MEMORANDUM
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Agenda Item No. 6(A)

TO: Honorable Chairwoman Edmonson and Members of the Housing and Community Development Committee

DATE: March 11, 2009

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

SUBJECT: Approval of Commission Committee Minutes

The following Clerk's Summary of Minutes is submitted by the Clerk of the Board for approval by the Housing and Community Development Committee.

- **February 11, 2009**

Attachment
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CLERK'S SUMMARY OF

Meeting Minutes

Housing & Community Development Committee

Audrey M. Edmonson (3) Chair; Barbara J. Jordan (1) Vice Chair; Commissioners Joe A. Martinez (11), Dorrin D. Rolle (2), Katy Sorenson (8) and Javier D. Souto (10)

Wednesday, February 11, 2009 **9:30 AM** **COMMISSION CHAMBERS**

Members Present: Audrey M. Edmonson, Barbara J. Jordan, Joe A. Martinez, Dorrin D. Rolle, Katy Sorenson, Javier D. Souto.

Members Absent: None.

Members Late: None.

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent County Business: None.

1 MINUTES PREPARED BY:

Report: *Mary Smith-York, Commission Reporter (305) 375-1598*

1A INVOCATION

Report: *Chairwoman Edmonson asked everyone to observe a moment of silence, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.*

1B 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 Clerk Mary Smith-York.*

1D OPENING REMARKS FROM CHAIRPERSON EDMONSON

Report: *Chairwoman Edmonson welcomed her colleagues and all attendees. She noted she was confident that for the next two years, this committee would be very productive with each of her colleagues' input and participation. She recognized Senior Advisor to the County Manager Cynthia Curry, Assistant County Attorney Cynthia Johnson-Stacks, and members of the Administration, noting she looked forward to working with them during the next two years. Chairwoman Edmonson commented on the many challenges facing Miami-Dade County, pointing out they were shared by other cities around the nation. She stated the negative effects of the mortgage industry on the housing markets, mandated reductions from the State, and other unforeseen circumstances demanded that local governments strive to maintain acceptable levels of service, by spurring economic development.*

Additionally, Commissioner Edmonson said President Barak Obama's stimulus package would be a welcomed boost to this region; however, the County was responsible for doing its part. She emphasized the need to ensure Community Business Enterprises (CBE) would be active participants in the implementation of the stimulus packages. She further noted the Office of Community and Economic Development (OCED) should be able to fully develop a core mission to ensure a sustainable economic development environment. Commissioner Edmonson stated the County must position itself to take advantage of emergent industries and the creation of green jobs, and must continue to develop initiatives to prevent predatory lending while providing homeowners with assistance to avoid foreclosures. She discussed her plans to provide the BCC Chairman with this committee's strategies for the next two years, and asked each committee member to provide her with recommendations of primary goals and objectives to be accomplished by this Committee. Chairwoman Edmonson expressed her gratitude for the support provided by the Office of the Commission Auditor and the Clerk of the Board.

Following Assistant County Attorney Johnson-Stacks' statement that no changes had been

proposed to today's agenda, by motion duly made, seconded, and carried unanimously, the committee approved the agenda as presented.

1E CITIZEN'S PRESENATION(S)

1F PUBLIC HEARING(S)

2 COUNTY COMMISSION

2A

083617 **Resolution** **Dennis C. Moss, Audrey M. Edmonson**

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE MAYOR OR DESIGNEE TO EXPEDITE PAYMENTS TO VENDORS AND COMMUNITY BASED ORGANIZATIONS IN LIGHT OF CURRENT ECONOMIC CONDITIONS

Forwarded with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Jordan
Seconder: Sorenson
Vote: 5-0
Absent: Souto

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

There being no questions or comments, the committee proceeded to vote.

2B

090230 **Resolution** **Dennis C. Moss, Audrey M. Edmonson**

RESOLUTION URGING CONGRESS AND THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR TO TARGET FUNDS UNDER THE FEDERAL STIMULUS PACKAGE TO TEMPORARY JOBS PROGRAMS PROVIDED BY COMMUNITY BASED ORGANIZATIONS TO QUICKLY PUT PEOPLE BACK TO WORK

Forwarded with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Jordan
Seconder: Sorenson
Vote: 5-0
Absent: Souto

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

It was moved by Commissioner Jordan that the foregoing proposed resolution be forwarded with a favorable recommendation. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Sorenson for discussion.

Commissioner Sorenson spoke about the need to develop a process for acquiring the stimulus funds, and noted a resolution providing that stimulus funds be distributed directly to local governments, rather than first going to state governments, was forthcoming under her sponsorship. She also addressed the need to develop a process to prioritize the most critical projects, for which over $7 billion in funding was being requested from Tallahassee. Commissioner Sorenson suggested a request be proposed to the BCC Chair to convene a workshop to examine the prospective stimulus package.

Commissioner Jordan asked the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs Director to provide committee members with the strategies being recommended in a report illustrating a breakdown of the projected stimulus package for the County by category, identifying specific projects eligible for funding. She pointed out that this information would enable committee members to solicit priorities from the departments under the purview of this committee.

Commissioner Martinez emphasized the importance of distinguishing between rebuilding a community and dealing with an economy in recession with no consumer spending. He noted he requested a study on the County's economy from Florida International University (FIU), as an approach to recouping industries that had been lost over time. He noted County contracts were

continuously being awarded to the same companies and recommended criteria for goals be based on the percentage of diversity in a company's workforce, rather than a company being Small Business Enterprise (SBE) certified. Commissioner Martinez noted this Committee needed to refocus and begin developing and working with ideas and a vision to recreate Miami-Dade County.

Mr. Rick Beasley, Executive Director, South Florida Employment & Training Council (SFETC), spoke in support of the foregoing resolution. He stated the SFETC had developed a plan of action for the stimulus funding, and advised that approximately $18.7 million had been projected to be allocated to this region.

There being no further questions or comments, the committee proceeded to vote.

2C

090225 **Resolution** **Dorrin D. Rolle, Audrey M. Edmonson, Barbara J. Jordan, Katy Sorenson**

RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE NOT TO MAKE FURTHER CUTS TO SADOWSKI ACT FUNDING AND OTHER STATE AFFORDABLE HOUSING FUNDING

Forwarded with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Sorenson
Seconder: Rolle
Vote: 5-0
Absent: Souto

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

Chairwoman Edmonson and Commissioners Jordan and Sorenson asked to be listed as co-sponsors of this resolution.

There being no further questions or comments, the committee proceeded to vote.

2D

090228 **Resolution** **Dorrin D. Rolle, Audrey M. Edmonson, Barbara J. Jordan, Joe A. Martinez, Katy Sorenson**

RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE NOT TO MAKE FURTHER CUTS TO PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN SUCH AS EDUCATION, CHILDREN'S HEALTH CARE, CHILDREN'S SOCIAL SERVICES, AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING, AND URGES THE LEGISLATURE INSTEAD TO ENACT TARGETED NEW REVENUE SOURCES DURING THE UPCOMING 2009 REGULAR SESSION

Forwarded with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Rolle
Seconder: Sorenson
Vote: 5-0
Absent: Souto

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

Commissioner Sorenson asked to be listed as a co-sponsor of this resolution.

There being no further questions or comments, the committee proceeded to vote.

2E

090246 **Resolution** **Dorrin D. Rolle, Audrey M. Edmonson, Barbara J. Jordan, Joe A. Martinez, Katy Sorenson**

RESOLUTION OPPOSING HB 501 AND SIMILAR LEGISLATION THAT WOULD ABOLISH EARLY LEARNING COALITIONS; URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE NOT TO PASS SUCH LEGISLATION

Forwarded with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Rolle
Seconder: Jordan
Vote: 5-0
Absent: Souto

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

Chairwoman Edmonson and Commissioners Jordan, Sorenson, and Martinez asked to be listed as co-sponsors of this resolution.

There being no further questions or comments, the committee proceeded to vote.

2F

090221 **Resolution** **Rebeca Sosa**

RESOLUTION URGING THE STATE LEGISLATURE TO PASS A LAW TO MODIFY SECTION 718.116, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO PROTECT CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATIONS AND REQUIRE PAYMENTS BY FIRST MORTGAGE LENDERS OF CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION ASSESSMENTS AND DUES

Forwarded to the BCC by the BCC Chairperson with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Martinez
Seconder: Rolle
Vote: 5-0
Absent: Souto

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

There being no questions or comments, the committee proceeded to vote.

SPECIAL NOTE: Chairwoman Edmonson submitted a memorandum requesting that the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) Chairman Dennis C. Moss waive the Board's Rules and Procedures to allow the foregoing proposed resolution to be heard at the February 17, 2009 Board meeting.

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090277 **Resolution** **Natacha Seijas**

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE COUNTY MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE SUBMIT TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS EITHER WITHIN SIXTY DAYS A COMPLETED NEGOTIATED AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF HIALEAH FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN ELDERLY RESIDENTIAL PROJECT AT THE OKEECHOBEE METRORAIL SITE OR IN THE ALTERNATIVE SUBMIT WITHIN THIRTY DAYS A REPORT DETAILING THE REASONS FOR ANY DELAY IN COMPLETING THE NEGOTIATIONS AND INDICATING WHAT ADDITIONAL TIME IS NEEDED TO COMPLETE THE NEGOTIATIONS

Forwarded with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Martinez
Seconder: Rolle
Vote: 5-0
Absent: Souto

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

There being no questions or comments, the committee proceeded to vote.

3 DEPARTMENT

3A

090023 **Resolution**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO CONVEY SIXTY-FIVE (65) SINGLE FAMILY HOME BUILDING SITES TO HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF GREATER MIAMI, INC. A NOT-FOR-PROFIT FLORIDA CORPORATION FOR INFILL HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AT A PRICE OF TWENTY DOLLARS ($20.00); AUTHORIZING THE WAIVER OF ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 3-44 AS IT RELATES TO THE SECTION ENTITLED "AVAILABILITY OF COUNTY PROPERTY"; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO EXECUTE A COUNTY DEED FOR SAID PURPOSE (General Services Administration Department)

Amended

Report: *(SEE AGENDA ITEM 3A AMENDED; LEGISLATIVE FILE NO. 090395.)*

3A AMENDED

090395 **Resolution**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO CONVEY SIXTY-FIVE (65) SINGLE FAMILY HOME BUILDING SITES TO HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF GREATER MIAMI, INC. A NOT-FOR-PROFIT FLORIDA CORPORATION FOR INFILL HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AT A PRICE OF TWENTY DOLLARS ($20.00); AUTHORIZING THE WAIVER OF ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 3-44 AS IT RELATES TO THE SECTION ENTITLED "AVAILABILITY OF COUNTY PROPERTY"; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO EXECUTE A COUNTY DEED FOR SAID PURPOSE. [SEE ORIGINAL FILE UNDER NUMBER 090023] (General Services Administration Department)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation with committee amendment(s)
Mover: Rolle
Seconder: Edmonson
Vote: 6-0

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Terrence Smith requested the foregoing proposed resolution be amended to add several "WHERE AS" clauses.*

Commissioner Rolle noted the County was usually not recognized on the signs placed in front of the homes developed by Habitat for Humanity, and asked that the names of the District County Commissioner and the County Department(s) associated with the development be included on these signs. He also asked whether the former residents of the Scott Carver Housing Development would be given an opportunity to purchase these units before other applicants, as was done with the residents of the previous Hope VI project.

Responding to Commissioner Rolle's inquiry regarding the former Scott Carver residents, Ms. Wendi Norris, Director, General Services Administration (GSA), read language, into the record, from handwritten page four (4) of this resolution, requiring Habitat for Humanity to offer the subject homes to former Scott Carver residents prior to offering them to non-Scott Carver residents.

Assistant County Attorney Smith noted the original homes built by Habitat for Humanity were built on the former Scott Carver site, and were tied to a declaration of trust with the United States Housing and Urban Development (HUD). He added, pursuant to a release from the declaration of trust, HUD required the County to ensure those properties were first offered to those residents. Mr. Smith explained that since the properties reflected in this resolution were infill properties,

not tied to the public housing development with a declaration of trust or release, they had different requirements. He advised that, in his opinion, the conditions set forth in this resolution were sufficient to compel compliance. Mr. Smith suggested the committee might desire to add language to the resolution requiring either GSA or the Housing Agency monitor progress to ensure those properties were offered to Scott Carver residents first.

Ms. Ann Manning, Executive Director, Habitat for Humanity, appeared and stated Habitat for Humanity sold seventy-five percent (75%) of the original homes to former Scott Carver residents, the highest of any Hope VI project nationwide. She further noted the same restrictions were applied to the properties provided by the County last year. Ms. Manning noted the primary source of applicants was the Miami-Dade Housing Agency; however, those applicants needed to be eligible. She explained that applicants were rarely found ineligible due to income; rather due to a criminal background or some other issue.

Senior Advisor to the County Manager Cynthia Curry responded to Commissioner Jordan's question regarding a program designed to prepare residents for homeownership. She advised the program she referred to was the Section 8 Homeownership Program.

Commissioner Jordan stated she had observed signs in front of housing developments that included the County Mayor's name, and noted she had requested staff to research this matter to ascertain whether a change in policy had occurred.

The committee forwarded the foregoing proposed resolution to the BCC with a favorable recommendation with committee amendments to direct the County Mayor or his designee to ensure that proper signage were placed on properties, identifying the County's name and the name of the district commissioner; and to ensure that Habitat offered the homes to former residents of the Scott/Carver Homes, whose homes were demolished as part of the Hope VI Redevelopment project, prior to offering the units to non-Scott/Carver residents.

3B

090193 **Resolution**

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CRITERIA AND THE USE OF A MID YEAR REQUEST FOR APPLICATION (RFA) PROCESS FOR THE DOCUMENTARY SURTAX PROGRAM TO APPLICANTS THAT ARE APPLYING FOR TAX CREDITS UNDER THE 2009 FLORIDA HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION 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 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR THE MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO ADVERTISE A REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS TO SOLICIT APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING FOLLOWING APPROVAL BY THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY (Office of Community and Economic Development)

Forwarded with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Martinez
Seconder: Jordan
Vote: 6-0

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

It was moved by Commissioner Martinez that the foregoing proposed resolution be forwarded with a favorable recommendation. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Jordan for discussion.

Chairwoman Edmonson opened the public hearing and the following individual(s) appeared:
Mr. Francisco Rojo (phonetic), Vice President, Landmark Companies, appeared in support and spoke about the current environment's effect on the development of affordable housing, such as the taking of Housing Trust Fund monies by the State. He noted he believed this resolution could address the funding needs for developments similar to his current project in Commission District 8. Mr. Rojo (phonetic) stated his project was being funded from the Miami-Dade Housing Finance Authority, but this was not the total funding solution. He explained that avenues previously used by developers to lobby funding directly from Tallahassee were being phased out. He advised of his company/s intent to apply for surtax funds, emphasizing the importance of communication between County agencies. Mr. Rojo (phonetic) said his concern was with the varying eligibility criteria used among different County agencies in their Surtax programs.

Senior Advisor to the County Manager Cynthia

Curry stated she was not aware of Mr. Rojo's (phonetic) particular project, but advised the standards for qualification for Surtax funding were established by the HFA's Board, and noted the County's Office of Community and Economic Development (OCED) currently worked in coordination with the HFA. She advised that the Surtax Program was scheduled to sunset in the near future, which could be changed only by the State Legislature. Ms. Curry noted $22 million was projected in the FY 2008-09 Budget, as new Surtax dollars to be received in 2009; however, that estimate was reduced to $8 million, based on monthly totals collected. She illustrated how the amounts of Surtax dollars collected by the County fluctuated from month to month, and noted $726,000 was collected in December 2008 while $1 million was collected in October 2008.

There being no further questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote.

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090188 **Resolution**

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008-09 FOR THE FLORIDA CITY COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (Office of Strategic Business Management)

Forwarded with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Sorenson
Seconder: Martinez
Vote: 6-0

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

There being no questions or comments, the committee proceeded to vote.

3D

090190 **Resolution**

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008-09 FOR THE HOMESTEAD COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

(Office of Strategic Business Management)

Forwarded with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Sorenson
Seconder: Martinez
Vote: 6-0

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

There being no questions or comments, the committee proceeded to vote.

3E

090200 **Resolution**

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008-09 FOR THE NORTH MIAMI BEACH COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

(Office of Strategic Business Management)

Forwarded with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Sorenson
Seconder: Martinez
Vote: 6-0

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

There being no questions or comments, the committee proceeded to vote.

3F

090162 **Resolution**

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE HUMAN AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATION FUNDING AND REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS PROCESS, SERVICE PRIORITY AREAS, AND PERCENTAGE ALLOCATIONS FOR FUNDING COMMENCING IN FY 2009-10 (Office of Grants Coordination)

Amended

Report: *(SEE AGENDA ITEM 3F AMENDED; LEGISLATIVE FILE NO. 090406.)*

3F AMENDED

090406 **Resolution**

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE HUMAN AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATION FUNDING AND REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS PROCESS, SERVICE PRIORITY AREAS, AND PERCENTAGE ALLOCATIONS FOR FUNDING COMMENCING IN FY 2009-10 [SEE FILE UNDER NUMBER 090162] (Office of Grants Coordination)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation with committee amendment(s)
Mover: Martinez
Seconder: Sorenson
Vote: 6-0

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

In response to Chairwoman Edmonson request to amend the foregoing proposed resolution, Ms. Curry said the County Administration would amend the County Manager's Memorandum to reflect her amendment, and would work with the County Attorney's Office to amend the resolution.

The Committee forwarded the foregoing proposed resolution to the BCC with a favorable recommendation with committee amendments to include the following language in the Request for Proposal (RFP): "...extra points will be awarded to agencies offering services within the "Magic City Youth Zone," in accordance with the focus area as described in Resolution No. 1277-08 and in section 409.147 of the Florida Statutes, as may be amended from periodically.

4 COUNTY MANAGER

5 COUNTY ATTORNEY

6 CLERK OF THE BOARD

7 REPORTS

8 ADJOURNMENT

Report: *There being no further discussion to come before the Housing and Community Development Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 10:24 a.m.*