



MEMORANDUM
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Agenda Item No. 6 (A)

TO: Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez
and Members, Budget and Finance Committee

DATE: July 11, 2007

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

SUBJECT: Approval of Commission
Committee Minutes

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The Clerk of the Board's office is submitting the following Clerk's Summary of Minutes for approval by the Budget and Finance Committee:

May 15, 2007

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Miami, FL 33128

CLERK'S SUMMARY OF Meeting Minutes Budget and Finance Committee

Joe A. Martinez (11) Chair; Carlos A. Gimenez (7) Vice Chair; Commissioners Jose
"Pepe" Diaz (12), Katy Sorenson (8), Rebeca Sosa (6), and Javier Souto (10)

Tuesday, May 15, 2007

2:00 PM

COMMISSION CHAMBERS

Members Present: Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Carlos A. Gimenez, Katy Sorenson, Rebeca Sosa,
Javier D. Souto.

Members Absent: None.

Members Late: None.

Members Excused: Joe A. Martinez.

Members Absent County Business: None.

1 MINUTES PREPARED BY:

Report: *Scott Rappleye, Commission Reporter,*
(305) 375-5108

1A INVOCATION

1B PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1C **ROLL CALL**

Report: *The following staff members were present: County Manager George Burgess, Assistant County Manager Ian Yorty; Assistant County Attorneys Hugo Benitez and Lee Kraftchick; and Deputy Clerks Doris Dickens and Scott Rappleye.*

CHANGES TO TODAY'S COMMITTEE AGENDA

Assistant County Attorney Benitez indicated that in addition to the County Manager's memorandum entitled, "Requested Changes to the Budget and Finance Committee Agenda," the following additional changes were requested: Agenda Item 2B be deferred to no date certain; Agenda Items 3G, 3G Supplement, Agenda Item 3H be withdrawn; and that 2N thru 2Q be added to today's Agenda.

It was moved by Commissioner Diaz to accept the foregoing changes to the agenda. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Sorenson, and upon being put to a vote, passed 4-0 (Chairman Martinez and Commissioner Souto were absent).

Commissioner Sosa noted, for the record, that she was not prepared to vote on Agenda Items 2N thru 2Q because she had not had an opportunity to review them.

2 **COUNTY COMMISSION**

2A

071206 Ordinance

Sen. Javier D. Souto

ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2-48 OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA; PERTAINING TO PUBLICATION ON THE COUNTY'S WEBSITE OF THE NAMES AND QUALIFICATIONS OF ALL PERSONS NEWLY HIRED OR PROMOTED BY THE COUNTY; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN THE CODE AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE [SEE ORIGINAL ITEM UNDER FILE NO. 070903]

*Deferred to next committee meeting**Mover: Diaz**Seconder: Sosa**Vote: 4-0**Absent: Souto*

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Benitez read the foregoing proposed ordinance into the record.*

The public hearing was opened. It was closed after no one appeared in response to Vice-Chairman Gimenez's call for persons wishing to be heard.

Commissioner Diaz questioned whether the process for implementing this ordinance was simple or complicated. He expressed concern that this proposed ordinance could result in personal information being published over the Internet.

Assistant County Manager Ian Yorty clarified that this was not a simple process; that the County did not have a central process for photographing all employees; and that this ordinance would have a fiscal impact, which was reflected in the supplemental report.

Commissioner Diaz explained that he supported open government and he did not have a problem with posting information about commissioners and departments to better serve the contingency. However, he did not support posting personal, sensitive information about employees on the Internet.

Assistant County Attorney Lee Kraftchick stated he crafted this ordinance; however, he could not express Commissioner Souto's direct intent. He noted Commissioner Souto did approve the language; that the commissioner's thought process as he understood it, was to post the names, salaries and photographs of new hirees on the Internet; and that anything confidential pursuant to the Public Records Act would remain confidential and would not be posted.

Following further clarification by Mr. Kraftchick, Commissioner Diaz suggested this ordinance be

deferred, pending further explanation from Commissioner Souto regarding its intent.

Commissioner Sosa said she could not support this ordinance because she felt it created divisiveness among permanent versus new hirees or recently promoted County employees. She pointed out that pursuant to this ordinance, the employees' application information which contained the employee's address, resumes and other confidential information pursuant to federal regulations. She noted her concerns regarding the implication(s) of the ordinance.

Commissioner Sorenson noted she shared Commissioners Sosa's and Diaz' concerns. Additionally, she noted she has some concerns regarding the fiscal impact of this proposed ordinance and the funding source to be used.

It was moved by Commissioner Diaz that this proposed ordinance be deferred to June 12, 2007. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Sosa.

Vice-Chairman Gimenez noted he agreed with the comments made by Commissioners Sosa, Diaz and Sorenson; however, the information Commissioner Souto was proposing to publish was public record and accessible to anyone who requested it.

Hearing no other questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote.

2A SUPPLEMENT

071514 Report

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT TO ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2-48 OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA; PERTAINING TO PUBLICATION ON THE COUNTY'S WEBSITE OF THE NAMES AND QUALIFICATIONS OF ALL PERSONS NEWLY HIRED OR PROMOTED BY THE COUNTY; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN THE CODE AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Deferred to next committee meeting

Mover: Diaz

Seconded: Sosa

Vote: 4-0

Absent: Souto

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2B

071186 Resolution Audrey M. Edmonson

RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE
TO DESIGNATE NW 7TH AVENUE FROM NW 6TH
STREET TO 36TH STREET AS DR. BARBARA CAREY-
SHULER AVENUE

Deferred to no date certain

Mover: Diaz

Seconder: Sorenson

Vote: 4-0

Absent: Souto

2C

071458 Resolution Sally A. Heyman,

Bruno A. Barreiro

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING JUNE 29 THRU JULY 5,
2007 NATIONAL CLEAN BEACHES WEEK AND
URGING CONGRESS TO ADOPT HOUSE RESOLUTION
NO. 186

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable
recommendation*

Mover: Sorenson

Seconder: Diaz

Vote: 4-0

Absent: Souto

2D

071408 Resolution Audrey M. Edmonson

RESOLUTION DECLARING ONE 2000 DODGE PASSENGER VAN SURPLUS AND AUTHORIZING ITS DONATION TO HOUSE OF GOD MIRACLE TEMPLE OF CAROL CITY, INC.

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Diaz

Seconder: Sosa

Vote: 4-0

Absent: Souto

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Benitez read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

It was moved by Commissioner Diaz that this proposed resolution be forwarded with a favorable recommendation. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Sosa.

Commissioner Sorenson suggested the County Administration explore the feasibility of declaring County vehicles as surplus property only after the mileage exceeded 100,000 miles.

Commissioner Sosa asked Assistant County Manager Ian Yorty to provide her a report of the number of surplus County automobiles that were donated over the last four years, by district.

Responding to Commissioner Gimenez's inquiry regarding the process for declaring vehicles as surplus property, Ms. Wendi Norris, Director, General Services Administration, explained the criteria used to declare County-owned vehicles as surplus property was when they became more expensive to maintain than to replace. She pointed out that these vehicles were declared surplus after eight (8) years or 80,000 miles or 100,000 miles as alluded to by Commissioner Sorenson, but sometimes the useful life of these vehicles were over due to wear and tear.

Hearing no other questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote.

2E

071409 Resolution Audrey M. Edmonson

RESOLUTION DECLARING ONE 1999 DODGE PASSENGER VAN SURPLUS AND AUTHORIZING ITS DONATION TO FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF BROWNSVILLE, INC.

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Diaz

Seconder: Sosa

Vote: 4-0

Absent: Souto

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071410 Resolution

Audrey M. Edmonson

RESOLUTION DECLARING ONE 1994 DODGE
PASSENGER VAN SURPLUS AND AUTHORIZING ITS
DONATION TO HAITIANS UNITED FOR PROGRESS,
INC.

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable
recommendation*

Mover: Diaz

Secunder: Sosa

Vote: 4-0

Absent: Souto

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2G

071429 Resolution Barbara J. Jordan

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO INCLUDE FUNDING FOR FOUR ADDITIONAL AUDITORS IN THE PROPOSED FY 2007-2008 BUDGET FOR THE OFFICE OF THE COMMISSION AUDITOR

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Sosa

Seconder: Diaz

Vote: 4-1

No: Sorenson

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Benitez read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

Commissioner Sosa noted although she fully supported the proposal to increase the Commission Auditor's staffing level, she questioned the proposal to increase the number of the Administration positions, particularly considering the proposed property tax reform and the upcoming budget process. Commissioner Sosa questioned whether this resolution should be deferred, pending a fiscal impact analysis. She also questioned whether this Committee should add appropriate language instructing that the intent of this resolution be implemented during this year's budget process.

At this point, Commissioner Jordan entered the Chamber and responded to Commissioner Sosa's concern. She clarified that it was her intent that this resolution be implemented during the budget process.

Commissioner Jordan explained her rationale for proposing this resolution, noting she felt it was necessary after Chairman Martinez presented a proposal to increase the number of budget analysts positions to 10. She emphasized the need to ensure that appropriate staff was in place to ensure that while the budget issues were being reviewed, the programmatic, efficiency, and any compliance issues such as any outside funding and/or the mixture(s) of funding sources were simultaneously reviewed. Commissioner Jordan pointed out that Chairman Martinez's proposal increased the number of budget analysts positions to 10, but only six auditors; and that if the analysts and auditors were deployed as a team, more comprehensive information would be available to commissioners to support the decision making process.

Commissioner Sosa noted she felt this Commission should have adequate manpower, through the

Commission Auditor's Office, to ensure that sufficient information was available to commissioners during the budget process, which she felt would translate into better services for the workforce and the community. She expressed appreciation to Commissioner Jordan for the clarification and noted she wanted that verification on the record.

Commissioner Sorenson questioned the need to increase the number of auditors comparable to the number of analysts in the Commission Auditor's Office when the focus should be on efficiencies. She pointed out that Audit and Management Services headed by Ms. Cathy Jackson was in place as well. She also pointed out that the budget involved policy decisions that must be made by the County Commission, not budget analysts.

Commissioner Diaz noted he understood Commissioner Sorenson's concern; however, he felt that Commissioner Jordan's intent was that the Commission Auditor worked for the County Commission. He said although it may appear redundant, it was his preference to have the Commission Auditor's put the numbers together and for commissioners to have an opportunity to review the numbers and verify them.

Vice-Chairman Gimenez noted he also supported this proposal. He pointed out that the potential for the Commission Auditor and the County Administration to disagree on the numbers depending on their perspective in terms of revenues or expenditures. He noted the State had a similar process in place, which provided a much better picture of the true budget. Vice-Chairman Gimenez also noted this proposal would promote better government and allow commissioners to do a better job.

Hearing no other questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote.

2H

071215 Resolution Carlos A. Gimenez
RESOLUTION TERMINATING THE COMPENSATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND COUNTY MANAGER GEORGE BURGESS

Withdrawn

Report: *See Report Under Agenda Item 2H Substitute, Legislative File No. 071578.*

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2H SUBSTITUTE

071578 Resolution

Carlos A. Gimenez

RESOLUTION URGING THE MAYOR TO ADVISE THE COMMISSION AS TO WHETHER HE WISHES TO CONTINUE THE COMPENSATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND COUNTY MANAGER GEORGE BURGESS [SEE ORIGINAL ITEM UNDER FILE NO. 071215]

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Sosa

Seconder: Diaz

Vote: 4-1

No: Souto

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Benitez read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

It was moved by Commissioner Sosa that this proposed resolution be forwarded with a favorable recommendation for discussion. This motion was seconded by Vice-Chairman Gimenez for discussion.

Vice-Chairman Gimenez explained that Article 4 – Section 4.01 of the Charter stated: “The Manager’s compensation shall be set by the Mayor,” and he expressed concern that the County would violate the Charter if the County Commission did not act on the County Manager’s contract. He noted that the Mayor had not set the County Manager’s present compensation contract.

Vice-Chairman Gimenez questioned whether the County Attorneys had stated that as long as the County Commission did nothing, the existing contract would remain in place.

Assistant County Attorney Benitez noted this meant that the County Manager’s contract would automatically renew; that the automatic renewal provision contained within the existing contract may not be effective in the current state of affairs. He further explained that the County Manager’s contract would automatically renew on June 12th; that the automatic renewal may be contrary to the existing Charter; but the contract was currently in place and effective through June 12th.

Mr. Benitez clarified, for the record, that the County Attorney’s Office was researching this issue; and that they had not rendered a final opinion.

Commissioner Sosa questioned whether a simpler process could be used to handle this matter legally or whether the Mayor could be asked to renew the contract by June 12th.

Assistant County Attorney Kraftchick responded, nothing one option would be for the Mayor to assume the compensation package contained within this agreement and to agree to continue to pay the Manager accordingly. The second option would involve a contract and the Mayor could not enter into a contract alone; that contract would have to come back for approval by the County Commission. Concerning questions raised by Commissioner Sosa regarding how soon the Manager could be hired by the Mayor, Mr. Kraftchick said the Mayor could rehire the Manager the same day the contract with the County Commission was terminated, under the terms agreed to by the two individuals.

Mr. Kraftchick explained that the question was whether this would result in a breach and the County Commission would be obligated to pay severance. He said the County Attorneys believed their argument would withstand legal challenge, but there was no guarantee.

Commissioner Sosa reiterated her question regarding whether the Mayor could put something in writing to resolve this matter without any liability to the County Commission or any of the parties involved.

Mr. Kraftchick said the Mayor and the Manager could reach an agreement to void this contract (eliminating the obligations on either side) while simultaneously agreeing that the Manager would continue to be employed and compensated in accordance with any agreement between the Mayor and the Manager. He reiterated that he could not guarantee that the Mayor would not sue for breach of contract or try to collect a severance. Mr. Kraftchick referred to the language in the contract, which provided that if the County Manager left the position except for just cause, which was defined as having an indictment or information filed against him, as act of moral turpitude, or an act of gross malfeasance, he would be entitled to the severance pay.

Vice-Chairman Gimenez clarified that the proposed resolution concerned the Charter. He pointed out the County Commission was overstepping its boundaries and authority to be in a contractual relationship with the County Manager; that pursuant to the Charter, the Mayor sets the County Manager's compensation package. He emphasized the need for the Commission to

comply with the new system. Whether or not the Mayor was willing to bring the contract before this Commission for ratification was also questionable, Vice-Chairman Gimenez noted; that the Mayor could approve a compensation package for the Manager without a contract.

Commissioner Diaz questioned whether a resolution existed that linked the Mayor's and the County Manager's salaries, Assistant County Attorney Kraftchick said he would check to determine whether such a resolution existed and report back to Committee members.

Commissioner Diaz reiterated his question to the County Attorney regarding whether Vice-Chairman Gimenez was correct when he stated that this Commission would be in violation of the Charter if they did not terminate this contract.

Mr. Kraftchick pointed out that no one from the Mayor's or the Manager's Office had come forth and said they did not want to continue to abide by the terms of that agreement. Consequently, the only logical conclusion was that the Mayor had acquiesced to the terms of existing agreement and was willing to continue to pay the Manager under the terms of that agreement. If this Commission did not wish to endorse that agreement and leave that to the Mayor and the Manager, they could do so, but the only problem was whether it would constitute a breach if this Commission affirmatively decided to terminate the contract.

Mr. Kraftchick reiterated that one way to address this would be to have the Mayor and the Manager sit down and negotiate a compensation package, which would only have to be ratified by this Commission if it was negotiated in the form of a contract, unless it exceeded the Mayor's budget.

Following further debate by Vice-Chairman Gimenez regarding Mr. Kraftchick's comments, Commissioner Sorenson noted that she understood the existing contract was between the County and County Manager. She pointed out that no one had accused the County Commission of violating the Charter, and the Mayor had approved the contract by not taking any action.

Assistant County Attorney Kraftchick concurred with Commissioner Sorenson that the contract was between the County and Mr. Burgess and noted that terminating the contract had more consequences than leaving the contract alone.

County Manager Burgess pointed out he was provided a contract with the County and he felt he had lived up to every expectation of the contract. He said he would not risk exposing himself by losing the protections that the contract provided. He acknowledged that the structure of County government had changed, but noted that all bodies of the government should share the same vision which was to serve the people and meet their expectations. County Manager Burgess said he had to protect his interests. He noted that the Mayor could not provide the protections of a contract without the County Commission's approval, and he felt that a memorandum from the Mayor would be sufficient to resolve this issue.

Following discussion between Vice-Chairman Gimenez and Assistant County Attorney Kraftchick regarding how this contract violated the Charter even if the Mayor acquiesced and did not comment on the contract, Commissioner Souto urged the Committee not to move on this issue and allow the Mayor and County Manager Burgess to handle this issue. He expressed concern with the possible breach of contract.

Commissioner Diaz noted, for the record, he respected County Manager Burgess and hoped to work with him for a long time.

Following further discussion, Vice-Chairman Gimenez asked Assistant County Attorney Benitez to prepare a substitute resolution urging the Mayor to affirm, by memorandum, that it was his intent to continue the terms of the County Manager's existing contract or to enter into a new compensation agreement. He asked that a memorandum or an agreement be submitted for consideration by the Board on May 22, 2007.

Discussion ensued regarding the impacts of a compensation agreement between the Mayor and County Manager Burgess on the current contract and County Manager Burgess.

It was moved by Commissioner Sosa that the substitute resolution urging the Mayor to affirm, by memorandum, that it was his intent to continue the terms of the County Manager's existing contract or to enter into a new compensation agreement be forwarded with a favorable recommendation. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Diaz.

Hearing no other questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote.

2I

071112 Resolution Barbara J. Jordan

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO PUBLISH WRITTEN GUIDELINES EXPLAINING THE STATE'S AND COUNTY'S POLICIES AGAINST NEPOTISM, TRAIN EMPLOYEES REGARDING SUCH POLICIES AND REQUIRE THAT SUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES ACKNOWLEDGE IN WRITING THAT THEY HAVE BEEN SO TRAINED

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Diaz
Seconder: Sorenson
Vote: 5-0

Report: Assistant County Attorney Benitez read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.

Commissioner Jordan explained that the intent of the foregoing resolution was to provide staff training on the existing nepotism policies and to avoid misunderstandings.

Assistant County Attorney Lee Krafchick advised that a Florida Statute broadly defined nepotism and it confused County employees. He referenced Florida Statute 112.3135, and explained that the word "appointment" did not specify whether lateral transfers were considered appointments, or only promotions were considered appointments.

Hearing no other questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote.

2J

071270 Resolution Barbara J. Jordan

RESOLUTION DECLARING ONE 1997 DODGE PASSENGER VAN SURPLUS AND AUTHORIZING ITS DONATION TO CONCERNED AFRICAN WOMEN, INC.

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Diaz
Seconder: Sosa
Vote: 5-0

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2K

071036 Ordinance

Rebeca Sosa,

Bruno A. Barreiro, Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Carlos A. Gimenez,
Joe A. Martinez, Sen. Javier D. Souto, Audrey M.

Edmonson

ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1 OF ORDINANCE NO. 99-86 RELATING TO AD VALOREM TAXATION; PROVIDING FOR AN INCREASED ADDITIONAL HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN QUALIFYING SENIOR CITIZENS TO BE APPLIED TO MILLAGE RATES LEVIED BY THE COUNTY; REQUIRING DELIVERY OF ORDINANCE TO PROPERTY APPRAISER; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE, AND INCLUSION IN THE CODE

Forwarded to the BCC by the BCC Chairperson with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Sosa

Second: Diaz

Vote: 5-0

Report: *Following comments by Commissioner Sosa explaining that the foregoing proposed ordinance would result in a \$25,000 increase to the Homestead Exemption for senior citizens, Representative Carlos Lopez-Cantera pointed out that Cities and Counties needed to implement the increase before June 1, 2007.*

Assistant County Attorney Benitez read this proposed ordinance into the record.

The public hearing was opened. It was closed after no one appeared in response to Vice-Chairman Gimenez's call for people wishing to be heard.

Pursuant to Commissioner Diaz's request to notify all County municipalities of the June 1, 2007 deadline, Assistant County Manager Ian Yorty noted that the County sent a memorandum to every city in the County to notify them of the June 1, 2007, deadline.

Mr. Lazaro Solis, Assistant Property Appraiser, Property Appraiser's Office, noted that many cities had shown interest in increasing the Homestead Exemption and were in the process of passing their own ordinances.

Responding to Commissioner Sorenson's question regarding the fiscal impact, Assistant County Manager Ian Yorty noted the fiscal impact of this proposed ordinance would be \$7.6 million.

Vice-Chairman Gimenez asked to be listed as a co-sponsor.

Hearing no other questions or comments, the

Committee proceeded to vote.

Commissioner Sosa noted that Chairman Martinez prepared a memorandum requesting that Chairman Barreiro waive the Board's Rules and Procedures to allow this proposed resolution to be considered on May 22, 2007.

2K SUPPLEMENT

071200 Supplement

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION RE: ORDINANCE FOR ADDITIONAL SENIOR CITIZEN HOMESTEAD INFORMATION

Presented

2K SUPPLEMENT # 2

071512 Report

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT TO ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1 OF ORDINANCE NO. 99-86 RELATING TO AD VALOREM TAXATION; PROVIDING FOR AN INCREASED ADDITIONAL HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN QUALIFYING SENIOR CITIZENS TO BE APPLIED TO MILLAGE RATES LEVIED BY THE COUNTY; REQUIRING DELIVERY OF ORDINANCE TO PROPERTY APPRAISER; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE, AND INCLUSION IN THE CODE

Presented

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2L

071151 Ordinance**Rebeca Sosa**

ORDINANCE DELEGATING TO THE COUNTY MANAGER THE AUTHORITY TO ADVERTISE CONTRACTS FOR CONSTRUCTION AND PURCHASES OF SUPPLIES, MATERIALS AND SERVICES INCLUDING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WITHOUT PRIOR COMMISSION APPROVAL; PROVIDING FOR THE INCLUSION OF MEASURES APPROVED BY THE REVIEW COMMITTEE RELATING TO SMALL AND COMMUNITY BUSINESS PROGRAMS IN ADVERTISEMENT; REQUIRING QUARTERLY REPORTS OF ADVERTISED CONTRACTS; INCREASING THE THRESHOLD AMOUNTS OF CONTRACTS AUTHORIZED TO BE AWARDED WITHOUT FORMAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING; AMENDING SECTION 2-8.1 OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN THE CODE, AN EFFECTIVE DATE, AND A SUNSET PROVISION

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Sosa

Seconder: Sorenson

Vote: 3-2

No: Diaz, Souto

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Benitez read the foregoing proposed ordinance into the record.*

The public hearing was opened. It was closed after no one appeared in response to Vice-Chairman Gimenez's call for people wishing to be heard.

Commissioner Sosa noted members of the County Commission should be commended for the improvements made to the Procurement Process. She explained that this proposed ordinance would reduce the requisition cycle time for contract bids by 68 days, and would align the Code with Resolution #R-830-06, to increase the bid threshold from \$100,000 to \$250,000.

It was moved by Commissioner Sosa that this proposed ordinance be forwarded with a favorable recommendation. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Sorenson.

Commissioner Diaz expressed concern that the County Commission would only see the contracts quarterly, after they were executed. He noted he felt a duty to have more oversight and review of these contracts with the new form of government.

Commissioner Souto noted that the County Commission needed to be more careful with County funds and slow down expenditures.

Following comments by Vice-Chairman Gimenez,

Commissioner Sosa asked Assistant County Manager Ian Yorty to prepare a report providing a complete definition of the role of the Commission Auditor to review and evaluate the County Manager's advertisement of the contracts in this proposed ordinance. She noted she wanted a report flagging the amount of money spent to come before the Commission every 30 days.

Hearing no other questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote.

2L SUPPLEMENT

071515 Report

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT TO ORDINANCE DELEGATING TO THE COUNTY MANAGER THE AUTHORITY TO ADVERTISE CONTRACTS FOR CONSTRUCTION AND PURCHASES OF SUPPLIES, MATERIALS AND SERVICES INCLUDING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WITHOUT PRIOR COMMISSION APPROVAL; PROVIDING FOR THE INCLUSION OF MEASURES APPROVED BY THE REVIEW COMMITTEE RELATING TO SMALL AND COMMUNITY BUSINESS PROGRAMS IN ADVERTISEMENT; REQUIRING QUARTERLY REPORTS OF ADVERTISED CONTRACTS; INCREASING THE THRESHOLD AMOUNTS OF CONTRACTS AUTHORIZED TO BE AWARDED WITHOUT FORMAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING; AMENDING SECTION 2-8.1 OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

Presented

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2M

071207 Resolution

Rebeca Sosa,

Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Carlos A. Gimenez, Sally A. Heyman,
Joe A. Martinez, Katy Sorenson, Sen. Javier D. Souto,
Audrey M. Edmonson, Dorrin D. Rolle

RESOLUTION DECLARING THE MONTH OF JUNE AS
ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable
recommendation*

Mover: Sosa

Seconder: Diaz

Vote: 5-0

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Benitez read the
foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

*It was moved by Commissioner Sosa that this
proposed resolution be forwarded with a favorable
recommendation. This motion was seconded by
Commissioner Diaz.*

*Commissioner Sosa noted this proposed resolution
would declare June as Elder Abuse Awareness
Month and urged all citizens to be vigilant and
report any suspicion of physical, emotional, or
financial abuse against the elderly throughout the
year.*

*Commissioners Diaz, Sorenson, Souto, and Vice-
Chairman Gimenez asked that they be listed as co-
sponsors.*

*Hearing no other questions or comments, the
Committee proceeded to vote.*

JD

2N

071530 Resolution Joe A. Martinez

RESOLUTION DIRECTING COUNTY MANAGER TO PREPARE A REPORT AND ACTION PLAN RELATED TO REDUCING THE LOCAL OPTION GAS TAXES BY 50 PERCENT FOR A THREE-MONTH PERIOD

Forwarded to the BCC by the BCC Chairperson without recommendation
Mover: Diaz
Second: Gimenez
Vote: 4-0
Absent: Sosa

Report: Assistant County Attorney Benitez read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.

Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Diaz that this proposed resolution be forwarded without a recommendation. This motion was seconded by Vice-Chairman Gimenez.

Hearing no other questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote.

Vice-Chairman Gimenez noted that he would prepare a memorandum requesting that Chairman Barreiro waive the Board's Rules and Procedures to allow this proposed resolution to be considered at the May 22, 2007, County Commission Meeting.

2O

071536 Resolution Joe A. Martinez, Sen. Javier D. Souto

RESOLUTION URGING THE GOVERNOR OR SENATE PRESIDENT AND HOUSE SPEAKER TO EXPAND THE CALL OF THE SPECIAL SESSION SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 12, 2007 TO INCLUDE A TEMPORARY REDUCTION IN STATE MOTOR FUEL TAXES FOR A PERIOD OF THREE MONTHS

Forwarded to the BCC by the BCC Chairperson without recommendation
Mover: Diaz
Second: Gimenez
Vote: 4-0
Absent: Sosa

Report: Vice-Chairman Gimenez noted that he would prepare a memorandum requesting that Chairman Barreiro waive the Board's Rules and Procedures to allow this proposed resolution to be considered at the May 22, 2007, County Commission Meeting.

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071532 Resolution

Joe A. Martinez,

Sen. Javier D. Souto

RESOLUTION URGING THE U.S. CONGRESS AND/OR THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT QUICKLY TO IMPOSE A TEMPORARY REDUCTION IN FEDERAL MOTOR FUEL TAXES FOR A PERIOD OF THREE MONTHS

Forwarded to the BCC by the BCC Chairperson without recommendation

Mover: Diaz

Seconder: Gimenez

Vote: 4-0

Absent: Sosa

Report: *Vice-Chairman Gimenez noted that he would prepare a memorandum requesting that Chairman Barreiro waive the Board's Rules and Procedures to allow this proposed resolution to be considered at the May 22, 2007, County Commission Meeting.*

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071518 Resolution

Sen. Javier D. Souto

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING IN-KIND SERVICES FROM THE MIAMI-DADE POLICE DEPARTMENT, THE MIAMI-DADE TRANSIT AGENCY, THE COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT, THE ENTERPRISE TECHNOLOGY SERVICES DEPARTMENT, THE OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND THE MIAMI-DADE FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT FOR THE JUNE 11-14, 2007 XIII INTER-AMERICAN CONFERENCE OF MAYORS AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES SPONSORED BY FIU'S INSTITUTE FOR PUBLIC MANAGEMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICE, A NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$35,948.00 TO BE FUNDED IN PART FROM THE COUNTYWIDE IN-KIND RESERVE FUND, AND IN PART FROM THE NON-AD VALOREM PORTION OF THE FIRE RESCUE IN-KIND RESERVE FUND

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Souto

Seconder: Diaz

Vote: 4-0

Absent: Sosa

3 DEPARTMENT(S)

3A

071302 Resolution

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF TWO SERIES OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE TAX REVENUE BONDS IN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$145,000,000 FOR PURPOSE OF PAYING OR REIMBURSING COUNTY FOR COSTS OF CERTAIN CAPITAL PROJECTS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$35,000,000 AND REFUNDING OF CERTAIN OUTSTANDING PUBLIC SERVICE TAX REVENUE BONDS; AUTHORIZING PUBLIC SALE OF BONDS BY COMPETITIVE BID; APPROVING FORM AND DISTRIBUTION OF CERTAIN DOCUMENTS; DELEGATING TO FINANCE DIRECTOR AUTHORITY TO DETERMINE FINAL TERMS AND DETAILS OF BONDS, PLAN OF REFUNDING AND PUBLIC SALE WITHIN CERTAIN PARAMETERS; PROVIDING CERTAIN COVENANTS; AUTHORIZING CERTAIN COUNTY OFFICIALS TO DO ALL THINGS DEEMED NECESSARY IN CONNECTION WITH ISSUANCE, SALE, EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF BONDS AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND EFFECTIVE DATE (Finance Department)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Sosa

Seconder: Diaz

Vote: 5-0

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Benitez read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

It was moved by Commissioner Sosa that this proposed resolution be forwarded with a favorable recommendation. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Diaz.

At Commissioner Diaz's request, Assistant County Manager Ian Yorty noted the County Manager would not issue any Series A bonds until after the legislature considered and implemented the property tax reforms.

Hearing no other questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote.

3A SUPPLEMENT

071506 Supplement

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT RE: QNIP BONDS [SEE AGENDA ITEM NO. 3C]

Presented

3B

071305 Resolution

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE, IN ONE OR MORE SERIES PURSUANT TO SECTION 210 OF ORDINANCE NO. 77-80, AS AMENDED, OF GUARANTEED ENTITLEMENT REFUNDING REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2007, IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$120,000,000, PAYABLE SOLELY FROM GUARANTEED ENTITLEMENT REVENUES, FOR PURPOSES OF REFUNDING CERTAIN GUARANTEED ENTITLEMENT BONDS; DELEGATING TO FINANCE DIRECTOR AUTHORITY TO FINALIZE TERMS AND DETAILS OF BONDS WITHIN CERTAIN PARAMETERS; FINDING NECESSITY OF NEGOTIATED SALE; AUTHORIZING EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF RELATED AGREEMENTS; AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF CERTAIN AGENTS; AUTHORIZING COUNTY OFFICERS TO TAKE ALL ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH ISSUANCE, SALE AND DELIVERY OF BONDS AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND EFFECTIVE DATE (Finance Department)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Diaz

Seconder: Sosa

Vote: 5-0

3C

071202 Ordinance

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE TAX REVENUE BONDS (UMSA PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS), SERIES 2007 IN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$35,000,000 PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE NO. 96-108, AS AMENDED AND SUPPLEMENTED, IN ONE OR MORE SERIES, FOR PURPOSE OF PAYING OR REIMBURSING COUNTY FOR COSTS OF CERTAIN CAPITAL PROJECTS LOCATED IN UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF COUNTY, FUNDING RESERVE FUND, PROVIDING FOR CAPITALIZED INTEREST, IF ADVISABLE, AND PAYING COSTS OF ISSUANCE; PROVIDING THAT DETAILS, TERMS AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING TO SERIES 2007 BONDS BE DETERMINED IN SUBSEQUENT SERIES RESOLUTION; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND EFFECTIVE DATE [SEE ORIGINAL ITEM UNDER FILE NO. 071024] [SEE AGENDA ITEM NO. 3(A) SUPPLEMENT] (Finance Department)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Diaz

Seconder: Sosa

Vote: 5-0

3D

071359 Resolution

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A LEASE AGREEMENT AT THE JOSEPH CALEB COMMUNITY CENTER, 5400 N.W 22 AVENUE, MIAMI, WITH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES, FOR PREMISES TO BE UTILIZED BY ITS ACCESS DIVISION; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXERCISE ANY AND ALL OTHER RIGHTS CONFERRED THEREIN (General Services Administration Department)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Diaz
Secunder: Souto
Vote: 5-0

3E

071362 Resolution

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A SUBLEASE AGREEMENT FOR STATE-OWNED LAND SITUATED AT 3302-04 N.W. 27 AVENUE, MIAMI, WITH THE STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE TO PROVIDE FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF FACILITIES FOR USE BY THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS AND THE STATE ATTORNEY'S OFFICE; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXERCISE ANY AND ALL OTHER RIGHTS CONFERRED THEREIN (General Services Administration Department)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Diaz
Secunder: Souto
Vote: 5-0

3F

070969 Resolution

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH SOUTHEAST MARINE & AVIATION INSURANCE, INC. TO OBTAIN BROKER SERVICES FOR THE GENERAL LIABILITY AND EXCESS AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY CONSTRUCTION WRAP-UP INSURANCE PROGRAM; AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR AND ON BEHALF OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND TO EXERCISE ANY CANCELLATION AND RENEWAL PROVISIONS, AND TO EXERCISE ALL OTHER RIGHTS CONTAINED THEREIN; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR DESIGNEE TO BIND THE INSURANCE COVERAGE AND PAY THE PREMIUM; AND WAIVING THE REQUIREMENTS OF RESOLUTION R-1198-05 WITH REGARDS TO THIRD PARTY CONTRACTS FOR THE INSURANCE POLICY ONLY, WHICH WILL BE ISSUED AFTER AWARD OF THESE BROKER SERVICES.
CONTRACT NO. 552

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Diaz

Seconder: Souto

Vote: 5-0

(Procurement Management Department)

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Benitez read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

It was moved by Commissioner Diaz that this proposed resolution be forwarded with a favorable recommendation. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Souto.

Commissioner Diaz asked Ms. Miriam Singer, Director, Procurement Management Department, to prepare a report, upon completion of this agreement, outlining the process used to develop this agreement and the projected savings to the County, if any.

Hearing no other questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote.

3G

071015 Resolution

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH TETRA TECH, INC. TO OBTAIN HOMELAND SECURITY CONSULTING SERVICES, AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR AND ON BEHALF OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND TO EXERCISE ANY CANCELLATION AND RENEWAL PROVISIONS, AND TO EXERCISE ALL OTHER RIGHTS CONTAINED THEREIN CONTRACT NO. Q98 (Procurement Management Department)

Withdrawn
Mover: Diaz
Seconder: Sorenson
Vote: 4-0
Absent: Souto

3G SUPPLEMENT

071459 Supplement

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION RE: AWARD CONTRACT NO. Q98: HOMELAND SECURITY CONSULTING SERVICES

Withdrawn
Mover: Diaz
Seconder: Sorenson
Vote: 4-0
Absent: Souto

3H

071260 Resolution

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH REPUBLIC ELECTRIC TO OBTAIN AN LED TRAFFIC SIGNAL HEAD RETROFIT PROJECT FOR THE NORTH ZONE OF THE COUNTY; AUTHORIZING THE REJECTION OF ALL PROPOSALS RECEIVED FOR REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS NO. 524 FOR LED TRAFFIC SIGNAL HEAD RETROFIT PROJECT FOR THE SOUTH ZONE OF THE COUNTY; WAIVING FORMAL BID PROCEDURES AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH REPUBLIC ELECTRIC TO OBTAIN AN LED TRAFFIC SIGNAL HEAD RETROFIT PROJECT FOR THE SOUTH ZONE OF THE COUNTY; AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENTS FOR AND ON BEHALF OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND TO EXERCISE ANY CANCELLATION AND RENEWAL PROVISIONS; AND TO EXERCISE ALL OTHER RIGHTS CONTAINED THEREIN CONTRACT NOS. 524A AND 524B (Procurement Management Department)

Withdrawn
Mover: Diaz
Seconder: Sorenson
Vote: 4-0
Absent: Souto

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071466 Resolution

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF COMPETITIVE CONTRACTS, WITH AUTHORITY TO EXERCISE OPTIONS-TO-RENEW ESTABLISHED THEREUNDER, CONTRACT MODIFICATIONS, AWARD OF COMPETITIVELY BID CONTRACTS OF OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES, RATIFICATION OF ADVERTISEMENTS AND APPROVAL FOR THE ISSUANCE OF ADVERTISEMENTS FOR THE PURCHASE OF GOODS AND SERVICES (Procurement Management Department)

Withdrawn

31 AMENDED

071584 Resolution

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF COMPETITIVE CONTRACTS, WITH AUTHORITY TO EXERCISE OPTIONS-TO-RENEW ESTABLISHED THEREUNDER, CONTRACT MODIFICATIONS, AWARD OF COMPETITIVELY BID CONTRACTS OF OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES, RATIFICATION OF ADVERTISEMENTS AND APPROVAL FOR THE ISSUANCE OF ADVERTISEMENTS FOR THE PURCHASE OF GOODS AND SERVICES [SEE ORIGINAL ITEM UNDER FILE NO. 071466] (Procurement Management Department)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation with committee amendment(s)

Mover: Diaz

Seconder: Sosa

Vote: 5-0

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Benitez read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

It was moved by Commissioner Sorenson that this proposed resolution be forwarded with at favorable recommendation. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Diaz.

Following requests to bifurcate specific items of this proposed resolution by Vice-Chairman Gimenez and Ms. Miriam Singer, Director, Procurement Management Department, it was moved by Commissioner Diaz that this proposed resolution be forwarded with a favorable recommendation, with committee amendment(s) to bifurcate Items 8.11 and 8.18; and to defer Item 8.11 to the next committee meeting; and to defer Item 8.18 to no date certain. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Sosa.

Hearing no other questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote.

3J

071468 Resolution

RESOLUTION WAIVING FORMAL BID PROCEDURES FOR THE PURCHASE OF GOODS AND SERVICES AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO AWARD SAME, WITH AUTHORITY TO EXERCISE OPTIONS-TO-RENEW ESTABLISHED THEREUNDER (Procurement Management Department)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Sosa
Seconder: Souto
Vote: 5-0

3K

071257 Resolution

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GRAND BAY AT DORAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AND MIAMI-DADE COUNTY TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO THE GRAND BAY AT DORAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT ACCORDING TO SECTION 197.3632, FLORIDA STATUTES, UNIFORM METHOD FOR THE LEVY, COLLECTION AND ENFORCEMENT OF NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENTS (Property Appraisal Department)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Diaz
Seconder: Souto
Vote: 5-0

3L

071258 Resolution

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE MIDTOWN MIAMI COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AND MIAMI-DADE COUNTY TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO THE MIDTOWN MIAMI COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT ACCORDING TO SECTION 197.3632, FLORIDA STATUTES, UNIFORM METHOD FOR THE LEVY, COLLECTION AND ENFORCEMENT OF NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENTS (Property Appraisal Department)

Deferred to next committee meeting

Mover: Sosa

Seconder: Diaz

Vote: 5-0

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Benitez read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

Commissioner Sosa expressed concern with the terms and the language of the interlocal agreement.

It was moved by Commissioner Sosa that this proposed resolution be deferred to June 12, 2007. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Diaz, and upon being put to a vote, passed unanimously (Commissioner Martinez was absent).

Commissioner Sosa asked the County Attorney's Office to analyze the language used regarding the County levying taxes in all Commercial Development District (CDD) Agreements and to modify it to improve the ability of CDDs to understand the terms.

3M

071454 Resolution

RESOLUTION APPROVING MODIFICATION TO INTEREST RATE SWAP WITH RICE FINANCIAL PRODUCTS COMPANY RELATED TO THE COUNTY'S WATER AND SEWER BONDS SERIES 1994 AND SERIES 1999 WHICH WILL PROVIDE ECONOMIC BENEFIT TO MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AS RECOMMENDED BY THE COUNTY'S SWAP FINANCIAL ADVISOR; AND DELEGATING TO FINANCE DIRECTOR THE AUTHORITY TO FINALIZE AND EXECUTE MODIFICATION (Finance Department)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Diaz

Seconder: Sorenson

Vote: 5-0

4 COUNTY MANAGER

5 COUNTY ATTORNEY

6 CLERK OF THE BOARD

6A

071371 Report

CLERK'S SUMMARY OF MINUTES FOR BUDGET AND
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING: MARCH 13, 2007
(Clerk of the Board)

Approved
Mover: Sorenson
Seconder: Sosa
Vote: 5-0

6B

071469 Report

CLERK'S SUMMARY OF MINUTES FOR BUDGET AND
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING: APRIL 10, 2007
(Clerk of the Board)

Approved
Mover: Sorenson
Seconder: Sosa
Vote: 5-0

7 REPORTS

7A

071494 Report

ORAL REPORT RE: STATE LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Presented

Report: *Mr. Joe Rasco, Director, Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, commended Commissioner Sosa for her efforts during the legislative session. He noted the legislature had allocated \$1.3 billion to the County, municipalities, and universities.*

Commissioner Diaz commended Mr. Rasco for his work at the legislature.

Mr. Ron Book, County Lobbyist, commended Commissioner Sosa for her work on the Graham Building allocation. He expressed his concerns and stated he felt a special session for property tax reform did not benefit local governments. He recommended the County develop and propose additional solutions for tax reform to the legislature.

Following discussion regarding the intent of the Workshop on Property Tax Reform scheduled for May 21, 2007, Commissioner Sorenson asked Mr. Book to attend the workshop and to prepare possible solutions for consideration.

Vice-Chairman Gimenez noted the legislature had created high expectations for tax relief and would have to meet them. He recommended the County prepare a plan of preferred options.

Mr. Book recommended the County identify some items to remove from the rollback to create flexibility during the first couple of years and provide an adjustment period. He noted that he felt the legislature wanted a broad solution that would encompass all income levels and all types of property owners.

Commissioner Sorenson noted she thought the legislature was focused on tax cuts, not solutions. She said the poor, the commercial property owners, the renters, the first time home buyers, and the empty nesters were the people that needed solutions. She recommended the County look for solutions that fit the problems and attempt to persuade the legislature to do the same.

Following discussion regarding the pros and cons of the special legislative session, Commissioner

Sorenson noted that home owners insurance had increased much more than property taxes and the solutions should address insurance.

Vice-Chairman Gimenez noted property taxes were a serious issue for new home owners and commercial property owners. He said he felt the County revenue cuts would be serious and the County needed to prepare.

Mr. Doug Pile, Legislative Analyst, Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, said the town Hall meeting at North Miami Senior High School focused on property tax cuts and had very little discussion concerning the cuts in government services.

Commissioner Sorenson noted the County should focus on educating the public regarding the different tax categories and what part of these were property taxes. She expressed concern that the loss of revenue would lead to infrastructure and maintenance problems that would affect the tourism industry. She said the County should educate the legislators of the unintended consequences property tax reform could bring.

8 ADJOURNMENT