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Agenda Item No.6(B)

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

DATE: June 11, 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:

April 16, 2008

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Miami, FL 33128

**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, April 16, 2008

9:30 AM

COMMISSION CHAMBERS

Members Present: Barbara J. Jordan, Dennis C. Moss, Katy Sorenson, Javier D. Souto.

Members Absent: Audrey M. Edmonson.

Members Late: None.

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent County Business: None.

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 Attorneys Cynthia Johnson-
Stacks, John McInnis, and Shannon Summerset;
and Deputy Clerk Jovel Shaw.*

1D OPENING REMARKS FROM CHAIRPERSON EDMONSON

Report: *Vice Chairwoman Sorenson called the meeting to order at 9:51 a.m.*

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

Hearing no objection, it was moved by Commissioner Jordan that the changes to today's (4/16) Committee agenda be approved. This motion was seconded by Vice Chairwoman Sorenson, and upon being put to a vote, passed by a vote of 3-0, (Commissioners Moss and Souto were absent).

1E PUBLIC HEARING(S)

1E1

080406 Ordinance

Bruno A. Barreiro,

Audrey M. Edmonson, Carlos A. Gimenez, Sally A. Heyman, Barbara J. Jordan, Katy Sorenson

ORDINANCE CREATING ARTICLE IX OF CHAPTER 11A OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA; PROVIDING HEALTH INSURANCE ELIGIBILITY AND OTHER BENEFITS TO THE DOMESTIC PARTNERS OF MIAMI DADE COUNTY EMPLOYEES; PROVIDING FOR THE REGISTRATION OF DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIPS; ESTABLISHING DOMESTIC PARTNER RIGHTS OF VISITATION; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN THE CODE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Withdrawn

Report: *See Agenda Item 1E1 Substitute; Legislative File No.080986.*

1E1 SUB

080986 Ordinance

Bruno A. Barreiro,

Audrey M. Edmonson, Carlos A. Gimenez, Sally A.

Heyman, Barbara J. Jordan, Katy Sorenson

ORDINANCE CREATING ARTICLE IX OF CHAPTER 11A OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA; PROVIDING HEALTH INSURANCE ELIGIBILITY AND OTHER BENEFITS TO THE DOMESTIC PARTNERS OF MIAMI DADE COUNTY EMPLOYEES; PROVIDING FOR THE REGISTRATION OF DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIPS; ESTABLISHING DOMESTIC PARTNER RIGHTS OF VISITATION; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN THE CODE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE [SEE ORIGINAL ITEM UNDER FILE NO. 080406]

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Jordan

Seconder: Sorenson

Vote: 3-1

No: Souto

Absent: Edmonson

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Cynthia Johnson-Stacks read the foregoing proposed ordinance and Agenda Item 1E2 into the record.*

Hearing no objection, the Committee considered this proposed ordinance and Agenda Item 1E2 simultaneously.

Vice Chairwoman Sorenson opened the public hearing and the following persons appeared before the Committee in connection to Agenda Item 1E1 Substitute:

Mr. Scott Clark, Risk Medical Officer, Miami-Dade County Public School (MDCPS), informed the Committee of the MDCPS Board domestic partner benefit program. He indicated the School Board had recognized domestic partners as an eligible dependent category since January 1, 2002. He pointed out the School Board has not incurred any additional cost to the School Board health insurance program as a result of having domestic partners as an eligible dependent group. Mr. Clark informed the Committee that the School Board conducted a Request for Proposals (RFP), with the domestic partner definitions and the criteria in the RFP. He stated the Federal Government did not recognize domestic partner benefits, which provides pre-tax benefits through employee deduction. Therefore, the School Board deducted for domestic partner benefits on a post-tax basis.

Mr. Jose Pereda, 46 NE 171 Terrace, North Miami Beach, Florida, urged the Committee to allow this ordinance to move forward to the County Commission.

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The following persons appeared and spoke in support of this proposed ordinance:

- 1. Ms. Cristina Flores, 1602 Alton Road #518, Miami Beach, Florida;*
 - 2. Ms. Elizabeth Schwartz, 560 Lincoln Road, 4th Floor, Miami Beach, Florida, State Planning Attorney for unmarried couples;*
 - 3. Mayor Paul Vrooman, Town of Cutler Bay, 10013 SW 223 Lane, Cutler Bay, Florida;*
 - 4. Councilman Scott Galvin, City of North Miami, 13506 NE 24 Court, informed the Committee members that the City of North Miami has offered domestic partner benefits for two years and also offered domestic partner contractual benefits for approximately one year for companies that choose to bid on City of North Miami projects. He also noted this benefit has not been a financial deterrent to the City of North Miami. Mr. Galvin noted the City was ready for the passage of a domestic partner registry but the City was looking for the County Commission's leadership on this issue.*
 - 5. Ms. Annette Taddeo, Taddeo for Congress;*
 - 6. Mr. Parmer Heacox, Director, Human Services Coalition, 260 NE 17 Terrace;*
 - 7. Mr. Joe Pena, Director of Federal Relations, Miami-Dade College, 300 NE 2 Avenue;*
 - 8. Mr. Peter Roulhac, 12970 SW 149 Street, Miami, Florida;*
 - 9. Mr. Mario Artecona, Vice Chairman for the Community Relations Board, 150 West Flagler Street, Suite 1820;*
 - 10. Mr. Antonio Eiroc, American Federal, State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) 1542, 4349 NW 36 Street, Miami Spring, Florida;*
- County Commission Chairman Bruno Barreiro spoke in support and explained the intent of the foregoing ordinance.*
- 11. Mr. Hal Marshall, 1292 NE 94 Street, Miami, Florida;*
 - 12. Mr. Santiago Leon, 11600 SW 69 Avenue, Miami, Florida;*

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13. Ms. Heddy Pena, SAVE, 5541 SW 64 Place, Miami, Florida;

14. Mr. Dan McCrea, President, Florida Voters Coalition, and a former City of South Miami Commissioner, 6200 SW 63 Court, South Miami, Florida;

15. Mr. Jay Staley, President, AFSCME 121, 11560 SW 81 Terrace, Miami, Florida;

16. Mr. Stratton Pollitzer, 739 NE 121 Street, North Miami, Florida;

17. Mr. Ramiro Inguanzo, Chief of Staff and Director of Human Resources, City of Miami Beach, 1700 Convention Center Drive, Miami Beach, Florida;

18. Mr. Brad Brown, 11266 SW 166 Terrace, informed the Committee the Florida State Conference of the National Association of the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) who supported domestic partnerships;

19. Mr. Michael De Cossio, a Miami Dade County employee, 7819 NW 166 Terrace, Miami Lakes, Florida;

20. Mr. Mark Shrader, 13105 Ixora Court #218, North Miami, Florida;

21. Mr. Hiram Ruiz, Service Employees International Union (SEIU), 3950 NW 2 Terrace;

The following persons appeared and spoke in opposition to this proposed ordinance:

1. Mr. Nathaniel J. Wilcox, Minister at Apostolic Revival Center, 3111 NW 135 Street, Miami, Florida;

2. Mr. Antonio Verdugo, 10005 SW 28 Street, Miami, Florida;

3. Ms. Teresita Miglio, 310 SW 67 Court, Miami, Florida;

4. Mr. Eladio Jose Armesto, U.S. Hispanic Publishers Federation, Post Office Box 350002, Miami, Florida;

5. Mr. Humberto Vidal, Catholic Cultural Fund, 1393 SW 1 Street, Miami, Florida 33135.

Vice Chairwoman Sorenson closed the public hearing for Agenda Item 1E1 Substitute and proceeded to open the public hearing for Agenda Item 1E2, Legislative File No. 080787.

The following persons appeared in support of Agenda Item 1E2, Legislative File 080787:

- 1. Ms. Leona Perminta;*
- 2. Mr. Antonio Verdugo, 10005 SW 28 Street, Miami, Florida;*
- 3. Mr. Nathaniel J. Wilcox, Minister of Apostolic Revival Center, 3111 NW 135 Street;*
- 4. Mr. Eladio Jose Armesto, U.S. Hispanic Publishers Federation, Post Office Box 350002, Miami, Florida 33135;*
- 5. Mr. Jose Pereda, 46 NE 171 Terrace, North Miami Beach, Florida;*
- 6. Ms. Heddy Pena, 5541 SW 64 Place, Miami, Florida;*
- 7. Ms. Teresita Miglio, 310 SW 67 Court, Miami, Florida;*
- 8. Ms. Elizabeth Schwartz, 560 Lincoln Road, 4th Floor, Miami Beach, Florida, State Planning Attorney for unmarried couples;*
- 9. Mr. Santiago Leon, 11600 SW 69 Avenue, Miami, Florida;*
- 10. Mr. Humberto Vidal, 1393 SW 1 Street, Miami, Florida;*
- 11. Ms. Barbara Meredith (phonetic), 17170 SW 103 Court Circle.*

The following spoke in opposition to Agenda Item 1E2:

Ms. Vanessa Brito, 840 NW 133 Avenue.

Hearing no one else wishing to speak before the Committee, Vice Chairwoman Sorenson closed the public hearing on Agenda Item 1E2.

Assistant County Attorney Johnson-Stacks read, into the record, Commissioner Diaz' memorandum dated April 16, 2008, entitled, "Item 1E2,," which

requested the Committee's support in forwarding this item to the County Commission .

Commissioner Souto expressed concern with the fiscal impact statement and requested deferral of this proposed ordinance until staff provides further information on associated factors on this issue, such as Florida Statutes.

Responding to Commissioner Jordan's request for a clarification to ensure that the County was not violating any Florida State laws, Assistant County Attorney Lee Kraftchick informed the Committee members of the Florida law pertaining to the Defensive Marriage Act in which the Florida legislature prohibited this sort of legislation. He stated this legislation did not offer to create a marriage or a substitute for marriage and this proposed ordinance included language to specifically address the marriage question. Mr. Kraftchick pointed out this proposed ordinance shall not be construed to supersede any federal, state and county laws or regulations, nor shall this ordinance be interpreted in a manner as to bring it into conflict with federal, state, or other county laws. Therefore, nothing in this ordinance shall be construed as recognizing or treating domestic partnership as a marriage, as outlined in this proposal.

Responding to Commissioner Jordan's request to Assistant County Attorney Kraftchick to advise the Committee if the Florida Statutes recognized what was formerly known as common law marriage, Mr. Kraftchick advised as of 1968, the Florida Statutes stated that no common law marriage entered into after that date shall be valid. Therefore, common law marriages were not valid in Florida.

Responding to Commissioner Moss' question regarding the basis for staff indicating this proposal would have no significant fiscal impact, Ms. Wendi Norris, Director, Miami-Dade County General Services Administration (GSA) provided an overview of the fiscal impact statement regarding providing health insurance eligibility and other benefits to the dependent relatives and household dependents of Miami-Dade County employees. She noted no employer could be found that had experience with Agenda Item 1E2.

Responding to Commissioner Moss' comments regarding other municipal governments who had similar health insurance eligibility and other benefits to domestic partners and/or dependent

relatives, Assistant County Attorney Kraftchick informed the Committee members the proposal in Agenda Item 1E1 was modeled after Broward County and the City of Miami Beach and other areas, such as Tampa and Saint Petersburg. He noted, to his knowledge, no successful challenge to those models existed. Mr. Kraftchick further noted no published opinion on this issue was made.

Board of County Commissioners Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro stated Broward County's program was established in 1999 and the City of Miami Beach's program was in 2000.

Vice Chairwoman Sorenson spoke in support of Agenda Item 1E1 Substitute.

It was moved by Commissioner Jordan that the foregoing proposed ordinance be adopted as presented.

Commissioner Souto presented a motion for deferral of the foregoing proposed ordinance, and this motion died due to lack of a second.

A discussion ensued between Commissioner Souto and Ms. Norris regarding the 1 to 3% of approximately 30,000 County employees who may apply for this type of health insurance coverage.

Ms. Norris provided an overview of the Fiscal Impact Statement included in Agenda Item 1E1 Substitute.

Responding to Commissioner Moss' inquiry regarding the cost factor for dependent benefit coverage, Ms. Marsha Pascual, Risk Management, GSA, explained employees would continue to pay the full dependent premium charged by the County. Therefore, using that cost savings to subsidize those dependent premiums.

The Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing proposed ordinance, Agenda Item 1E1 Substitute as presented.

Responding to Vice Chairwoman Sorenson's inquiry regarding the date the County Commission would consider this item, Chairman Barreiro noted he had not set the meeting date for the County Commission to consider this item.

Commissioner Moss recommended Agenda Item 1E2 be deferred to allow the sponsor to present the item to the Committee. He noted his need for

more information on this proposal as recommended by the County Administration to determine the fiscal impact.

The Committee proceeded to vote to defer Agenda item 1E2.

1E2

080787 Ordinance Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Joe A. Martinez, Dorrin D. Rolle, Natacha Seijas, Rebeca Sosa

ORDINANCE CREATING A SEPARATE ARTICLE TO BE INCLUDED IN CHAPTER 11A OF THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY CODE; PROVIDING HEALTH INSURANCE ELIGIBILITY AND OTHER BENEFITS TO THE DEPENDENTS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY EMPLOYEES; ESTABLISHING DEPENDENT RIGHTS OF VISITATION; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN THE CODE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Deferred to no date certain
Mover: Moss
Seconder: Jordan
Vote: 4-0
Absent: Edmonson

Report: See Report under Agenda Item 1E1 Substitute, Legislative File No. 080986.

1E3

080709 Ordinance Barbara J. Jordan

ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO WORKFORCE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM; READOPTING ORDINANCE 07-05 AS CODIFIED IN VARIOUS SECTIONS OF CHAPTERS 17, 33, 8, AND 8CC OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, EXCLUDING REPEAL PROVISION IN ORDINANCE 07-05; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN THE CODE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Amended

Report: See Agenda Item 1E3 Amended, Legislative File No. 081263 for the amended version.

1E3 AMENDED

081263 Ordinance

Barbara J. Jordan

ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO WORKFORCE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM; READOPTING ORDINANCE 07-05 AS CODIFIED IN VARIOUS SECTIONS OF CHAPTERS 17, 33, 8, AND 8CC OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY; EXCLUDING REPEAL PROVISION IN ORDINANCE 07-05; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN THE CODE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE [SEE ORIGINAL ITEM UNDER FILE NO. 080709]

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

Mover: Jordan

Seconder: Moss

Vote: 4-0

Absent: Edmonson

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

Vice Chairwoman Sorenson opened the public hearing.

Ms. Truly Burton, Builders Association of South Florida (BASF), appeared before the Committee, and spoke in support of this ordinance.

Hearing no one else wishing to speak before the Committee, Vice Chairwoman Sorenson closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Jordan explained the intent of this proposed ordinance.

Assistant County Attorney John McInnis advised the Committee of the following proposed amendments to this proposed ordinance:

(1) On handwritten Page 35, item (7) to indicate the Department as "Office of Community and Economic Development" and

(2) On handwritten Page 36, item (9) to indicate the "Director of Office of Community and Economic Development."

The Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing proposed ordinance as amended.

Vice Chairwoman Sorenson expressed concern with the affordable workforce housing developers providing density bonuses for affordable housing units under \$225,000 due to the current real estate market. She indicated she did not want units to be created for the market.

Responding to Vice Chairwoman Sorenson's

concern, Commissioner Jordan reminded the Committee members of her request for staff to conduct a review of the \$225,000 price for affordable housing due to the current real estate market.

Vice Chairwoman Sorenson stated it would be useful to have a list of how many houses in general were on the market. She indicated she also was interested in this voluntary Workforce Housing Development Program ("Program") and how many people have volunteered thus far in this program.

Responding to Vice Chairwoman Sorenson's inquiry regarding how many people have volunteered for this Program, Commissioner Jordan noted she had asked for the availability of homes in the \$225,000 range and to review the market for the County's housing units.

Responding to Vice Chairwoman Sorenson's inquiry on when staff would provide the information previously requested by Commissioner Jordan, Ms. Cynthia Curry, Senior Advisor to the County Manager, stated staff would put forth effort to provide the information prior to the Board's consideration of this item.

Responding to Commissioner Moss' question regarding what constituted affordable housing, Commissioner Jordan stated it was basically the recommendation of the Housing Agency, staff, and real estate experts at that time, based on how the market and United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (US HUD) guidelines, to set the \$225,000 mark. Therefore, she indicated she had requested staff further review the cost due to the current real estate market and housing prices.

Ms. Curry stated the threshold for affordable housing was much higher than \$225,000 and that price was an average. She stated US HUD had set no guideline that the price of affordable housing be set at \$225,000. She noted \$225,000 was a negotiated price which the Board approved for affordable housing.

A discussion ensued among Commissioners Jordan, Moss, Mr. Jose Cintron, Director, Office of Community and Economic Development, Assistant County Attorney McInnis and Ms. Curry regarding a system or guideline to set the threshold for the price of the County's affordable

and workforce affordable housing units based on the current real estate market and the associated factors to determine the price.

Hearing no objection, the Committee forwarded the foregoing proposed ordinance as amended by Assistant County Attorney McInnis.

Commissioner Souto asked the Office of Community and Economic Development (OCED) Director to provide the Board with a weekly status report on the impact of the current housing economy conditions to the OCED housing programs. In addition, he asked the OCED Director to provide his input on the findings.

Ms. Cynthia Curry, Senior Advisor to the County Manager, noted the OCED Director, in consultation with Mr. Robert Cruz, Chief Economist, Office of Strategic Business Management, would provide the weekly status report as requested by Commissioner Souto.

1E4

080878 Resolution

RESOLUTION APPROVING APPLICATION FOR ONE CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO GOA MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION, INC. TO PROVIDE COMBINATION WHEELCHAIR AND STRETCHER NONEMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION SERVICE (NE CONTROL NO. 147A) (Consumer Services Department)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Moss

Seconder: Sorenson

Vote: 4-0

Absent: Edmonson

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

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

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

1E5

080879 Resolution

RESOLUTION APPROVING APPLICATION FOR ONE CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO GOA MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION, INC. TO PROVIDE COMBINATION WHEELCHAIR AND STRETCHER NONEMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION SERVICE (NE CONTROL NO. 147B) (Consumer Services Department)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Moss

Seconder: Sorenson

Vote: 4-0

Absent: Edmonson

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

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

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

1E6

080881 Resolution

RESOLUTION APPROVING APPLICATION FOR ONE CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO GOA MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION, INC. TO PROVIDE COMBINATION WHEELCHAIR AND STRETCHER NONEMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION SERVICE (NE CONTROL NO. 147C) (Consumer Services Department)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Moss

Seconder: Sorenson

Vote: 4-0

Absent: Edmonson

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

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

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

1E7

080882 Resolution

RESOLUTION APPROVING APPLICATION FOR ONE CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO COMFORT HOME CARE SERVICES, INC. D/B/A COMFORT CARE SERVICES TO PROVIDE COMBINATION WHEELCHAIR AND STRETCHER NONEMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION SERVICE (NE CONTROL NO. 149)

(Consumer Services Department)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Moss

Seconder: Sorenson

Vote: 4-0

Absent: Edmonson

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

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

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

1E8

080925 Resolution

RESOLUTION APPROVING TRANSFER OF CERTIFICATE OF TRANSPORTATION NO. 124 FROM EXITOURS CO., INC. TO A & E EXPRESS CREW TRANSPORT, INC., TO PROVIDE CONTRACT CARRIER SERVICES AS A PASSENGER MOTOR CARRIER (Consumer Services Department)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Moss

Seconder: Sorenson

Vote: 4-0

Absent: Edmonson

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

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

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

1E9

080684 Resolution

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO AMEND THE FY 2008 ACTION PLAN TO REFLECT THE REALLOCATION OF FY 2000, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007 AND 2008 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,938,506.32 AND HOME AND HODAG FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,601,699.49, AS INDICATED IN EXHIBIT 1; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE ALL CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS AND AMENDMENTS NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE ABOVE PROGRAM; AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXERCISE THE CANCELLATION PROVISIONS CONTAINED THEREIN.

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Moss

Seconder: Jordan

Vote: 4-0

Absent: Edmonson

(Office of Community and Economic Development)

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

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

Commissioner Moss raised a concern with how the County could precede with the Storeporch Historic and the Sunny Haven water projects.

Mr. Jose Cintron, Director, Office of Community and Economic Development, informed the Committee members this proposed resolution recommended recapturing approximately \$111,000. He explained for the County to complete the Storeporch Historic project, the issues raised on the project need to be addressed, such as the non-profit organization that owned the property in which \$700,000 of federal funds had been invested was considering selling the property. He clarified if the property was being sold, the County needed to review the subject property before further investing in this particular property. Mr. Cintron indicated he would meet with Commissioner Moss and the non-profit organization to see if it was feasible to complete the project and if so, OCED could complete the project in-house; therefore, the County could protect its investment and finish the project. Mr. Cintron provided a progress report on the Sunny

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Haven Project and noted he had met with the homeowners in the area and one homebuyer expressed a desire to connect to the Miami-Dade Water and Sewer system.

A discussion ensued between Commissioner Moss and Mr. Cintron regarding the County conducting a second survey of the property owners to determine who was interested or not interested; and the County reallocating the funds to other projects if no interest in the project was found; and if the County found interest, the funding should be made available to complete the Sunny Haven Water project.

Commissioner Jordan asked that the \$20,000 of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds recommended for recapture from the Opa-locka CDC Opa-locka Airpark be used in Commission District 1.

Mr. Cintron explained to the Committee members that the Commission Discretionary allocation remained in the respective commission district.

Commissioner Jordan expressed concern with the depletion of CDBG funds due to the City of Opa-locka not being able to file for its own separate allocation. She noted the funding was needed for other projects located in Opa-locka.

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

1E10

081146 Resolution

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO AMEND THE FY 2007 ACTION PLAN TO REFLECT THE REALLOCATION OF \$5,950,464 OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE ALL CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS AND AMENDMENTS NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE ABOVE PROGRAM; AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXERCISE THE CANCELLATION PROVISIONS CONTAINED THEREIN (Office of Community and Economic Development)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Moss

Seconder: Jordan

Vote: 4-0

Absent: Edmonson

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

Vice Chairwoman Sorenson opened the public hearing.

Mr. Barry Goldmeir, 1000 Merrett Drive, Key Biscayne, Florida, appeared before the Committee, to respectfully request the deferral of this proposed resolution until the affordable housing development industry had met with the Office of Community and Economic Development (OCED). He noted a discussion needed to occur on the economics of this proposal along with other outstanding issues. Mr. Goldmeir also informed the Committee a meeting was scheduled next week between the Industry and OCED.

Hearing no one else wishing to speak before the Committee, Vice Chairwoman Sorenson closed the public hearing.

Mr. Jose Cintron, OCED Director, disagreed with the comments made by Mr. Goldmeir and asked the Committee members to move this proposed resolution forward to the County Commission. He noted the meeting was scheduled next week with the Industry. Mr. Cintron proceeded to provide an overview of this proposed resolution.

A discussion ensued between Commissioner Moss and Mr. Cintron regarding the use of GOB funding in a broad sense.

Responding to Commissioner Moss' inquiry regarding the use of Building Better Communities General Obligation Bond (GOB) Program funds, Mr. Cintron explained that GOB funds could only

be used for affordable housing on County-owned sites.

Responding to Commissioner Jordan's request for clarification regarding the FY 2007 Action Plan amendment and the intent of this proposed resolution, Mr. Cintron proceeded to explain the intent of this proposed resolution.

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

Assistant County Attorney Johnson-Stacks indicated that she would follow-up with Commissioner Moss on his question regarding the use of GOB funding for County-owned sites.

2 COUNTY COMMISSION

2A

081000 Resolution

Carlos A. Gimenez,

Rebeca Sosa, Audrey M. Edmonson

**RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE
OUTSTANDING WORK OF CITY YEAR IN IMPROVING
THE LIVES OF THIS NATION'S YOUTH**

***Forwarded to BCC with a favorable
recommendation***

Mover: Moss

Seconder: Jordan

Vote: 4-0

Absent: 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 resolution as presented.

Later in the meeting, Commissioner Jordan acknowledged and recognized City Year was present at today's meeting.

2B

081136 Resolution

Barbara J. Jordan,

Bruno A. Barreiro, Audrey M. Edmonson, Sally A. Heyman, Joe A. Martinez, Katy Sorenson, Sen. Javier D.

Souto, Carlos A. Gimenez, Jose "Pepe" Diaz

RESOLUTION CALLING SPECIAL ELECTION IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA IN CONJUNCTION WITH A STATEWIDE ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2008 FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING TO THE ELECTORS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY THE QUESTION OF WHETHER TO RENEW THE CHILDREN'S TRUST, THE INDEPENDENT SPECIAL DISTRICT FOR CHILDREN'S SERVICES, AND CONTINUE TO LEVY AN ANNUAL AD VALOREM TAX NOT TO EXCEED ONE-HALF (1/2) MILL AS REQUIRED BY SECTION 1.01 (A) (11) OF THE HOME RULE CHARTER

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Jordan

Seconder: Sorenson

Vote: 3-0

Absent: Moss, Edmonson

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

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

Commissioner Jordan and Vice Chairwoman Sorenson asked to be listed as cosponsors on this proposed resolution.

Assistant County Attorney Johnson-Stacks advised the Committee members that County Commission Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro asked to be listed as a cosponsor as well.

Commissioner Souto asked to be listed as a cosponsor on this proposed resolution.

2C

081149 Resolution**Dennis C. Moss**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO APPROVE THE EXTENSION OF TIME FOR MIAMI-DADE COUNTY TO ENFORCE ITS DEED REVERTER ON LAND TRANSFERRED FROM MIAMI-DADE COUNTY TO SOUTH MIAMI HEIGHTS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, INC., FOR DEVELOPMENT OF FORTY-FIVE (45) AFFORDABLE SINGLE FAMILY HOUSING UNITS

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

Mover: Moss

Seconder: Jordan

Vote: 4-0

Absent: Edmonson

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

Ms. Ann R. Kashmer, 2444 SW 28 Street, Coconut Grove, Florida, appeared before the Committee, and she requested the Committee to amend the time granted for the County to enforce its Deed Reverter to June 30, 2008, in lieu of the recommendation for December 31, 2008. Ms. Kashmer also urged the County to ensure that the subject site would be used for affordable housing.

Commissioner Moss requested that the Committee request the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro waive the Board's Rules and Procedures to allow the Board to hear the foregoing proposed resolution its April 22, 2008, Board meeting.

Vice Chairwoman Sorenson expressed concern with the length of time to bring closure to this matter.

A discussion ensued between Commissioner Moss and Vice Chairwoman Sorenson regarding staff preparing the appropriate resolution to shorten the length of time of the extension granted in this proposed resolution, if no progress was made on this matter.

Commissioner Moss expressed appreciation for all of the work done by the Junior League in the subject area. He noted his intent to work with South Miami Heights Community Development Corporation to determine if they could complete the project.

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

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081180 Resolution Bruno A. Barreiro
RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE *Amended*
COMMUNITY AFFORDABLE HOUSING STRATEGIES
ALLIANCE (CAHSA)

Report: *See Agenda Item 2D Amended, Legislative File
No. 081262 for the amended version.*

2D AMENDED

081262 Resolution Bruno A. Barreiro
RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE *Forwarded to BCC with a favorable
COMMUNITY AFFORDABLE HOUSING STRATEGIES
ALLIANCE (CAHSA) [SEE ORIGINAL ITEM UNDER FILE
NO. 081180] amendment(s)
Mover: Jordan
Seconder: Moss
Vote: 4-0
Absent: Edmonson*

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Cynthia Johnson-Stacks
read into the record and advised the Committee of
the following requested changes to the foregoing
proposed resolution:*

*(1) To add the following language to the
resolution title, "AND PROVIDING FOR
RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS WAIVER" and
(2) To add a Section 2 to this resolution to read,
"A waiver of the residency requirements as
contained in Section 2-11.38 of the Code of Miami-
Dade County for Mr. Ronald L. Book."*

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

3 DEPARTMENT

3A

080211 Ordinance Economic Development and Human Services Committee

ORDINANCE CREATING THE EMPOWERMENT ZONE STRATEGIES 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 STRATEGIES 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 (County Manager)

Amended

Report: *See Agenda Item 3A Amended, Legislative File No. 081295 for the amended version.*

3A AMENDED

081295 Ordinance Economic Development and Human Services Committee

ORDINANCE CREATING THE EMPOWERMENT ZONE STRATEGIES 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 STRATEGIES 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 NOS. 073215 AND 08211] (County Manager)

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

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

Assistant County Attorney Shannon Summerset advised the Committee of the following proposed amendments to this proposed ordinance:

(1) To change the language in Section 2, to read as follows, "the Mayor or his designee is authorized to place the responsibility for the implementation of the County's Empowerment Zone designation into the Office of Community and Economic Development (OCED). The Empowerment Zone Strategic Alliance (EZSA) would review OCED's staff funding recommendation and make final recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners on funding of all projects and programs funded in the Empowerment Zone Fund and any program income derived from local, and federal Empowerment Zone (EZ) funds invested in Empowerment Zones assisted activities that are within the established EZSA funding criteria, County procurement and fiscal guidelines, and benchmarks approved by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (US HUD). The funding recommendations made by OCED staff to the EZSA shall be based on proposals that comport with carrying out the Empowerment Zone Strategic Plan. Prior to OCED making its funding recommendations to EZSA, OCED shall receive input during the review of the proposals through the currently existing Neighborhood Assembly process. OCED shall

implement and award the funds as recommended by EZSA, and shall require review and approval by the Board of County Commissioners. OCED shall implement the final funding decision as determined and approved by the Board of County Commissioners. EZSA shall operate through the end of the County's designation as an Empowerment Zone." ; and
(2) To change the language to the last sentence in Section 6, to read as follows, "The Mayor or his designee is further authorized to execute and amend all contracts, grant agreements, and other documents for the award of Empowerment Zone funds as approved by the Board of County Commissioners."

Commissioner Souto asked Ms. Cynthia Curry, Senior Advisor to the County Manager, and the Office of Community and Economic Development Director to provide this Committee and the County Commission with a summary of all activities done since the creation of the County's Empowerment Zone designation.

Responding to Commissioner Souto's request, Ms. Curry reminded the Committee members of a previous request by Commissioner Jordan regarding a report submitted not only to the Committee members, but to the entire County Commission regarding a summary of all activities and funding expended since the creation of the County's Empowerment Zone designation.

Hearing no objection, the Committee forwarded this proposed ordinance as amended.

3A SUPPLEMENT

081074 Supplement

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION RE: MIAMI-DADE
EMPOWERMENT ZONE STRATEGIES ALLIANCE

Report Received

3B

080983 Resolution

RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THAT CONFIDENTIAL PROJECT NO. 07-00240 BE APPROVED 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 #07-00240 EXIST; AND PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION OF UP TO \$19,800 FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUNDS AS LOCAL PARTICIPATION IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA QUALIFIED TARGET INDUSTRY TAX REFUND PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEARS 2011 THROUGH 2016, INCLUSIVE, OR OVER A TIME PERIOD AS DETERMINED BY THE STATE OF FLORIDA IN ITS APPROVAL OF CONFIDENTIAL PROJECT #07-00240 APPLICATION WITH THE PROVISION THAT ANY TAX ABATEMENT GRANTED TO CONFIDENTIAL PROJECT #07-00240 UNDER FLORIDA STATUTE 196.1995 REDUCES ANY QUALIFIED TARGET INDUSTRY TAX REFUND TO CONFIDENTIAL PROJECT #07-00240 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: Jordan
Seconder: Moss
Vote: 4-0
Absent: 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 this proposed resolution as presented.

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080701 Resolution

RESOLUTION CORRECTING THE UNIT COMPOSITION OF WESTVIEW TERRACE APARTMENTS DEVELOPMENT, A PREVIOUSLY APPROVED DOCUMENTARY STAMP SURTAX PROGRAM (SURTAX) ALLOCATION, WITHOUT CHANGING THE EXISTING FUNDING AMOUNT, TO REFLECT THAT OF THE TOTAL 421 UNITS, 84 UNITS SHALL BE CONVERTED TO CONDOMINIUM UNITS AND THE REMAINING 337 UNITS SHALL BE RENTAL UNITS FOR VERY LOW, LOW AND MODERATE INCOME FAMILIES (Office of Community and Economic Development)

Withdrawn
Mover: Jordan
Seconder: Sorenson
Vote: 3-0
Absent: Edmonson, Moss

Report: *During consideration of changes to today's (4/16) agenda, the Committee withdrew the foregoing proposed resolution as recommended in the County Manager's memorandum of changes to today's Committee agenda.*

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081072 Resolution

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE, THROUGH THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY HOMELESS TRUST, TO ISSUE A REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR A DEVELOPMENT PARTNER TO DEVELOP 52 ACRES OF PROPERTY AS HOUSING FOR HOMELESS/FORMERLY HOMELESS FAMILIES, A PRODUCE/LANDSCAPE NURSERY, AND FARMER'S MARKET (Dade County Homeless Trust)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Moss

Seconded: Jordan

Vote: 4-0

Absent: Edmonson

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

The Committee proceeded to vote on this proposed resolution as presented.

Commissioner Moss expressed concern with the Request for Applications (RFA) process and the use and design of pre-manufactured homes.

Commissioner Moss asked Ms. Cynthia Curry, Senior Advisor to the County Manager, and the Office of the Homeless Trust Executive Director to keep him informed of the County pursuing the use of pre-manufactured homes and the design of these types of homes for the subject property in this Request for Applications (RFA).

Mr. David Raymond, Executive Director, Office of Homeless Trust, proceeded to provide an overview of the County Administration's pursuit to develop this site quickly and cost efficiently with the use of pre-manufactured housing compared to standard construction. He noted the County intended to use this site as a model for future development of affordable housing. Mr. Raymond stated good urban design and planning would be taken into consideration during the RFA process.

Commissioner Jordan asked the Office of Homeless Trust Executive Director to provide her office an email of the website containing the information for the pre-manufactured housing that staff was considering for this Request for Applications (RFA) .

4 COUNTY MANAGER

5 COUNTY ATTORNEY

6 CLERK OF THE BOARD

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081076 Report

CLERK'S SUMMARY OF MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 13, 2008 FROM THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE (Clerk of the Board)

Approved
Mover: Moss
Seconder: Sorenson
Vote: 4-0
Absent: Edmonson

Report: *Hearing no questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote on this report as presented.*

7 REPORTS

8 ADJOURNMENT

Report: *There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 12:39 p.m.*