MEMORANDUM

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Agenda Item No. 6(A)

TO: Honorable Chairwoman Audrey M. Edmonson and Members, Economic Development & Human Services Committee

DATE: March 12, 2008

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

SUBJECT: Approval of Commission Committee Minutes

The Clerk of the Board's office is submitting the following Clerk's Summary of Minutes for approval by the Economic Development and Human Services Committee:

January 16, 2008

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CLERK'S SUMMARY OF
Meeting Minutes
Economic Development and Human Services Committee

Audrey M. Edmonson (3) Chair; Katy Sorenson (8) Vice Chair; Commissioners Barbara J. Jordan (1), Dennis C. Moss (9), and Javier D. Souto (10)

Wednesday, January 16, 2008 **9:30 AM** **COMMISSION CHAMBERS**

Members Present: Audrey M. Edmonson, Barbara J. Jordan, Dennis C. Moss, Katy Sorenson.

Members Absent: None.

Members Late: None.

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent County Business: Javier D. Souto

1 MINUTES PREPARED BY:

Report: *Jovel Shaw, Commission Reporter, (305) 375-1289*

1A INVOCATION

1B PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Report: *The Committee convened in a moment of silence, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance*

1C ROLL CALL

Report: *The following staff members were present: Senior Advisor to the County Manager Cynthia Curry, Assistant County Attorney Cynthia Johnson-Stacks; and Deputy Clerks Doris Dickens and Jovel Shaw.*

1D OPENING REMARKS FROM CHAIRPERSON EDMONSON

Report: *Chairwoman Edmonson called the meeting to order at 9:55 a.m. and welcomed everyone to today's meeting.*

Assistant County Attorney Cynthia Johnson-Stacks advised the Committee of the requested changes outlined in the January 16, 2008, County Manager's memorandum entitled, "Request Changes to the Economic Development and Human Services Committee Agenda."

Hearing no objection, it was moved by Commissioner Moss that the changes to today's Committee agenda be approved. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Sorenson, and upon being put to a vote, passed by a vote of 4-0 (Commissioner Souto was absent).

1E PUBLIC HEARING(S)

1E1

073208 **Ordinance**

ORDINANCE DESIGNATING THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AS THE MANAGEMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION ARM OF THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY EMPOWERMENT ZONE; CREATING THE EMPOWERMENT ZONE COORDINATING COUNCIL; REESTABLISHING NEIGHBORHOOD ASSEMBLIES IN EACH DISTINCT NEIGHBORHOOD; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO AMEND THE EMPOWERMENT ZONE STRATEGIC PLAN AS NECESSARY; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE ANY NECESSARY AMENDMENTS TO AGREEMENTS WITH U.S. HUD REGARDING THE EMPOWERMENT ZONE FOLLOWING APPROVAL BY THE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY CONTRACTS (County Manager)

Withdrawn

Report: *See Report under Agenda Item 1E2, Legislative File No. 073215.*

1E2

073215 **Ordinance**

ORDINANCE CREATING THE EMPOWERMENT ZONE STRATEGIC ALLIANCE; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO PLACE THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COUNTY'S EMPOWERMENT ZONE DESIGNATION WITH THE OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AS ADVISED BY THE EMPOWERMENT ZONE STRATEGIC ALLIANCE; AUTHORIZING ANY NECESSARY AMENDMENT TO THE EMPOWERMENT ZONE STRATEGIC PLAN AND FILING OF AMENDED PLAN WITH U.S. HUD; AND PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN THE CODE AND EFFECTIVE DATE

Amended

Report: *See Agenda Item 1E2 Amended, Legislative File No. 080211 for the amended version.*

1E2 AMENDED

080211 **Ordinance** **Economic Development and Human Services Committee**

ORDINANCE CREATING THE EMPOWERMENT ZONE STRATEGIC ALLIANCE; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO PLACE THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COUNTY'S EMPOWERMENT ZONE DESIGNATION WITH THE OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AS ADVISED BY THE EMPOWERMENT ZONE STRATEGIC ALLIANCE; AUTHORIZING ANY NECESSARY AMENDMENT TO THE EMPOWERMENT ZONE STRATEGIC PLAN AND FILING OF AMENDED PLAN WITH U.S. HUD; AND PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN THE CODE AND EFFECTIVE DATE [SEE ORIGINAL ITEM UNDER FILE NO. 073215] (County Manager)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation with committee amendment(s)
Mover: Jordan
Seconder: Sorenson
Vote: 4-0
Absent,OCB: Souto

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Cynthia Johnson-Stacks read the foregoing proposed ordinance and Agenda Item 1E1 into the record.*

Hearing no objection, the Committee heard both items simultaneously.

Commissioner Jordan expressed appreciation to Chairwoman Edmonson for the Sunshine meeting held to discuss this proposed ordinance. She noted this proposed ordinance and Agenda Item 1E1 were similar with the exception of the name of the entity and the number of members in this entity. Commissioner Jordan stated the item that would be forwarded to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) should be a Committee sponsored item. She expressed concern regarding the smaller municipalities having the same number of representatives as the larger municipalities. She recommended the Committee not adopt either recommendation contained in this proposed ordinance or Agenda Item 1E1 regarding the number of participants, and suggested an amendment to add a third representative from Cities of Miami-Dade County and Miami, or to reduce the number of representatives from the Cities of Homestead and Florida City because they were smaller municipalities. Commissioner Jordan encouraged the Committee to designate the name of the entity as Empowerment Zone Strategic Alliance."

Chairwoman Edmonson opened the public hearing. Hearing no one wishing to speak before the Committee, Chairwoman Edmonson closed the

public hearing.

Ms. Cynthia Curry, Senior Advisor to the County Manager noted County staff held meetings with the cities represented in the proposed ordinance and with community participants. She indicated staff notified the empowerment zone (EZ) municipal partners and the community participants of today's public hearing to discuss this proposal. She proceeded to provide the Committee the background from the County Manager's recommendation. Ms. Curry concurred with Commissioner Jordan that the difference between the two proposals was the number of members and the name of the entity.

Responding to Chairwoman Edmonson's inquiry regarding how staff determined the number of members to serve on the proposed entity, Ms. Curry noted the previous Empowerment Zone Trust had 19 members, and outlined the membership from the County Manager's recommendation. She noted EZ municipal partners expressed a desire to have a smaller board and suggested five members.

Chairwoman Edmonson noted a majority of the members to serve on the proposed entity were from Commission District 3. She stressed the need for representation of the neighborhood assemblies located in her district.

Responding to Commissioner Sorenson's inquiry regarding the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development's (US HUD) opinion on this proposed ordinance, Ms. Curry informed the Committee that the County Administration has communicated with US HUD seeking their input on the proposed EZ governance reorganization, and they wanted more information on the administrative and management component of this governance reorganization. Ms. Curry stated the proposal was still pending US HUD's review and approval.

Commissioner Sorenson stated 12 members would be a reasonable compromise, if the cities opposed to 19 members that would still provide representation for the eight neighborhood assemblies.

A discussion ensued among Commissioners Sorenson, Jordan, and Ms. Curry regarding the composition of the members for the proposed governance organization.

Commissioner Moss recommended the following two compositions for the EZ Trust:
• For 19 members, three representatives appointed by each of the Mayors of Miami-Dade County and the City of Miami, two representatives appointed by the Mayors of the Cities of Homestead and Florida City, and one representative appointed by each of the eight neighborhood assemblies; and
• For 15 members, two representatives appointed by the Mayors of Miami-Dade County and the City of Miami; one representative appointed by the Mayors of the Cities of Homestead and Florida City; and one representative appointed by each of the eight neighborhood assemblies.

A brief discussion ensued between Commissioner Moss and Ms. Curry regarding the attendance and the appointment process for the former governance organization (Miami-Dade County Empowerment Zone Trust).

Commissioner Moss expressed concern with all of the responsibilities the County Administration assigned to the Office of Community and Economic Development (OCED), and whether OCED had the appropriate resources to carry out these responsibilities and functions. In addition, he clarified his concern was OCED having the appropriate staffing level, and requested a discussion regarding OCED responsibilities.

Chairwoman Edmonson discussed the submittal of the neighborhood assemblies' recommendations to OCED and the potential for OCED to do away with them. She wanted to ensure that the neighborhood assemblies could submit their recommendations and concerns directly to a governing organization.

Ms. Curry informed Chairwoman Edmonson that neither the foregoing proposed ordinance nor Agenda Item 1E1 addressed guidelines/policies governing how the neighborhood assemblies should operate. She indicated the guidelines and the policies could be address later.

Assistant County Attorney Shannon Summerset clarified OCED's role in this proposed governance organization did not allow them to supersede any decision of the governing organization.

Ms. Curry informed the Committee that the distribution of the EZ grant funding would be

allocated through a Request for Application (RFA), a Request for Proposal (RFP), or a similar process. She pointed out this process would be administered, monitored and managed by OCED.

Following further discussion among the Committee members, Ms. Curry and Assistant County Attorney Johnson-Stacks regarding the composition and the appointment of the members to serve in the governing organization, it was moved by Commissioner Moss that 19 members be appointed to serve in the governing organization. Chairwoman Edmonson seconded this motion for discussion.

Commissioner Jordan noted the County had the experience of 19 members with the former EZ Trust. Therefore, she expressed support of the neighborhood assemblies have more authority by virtue of appointing a greater percentage of the members than the number of mayoral appointees.

Following Commissioner Moss' withdrawal of his motion, it was moved by Commissioner Jordan that 12 members be appointed to serve in the governing organization as outlined in this proposed ordinance. Commissioner Sorenson seconded this motion.

Responding to Commissioner Moss' request for an overview of the 12 members, Commissioner Jordan outlined the 12 members as follows: one appointment by each of the eight EZ Neighborhood Assemblies, and one appointment by each of the Mayors of Miami-Dade County and the cities of Miami, Florida City and Homestead.

Ms. Curry stressed the Airport and the Central Business District/Seaport neighborhoods needed to be included in this proposed ordinance.

Responding to Assistant County Attorney Summerset's inquiry regarding who would make the appointments for these neighborhoods, Commissioner Jordan stated a compromise could be for 14 members to serve on the governing organization and to appoint members for those two areas as follows: one appointment by the County Mayor for the Airport neighborhood, and one appointment by the City of Miami Mayor for the Central Business District/Seaport neighborhood.

Following Commissioner Jordan's withdrawal of her motion for 12 members, it was moved by

Commissioner Jordan that 14 members be appointed to serve in the governing organization as outlined in this proposed ordinance. Commissioner Sorenson seconded this motion.

Assistant County Attorney Johnson-Stacks questioned whether the motion would be to amend Agenda Item 1E2.

Ms. Curry noted her preference for a joint item sponsored by the Committee and the County Manager.

Chairwoman Edmonson supported a joint item with sponsorship by the Committee and the County Manager.

Following a discussion among the Committee members regarding which proposal to move forward, Commissioner Sorenson suggested the preparation of a Committee substitute that would be forwarded to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC).

Assistant County Attorney Johnson-Stacks stated a Committee sponsored item would be prepared based on the conclusion made today (1/16) by the Committee.

Chairwoman Edmonson announced the County Manager would be listed as a cosponsor on the item coming forth as well.

Commissioner Moss asked that the former Miami-Dade Empowerment Zone Trust ("Trust") members appear before this Committee to discuss and present some of their issues and concerns regarding the County's Empowerment Zone. He reiterated his previous concerns with the different treatment of certain groups such as the Beacon Council and the Metro-Miami Action Plan (MMAP). Commissioner Moss stressed the need to ensure that the missions of these groups remained intact and were carried out.

Following Commissioner Moss' comments, Ms. Curry informed the Committee that staff intended to present to the BCC in February 2008, a global agreement with the Trust concerning transferal of property and financial resources.

Commissioner Jordan questioned if the County administration could develop and implement an administrative order pertaining to the operational aspect of the new governing organization as well

as for MMAP, the Homeless Trust, and the Housing Finance Authority. She indicated her question derives from recent operational issues of the organizations and the need for consistency in their operations.

Commissioner Jordan continued to explain a number of organizations that acted on behalf of the County did not operate consistent with County processes. She noted the Committee and the County administration needed to discuss how these organizations would be accountable to the County.

Commissioner Moss concurred with Commissioner Jordan's comment regarding accountability of these organizations.

Following the comments made by Commissioners Jordan and Moss, Assistant County Attorney Johnson-Stacks stated the governing structure would take action pursuant to the proposed ordinance. She noted the proposed ordinance contained a reporting mechanism; therefore, the BCC would be kept abreast of their activities.

Commissioner Jordan suggested a Committee workshop discussion on operational issues for these organizations and the development of a plan on how to proceed.

Assistant County Attorney Johnson-Stacks suggested County management develop a form for the organizations to submit the required quarterly reports to the BCC.

Commissioner Moss recommended that those organizations report to the various BCC committees; therefore, at least the Committee could be aware of their activities and progress.

Commissioner Moss asked Chairwoman Edmonson if she would agree to have a discussion regarding OCED in terms of all of the responsibilities assigned to this office. In addition, the review shall determine if they had sufficient resources to carry out those responsibilities and functions.

Following Commissioner Moss' comments emphasizing his request for a Committee discussion concerning OCED's responsibilities and OCED's resources to carry out its responsibilities, Chairwoman Edmonson asked Ms. Curry to provide at the next Committee

meeting follow-up information addressing Commissioner Moss' request.

Assistant County Attorney Johnson-Stacks stated it would be appropriate to request the County Mayor who determines the County's administrative structure and who carries out the applicable functions to provide the information requested by Commissioner Moss.

Commissioner Moss requested the County Mayor evaluate whether OCED had sufficient resources to carry out its responsibilities and functions.

Commissioner Jordan asked that the Housing Finance Authority be included in Commissioner Moss' request.

Commissioner Sorenson reminded the Committee the intent of the proposed ordinance was to empower these designated empowerment zones to appoint members to the governing structure. She noted the County Commission should recommend to all of the mayors that they appoint well qualified people to achieve the desired results.

Assistant County Attorney Summerset clarified that the motion on the floor was to prepare a Committee sponsored substitute item with co-sponsorship by the County Manager for the creation of the Empowerment Zone Strategic Alliance (EZSA) with 14 members consisting of representatives from the eight Neighborhood Assemblies, one appointment by each Mayor of Miami-Dade County and the cities of Miami, Florida City and Homestead, one appointment by the County Mayor for the Airport neighborhood, and one appointment by the City of Miami Mayor for the Central Business District/Seaport neighborhood. Also, the proposed ordinance would address the role of the Office of Community and Economic Development (OCED) in the implementation of the EZSA funding recommendations including quarterly reports to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) and the BCC Committee of jurisdiction over OCED and the federal Empowerment Zone grant funding.

Following extensive discussion among the Committee members and staff in connection with the foregoing proposed ordinance and Agenda Item 1E1, and hearing no objection, the Committee forwarded the foregoing proposed ordinance under the Committee's sponsorship to the BCC with a favorable recommendation with

committee amendments as indicated by Assistant County Attorney Summerset.

Chairwoman Edmonson asked Ms. Cynthia Curry, Senior Advisor to the County Manager, to invite the former Miami-Dade Empowerment Trust members to present to the Committee their viewpoint on the recent event that occurred with the Empowerment Trust, as recommended by Commissioner Moss. In addition, she announced she would schedule a Committee workshop to discuss the administrative process for EZSA and other organizations similar to the EZSA.

2 COUNTY COMMISSION

2A

073730 **Resolution** **Rebeca Sosa**

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING DECEMBER 10, 2008 AS HUMAN RIGHTS DAY, DECEMBER 15, 2008 AS BILL OF RIGHTS DAY AND THE WEEK BEGINNING DECEMBER 10, 2008 AS HUMAN RIGHTS WEEK

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Sorenson
Seconder: Edmonson
Vote: 4-0
Absent: Souto

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Cynthia Johnson-Stacks read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

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

2B

073791 **Resolution** **Sen. Javier D. Souto, Barbara J. Jordan**

RESOLUTION URGING RETAILERS OF TELEVISION SETS TO ACCEPT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT COUPONS OF $40 AS FULL PAYMENT BY CONSUMERS FOR THE DIGITAL-TO-ANALOG CONVERTER BOXES THAT WILL BE REQUIRED AFTER FEBRUARY 17, 2009 TO RECEIVE OVER-THE-AIR TELEVISION SIGNALS

Amended

Report: *See Agenda Item 2B Amended, Legislative File No. 080186.*

2B AMENDED

080186 **Resolution** **Sen. Javier D. Souto, Barbara J. Jordan, Rebeca Sosa**

RESOLUTION URGING RETAILERS OF TELEVISION SETS TO ACCEPT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT COUPONS OF $40 AS FULL PAYMENT BY CONSUMERS FOR THE DIGITAL-TO-ANALOG CONVERTER BOXES THAT WILL BE REQUIRED AFTER FEBRUARY 17, 2009 TO RECEIVE OVER-THE-AIR TELEVISION SIGNALS [SEE ORIGINAL ITEM UNDER FILE NO. 073791]

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation with committee amendment(s)
Mover: Jordan
Seconder: Moss
Vote: 4-0
Absent,OCB: Souto

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Cynthia Johnson-Stacks read the foregoing resolution into the record.*

Assistant County Attorney Cynthia Johnson-Stacks clarified an amendment offered by Chairwoman Edmonson would be an instruction to amend the foregoing proposed resolution to request and to urge the Florida Legislature to authorize sales tax exemption for purchase by a consumer of a digital-to-analog converter box.

Hearing no objection, the Committee forwarded the foregoing proposed resolution as amended.

3 DEPARTMENT(S)

3A

073774 **Resolution**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH MIAMI DADE COLLEGE FOR THE OPERATION OF AN EDUCATIONAL CABLE ACCESS CHANNEL PROGRAM SERVICES FACILITY; AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXERCISE THE CANCELLATION PROVISIONS CONTAINED THEREIN (Consumer Services Department)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Moss
Seconder: Edmonson
Vote: 4-0
Absent: Souto

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Cynthia Johnson-Stacks read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

The Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing proposed resolution.

Commissioner Sorenson suggested that consumer facts be included as a component of this resolution.

Following a presentation and overview by Mr. Mario Goderich, Deputy Director, Consumer Services Department, of the foregoing proposed resolution, Mr. Barry Gordon, Executive Director, Miami-Dade College (MDC) Miami-Dade County Cable Television Access Project (Cable TAP), appeared before the Committee and informed the Committee that MDC invited guests from the County to appear as guests on programs featured by the college. He indicated any guests featured on or by the MDC Channel would promote the college.

Commissioner Jordan suggested that the County's Human Side television program could be a joint project between the County and MDC.

Following Commissioner Jordan's comments, Mr. Gordon advised Committee members of a MDC advisory council who would address programming issues and make the selection of the programs to be featured on the MDC Channel.

Ms. Cristina Mateo, Dean of Administration, MDC North Campus, appeared before the Committee, and expressed appreciation to the Committee for the County's continued support. She noted MDC featured many programs and those programs would be linked to the appropriate MDC department.

3B

073598 **Resolution**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT (MOA) THAT INCLUDES THE PARTICIPATION OF THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY HOMELESS TRUST, THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND REHABILITATION, THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN & FAMILIES, THE 11TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, JACKSON MEMORIAL HOSPITAL/PUBLIC HEALTH TRUST, OUR KIDS, INC., AND COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CENTERS AND FACILITIES (Dade County Homeless Trust)

Withdrawn

Report: *See Agenda Item 3B Substitute, Legislative File No. 080168.*

3B SUBSTITUTE

080168 **Resolution**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT (MOA) THAT INCLUDES THE PARTICIPATION OF THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY HOMELESS TRUST, THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND REHABILITATION, THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN & FAMILIES, THE 11TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, JACKSON MEMORIAL HOSPITAL/PUBLIC HEALTH TRUST, OUR KIDS, INC., AND COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CENTERS AND FACILITIES [SEE ORIGINAL ITEM UNDER FILE NO. 073598] (Dade County Homeless Trust)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Jordan
Seconder: Moss
Vote: 4-0
Absent: Souto

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Cynthia Johnson-Stacks read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

Responding to Commissioner Sorenson's request for an explanation of the difference between this proposed resolution and the original proposed resolution Agenda Item 3B, Legislative File No. 073598, Ms. Cynthia Curry, Senior Advisor to the County Manager, advised the Committee the foregoing proposed resolution included the $40,000 contribution coming from the Community Partnership for Homeless, acknowledged that Commissioner Jordan sponsored resolution R-432-07, and clarified that community mental health facilities represented various entities.

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

3C

073662 **Resolution**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A RETROACTIVE LEASE AGREEMENT AT THE HIALEAH NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICE CENTER, 300 EAST FIRST AVENUE, ROOM 126, HIALEAH WITH THE CITY OF HIALEAH, FOR PREMISES TO BE UTILIZED BY COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY, 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: Moss
Seconder: Jordan
Vote: 3-0
Absent: Edmonson, Souto

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Cynthia Johnson-Stacks read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

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

3D

073663 **Resolution**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A LEASE AGREEMENT AT THE CULMER NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICE CENTER, 1550 N.W. 3 AVENUE, BUILDING C, MIAMI, WITH TRANSITION, INC., A FLORIDA NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION, FOR PREMISES TO BE UTILIZED FOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICES AND TO HOUSE A JOB TRAINING AND PLACEMENT PROGRAM FOR AT-RISK YOUTH AND OFFENDERS; 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: Jordan
Seconder: Moss
Vote: 3-0
Absent: Edmonson, Souto

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Cynthia Johnson-Stacks read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

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

3E

073515 **Resolution**

RESOLUTION APPROVING CONFIDENTIAL PROJECT NO. 07-00253 AS A TARGETED JOBS INCENTIVE FUND PROGRAM BUSINESS PURSUANT TO THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE LXXXVI, AS MODIFIED BY ORDINANCE NO. 02-251; CONFIRMING THAT THE COMMITMENT OF INCENTIVE AWARDS FOR CONFIDENTIAL PROJECT NO. 07-00253 EXISTS; AND PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION OF UP TO $1,000,000 FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEARS 2011 THROUGH 2016 WITH THE PROVISO THAT ANY TAX ABATEMENT GRANTED TO CONFIDENTIAL PROJECT NO. 07-00253, UNDER FLORIDA STATUTE 196.1995, REDUCES ANY TARGETED JOBS INCENTIVE FUNDS AWARD TO CONFIDENTIAL PROJECT NO. 07-00253 BY THE AMOUNT OF ANY SUCH TAX ABATEMENT GRANTED, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (Office of Community and Economic Development)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Moss
Seconder: Jordan
Vote: 3-0
Absent: Souto, Edmonson

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Cynthia Johnson-Stacks read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

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

3F

073516 **Resolution**

RESOLUTION APPROVING CONFIDENTIAL PROJECT NO. 10-10001 AS A TARGETED JOBS INCENTIVE FUND PROGRAM BUSINESS PURSUANT TO THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE LXXXVI, AS MODIFIED BY ORDINANCE NO. 02-251; CONFIRMING THAT THE COMMITMENT OF INCENTIVE AWARDS FOR CONFIDENTIAL PROJECT NO. 10-10001 EXISTS; AND PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION OF UP TO $692,643 FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEARS 2011 THROUGH 2016 WITH THE PROVISO THAT ANY TAX ABATEMENT GRANTED TO CONFIDENTIAL PROJECT NO. 10-10001, UNDER FLORIDA STATUTE 196.1995, REDUCES ANY TARGETED JOBS INCENTIVE FUNDS AWARD TO CONFIDENTIAL PROJECT NO. 10-10001 BY THE AMOUNT OF ANY SUCH TAX ABATEMENT GRANTED, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (Office of Community and Economic Development)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Moss
Seconder: Jordan
Vote: 3-0
Absent: Edmonson, Souto

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Cynthia Johnson-Stacks read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

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

3G

080085 **Resolution**

RESOLUTION APPROVING CONFIDENTIAL PROJECT NO. 08-00171 AS A QUALIFIED TARGET INDUSTRY BUSINESS PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTES S-288.106, CONFIRMING THAT THE COMMITMENTS OF LOCAL FINANCIAL SUPPORT NECESSARY FOR CONFIDENTIAL PROJECT #08-00171 EXIST; AND PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION OF UP TO $72,600 FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUNDS AS LOCAL PARTICIPATION IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA QUALIFIED TARGET INDUSTRY TAX REFUND PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEARS 2008 THROUGH 2012, INCLUSIVE, OR OVER A TIME PERIOD AS DETERMINED BY THE STATE OF FLORIDA IN ITS APPROVAL OF CONFIDENTIAL PROJECT #08-00171 APPLICATION WITH THE PROVISION THAT ANY TAX ABATEMENT GRANTED TO CONFIDENTIAL PROJECT #08-00171 UNDER FLORIDA STATUTE 196.1995 REDUCES ANY QUALIFIED TARGET INDUSTRY TAX REFUND TO CONFIDENTIAL PROJECT #08-00171 BY THE AMOUNT OF ANY SUCH TAX ABATEMENT GRANTED, IN COMPLIANCE WITH FLORIDA STATUTE 288.106(5)9; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (Office of Community and Economic Development)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Moss
Seconder: Jordan
Vote: 3-0
Absent: Edmonson, Souto

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Cynthia Johnson-Stacks read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

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

3H

080084 **Resolution**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A REQUEST FOR APPLICATION (RFA) SOLICITING PROPOSALS FOR AN ADMINISTRATIVE BOUNDARY CHANGE TO THE ENTERPRISE ZONE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY (Office of Community and Economic Development)

Forwarded to the BCC by the BCC Chairperson with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Jordan
Seconder: Moss
Vote: 3-0
Absent: Edmonson, Souto

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Cynthia Johnson-Stacks read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

The Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing proposed resolution as presented.

Pursuant to Ms. Cynthia Curry's, Senior Advisor to the County Manager, request Chairwoman Edmonson asked staff to prepare the appropriate memorandum to the BCC Chairman Barreiro requesting that the Board's Rules and Procedures be waived to hear the foregoing resolution at the January 22, 2008, Board meeting.

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073567 **Resolution**

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING CONFIDENTIAL PROJECT #07-00135 FOR A STATE OF FLORIDA BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT BONUS REFUND WHILE OPTING OUT OF THE LOCAL MATCH (Office of Community and Economic Development)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Moss
Seconder: Jordan
Vote: 3-0
Absent: Edmonson, Souto

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Cynthia Johnson-Stacks read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

The Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing proposed resolution.

Ms. Cynthia Curry, Senior Advisor to the County Manager informed the Committee that the foregoing proposed resolution had a companion item scheduled to be heard at the January 18, 2008, Governmental Operations and Environment Committee (GOEC). She noted that companion item was a Miami-Dade County map of designated Brownfield areas that should be approved and designated prior to the County Commission approving this proposed resolution.

Commissioner Sorenson noted in the interim the Committee would forward the foregoing proposed resolution to the County Commission for consideration. She indicated if GOEC did not approve of the companion item, the County Commission would not consider this proposed resolution.

3J

080086 **Resolution**

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CRITERIA AND USE OF A MID YEAR REQUEST FOR APPLICATION (RFA) PROCESS FOR THE SURTAX/SHIP LOAN PROGRAMS TO APPLICANTS THAT ARE APPLYING FOR TAX CREDITS UNDER THE 2008 UNIVERSAL CYCLE AND REQUIRE A MINIMUM LOCAL CONTRIBUTION TO QUALIFY; AND TO APPLICANTS THAT HAVE RECEIVED TAX CREDITS FROM THE FLORIDA HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION OR OTHER PUBLIC FUNDS AND REQUIRE ADDITIONAL OR "GAP" FUNDING; AND TO APPLICANTS WHO PREVIOUSLY APPLIED FOR FUNDING UNDER THE RECENT 2008 REGULAR RFA CYCLE FOR RENTAL AND/OR RENTAL REHABILITATION WORK, BUT DUE TO FUNDING CONSTRAINTS WERE NOT SELECTED OR FULLY FUNDED, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ADVERTISE A REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS TO SOLICIT APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING FOLLOWING APPROVAL BY THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY [SEE AGENDA ITEM NO. 7D] (Office of Community and Economic Development)

Forwarded to the BCC by the BCC Chairperson with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Jordan
Seconder: Moss
Vote: 4-0
Absent: Souto

Report: *Commissioner Jordan asked for the deferral of the foregoing proposed resolution and Agenda Item 7D, Legislative File No. 080088. She explained the Committee needed to hold a workshop to discuss the foregoing proposed resolution concerning the Surtax/SHIP Loan Programs. She stated the proposal indicated 50 percent of the funds would be designated for rental housing activities and the remaining funds would be used to support projects that the County funded for County-owned land properties. Commissioner Jordan stated she needed to understand the ramifications of this program and the residents needed to have choices to rent or to have homeownership. She concluded her comments by requesting more time to study this issue.*

It was moved by Commissioner Jordan that the Committee defer the foregoing proposed resolution and Agenda Item 7D. Commissioner Moss seconded this motion for discussion.

Mr. Jose Cintron, Director, Office of Community and Economic Development, stated that the Request for Application (RFA) for Category 1 listed in Agenda Item 3J included a local match. Therefore, the housing developers would compete for universal cycle tax credits under the Florida Housing Finance Corporation (FHFC) Universal

Cycle commencing in March 2008. He indicated if the foregoing proposed resolution was deferred it was possible that the County could not complete its local match in time for the developer to apply for tax credits.

Responding to Commissioner Moss' inquiry regarding the timeline for the FHFC Universal Cycle, Mr. Cintron informed the Committee that OCED staff received communication from FHFC indicating the cycle may be delayed. He indicated if the delay was not granted, staff would request that the foregoing proposed resolution be waived to the January 22, 2008, Board meeting, and subsequently, approval of the RFA to be issued in the first week of February 2008 with 30 days for applicants to respond to the RFP and have staff review of the applications with a recommendation.

Responding to Commissioner Moss' inquiry regarding the RFA timeline for Category II and III, Mr. Cintron suggested one RFA be issued instead of two different RFAs and that the county funding for these categories would be determine later. Therefore, staff could issue the RFA, the Committee could have a workshop to discuss the funding level, and then determine the funding award amount through the RFA process.

A discussion ensued between Commissioner Moss and Mr. Cintron regarding the possibility of having a Category VI that would be for homeownership, if the County Commission desired homeownership development.

Commissioner Jordan noted Surtax and SHIP was the fiscal impact/funding source of this proposed resolution, and suggested an amendment to equally distribute the funding source among homeownership, rental and development.

Commissioner Sorenson suggested that the Committee forward this proposed resolution to the County Commission, and asked Mr. Cintron prior to the January 22, 2008, Board meeting, to meet with Commissioner Jordan to discuss her concerns with this proposed resolution.

Ms. Alicia Apfel, Apfel Consultants, OCED consultant, provided an overview of the analysis for the fiscal impact that OCED used to assist them in projecting available Surtax and SHIP monies to fund the County's affordable housing needs.

Mr. Cintron provided the Committee with an overview of the previous discussion held by the Committee regarding the split of the Surtax/SHIP funds between rental housing and homeownership activities, as well as, a discussion regarding completing the prior affordable housing projects already committed to by the County.

Commissioner Jordan indicated the 50 percent of the combined Surtax/SHIP revenues should be a 25/25 split for both homeownership and rental housing activities.

Mr. Cintron stated the County Commission needed to have a policy discussion concerning how to expend the remaining 50 percent of Surtax/SHIP funds set-aside for homeownership activities. He noted this discussion should address whether the County wanted to expend this 50 percent on only County investment projects.

Chairwoman Edmonson asked the Office of Community and Economic Development Director to provide additional information on the prior housing developments approved for funding including the price of each housing unit, the unit size, the amenities, and the property location, the name of the developer and photographs of the housing units.

Chairwoman Edmonson informed the Committee of her recent groundbreaking ceremony for a green, affordable house located in Commission District 3. She invited her colleagues to visit this home. She concurred with Commissioner Jordan's comments regarding the residents having the right to choose between homeownership and rental housing units.

Ms. Patricia Braynon, Executive Director, Housing Finance Authority, provided the Committee with an overview of the green affordable house built at NW 14 Avenue and 61 Street.

Responding to Commissioner Moss' request for clarification on how the $21.2 million in Surtax and SHIP would be distributed for homeownership and rental housing, Mr. Cintron clarified the $21.2 million was for rental, which was half of the total Surtax and SHIP revenues for Fiscal Year (FY) 2007-08.

Hearing no objection, the Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing proposed resolution as

presented.

Commissioner Jordan stressed the need for the County Commission to have the ability to revisit the distribution of the remaining combined available Surtax and SHIP for homeownership activities once the housing market turned around.

Responding to Mr. Cintron's earlier request for a waiver to the January 22, 2008, Board meeting, Chairwoman Edmonson asked staff to prepare the appropriate memorandum to the BCC Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro requesting that the Board's Rules and Procedures be waived to hear the foregoing resolution at the January 22, 2008, Board meeting.

Hearing no objection, the Committee proceeded to vote to defer Agenda Item 7D to no date certain.

Commissioner Sorenson spoke in support of the green affordable housing and the efficiency of the amenities contained in these types of homes.

Following Commissioner Sorenson's comments, Ms. Braynon informed the Committee that the architect engineer who designed green affordable housing estimated that within six years the additional monies that it cost to build this home would be recouped by the homeowner in water and electrical cost savings. She stated Housing Finance Authority (HFA) and the builder has implemented "An Experimenting Green" pilot program in which the builder has built a standard model home next to the green affordable house without the green features, but has energy savings features, and built another green model that received the lead gold standard. As a part of this experiment, the homeowners would provide copies of their utilities bills for about one year in order for HFA staff to evaluate the actual savings over the course of a year for the utilities. Ms. Braynon stated she would present and provide this information to the Committee at a later date.

Chairwoman Edmonson stated she would advocate green, affordable housing in Commission District 3. She indicated affordable housing should equate to cost savings throughout the year, and not just the price of the home. Therefore, the homeowners could afford to maintain and to continue to live in these homes. She concluded her comments by stating that she would take the lead on green, affordable housing and commended HFA as well as the Miami-Dade

Affordable Housing Foundation ("Foundation") for their efforts in Commission District 3.

Commissioner Jordan noted she attempted to have the same developer for green, affordable housing in Commission District 1. She indicated the starting prices for the homes on the list of County-owned land properties for infill sites funded by the County was $225,000. She noted if the County donated the land for these homes the developers should decrease the starting prices for these homes. In addition, Commissioner Jordan noted these properties were located in the inner-city and other communities where the starting prices could be much lower than $225,000. She concluded her comments by commending HFA, the Foundation and the developer on this initiative.

Commissioner Jordan asked for a Committee workshop on Agenda Item 7D as soon as possible.

Commissioner Moss commended the developer of the green, affordable house built in Commission District 3. He asked that the County compare this housing developer's models with other housing developers to make their homes more affordable.

Chairwoman Edmonson announced that the deferral and referral of Agenda Item 7D to a Committee workshop.

Mr. Alberto Milo, Urban Development Group, appeared before the Board, and spoke in support of the Committee Workshop to discuss Agenda Item 7D, a County Manager's report entitled, "SHIP and Surtax Pro Forma." He stated the ongoing debate was the issue of choice and individuals having the right to choose affordable housing developments. Furthermore, he indicated the flip-side of this debate was the limited number of resources. Mr. Milo informed the Committee of $1.5 million from Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) funding issued by OCED through a Request for Proposal (RFP) process by HFA for families within 80% of area median income (AMI) or less. He noted Commissioner Jordan worked on establishing a purchase price buy down mechanism in consultation with Assistant County Attorney Shannon Summerset and the Property Appraiser's Office, and she was able to come up with a restrictive covenant that contained a shared equity provision and protection for the County for 20 years. However, in the last HFA funding cycle, the contract did not allow for the purchase buy down mechanism.

Commissioner Jordan asked Mr. Milo to make an appointment with her office to discuss the purchase buy down mechanism.

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080081 **Resolution**

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007-08 FOR THE SOUTH MIAMI COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (Office of Strategic Business Management)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Moss
Seconder: Sorenson
Vote: 4-0
Absent,OCB: Souto

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

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

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080083 **Resolution**

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007-08 FOR THE HOMESTEAD COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (Office of Strategic Business Management)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Moss
Seconder: Sorenson
Vote: 4-0
Absent,OCB: Souto

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

Responding to Commissioner Sorenson's inquiry regarding the status of the Seminole Theater, Mr. Daniel Wick, Acting Director, City of Homestead Community Redevelopment Agency (CHCRA), informed the Committee the Seminole Theater was finalizing the plans submitted for review to the City of Homestead Planning Department. He noted multiple funding sources from the County and the Office of Community and Economic Development were used to complete the Seminole Theater. Mr. Wick indicated the invitation to bid would be issued in two to three months for the construction of the interior and exterior of the Seminole Theater.

Commissioner Sorenson asked Ms. Cynthia Curry, Senior Advisor to the County Manager, to provide her the timeline for completing the Seminole Theater, and to submit this information along with a report from CHCRA, which Mr. Daniel Wick, Acting Director, CHCRA, agreed to provide. She asked that this report include the amount of funding provided thus far, the name of the entity that provided the financing, and the funding sources.

Hearing no objection, the Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing proposed resolution as presented.

4 COUNTY MANAGER

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080087 **Resolution**

RESOLUTION APPROVING AMENDMENT TO THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH MONROE COUNTY CREATING THE SOUTH FLORIDA WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD FOR REGION 23 OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA; AUTHORIZING MAYOR OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY TO EXECUTE AMENDMENT (County Manager)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Jordan
Seconder: Sorenson
Vote: 4-0
Absent,OCB: Souto

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Cynthia Johnson-Stacks read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

The Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing proposed resolution as presented.

Commissioner Moss questioned if any new direction or legislation was coming forth as a result of the change in the administration regarding the Job Training Partnership Act (Note: This law was repealed by the Workforce Investment Act of 1998) today or in the future.

Responding to Commissioner Moss' inquiry, Mr. Rick Beasley, Executive Director, South Florida Workforce, and on behalf of the South Florida Workforce Investment Board (SFWIB), noted the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 had been under reauthorization for the last three years. He pointed out a number of items had been lingering in terms of the direction of what the Federal administration was proposing. Mr. Beasley noted a change in the administration would occur and discussions between the Florida State House Democrats and House Republicans had occurred regarding the faith-based initiatives, which held up the reauthorization. He noted the South Florida Workforce One Stop Career Centers had discussed how the Federal Government would appropriate dollars. Mr. Beasley indicated also a change in the focus on at-risk youth versus in-school programs.

Commissioner Moss recommended Committee members consider providing a recommendation in the County's Legislative Package of the County's view of what needed to occur with the job training program for Miami-Dade County. He noted he would review this issue and bring back legislation to this Committee suggesting how the County should address youth programs. Commissioner Moss stated most of the funding went to private sector organizations, which was not in the best interest of this community. Therefore, he would

propose going into a different direction for job training opportunities in this community.

5 COUNTY ATTORNEY

6 CLERK OF THE BOARD

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080110 **Report**

CLERK'S SUMMARY OF MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 3, 2007 FROM THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE (Clerk of the Board)

Approved
Mover: Sorenson
Seconder: Edmonson
Vote: 4-0
Absent,OCB: Souto

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Cynthia Johnson-Stacks read the foregoing report into the record.*

Hearing no questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing report as presented.

7 REPORTS

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073753 **Report**

SUNSET REVIEW OF COUNTY BOARDS FOR 2008 – HISPANIC AFFAIRS ADVISORY BOARD

Report Received
Mover: Jordan
Seconder: Sorenson
Vote: 4-0
Absent,OCB: Souto

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Cynthia Johnson-Stacks read the foregoing report into the record.*

Hearing no questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing report as presented.

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073754 **Report**

SUNSET REVIEW OF COUNTY BOARDS FOR 2008 – MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMISSION FOR WOMEN

Report Received
Mover: Jordan
Seconder: Sorenson
Vote: 4-0
Absent,OCB: Souto

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Cynthia Johnson-Stacks read the foregoing report into the record.*

Hearing no questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing report as presented.

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080105 **Report**

SUNSET REVIEW OF COUNTY BOARDS FOR 2008 - ADDICTION SERVICES BOARD

Report Received
Mover: Jordan
Seconder: Sorenson
Vote: 4-0
Absent,OCB: Souto

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Cynthia Johnson-Stacks read the foregoing report into the record.*

Hearing no questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing report as presented.

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080088 **Report**

REPORT RE : SHIP AND SURTAX PRO FORMA [SEE AGENDA ITEM NO. 3J] (County Manager)

Deferred to no date certain
Mover: Jordan
Seconder: Edmonson
Vote: 4-0
Absent,OCB: Souto

Report: *See Report under Agenda Item 3J, Legislative File No. 080086.*

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080125 **Report**

ORAL REPORT RE: ASSETS FOR INDEPENDENCE GRANT PROGRAM STATUS REPORT

Report Received
Mover: Jordan
Seconder: Sorenson
Vote: 4-0
Absent,OCB: Souto

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Cynthia Johnson-Stacks read the foregoing report into the record.*

Ms. Patricia Braynon, Executive Director, Housing Finance Authority (HFA), provided the Committee with an oral status report on the Assets for Independence Grant (AIG) received by the County. She indicated HFA currently operated the Individual Development Account (IDA) to assist families who were looking to purchase homes with matching funds for their purchase when they saved their down payment. Ms. Braynon stated the AIG allowed for the same type of mechanism, but the issues faced by HFA was that it was for families that were at 200% of the poverty level, which was $41,300 for a family of four and it was slightly less for a smaller family size. She noted HFA had a problem with low grant subsidy funding for those families over the course of one year, and HFA was unable to get families into this particular program. Ms. Braynon pointed out HFA published advertisements through the HFA Homebuyer's Program classes, the HFA Affordable Housing Foundation, the various fairs hosted by HFA, and the HFA offices. She emphasized HFA had difficulty finding families at the 200% of the poverty level that did not need a substantial subsidy to purchase a home. Therefore, HFA was unsuccessful in using AIG funds as a matching grant for homeownership. Ms. Braynon noted HFA would review the feasibility of using AIG funds for education and micro-businesses, and the feasibility of restructuring how the County would like to use the AIG. She indicated the AIG was a $1 million grant from the Federal Government that the County could access.

Responding to Commissioner Moss' inquiry regarding the use of these funds for micro-businesses, Ms. Braynon reiterated it could be use for micro-businesses and education.

Commissioner Moss asked the HFA Executive Director, to identify available funding sources, including the AIG Program, to provide continued

funding support to the Minority Business Enterprise Center located at 3050 Biscayne Boulevard, Suite 201.

Commissioner Jordan expressed concern with the price of County subsidized affordable housing for homeownership starting at $225,000. She stated the County Commission may need to revisit affordable housing due to the unintended consequences to the affordable housing price range. She noted the prices could be much lower. Commissioner Jordan pointed out the County should not send the $1 million back to the Federal government.

Responding to Commissioner Jordan and Moss' comments regarding the use of the AIG for micro-businesses, Mr. Dan Wall, Assistant Director, Office of Strategic Business Management (OSBM), informed Committee members of OSBM discussions with the County Manager's Office regarding exploring other opportunities to utilize these AIG funds. He noted the County Commission initially intended to use this funding for homeownership. Mr. Wall stated staff would work with other local partners to get creative and to present a revised scope for the AIG application submitted to the Federal government. He concluded his comments by stating that the grant could be used for the following allowable uses: micro-business start-up as well as post secondary education and training.

The Committee received the foregoing report as presented.

Commissioner Moss asked Ms. Cynthia Curry, Senior Advisor to the County Manager, to provide a status report of the County's Summer Youth Employment Program.

Responding to Commissioner Moss' inquiry, Ms. Curry stated she would check with the County Mayor and Manager's offices to provide Commissioner Moss with a follow-up status report on the Summer Youth Employment Program.

Commissioner Sorenson noted she received information regarding the implementation of the Summer Youth Employment Program in the amount of $855,000.

Chairwoman Edmonson and Commissioner Moss asked Commissioner Sorenson to provide them with a copy of the information she received.

080740 Report

NON-AGENDA REPORT ITEM FOR JANUARY 16, 2008, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE (EDHSC) ***Presented***

Report: *Commissioner Jordan informed the Committee of an issue regarding State Apartment Incentive Loan (SAIL) program funds that may impact the County's housing resources. She asked Ms. Marta Mathis to place her comments on the record regarding the impact to the County.*

Ms. Marta Mathis, an affordable housing developer, informed Committee members she received an email message on Friday, January 11, 2008, from the Florida Housing Financing Corporation (FHFC) that indicated they would not approve the 2008 Universal Application Cycle on March 26, 2008, because of their concern with the Florida Statutes (FS) Chapter 201 entitled, "Excise Tax on Documents," subsection 0205 entitled, "Counties that have implemented ch. 83-220; inapplicability of 10-cent tax increase by s. 2, ch. 92-317, Laws of Florida" and how it may be interpreted on whether Miami-Dade County qualified for any SAIL Program funding. She provided Committee members with an overview of the distribution of the SAIL Program and the remaining SHIP funds. She indicated FHFC interpreted this Florida Statutes as if the County did not pay their fair share; therefore, the County would not receive any funding. Ms. Mathis urged the County to opt-in to participate in the FHFC 2008 Universal Application Cycle.

Responding to comments made by Ms. Mathis, Mr. Jose Cintron, Director, Office of Community and Economic Development, informed Committee members that when the Florida State Legislature adopted chapter 92-317 it had no option to participate clause because the County had its own local surtax program. Subsequently, County participation in the monies collected would be limited. He clarified if the County opted-in, based on the current Florida Statute, the County would have to relinquish its local Documentary Stamp Surtax Program funding in exchange for a share of the SAIL program funds, and relinquishing surtax funds would not be in the County's best interest. Mr. Cintron stated the Statute would have to allow the County to continue the local 45 cents documentary stamp surtax and to pay the 10 cents to fully participate in the State program. He urged

Committee members to review this issue closely, and not make a decision today. Mr. Cintron recommended that this issue be place in the County's Legislative package in order to change the State Statute to allow the County to fully participate both locally and at the state level.

Responding to Chairwoman Edmonson's inquiry regarding the time sensitivity of this issue, Assistant County Attorney Cynthia Johnson-Stacks noted this was the first time the County administration has heard this issue. She indicated the FS did not provide for an opportunity to opt-in pursuant to FS Chapter 83-220; therefore, the County was not eligible for the 10 cent increase. She pointed out the legislation would have to be changed and that could not be accomplished today.

A discussion ensued among Committee members, Mr. Cintron, and Assistant County Attorney Johnson-Stacks regarding the legislation in question and to include this legislative issue in the County's Legislative package.

Following this discussion, Commissioner Moss asked that the County administration review the feasibility of bringing forth an item for the January 22, 2008, County Commission meeting to include this legislative issue in the County's Legislative package, and suggested a County Commissioner consider sponsoring legislation to include this issue in the legislative package.

Chairwoman Edmonson asked that staff provide further information on this issue.

Commissioner Jordan questioned if the County Attorney's Office (CAO) could prepare an item to explore an opt-in provision and research amending the State Statute so that Miami-Dade County was not penalized for not participating in the earlier version of the FS.

Responding to Commissioner Jordan's comments and inquiry, Assistant County Attorney Johnson-Stacks stated the CAO would proceed without the preparation of an item.

Commissioner Jordan explained her intent for staff to explore and perhaps prepare an item for Tuesday, January 22, 2008, was to expedite action by the County Commission on this matter.

Assistant County Attorney Johnson-Stacks noted

the portion concerning the urging of the legislature did not require Committee review and the other portion of Commissioner Jordan's request may require a Committee waiver. She indicated the CAO would draft the legislation and then determine how to proceed.

Commissioner Jordan respectfully requested Chairwoman Edmonson for a Committee's waiver of review of the item to be prepared, if necessary.

Chairwoman Edmonson agreed with Commissioner Jordan on the waiver of the item to be prepared. She requested that the County Attorney and/or the County Administration brief her prior to agreeing to the waiver of Committee review of the item to be prepared.

Responding to Commissioner Moss' comments regarding the future of the County's Surtax program funding, Mr. Cintron pointed out the delay of the 2008 Universal cycle was part of today's discussion, but determination of the delay's duration had not been made.

Ms. Mathis indicated the 2008 Universal Cycle was delayed to April 2nd and FHFC would vote on Friday, January 25, 2008, on this issue.

8 ADJOURNMENT

Report: *There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 12:18 p.m.*