

# Memorandum



**Date:** January 21, 2010

**To:** Honorable Chairman Dennis C. Moss  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

Agenda Item No. 8(R)(1)(A)

**From:** George M. Burgess  
County Manager

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Burgess", written over the printed name of the County Manager.

**Subject:** Resolution executing a contract with the City of North Miami for Miami-Dade Water and Sewer Department to provide wholesale sewage disposal service to the City of North Miami

## RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners approve the attached resolution executing a contract with the City of North Miami for Miami-Dade Water and Sewer Department (WASD) to provide wholesale sewage disposal service to the City of North Miami (City) for a twenty year period.

## SCOPE OF AGENDA ITEM

The service contract impacts the City of North Miami in Commission District 2.

## FISCAL IMPACT/FUNDING SOURCE

The contract provides revenue to WASD for services rendered. The sewage disposal revenue received by WASD from the City in FY 2009 was \$5,265,667.81. Revenue from all wholesale sewage disposal customers for FY 2009 was \$39,043,608.36.

## TRACK RECORD/MONITOR

WASD's Chief of Intergovernmental Affairs will monitor this contract.

## BACKGROUND

On April 30, 1979, the City and the Miami-Dade Water and Sewer Authority (Authority) entered into a contract for the provision of wholesale sewage disposal service for a thirty year term. The County is the successor to the Authority.

This new contract provides for five connection points to the County's system and allows future points of connection by mutual agreement of the City and the WASD Director. The City will bear the entire cost of making any future connections to the WASD system, including meters. The City also agrees that it shall operate its facilities in accordance with all state, federal and local laws, and maintain its sanitary sewage facilities. This contract shall be in effect for a period of twenty years and may be terminated at any time by mutual consent by the County and the City of North Miami.

The City of North Miami approved this contract on September 8, 2009.

  
Assistant County Manager



**MEMORANDUM**  
(Revised)

**TO:** Honorable Chairman Dennis C. Moss  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

**DATE:** January 21, 2010

**FROM:** R. A. Cuevas, Jr.  
County Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Agenda Item No. 8(R)(1)(A)

Please note any items checked.

- "3-Day Rule" for committees applicable if raised
- 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- Budget required
- Statement of fiscal impact required
- Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing
- No committee review
- Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's \_\_\_\_, 3/5's \_\_\_\_, unanimous \_\_\_\_ ) to approve
- Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Mayor  
Veto \_\_\_\_\_  
Override \_\_\_\_\_

Agenda Item No. 8(R)(1)(A)  
1-21-10

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI FOR THE PROVISION OF SANITARY SEWAGE DISPOSAL SERVICE BY MIAMI-DADE COUNTY TO THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI

WHEREAS, this Board desires to accomplish the purposes outlined in the accompanying memorandum, a copy of which is incorporated herein by reference,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,** that this Board hereby approves the execution of the contract with the City of North Miami for the provision of sanitary sewage disposal service by the County to the City of North Miami, in substantially the form attached hereto and made part hereof; and authorizes the County Mayor or Mayor's designee to execute same for and on behalf of Miami-Dade County, Florida.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Dennis C. Moss, Chairman  
Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Vice-Chairman

Bruno A. Barreiro  
Carlos A. Gimenez  
Barbara J. Jordan  
Dorrin D. Rolle  
Katy Sorenson  
Sen. Javier D. Souto

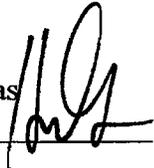
Audrey M. Edmonson  
Sally A. Heyman  
Joe A. Martinez  
Natacha Seijas  
Rebeca Sosa

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 21<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2010. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
BY ITS BOARD OF  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as  
to form and legal sufficiency: 

Henry N. Gillman

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CONTRACT  
BETWEEN  
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY  
AND  
CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA  
PROVIDING FOR SEWAGE DISPOSAL SERVICE

THIS CONTRACT, made and entered into this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2009, by and between Miami-Dade County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, hereinafter designated as the "COUNTY", and the City of North Miami, a municipal corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Florida, hereinafter designated as the "CITY";

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, on April 30, 1979, the Miami-Dade Water and Sewer Authority (Authority) entered into a contract with the City of North Miami, to provide sewage disposal services, and;

WHEREAS, the COUNTY is legal successor in interest to the Authority, and has assumed all rights, duties and obligations of the Authority, and;

WHEREAS, on April 11, 2006, the COUNTY and the CITY entered into Amendment Number One to the Contract providing for additional points of connection to the COUNTY'S sewage system, and

WHEREAS, the COUNTY and CITY desire to enter into this Contract so the COUNTY can continue to render sewage disposal service to the CITY, and

WHEREAS, the Miami-Dade Water and Sewer Department, hereinafter referred to as the "Department", operates and maintains the COUNTY'S sewage disposal system, and;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and obligations set forth, the COUNTY and the CITY agree as follows:

1. The COUNTY shall provide sewage disposal service, to the extent capacity is available, to the CITY by allowing the connection of the CITY'S sewage collection systems to the COUNTY'S sewage transmission facilities at the following points of connection:
  - a. N.E. 137<sup>th</sup> Street and 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue
  - b. N.E. 151<sup>st</sup> Street and 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue
  - c. N.E. 151<sup>st</sup> Street and Biscayne Boulevard, east side of Biscayne Landing Boulevard
  - d. N.W. 159<sup>th</sup> Street and 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue
  - e. N.W. 135<sup>th</sup> Street and 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue

Additional points of connection may be established at such times and places as shall be mutually agreed upon by the Director of the Department and the CITY. The CITY shall bear the entire cost and expense of establishing each such additional point of connection, obtaining such easements as may be needed and furnishing all necessary labor and materials required to connect with the COUNTY'S force mains or gravity interceptors, all in accordance with plans and specifications to be approved by the COUNTY, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed. The CITY will supply and install meter(s) and transfer ownership to the COUNTY. The CITY shall convey to the COUNTY, by appropriate Bill of Sale, as shown on Exhibit "A" attached hereto, and Grants of Easements, all of the CITY'S right, title and interest in and to the tees or crosses in the feeder mains, meters, meter vaults and all piping, valves and appurtenances between and including the aforesaid tees or crosses and the valve immediately on the discharge side of the meters. The COUNTY shall thenceforth own, control, operate and maintain such facilities. Readings of each meter at all points of delivery shall be taken by the COUNTY on or about the 28<sup>th</sup> day of each month and shall be used for monthly billing purposes under the provisions of Section 12 below.

2. The operation and maintenance of all facilities on the CITY'S side of the master meter connections shall be the sole responsibility of the CITY, except as otherwise provided herein. The CITY acknowledges that the responsibility of the COUNTY to provide sewage disposal service under this Contract shall be limited to the CITY'S existing sewer service area or future sewer service area, which the CITY is legally authorized to serve. The CITY acknowledges that it provides sewer service outside of its existing CITY limits and as its service area is expanded, said sewer service areas shall be included and be pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Contract.
3. The CITY hereby acknowledges and agrees that any right to connect the CITY to the COUNTY'S sewage system is subject to the terms, covenants and conditions set forth in the following Agreements and Orders as currently in effect or as amended: Settlement Agreement between the State of Florida Department of Environmental Protection, hereinafter designated as the "DEP", and the COUNTY dated July 27, 1993; the First Amendment to the Settlement Agreement between DEP and the COUNTY dated December 21, 1995; the First Partial Consent Decree and the Second and Final Partial Consent Decree entered in the case of United States of America Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) vs. Metropolitan Dade County (Case Number 93-1109 CIV-Moreno); the Consent Order between DEP and the COUNTY filed on April 29, 2004; and court orders, judgments, consent orders, consent decrees and the like entered into between the COUNTY and the United States, the State of Florida and/or any other governmental entity, and all other current, subsequent or future enforcement and regulatory actions and proceedings.
4. The CITY agrees and warrants that its sewage collection and transmission system and any extension thereof shall be operated and maintained in accordance with the requirements of all applicable federal, state and county laws, rules, regulations and permit conditions. The operation and maintenance of all facilities on the CITY'S side of the force main shall be the sole responsibility of the CITY.
5. The CITY, at its sole cost and expense, shall operate and maintain in a diligent manner all CITY structures, force mains, pumps, equipment and other facilities

required for the collection of sewage and transmission to the points of connection with the COUNTY'S facilities, but excluding the master meter installations.

6. The COUNTY reserves the right to inspect the CITY'S collection and transmission system and take samples of the sewage composition at no cost to the CITY to ascertain that said system is being properly maintained. Said inspections shall be made at reasonable times and upon reasonable notice in such manner as to least disturb the normal operation of the CITY. The CITY hereby agrees to pursue and maintain diligent efforts on a regular and timely basis to reduce infiltration and inflow and to comply with all local, state and/or federal ordinances, laws and regulations regarding infiltration and inflow correction or reduction as now in effect or as enacted in the future.
7. In order for the COUNTY to adequately plan for future capacity demands, within ninety (90) days following the execution of this Contract and on or before each January 1 thereafter, the CITY shall submit to the COUNTY the CITY'S projected annual capacity demands for the next five years. Within one hundred twenty (120) days of the COUNTY'S receipt of the CITY'S projected annual capacity demands for the next five years, the COUNTY shall notify the CITY of the COUNTY'S ability or inability to meet said demands, which is subject to local, state and federal agencies and other regulatory bodies having jurisdiction over such matters. The CITY agrees that the COUNTY shall not be liable or in any way responsible for any costs, claims or losses incurred by the CITY as a result of actions by such regulatory bodies.
8. The CITY shall not allow or permit construction or installation of any connections of stormwater mains, which allow stormwater to enter the CITY'S sewage system. Upon notice or discovery of such interconnections, the CITY shall immediately effectuate the lawful disconnection of such interconnections in accordance with local, state and federal laws.
9. The CITY recognizes that the COUNTY'S standards for sewage disposal service are subject to future modifications as a result of future COUNTY, state and federal laws and regulations. Accordingly, the CITY agrees that it will abide by and be bound by all present and future local, state and federal laws, standards, rules, regulations, permit conditions and other requirements related to sewage disposal service.
10. The wastewater from all retail customers of the CITY discharged into the CITY'S sewer system shall conform to the requirements of all applicable local, state and federal regulatory agencies pertaining to wastewater discharges. If pretreatment facilities are necessary for a retail customer of the CITY, prior to construction, the CITY shall cause the retail customer to submit plans and specifications for the proposed design of the facilities to the COUNTY, which shall be subject to the COUNTY'S approval.
11. In accordance with the provisions of County Ordinance No. 89-95, as amended, the CITY shall not render water, sewer service or both to any new retail user until either the COUNTY'S connection charges are paid to the COUNTY by the CITY'S retail customer and proof of payment is provided to the CITY or the CITY collects the COUNTY'S connection charges from the retail user and pays the COUNTY. Said connection charges shall be due prior to the issuance of a building permit. In the

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event that the CITY provides water or sewer service, or both, to any new retail user without first ensuring that the COUNTY'S connection charges are paid, the CITY shall be liable for damages to the COUNTY in the amount of the connection charges owed by the retail user. The COUNTY reserves the right to audit existing records for a period not to exceed applicable statutory limits for payments of said connection charges.

12. As compensation for the transmission, treatment, including reclamation, and any method of disposal of all sewage received from the CITY, the CITY shall pay to the COUNTY a monthly charge for such service based on a uniform rate for the COUNTY'S volume customers. The rate shall be calculated for each fiscal year based on projections from the Department's prior fiscal year and shall be the sum of the following:
  - a. That portion of all projected annual operating and maintenance expenses, including taxes assessed, if any, incurred by the COUNTY in connection with its regional force main and regional gravity interceptor sewage system divided by the projected total amount of flow used to bill all the COUNTY'S sewage disposal customers over the same time period.
  - b. That portion of all projected annual operating and maintenance expenses, including taxes assessed, if any, incurred by the COUNTY in connection with its regional sewage pumping stations, divided by the projected total amount of flow used to bill all the COUNTY'S sewage disposal customers over the same time period.
  - c. That portion of all projected annual operating and maintenance expenses, including taxes assessed, if any, incurred by the COUNTY in connection with its regional sewage treatment plants, reclamation facilities and disposal, including sewage effluent outfalls, deep disposal wells and/or any other effluent disposal process, divided by the projected total amount of flow used to bill all the COUNTY'S sewage disposal customers over the same time period.
  - d. That portion of all the projected renewal and replacement expenses for all the COUNTY'S regional capital wastewater facilities, according to the COUNTY'S policy in effect at the time for determining a rate consistent with good municipal utility accounting practices and the budgeted renewal and replacement projects for the ensuing fiscal year divided by the projected total amount of flow used to bill all the COUNTY'S sewage disposal customers over the same time period.
  - e. That portion of all the COUNTY'S projected annual interest obligations of outstanding notes and bonds for its regional sewage system, divided by the projected total amount of flow used to bill all the COUNTY'S sewage disposal customers over the same time period.
  - f. That portion of the projected annual charge for the amortization of the COUNTY'S outstanding notes and bonds for its regional sewage system, to be consistent with the requirements under law, divided by the total



at the COUNTY'S expense. Bills for the period following the prior meter accuracy check shall be adjusted to reflect the percentage of inaccuracy. In calculating such billing adjustment it will be assumed that the meter inaccuracy existed for the entire time interval between meter accuracy checks. The billing adjustment shall be made at the same rate established herein, but the volume used in the billing calculations shall be adjusted as described above. Either the COUNTY or the CITY may check the accuracy of the meters at a time mutually agreeable to the CITY and the COUNTY, but not more often than once every three months unless there is a disagreement between parties hereto regarding such accuracy. If the CITY requests such a check and the meter is found to be legally accurate, the cost of the meter check shall be borne by the CITY. Otherwise, the cost of the meter check shall be borne by the COUNTY.

16. The COUNTY hereby grants the CITY the right to audit all Department records related to the computation of the wholesale sewage disposal rates for each fiscal year. Upon written notice, the COUNTY shall make available to the CITY said records at the offices of the Department on an annual basis. In the event that such audit indicates any discrepancy between the rates used by the COUNTY in computing the monthly service charges to the CITY and those rates determined as a result of the audit, and following the COUNTY'S acceptance of the audit findings, the COUNTY shall make an adjustment, for that fiscal year, in service charges previously paid by the CITY. Said audit must be completed on or before the end of each fiscal year for which the rates apply. Adjustments shall not be made for prior fiscal years.
17. In the event of complete or partial failure of the meter to register the CITY'S sewage disposal flow, the COUNTY may determine the estimated sewage disposal flow based on the most recent twelve (12) full months of sewage disposal measured by the meter when it was operating properly or another method determined by the Department.
18. In consideration of good and valuable consideration received from the COUNTY, and in consideration of the covenants in this Contract, the CITY, to the extent permitted by law, agrees to indemnify and save harmless forever, the COUNTY, its officers, agents and employees from all claims, liabilities, actions, losses, costs and expenses, including attorney's fees, which may be sustained by the COUNTY, its officers, agents, and employees due to, caused by, or arising from the negligence of the CITY, its officers, employees and agents in connection with the performance of this Contract. The CITY agrees to defend against any claims brought or actions filed against the COUNTY, its officers, agents and employees in connection with the subject of the indemnities contained herein.
19. In consideration of good and valuable consideration received from the CITY, and in consideration of the covenants in this Contract, the COUNTY, to the extent permitted by law, agrees to indemnify and save harmless forever, the CITY, its officers, agents and employees from all claims, liabilities, actions, losses, costs and expenses, including attorney's fees, which may be sustained by the CITY, its officers, agents, and employees due to, caused by, or arising from the negligence of the COUNTY, its officers, employees and agents in connection with the performance of this Contract. The COUNTY agrees to defend against any claims brought or actions filed against

the CITY, its officers, agents and employees in connection with the subject of the indemnities contained herein.

20. Notwithstanding the above, nothing shall create any liability of the COUNTY or the CITY beyond the scope of Section 768.28, Florida Statutes, as currently in effect or as lawfully amended in the future.
21. Any cessation of sewage disposal or other service interruptions and any consequences caused by force majeure, inevitable accident or occurrence or cause beyond the reasonable control of the COUNTY shall not constitute a breach of this Contract on the part of the COUNTY and the COUNTY shall not be liable to the CITY or its inhabitants or customers for any damage resulting from such cessation or interruption of sewage disposal service. Force majeure shall mean an act of God, which includes but is not limited to: sudden, unexpected or extraordinary forces of nature, such as floods, washouts, storms, hurricanes, fires, earthquakes, landslides, epidemics, explosions or other forces of nature. Inevitable accidents or occurrences shall mean those which are unpreventable by the COUNTY and shall include but not be limited to: strikes; lockouts; other industrial disturbances; wars; blockades; acts of terrorism; insurrections; riots; federal, state, county and local governmental restrictions, regulations and restraints; military action; civil disturbances; explosions; and conditions in federal, state, county and local permits.
22. The CITY agrees that if any waters or waste are discharged by the CITY, either directly or by one of the CITY'S retail customers, into the COUNTY'S wastewater system which are prohibited by this Contract or which contain substances or possess characteristics contrary to the requirements of the COUNTY'S rules and regulations or is in violation of any local, state or federal law or regulation, or which otherwise create a hazard to health or property, or constitute a public nuisance, the COUNTY may upon reasonable notice to the CITY:
  - a. Terminate this Contract;
  - b. Require pretreatment to any acceptable condition as determined by the local, state or federal agency prior to discharge into the COUNTY'S Wastewater System;
  - c. Require control over the quantities and rates of discharge; and/or
  - d. Require payment to cover the cost of handling and treating such waste, including any applicable fines or penalties as provided under the COUNTY'S rules and regulations or state or federal law as the same may be amended from time to time.
23. The CITY shall comply with the terms of Section 32-83 of the Miami-Dade County Code regarding peak flow in as expeditious a manner as possible. The CITY shall take all steps necessary to ensure that peak flows conveyed to the COUNTY do not exceed the peak flow limit established for the CITY'S sewer system. In addition to any remedy provided by law or provided elsewhere in this Contract, in the event that the CITY does not comply with the terms of Section 32-83 of the Miami-Dade County Code, or does not ensure that peak flows are within the peak flow limit, the CITY shall be in default of this Contract, and the COUNTY may upon reasonable notice terminate this Contract.

24. This Contract shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida, and venue for any court proceeding shall be in Miami-Dade County, Florida.

25. All notices required pursuant to this Contract shall be properly given if mailed by United States registered or certified mail addressed to the party to which notice is given at the following respective addresses:

Miami-Dade County  
c/o The Director  
Miami-Dade Water and Sewer Department  
3071 S.W. 38th Avenue  
Miami, Florida 33146

City of North Miami  
Attention: City Manager  
776 N.E. 125<sup>th</sup> Street  
North Miami, Florida 33261-0850

26. This Contract shall be and remain in full force and effect for a period of twenty (20) years from the effective date of this Contract, provided, however, that this Contract may be terminated at any time by mutual consent and agreement of the parties hereto. The CITY agrees that it will notify the COUNTY in writing no later than six (6) months prior to the expiration of this Contract if it intends to request negotiations of an additional Contract term.

27. No rights pursuant to this Contract shall be assignable by the CITY unless the COUNTY agrees in writing.

28. No amendment, alteration, change, or modification of the terms of this Contract shall be valid unless made in writing, signed by all parties hereto, and approved by the COUNTY.

29. This Contract contains the entire Contract between the COUNTY and the CITY with respect to the subject matter and replaces and supersedes all prior contracts or understandings, oral or written, with respect to such subject matter, and such contracts or understandings are now void and no longer in effect.

30. If any Section of this Contract is found to be null and void, the other Sections shall remain in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this instrument to be executed by their respective officials thereunto duly authorized, all as of the day and year written above.

ATTEST:

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
County Mayor

ATTEST:

THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI

By: *Jacqui Vieira*  
City Clerk  
*Deputy*

By: *Clarence Patterson*  
City Manager

Approved as to legal form  
and sufficiency

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*[Signature]*  
Assistant County Attorney

*[Signature]*  
City Attorney

**Exhibit "A"**

**ABSOLUTE BILL OF SALE**

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that the City of North Miami, a municipal corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Florida, hereinafter called GRANTOR, for and in consideration of the sum of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) and other good and valuable consideration, paid and delivered by Miami-Dade County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, hereinafter called GRANTEE, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, has granted, bargained, sold, transferred and delivered, and by these presents does grant, bargain, sell, transfer and deliver unto the GRANTEE, its successors and assigns, that portion of the GRANTOR's sewage facilities installed to provide an additional point of connection located at N. E. \_\_\_\_\_ Street and N.E. \_\_\_\_\_ Avenue in Miami-Dade County.

The GRANTOR hereby assigns and transfers to the GRANTEE all of its rights, title and interest to the following:

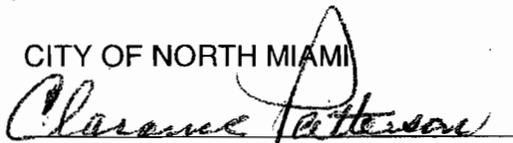
- a. Any and all rights, licenses and permits from the Department of the Army Corps of Engineers and State of Florida, Department of Environmental Regulation issued to the CITY in connection with the construction of the sewage facilities.
- b. Any and all other rights, interest, easements, licenses and permits issued or granted by any other governmental authority, person, firm or corporation in connection with the sewage facilities conveyed to the GRANTEE hereunder.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the same unto the GRANTEE, its successors and assigns forever. GRANTOR does covenant to and with the GRANTEE, its successors and assigns, that GRANTOR is the lawful owner of the above described; that said property is free from all encumbrances; that GRANTOR has good right to sell the same aforesaid; that GRANTOR will warrant and defend the sale of the said property unto the GRANTEE, its successors and assigns, against the lawful claims and demands of all persons whomsoever.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the GRANTOR has hereunto set its hand and seal this 14 day of September, 2009.

ATTEST:

  
Deputy City Clerk

CITY OF NORTH MIAMI  
  
City Manager