Climate Exchange Task Force, would ensure that the quarterly reports would include specific requests for action and it was the obligation of this Committee to move forward expeditiously.

Chairwoman Seijas noted she sponsored a resolution in support of the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Water Sense Program that would require water-efficient products to be labeled, which was adopted at the July 18, 2006 BCC meeting. She noted the labeling program would be implemented soon and that the County was one of the first governments to endorse this program and be recognized by the regulatory agency. She read into the record, the opening lines of a letter from the Environment Protection Agency (EPA) to WASD noting the County had demonstrated environmental leadership by becoming a partner of the Water Sense Program.

070585	**Resolution**	**Natacha Seijas, Jose "Pepe" Diaz**	
	RESOLUTION DEDICATING WATER FOR PEOPLE WEEK 2007 TO THE MEMORY OF ROBERT A. CUEVAS AND FURTHER DIRECTING THAT ALL MIAMI-DADE COUNTY CONTRIBUTIONS AND SUPPORT IN CONNECTION THEREWITH BE MADE IN THE NAME AND MEMORY OF ROBERT A. CUEVAS		***Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation*** ***Mover: Seijas*** ***Seconder: Diaz*** ***Vote: 6-0***

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070389 **Citizen's** **Jose "Pepe" Diaz**

CITIZEN'S PRESENTATION BY DOMINICK MASSARI REGARDING ALTERNATIVE FUELS — ***Presented***

Report: *Chairwoman Seijas introduced Mr. Massari, whom she noted would make a presentation on Palm Oil, an alternative Bio-Diesel fuel. She noted she invited Mr. Massari to make this presentation because she felt it was important that this Committee be a clearing house for ideas and initiatives that could help the County reduce its greenhouse gas emissions. She stated the presentation was related to a resolution on today's agenda under her sponsorship.*

Mr. Dominick Massari, CEO, Earthfirst Technology, a NASDAQ BB Public Company headquartered in Tampa Florida, made a presentation on Palm Biodiesel fuel. He indicated that global warming was real according to research conducted by the top 136 scientists, and his company was committed to efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions for the past five years. He also noted his company sold the palm-based Biodiesel fuel, which was a proven alternative to diesel fuel licensed by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA); and had sold over one million gallons of this fuel to customers throughout the State of Florida

Mr. Massari noted this fuel was capable of eliminating carcinogenic PAH particulate pollution; contained a lower sulfur content and had a positive energy balance that produces six times the energy needed to create it. He stated he felt the County's commitment to join the Chicago Climate Exchange was indicative of this Commissions commitment to reduce particulates and other harmful emissions. He encouraged the Committee members to explore the use of biodiesel products and other incentives/disincentives nationwide to become a cleaner and greener environment.

Commissioner Diaz noted he would like to be added as a co-sponsor to the resolution sponsored by Chairwoman Seijas. He questioned the cost of bio-diesel fuel versus the cost of petroleum diesel fuel.

Mr. Massari noted as an example that a B-20 blend would currently cost 3 to 4 cents more per

gallon than petroleum diesel fuel, but the cost differences varied based on the fuel blend and the market. He further noted approximately one million gallons of palm oil-biodiesel fuel was available at any given time and could last approximately two years.

Chairwoman Seijas asked Assistant County Manager Roger Carlton to arrange a technical meeting with Mr. Massari, representatives from the Procurement Department and other County Department Directors whose department used the most diesel fuel, to explore the feasibility of implementing a pilot program to use Palm Oil as an alterative fuel. She also asked that Mr. Carlton submit his findings/recommendations for Committee review within the next 60 days; including a cost analysis and everything else involved.

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070415 **Report**

CITIZENS SURVEY RESULTS FROM THE PERMITTING INSPECTION CENTER: EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION — ***Presented***

Report: *Chairwoman Seijas noted the permitting process at the West Dade Permitting and Inspection Center was one of the County's major problems two years ago; that efforts to streamline the process and make it more customer-friendly had proven beneficial and customers using the process were reporting positive experiences. Chairwoman Seijas commended the Director and employees at the West Dade Permitting and Inspection Center for their dedicated work. She noted it was difficult for the staff to travel downtown to be recognized so a video conference was arranged for review by Committee members today.*

Mr. Terry Smith Director, Administrative Finance Division, Building Department, appeared on behalf of Mr. Charlie Danger, Building Department Director, who could not attend today's meeting.

Mr. Tom Marko, Development Coordinator, County Manager's Office, provided the results of the customer service survey given by the Office of Strategic Business Management and the Building Department in 2006. He noted 80% of 1,400 customers surveyed said they were pleased with the improvements and the services provided at the Permitting and Inspection Center. He also noted a number of survey forms contained handwritten comments from customers acknowledging the changes in the process and encouraging the Department to continue their efforts.

Several employees at the West Dade Permitting and Inspection Center were recognized via video conferencing, and stood and stated their name and positions for the record.

Chairwoman Seijas commended the staff for their accomplishments in just a short time and encouraged them to keep up the good work. She also commended County Mayor Alvarez for joining the Commission in taking the lead to resolve this issue.

2 DEPARTMENTS

2A

070222 **Resolution**

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING "ASSIGNMENT OF OPTION TO PURCHASE" APPROXIMATELY 15.149 ACRES IN THE SOUTH DADE WETLANDS PROJECT WITHIN THE ENVIRONMENTALLY ENDANGERED LANDS PROGRAM ACQUISITION SITE WITH THE NATURE CONSERVANCY AS ASSIGNOR, MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AS ASSIGNEE, AND LINDA BARON AND DIANNE B. SNEDAKER AS SELLERS; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO EXERCISE PROVISIONS CONTAINED THEREIN (Department of Environmental Resources Management)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Rolle
Seconder: Diaz
Vote: 5-0
Absent: Edmonson

Report: *The foregoing proposed resolution was read into the record by Assistant County Attorney Joni Armstrong-Coffey.*

Hearing no comments or discussion, the Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing resolution as presented.

2A SUPPLEMENT

070298 **Supplement**

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION RE:TO SOUTH DADE WETLANDS PURCHASES

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Rolle
Seconder: Diaz
Vote: 5-0
Absent: Edmonson

2B

070223 **Resolution**

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING "ASSIGNMENT OF OPTION TO PURCHASE" APPROXIMATELY 5 ACRES IN THE SOUTH DADE WETLANDS PROJECT WITHIN THE ENVIRONMENTALLY ENDANGERED LANDS PROGRAM ACQUISITION SITE WITH THE NATURE CONSERVANCY AS ASSIGNOR, MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AS ASSIGNEE, AND THOMAS H. BROWN, JR. AS SELLER; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO EXERCISE PROVISIONS CONTAINED THEREIN (Department of Environmental Resources Management)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Rolle
Seconder: Diaz
Vote: 5-0
Absent: Edmonson

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070229 **Resolution**

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING "ASSIGNMENT OF OPTION TO PURCHASE" APPROXIMATELY 84.65 ACRES OF SOUTH DADE WETLANDS PROJECT WITHIN THE ENVIRONMENTALLY ENDANGERED LANDS PROGRAM ACQUISITION SITE WITH THE NATURE CONSERVANCY AS ASSIGNOR, MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AS ASSIGNEE, AND BULLET CEMENT CORPORATION AS SELLER; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO EXERCISE PROVISIONS CONTAINED THEREIN (Department of Environmental Resources Management)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Rolle
Seconder: Diaz
Vote: 5-0
Absent: Edmonson

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070230 **Resolution**

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING "ASSIGNMENT OF OPTION TO PURCHASE" APPROXIMATELY 6.08 ACRES IN THE SOUTH DADE WETLANDS PROJECT WITHIN THE ENVIRONMENTALLY ENDANGERED LANDS PROGRAM ACQUISITION SITE WITH THE NATURE CONSERVANCY AS ASSIGNOR, MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AS ASSIGNEE, AND MARIA ISABEL CUEVAS MARTINO, JAN ENRIQUE PAGAN CUEVAS, AND MARI-CARMEN P. CUEVAS AS SELLERS; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO EXERCISE PROVISIONS CONTAINED THEREIN (Department of Environmental Resources Management)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Rolle
Seconder: Diaz
Vote: 5-0
Absent: Edmonson

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070231 **Resolution**

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING "ASSIGNMENT OF OPTION TO PURCHASE" APPROXIMATELY 20.308 ACRES IN THE SOUTH DADE WETLANDS PROJECT WITHIN THE ENVIRONMENTALLY ENDANGERED LANDS PROGRAM ACQUISITION SITE WITH THE NATURE CONSERVANCY AS ASSIGNOR, MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AS ASSIGNEE, AND URANO INTERNATIONAL, INC. AS SELLER; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO EXERCISE PROVISIONS CONTAINED THEREIN (Department of Environmental Resources Management)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Rolle
Seconder: Diaz
Vote: 5-0
Absent: Edmonson

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070232 **Resolution**

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING "ASSIGNMENT OF OPTION TO PURCHASE" APPROXIMATELY 75 ACRES IN THE SOUTH DADE WETLANDS PROJECT WITHIN THE ENVIRONMENTALLY ENDANGERED LANDS PROGRAM ACQUISITION SITE WITH THE NATURE CONSERVANCY AS ASSIGNOR, MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AS ASSIGNEE, AND HEIDI HUTNER, IRIS DUARTE AND JOEL HUTNER AS SELLERS; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO EXERCISE PROVISIONS CONTAINED THEREIN (Department of Environmental Resources Management)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Rolle
Seconder: Diaz
Vote: 5-0
Absent: Edmonson

2G

070224 **Resolution**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A CANAL RIGHT-OF-WAY AND CANAL MAINTENANCE EASEMENT DEDICATION IN EXCHANGE FOR THE RELEASE OF EXCESS CANAL RESERVATION IN BLOCK 20 OF SECTION 29, TOWNSHIP 53 SOUTH, RANGE 40 EAST (WC-853) (Department of Environmental Resources Management)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Diaz
Seconder: Rolle
Vote: 5-0
Absent: Edmonson

Report: *The foregoing proposed resolution was read into the record by Assistant County Attorney Joni Armstrong-Coffey.*

Hearing no comments or discussion, the Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing resolution as presented.

2H

070225 **Resolution**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE BY MIAMI-DADE COUNTY OF CANAL RIGHT-OF-WAY AND CANAL FLOW RIGHTS DEDICATION IN EXCHANGE FOR THE RELEASE AND QUIT CLAIM OF AN EXCESS COUNTY CANAL RESERVATION, A CANAL RIGHT-OF-WAY, AND A CANAL MAINTENANCE EASEMENT NO LONGER NEEDED IN SECTIONS 25/26/35/36, TOWNSHIP 53 SOUTH, RANGE 39 EAST (Department of Environmental Resources Management)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Diaz
Seconder: Rolle
Vote: 5-0
Absent: Edmonson

Report: *The foregoing proposed resolution was read into the record by Assistant County Attorney Joni Armstrong-Coffey.*

Hearing no comments or discussion, the Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing resolution as presented.

2I

070226 **Resolution**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXEMPTION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY STORMWATER UTILITY ORDINANCE [SEE AGENDA ITEM NOS. 2(J) AND 2(P)] (Department of Environmental Resources Management)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Diaz
Seconder: Rolle
Vote: 5-0
Absent: Edmonson

Report: *The foregoing proposed resolution was read into the record by Assistant County Attorney Joni Armstrong-Coffey.*

Hearing no comments or discussion, the Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing resolution as presented.

2J

070227 **Resolution**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS AND THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY STORMWATER UTILITY FOR STORMWATER MANAGEMENT; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO EXERCISE THE TERMINATION PROVISIONS CONTAINED THEREIN [SEE AGENDA ITEM NOS. 2(I) AND (2P)] (Department of Environmental Resources Management)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Diaz
Seconder: Rolle
Vote: 5-0
Absent: Edmonson

Report: *The foregoing proposed resolution was read into the record by Assistant County Attorney Joni Armstrong-Coffey.*

Hearing no comments or discussion, the Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing resolution as presented.

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070228 **Resolution**

RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE APPLICATION FOR, ACCEPTANCE OF, AND EXECUTION OF A NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION GRANT FOR COMMUNITY- BASED MARINE DEBRIS PREVENTION AND REMOVAL (Department of Environmental Resources Management)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Gimenez
Seconder: Diaz
Vote: 5-0
Absent: Edmonson

Report: *The foregoing proposed resolution was read into the record by Assistant County Attorney Joni Armstrong-Coffey.*

Hearing no comments or discussion, the Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing resolution as presented.

2L

070295 **Resolution**

RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE AWARD OF EMERGENCY REPAIR CONTRACTS TO REPAIR DAMAGE CAUSED TO SECONDARY CANALS BY HURRICANES KATRINA AND WILMA; AS ORIGINALLY AUTHORIZED IN RESOLUTION R-222-06 (Department of Environmental Resources Management)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Gimenez
Seconder: Diaz
Vote: 5-0
Absent: Edmonson

Report: *The foregoing proposed resolution was read into the record by Assistant County Attorney Joni Armstrong-Coffey.*

Hearing no comments or discussion, the Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing resolution as presented.

2M

070260 **Resolution**

RESOLUTION GRANTING PETITION TO CLOSE NW 6 STREET, FROM NW 74 AVENUE WEST FOR 150 FEET (ROAD CLOSING PETITION NO. P-831) (Public Works Department)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Gimenez
Seconder: Diaz
Vote: 5-0
Absent: Edmonson

Report: *The foregoing proposed resolution was read into the record by Assistant County Attorney Joni Armstrong-Coffey.*

Hearing no comments or discussion, the Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing resolution as presented.

2N

070263 **Resolution**

RESOLUTION GRANTING PETITION TO CLOSE THE ALLEY BETWEEN SW 38 STREET AND SW 39 STREET, FROM SW 67 AVENUE WEST FOR APPROXIMATELY 430 FEET; AND THAT PORTION OF THE ALLEY EAST OF SW 68 AVENUE, FROM SW 38 STREET SOUTH FOR APPROXIMATELY 115 FEET (ROAD CLOSING PETITION NO. P-830) (Public Works Department)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Gimenez
Seconder: Diaz
Vote: 5-0
Absent: Edmonson

Report: *The foregoing proposed resolution was read into the record by Assistant County Attorney Joni Armstrong-Coffey.*

Hearing no comments or discussion, the Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing resolution as presented.

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070350 **Resolution**

RESOLUTION GRANTING PETITION TO CLOSE SW 168 STREET, FROM SW 137 AVENUE WEST FOR APPROXIMATELY 844 FEET (ROAD CLOSING PETITION NO. P-827) (Public Works Department)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Gimenez
Seconder: Diaz
Vote: 5-0
Absent: Edmonson

Report: *The foregoing proposed resolution was read into the record by Assistant County Attorney Joni Armstrong-Coffey.*

Hearing no comments or discussion, the Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing resolution as presented.

2P

070307 **Resolution**

RESOLUTION APPROVING EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS FOR BILLING OF STORMWATER UTILITY CHARGES BY MIAMI-DADE WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT [SEE AGENDA ITEM NOS. 2(I) AND 2(J)] (Water & Sewer Department)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Diaz
Seconder: Rolle
Vote: 5-0
Absent: Edmonson

Report: *The foregoing proposed resolution was read into the record by Assistant County Attorney Joni Armstrong-Coffey.*

Commissioner Diaz expressed concern with the County providing the storm water utility billing services for cities and the potential for residents to blame the County for rate increases imposed by cities.

Mr. John Renfrow, Director, Miami-Dade Water and Sewer Department (WASD), noted at the request of the Committee members, the Department could require municipalities to send out general mailings explaining that rate increases were imposed by the respective city.

Commissioner Diaz asked the Water and Sewer Department Director to provide him with a report reflecting the number of cities that use the County's services to generate storm water utility bills and the cost to the County.

Following further discussion, Commissioner Diaz asked that appropriate legislation be prepared requiring that any municipality increasing storm water utility rates send out mailings on letterhead paper, clearly stating that the respective municipality was responsible for the rate increase, not Miami-Dade County.

Hearing no further discussion, the Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing resolutions as presented.

2Q

070367 **Resolution**

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF FIVE REPLACEMENT MEMBERS TO THE AGRICULTURE PRACTICES STUDY ADVISORY BOARD (Department of Planning & Zoning)

Amended

Report: *(See Agenda Item 2Q Amended; Legislative No. 070541 for the amended version)*

2Q AMENDED

070541 **Resolution**

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF FOUR REPLACEMENT MEMBERS TO THE AGRICULTURE PRACTICES STUDY ADVISORY BOARD [SEE ORIGINAL ITEM UNDER FILE NO. 070367] (Department of Planning & Zoning)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation with committee amendment(s)
Mover: Rolle
Seconder: Diaz
Vote: 5-0
Absent: Edmonson

Report: *Chairwoman Seijas asked whether it was necessary for this Committee to approve all five appointments to fill the vacant seats on the Agriculture Practices Study Advisory Board. She suggested the appointment of a member from the South Dade Soil and Water Conservation District be deferred pending the County Attorney's clarification on the pending law suit by this group and whether a conflict existed.*

Assistant County Attorney Joni Armstrong-Coffey noted this proposed resolution could be bifurcated to separate out the appointment of the member representing the South Dade Soil and Water Conservation District, and forward the remaining appointments.

It was moved by Commissioner Diaz that the foregoing resolution be bifurcated to separate out the appointment of the South Dade Soil and Water Conservation District's representative and defer it to the March 13th, 2007 Committee meeting, pending the County Attorney's clarification regarding the law suit. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Rolle, and upon being put to a vote, passed 5-0. (Commissioner Edmonson was absent)

The foregoing resolution was forwarded to the BCC with Committee amendment(s) to exclude the appointment of the South Dade Soil and Water Conservation District's representative.

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070412 **Resolution**

RESOLUTION APPROVING A CAMPUS DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION BY THE COUNTY MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE (Department of Planning & Zoning)

Deferred to March 13, 2007
Mover: Diaz
Seconder: Edmonson
Vote: 6-0

Report: *The foregoing proposed resolution was read into the record by Assistant County Attorney Joni Armstrong-Coffey.*

Chairwoman Seijas opened the public hearing on the foregoing proposed resolution. Hearing no person wishing to speak on this matter, the public hearing was closed.

Commissioner Diaz noted he spoke with representatives at Florida International University (FIU) concerning this matter, but he still had some concerns regarding this resolution. He asked that this resolution be forwarded to the County Commission without a recommendation. He noted during the interim, he would meet with the FIU representatives to resolve his concerns. Commissioner Diaz advised that in the future, he would be requesting a deferral or requesting to invoke the 3-day rule on any items placed on the agenda at the last minute.

Chairwoman Seijas noted she allowed this item to be heard today due to the time constraints involved.

Commissioner Edmonson noted she had not had an opportunity to review this proposed resolution and suggested it be forwarded to the County Commission without a recommendation.

Commissioner Gimenez questioned why this resolution could not be deferred to the next Committee meeting.

Mr. Steve Solas, representing FIU, appeared before the Committee and apologized to the Commissioners for not briefing them on this matter. He stated he had worked closely with the County's Planning Department on this project, which had been in the pipeline for a couple of years, but the time constraints involved the construction time table for the stadium bleachers. He noted a deferral would delay the beginning of

construction and the 2008 football season.

Commissioner Martinez noted he also had not had an opportunity to review this resolution, which had several issues that he wanted to discuss. He stated he would abstain from voting if Committee members decided to forward this resolution to the County Commission without a recommendation.

Following further discussion, the Committee proceeded to vote on a motion to defer.

Mr. Pablo Gusta, FIU's Planning Department, appeared before the Committee and requested that the Planning and Zoning Department Director be allowed to provide an explanation regarding why this resolution was added to today's agenda.

Chairwoman Seijas responded that the explanation was not necessary since the item was deferred.

3 COUNTY COMMISSION

3A

070095 **Ordinance** **Sally A. Heyman**

ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 10-20 OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA; MODIFYING COMPOSITION OF CONSTRUCTION TRADES QUALIFYING BOARD; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN THE CODE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Diaz
Seconder: Edmonson
Vote: 6-0

Report: *The foregoing proposed ordinance was read into the record by Assistant County Attorney Joni Armstrong-Coffey.*

Chairwoman Seijas opened the public hearing on the foregoing proposed ordinance. Hearing no person wishing to speak on this matter, the public hearing was closed.

Commissioner Diaz questioned whether Commissioner Heyman had discussed the intent of this ordinance with the various Trade Boards.

Commissioner Heyman noted she had solicited applicants from all trades and industries to fill the seat, but the qualifications were so specific that they were unable to fill the vacancy. Consequently, she noted, she was requesting that the criteria be changed.

Chairwoman Seijas asked Commissioner Heyman to consider exploring the possibility of presenting a slate of at least three private citizens for appointees to the Construction Trades Qualifying Board for consideration by the County Commission

Commissioner Heyman noted Chairman Seijas' suggestion was acceptable and she would be willing to offer an amendment, if timely, at the next County Commission meeting.

Hearing no further discussion, the Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing ordinance as presented.

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070358 **Resolution** **Dorrin Rolle**

RESOLUTION RELATING TO COMMUNITY COUNCILS; PROVIDING FOR THE DISSOLUTION OF SUBAREA 86 AND THE CREATION OF AN AT-LARGE SEAT IN NORTH CENTRAL COMMUNITY COUNCIL EIGHT

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Rolle
Seconder: Martinez
Vote: 5-0
Absent: Diaz

Report: *The foregoing proposed resolution was read into the record by Assistant County Attorney Joni Armstrong-Coffey.*

Chairwoman Seijas opened the public hearing on the foregoing proposed resolution. Hearing no person wishing to speak on this matter, the public hearing was closed.

Commissioner Rolle noted he had worked with Team Metro in efforts to fill the vacancy in Subarea 86 that had been vacant since October 2006. He explained the intent of the foregoing resolution was to dissolve Subarea 86 and add precinct numbers 284, 285, 289, 341, 347 and 446 to Subarea 85, which they believed was the best way to fill this vacancy.

Hearing no further comments or discussion, the Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing resolution as presented.

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063376 **Ordinance** **Jose "Pepe" Diaz**

ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 12-23 OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA RELATING TO INITIATIVE, REFERENDUM AND RECALL PETITIONS; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN THE CODE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Diaz
Seconder: Edmonson
Vote: 5-1
No: Gimenez

Report: *The foregoing proposed ordinance was read into the record by Assistant County Attorney Joni Armstrong-Coffey.*

Chairwoman Seijas opened the public hearing on the foregoing proposed ordinance. Hearing no person wishing to speak on this matter, the public hearing was closed.

Commissioner Diaz stated he promised to bring this ordinance back after working out all of the issues with staff. He noted the intent of the foregoing ordinance was to ensure that persons gathering petitions were responsible individuals and registered voters; and to ensure that the petitions were tri-lingual.

Commissioner Gimenez questioned the language in Florida Statue 104.185 and whether individual(s) initiating a petition must be 18 years of age or older and whether individual(s) gathering signatures could be prohibited from being paid for collecting signatures.

Assistant County Attorney Oren Rosenthal responded to Commissioner Gimenez' questions, noting that Florida Statue104.185 dealt with someone knowingly signing more than one petition, signing another person's name, or signing a fictitious name, which carried penalties for first degree misdemeanor. Mr. Rosenthal further noted some case law exists that provides it is illegal to prohibit individual(s) from receiving pay for circulating petitions.

Commissioner Martinez noted he supported the requirement that the petitioner be a registered elector because the criminal penalty related to this ordinance may not apply to juveniles. He also noted he felt this ordinance only dealt with the adult criminal system.

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063544 **Resolution** **Jose "Pepe" Diaz**

RESOLUTION RENAMING THE MIAMI-DADE ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS THE "ALICIA ACOSTA-THATCHER MIAMI-DADE ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS"

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Diaz
Seconder: Edmonson
Vote: 6-0

Report: *The foregoing proposed resolution was read into the record by Assistant County Attorney Joni Armstrong-Coffey.*

Chairwoman Seijas opened the public hearing on the foregoing proposed resolution. There being no person wishing to speak on this matter, the public hearing was closed.

Mr. Lester Solos, Director, Elections Department, spoke in support of the foregoing resolution, noting this was a small gesture of appreciation in memory of Ms. Alicia Acosta-Thatcher, a long time County employee who worked her entire career at the Elections Department. He informed the Committee members that the Municipal Clerks Association, a customer whom the Elections Department served, would be considering a resolution on February 22, 2006, seeking a governance support for this resolution.

Mr. Henry Thatcher thanked the Committee members for their consideration and support in honoring Alicia Thatcher. He noted that Alicia was a dedicated public servant and he was grateful that she was being honored.

Chairwoman Seijas stated it was the Committee's honor to name the Elections Headquarters building after Ms. Thatcher.

Commissioner Diaz noted Ms. Thatcher was a special, dedicated employee whom he worked with personally during his campaign for Sweetwater councilman. He stated he could not think of a better person to name this County structure after especially because of her dedication.

Chairwoman Seijas asked that the foregoing resolution be moved to the March 20th BCC meeting in lieu of the March 6th BCC meeting because some individuals needing to attend this hearing could not be present on March 6, 2007.

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070373 **Resolution** **Natacha Seijas, Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Audrey M. Edmonson, Carlos A. Gimenez, Joe A. Martinez, Dorrin Rolle**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO APPLY FOR AND OBTAIN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY MEMBERSHIP IN THE CHICAGO CLIMATE EXCHANGE AS A PHASE II MEMBER FOR DIRECT EMISSIONS AND TO BUDGET SUFFICIENT FUNDS TO SUPPORT MEMBERSHIP IN THE CHICAGO CLIMATE EXCHANGE [SEE AGENDA ITEM NO. 12(B)4]

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Seijas
Seconder: Diaz
Vote: 6-0

Report: *The foregoing proposed resolution was read into the record by Assistant County Attorney Joni Armstrong-Coffey.*

Chairwoman Seijas advised that the National Association of Counties (NACo) held an annual conference last summer in Chicago, where the Chicago Climate Exchange provided a special briefing to some of the large urban counties. She noted that after she returned from Chicago, she sponsored a resolution directing the County Administration to investigate the feasibility of the County becoming a member of the Exchange. She noted that the County Administration had evaluated the membership cost and the County Manager was recommending that the County join the exchange, which she fully supported. Chairwoman Seijas noted that by joining this exchange, the County would be making a commitment in efforts to reduce greenhouse gases.

Chairwoman Seijas explained that if the County did not meet its goals for reducing greenhouse gas emissions, it would be required to contribute funds to the Exchange. She noted if the County did not reduce its greenhouse gas emissions over a four year period, the County may have to buy $280,000 worth of credits but its contributions would be appropriated to governments that met their goals. Chairwoman Seijas pointed out that the County uses a substantial amount of fuel everyday to operate its fleet of trucks, buses, and vehicles, in addition to the large amount of fuel required by its pump station, treatment plants and incinerators; and that it was responsible for about 300,000 metric tons of carbon emissions.

Chairwoman Seijas stated the environmentalists and Department of Environmental Resources

Management had tried for years, to convince the County to engage in efforts to reduce carbon emissions. She noted that by joining the Climate Exchange, the County would make real progress towards becoming a disciplined organization and would have great external pressure to achieve specific goals. Chairwoman Seijas also noted employees from each County department would have to maintain accurate reporting information and would be motivated to consider new ways to reduce fuel consumption and carbon emission. She noted that by joining the Exchange, the County would be cash specific in no time and would send a clear message to world that it was truly a progressive Florida government. Although joining the exchange was voluntary, Chairwoman Seijas noted the federal laws regulating carbon emissions were likely to be implemented in the next couple of years, and the knowledge the County gained by participating in this voluntary exchange would be extremely important in preparing elected officials from this County to advance carbon legislation. She urged her colleagues to support this initiative.

Committee members Diaz, Edmonson, Rolle, Gimenez and Martinez asked that they be added as co-sponsors to this resolution.

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070400 **Resolution** **Rebeca Sosa**

RESOLUTION DIRECTING COUNTY MANAGER TO IMPLEMENT MEASURES TO CONSOLIDATE AND PROMOTE GREATER UNIFORMITY OF CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES WITHIN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

Deferred to no date certain
Mover: Rolle
Seconder: Diaz
Vote: 5-0
Absent: Edmonson

Report: *The foregoing proposed resolution was read into the record by Assistant County Attorney Joni Armstrong-Coffey.*

Commissioner Diaz noted the title of this resolution should be amended to replace the word "implement" with "study."

Commissioner Rolle questioned the number of County departments that currently have Capital Improvement projects and whether this resolution would consolidate the construction of capital projects for all departments.

Mr. Roger Hernstadt noted there were approximately twenty County departments that had Capital Improvement Projects in the pipeline.

Assistant County Manager Roger Carlton noted the intent of this resolution was to make the process more consistent and efficient. He noted that consolidating the construction of all capital improvement projects into one single department would be an enormous responsibility. He suggested it would be more feasible to conduct a study first.

Commissioner Gimenez concurred with Mr. Carlton. He encouraged those departments with large capital construction projects to use in-house resources. He noted when he was employed by the City of Miami, many discrepancies existed between departments on how to handle construction because it was decentralized. He stated he hoped the study would come back with a more consolidated approach for construction projects in the County, although he agreed that it may not all need to be in one location.

Commissioner Martinez expressed concern that the new structure of County Government and resolutions delegating powers/authority to the County Manager would impact the priority of Capital Improvement Projects in Commission Districts. He noted that under the former system,

Commissioners were notified of new projects being implemented in their respective districts and that in the past, commissioners dealt with department directors who provided them with cost projections and commissioners could prioritize projects within their districts. He noted another factor to consider under the newly structured County government, was that individuals making decisions on these projects may not be professionals, and may make decisions that limit the availability of funding and the prioritization of these projects.

Commissioner Gimenez pointed out that under the new structure, the County Commission had the power to make appropriations and make decisions on how projects would be funded. He noted the commissioners needed to be more diligent in the future and more deliberate in appropriating funding than in the past. He also noted this resolution may facilitate efforts to centralize CIP construction projects in one location, and give the commissioners the ability to check the status of CIPs and decide what should be funded or unfunded.

Commissioner Diaz noted he concurred with Commissioners Martinez and Gimenez. He also noted the reason he asked for a study first was to ensure this was the proper way to proceed and that detailed cost projections would be available. Commissioner Diaz questioned the amount of money the County Manager was authorized to approve CIPs without County Commission approval. He also questioned whether the resolution he sponsored, involving the cost and timelines of capital projects was implemented and being used by County departments and was it efficient.

Mr. Hernstadt noted this program had improved significantly since it was implemented and all departments were using it. However, many modules were available which the departments were not necessarily using and part of Commissioner's Sosa's intent of the proposed resolution was to ensure that everyone used it.

Commissioner Diaz noted the problem was that many of the departments were not entering the proper information into the system, which was why he wanted to conduct a study.

Following the discussion, the Board proceeded to vote on a motion to defer this resolution.

Concerning comments made by Commissioner Martinez, Commissioner Rolle questioned whether CIP projects already prioritized in Commission Districts could be affected under the newly structured government.

Mr. Hernstadt noted projects forwarded to his department by the Commissioners for implementation are reviewed the way they were in the past. He noted some requests received in his office do not come directly from a District Commissioner's office and they try to address them with other funding sources, as well as contact the respective commissioner's district office to inform them of a potential project in their district.

Following further discussion, Commissioner Rolle asked the Capital Improvements (CIP) Office Director to notify him of any projects requested by anyone other than the respective District Commissioner for implementation in District #2 that may impact the prioritization of Capital Improvement Projects already approved.

Concerning comments made by Commissioner Diaz, Chairwoman Seijas noted Commissioner Jordan had presented legislation regarding this matter for first reading which was 4-day ruled and should be presented on the March 20th BCC agenda. She noted she would be co-sponsoring it with her.

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070098 **Resolution** **Sen. Javier D. Souto, Rebeca Sosa**

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE'S DESIGNATION OF STATE ROAD 90/US 41 (SW 8TH STREET) BETWEEN SW 87TH AVENUE AND SW 97TH AVENUE AS EMILIO OCHOA BOULEVARD AND URGING THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO ERECT MARKERS FOR SUCH DESIGNATION

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Diaz
Seconder: Seijas
Vote: 5-0
Absent: Edmonson

Report: *The foregoing proposed resolution was read into the record by Assistant County Attorney Joni Armstrong-Coffey.*

Hearing no comments or discussion, the Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing resolution as presented.

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070276 **Resolution** **Dennis C. Moss**

RESOLUTION ADOPTING GOVERNMENTAL STRUCTURE TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THE SUNSET REVIEW PROCESS OF ADVISORY BOARDS AND DIRECTING THE COUNTY MANAGER, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE COUNTY ATTORNEY, TO DRAFT AMENDMENTS TO THE CODE INCORPORATING TASK FORCE'S RECOMMENDATIONS PERTAINING TO COUNTY BOARDS

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Diaz
Seconder: Seijas
Vote: 5-0
Absent: Edmonson

Report: *The foregoing proposed resolution was read into the record by Assistant County Attorney Joni Armstrong-Coffey.*

Commissioner Martinez noted the sunset review of County Boards was recommended in the report of the Governmental Structure Task Force. He questioned whether the Board should consider the sunset of County Boards now or defer them.

Commissioner Gimenez asked if the County had a process in place to eliminate some of these boards. He noted he served on a City of Miami Committee to review boards/committees where he was able to eliminate many of the boards. He suggested a committee be created to review the County's various boards. He said he would volunteer to participate on this committee.

Following further discussion, Chairwoman Seijas stated she would meet with newly elected Commission Chair Barreiro in a sunshine meeting to discuss the possibility of establishing a committee and designating some commissioners to review the County's various boards. She noted if Chairman Barreiro desired to do this through Committee, she would then ask Commissioner Gimenez to Chair the subcommittee.

Hearing no comments or discussion, the Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing resolution as presented.

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070341 **Resolution** **Bruno A. Barreiro**

RESOLUTION RETROACTIVELY AUTHORIZING IN-KIND SERVICES FROM THE MIAMI-DADE ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT FOR THE FEBRUARY 11, 2007 MIAMI KIDNEY WALK SPONSORED BY THE NATIONAL KIDNEY FOUNDATION OF FLORIDA, A NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $162.50 TO BE FUNDED FROM THE COUNTYWIDE IN-KIND RESERVE FUND

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Diaz
Seconder: Seijas
Vote: 5-0
Absent: Edmonson

Report: *The foregoing proposed resolution was read into the record by Assistant County Attorney Joni Armstrong-Coffey.*

Hearing no comments or discussion, the Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing resolution as presented.

4 COUNTY MANAGER

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070293 **Resolution**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF MIAMI AND MIAMI-DADE COUNTY TO FACILITATE AN ECOSYSTEM ANALYSIS BY AMERICAN FORESTS AS A FRAMEWORK TO INCORPORATE GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE INTO FUTURE PLANNING (County Manager)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Gimenez
Seconder: Diaz
Vote: 5-0
Absent: Edmonson

Report: *The foregoing proposed resolution was read into the record by Assistant County Attorney Joni Armstrong-Coffey.*

Hearing no comments or discussion, the Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing resolution as presented.

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070348 **Resolution**

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY STREET TREE MASTER PLAN (County Manager)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Gimenez
Seconder: Diaz
Vote: 5-0
Absent: Edmonson

Report: *The foregoing proposed resolution was read into the record by Assistant County Attorney Joni Armstrong-Coffey.*

Commissioner Rolle asked Assistant County Manager Roger Carlton to meet with him to discuss this process as it relates to District #2.

Ms. Alyce Robertson, Community Image Manager, Office of Community Image, responded that she could meet with him regarding this issue.

Hearing no further comments or discussion, the Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing resolution as presented.

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070360 **Resolution**

RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE COUNTY MANAGER'S ACTIONS, AS AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 2-8.2.7 OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY IN APPROVING ACTIVITIES LISTED ON THE ATTACHED SCHEDULES FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS (County Manager)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Gimenez
Seconder: Diaz
Vote: 5-0
Absent: Edmonson

Report: *The foregoing proposed resolution was read into the record by Assistant County Attorney Joni Armstrong-Coffey.*

Hearing no comments or discussion, the Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing resolution as presented.

5 COUNTY ATTORNEY

6 CLERK OF THE BOARD

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070417 **Report**

CLERK'S SUMMARY OF MINUTES FOR INFRASTRUCTURE AND LAND USE COMMITTEE MEETING(S): JANUARY 16, 2007 (Clerk of the Board)

Approved
Mover: Martinez
Seconder: Rolle
Vote: 5-0
Absent: Edmonson

7 REPORTS

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070299 **Report**

SUNSET REVIEW OF COUNTY BOARDS 2007 - AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES STUDY ADVISORY BOARD

Report Received
Mover: Martinez
Seconder: Rolle
Vote: 5-0
Absent: Edmonson

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070309 **Report**

SUNSET REVIEW OF COUNTY BOARD FOR 2007- COMMISSION ON DISABILITY ISSUES (CODI)

Report Received
Mover: Martinez
Seconder: Rolle
Vote: 5-0
Absent: Edmonson

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070355 **Report**

FIRST ANNUAL "GREEN GOVERNMENT" REPORT (County Manager)

Deferred to March 13, 2007
Mover: Diaz
Seconder: Rolle
Vote: 5-0
Absent: Martinez

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070383 **Report**

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY MEMBERSHIP IN THE CHICAGO CLIMATE EXCHANGE [SEE AGENDA ITEM NO. 3(E)] (County Manager)

Report Received
Mover: Rolle
Seconder: Martinez
Vote: 6-0

Report: *Commissioner Martinez noted his primary concern was the County having to buy credits if it did not meet its goal. He noted he recalled discussions regarding issues at the Port of Miami involving transportation workers and accidents caused by overweight trucks but the trucking companies were buying overweight permits to skirt the safety issue. He asked whether the County was really motivated to lower emissions or be part of an exchange that it paid money to if it did not meet its goals. Commissioner Martinez noted as an example, he had asked the County Manager to consider reducing the number of take-home vehicles to reduce fuel consumption. He commended Chairwoman Seijas on her initiative but hoped the County would be motivated on its own to put its feet to the fire and lower emissions without the pressure of having to buy credits.*

Chairwoman Seijas suggested the County Manager consider changing the language in his recommendation to include the following language: "...if necessary, buy credits but to strive for not buying credits," before forwarding this report to the County Commission. She suggested a study be conducted to determine the cost.

Assistant County Manager Roger Carlton stated he would be happy to study the cost. He clarified, however, that by joining the Exchange, the County would be entering a market where it would earn credits for successfully meeting its goals and would have to buy credits from someone else if the goals were unmet. He noted a budget allocation would be needed in the budget and he would provide a more detailed explanation to the Committee before this report was forwarded to the County Commission.

Commissioner Diaz noted the Port of Miami was being monitored to ensure it was more competitive and he was sure Mr. Bill Johnson would do his best to turn it around. He said the County lost over 100,000 containers in the last year. Commissioner Diaz noted the County needed to ensure that the Port remains competitive and

needed to be careful when considering initiatives with penalties, which may cause businesses to leave the Port and eliminate jobs.

Chairwoman Seijas asked staff to include the foregoing report on the February 23rd Climate Exchange Task Force agenda as an information item.

Assistant County Manager Roger Carlton added that Mr. Howard Piper, Special Assistant to the County Manager, was assigned by the County Manger to do a major study on how to reduce the County's take-home vehicle fleet, which should be completed within 60 days.

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070387 **Report**

PROGRESS REPORT NO. 1: ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETS TO ADDRESS WATER CONSERVATION ISSUES AND ALTERNATIVE WATER SUPPLIES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY (County Manager)

Report Received
Mover: Martinez
Seconder: Diaz
Vote: 5-0
Absent: Edmonson

Report: *Chairwoman Seijas commended staff for doing a tremendous job at moving this process along. She noted although the report was due in April, she had observed the results of water conservation and alternative water supplies. She advised that two follow-up meetings were scheduled for March 2, 2007 and March 23, 2007, at the Douglas Building. Chairwoman Seijas noted often times, the County validates the negative media comments yet when staff and Commission members attend conferences; they find that Miami-Dade County has a competitive advantage over other counties and is doing a great job. She noted the County was making real progress regarding the Climate Exchange, the Water Conservation issues and the Greenhouse issues and commended the commissioners involved in these issues.*

070717 **Report**
NON-AGENDA REPORT

Report: *Chairwoman Seijas recognized Commissioner Heyman whom she noted was before the Committee today to discuss the issues relating to the National Association of Counties' (NACo)/Large Urban County Caucus (LUCC).*

Commissioner Heyman approached the podium and introduced Mr. Gregg Goslin. She noted she was working with NACo/LUCC to bring the next annual "Emergency Management Conference" to the County in May 2007. She noted this conference aims to address hurricane preparedness, prevention, response and recovery. She explained that if efforts to bring this conference to the County were successful, it would include conducting a mock emergency response event at its Emergency Operations Center. Commissioner Heyman noted Miami-Dade County was now a member of the LUCC.

Mr. Gregg Goslin, a Commissioner from Cook County, Illinois and Chairman of the LUCC, appeared before the Committee and noted he represented the North and Northwest suburbs of Chicago, and he was delighted to be working with Commissioner Heyman in efforts to bring the annual LUCC to Miami-Dade County. Mr. Goslin pointed out that the LUCC consisted of the nations' 100 largest metropolitan counties that share the same basic issues.

Chairwoman Seijas welcomed Mr. Goslin to Florida and asked him to update Committee members on any initiatives underway by NACo that would impact this community. She advised that she would be attending the conference in Washington D.C. March 2007, along with Commissioner Heyman and that she would have further discussion with Mr. Goslin at that time.

Commissioner Heyman noted the conference in Washington D.C. would promote Large Urban County Emergency Training Program(s).

Chairwoman Seijas welcomed the opportunity for the County to host the Emergency Management Conference. She noted she felt Miami had not had sufficient representation on the NACo in the past. She also noted she was pleased that Miami-Dade

County was a member of the LUCC. She commended Commissioner Heyman for her leadership in this endeavor.

8 ADJOURNMENT

Report: *There being no further business to come before this Board, the Governmental Operational and Environmental Committee was adjourned at 11:47 a.m.*