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Agenda Item No. 6A

**TO:** Honorable Chair Lynda Bell  
and Members, Economic Development and  
PortMiami Committee

**DATE:** February 13, 2014

**FROM:** Christopher Agrippa  
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 PortMiami Committee:

**December 12, 2013**  
**January 13, 2014**

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# CLERK'S SUMMARY OF Meeting Minutes

## Economic Development & Port Miami Committee

Lynda Bell (8) Chair; Javier D. Souto (10) Vice Chair; Commissioners Jose "Pepe" Diaz (12), Barbara J. Jordan (1), and Juan C. Zapata (11)

Thursday, December 12, 2013

12:00 PM

Commission Chambers

**Members Present:** Lynda Bell, Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Barbara J. Jordan, Javier D. Souto, Juan C. Zapata.

**Members Absent:** None.

**Members Late:** None.

**Members Excused:** None.

**Members Absent County Business:** None.

### 1 Minutes Prepared by:

**Report:** *Zorana Gainer, Commission Reporter*  
305-375-3570

### 1A INVOCATION AS PROVIDED IN RULE 5.05 (H)

### 1B ROLL CALL

**Report:** *The following staff members were present:*

- ~Deputy Mayor Jack Osterholt
- ~Assistant County Attorney Jess McCarty
- ~Assistant County Attorney Monica Maldonado
- ~Deputy Clerk Jovel Shaw
- ~Deputy Clerk Zorana Gainer

*Assistant County Attorney McCarty noted the changes to today's (12/22) agenda were those noted in the Board of County Commissioners' Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa's memorandum entitled, "Requested Changes to the Economic Development & Port Miami Committee Agenda."*

*It was moved by Commissioner Zapata to accept the changes to today's agenda. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Jordan and upon being put to a vote passed by a vote of 4-0 (Commissioner Diaz was absent).*



1F1

132079 Ordinance

Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.,

Lynda Bell, Rebeca Sosa, Juan C. Zapata  
 ORDINANCE CREATING SECTION 12-27 OF THE CODE  
 OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY RELATING TO BALLOT  
 LANGUAGE FOR GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND  
 REFERENDUM AND PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN  
 THE CODE AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable  
 recommendation  
 Mover: Zapata  
 Seconder: Bell  
 Vote: 5-0*

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

*Chair Bell opened the public hearing, seeing no  
 one come forward in connection with the  
 foregoing ordinance, the public hearing was  
 closed.*

*Commissioner's Zapata and Bell requested to be  
 added as co-sponsors on the foregoing ordinance.*

*Commissioner Jordan inquired whether the  
 County had ever paid for any General Obligation  
 Bonds (GOB) offerings from another source of  
 revenue besides Ad-Valorem.*

*Deputy Mayor Jack Osterholt responded to  
 Commissioner Jordan's inquiry noted that he was  
 unaware of GOB being paid for from any other  
 revenue source, however he would consult with  
 staff to obtain further information regarding her  
 inquiry.*

*Responding to Commissioner Jordan's further  
 inquiry regarding intent of the foregoing proposed  
 ordinance and how it was different from the  
 current process, Assistant County Attorney Oren  
 Rosenthal explained that the foregoing ordinance  
 required a 75 word ballot summary to include a  
 statement that the GOB's would be paid and  
 secured by taxes derived from the assessed value  
 of property within the County. He noted when the  
 Board sets the ballot question it had discretion  
 regarding the language within State's Statutes,  
 this would be an exercise of that discretion to  
 include that language to make clear to the voters  
 that the proposed bonds will be secured by taxes  
 derived from the assessed value of property in the  
 County.*

*Commissioner Jordan pointed out that when the  
 bond referendum items went to the voters  
 generally that particular language is not included  
 and she stated there was only one source of*

*funding of GOB's.*

*Assistant County Attorney Rosenthal pointed out that usually the language is on the ballot in different ways and this ordinance was the Board express preference to use particular language. He noted this preference could be waived by two-thirds vote of the County Commission at the time ballot questions are being set in the event they choose to use different language.*

*Commissioner Jordan noted that she was in support of the foregoing proposed ordinance however, did not want to restrict the Board if there was another funding source other than ad valorem that could be used. She noted that she would like further clarification from the Finance department regarding whether there were other funding sources available.*

*Chair Bell noted that she was in support of the foregoing proposed ordinance and noted this gave voters clarity on exactly what they were voting for.*

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

1F2

132290 Ordinance

Jose "Pepe" Diaz,

Lynda Bell, Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.

ORDINANCE RELATING TO ZONING; ESTABLISHING THE PORTMIAMI ZONING DISTRICT; AMENDING SECTIONS 33-111 AND 33-314 OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY (CODE); CREATING SECTIONS 33-426 THROUGH 33-432 OF THE CODE; PROVIDING FOR MARITIME, COMMERCIAL, AND OTHER USES; PROVIDING FOR SIGNAGE; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN THE CODE AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation*

*Mover: Diaz*

*Seconder: Zapata*

*Vote: 5-0*

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

*Chair Bell opened the public hearing, seeing no one come forward in connection with the foregoing ordinance the public hearing was closed.*

*Commissioner Zapata inquired about the intent of the foregoing proposed ordinance and what signage criteria and additional developmental changes would be made with this ordinance.*

*Mr. Bill Johnson, Director, Port of Miami noted that currently the Port of Miami did not have proper zoning designation. He explained that the foregoing ordinance set forth the proper zoning designation for the Port of Miami; this ordinance created a new zoning designation deemed Maritime Zoning. Mr. Johnson noted the Board of County Commissioners adopted the Port Miami 2013 Master Plan which would be tied into the Community Development Master Plan (CDMP). He stated that he had worked closely with the Regulatory and Economic Resources (Zoning) Department's staff in creating this new zoning designation. Mr. Johnson pointed out this designation provided for limited billboards similar to the Industrial Zoning classification, and that future developments would have proper setback requirements for signage and landscaping.*

*Commissioner Zapata noted that he was in support of the foregoing proposed ordinance and inquired whether the billboards would be facing inwardly or outwardly of the Port. He also inquired whether the decision making process for this project was an administrative one and would the commission be engaged in the process.*

*Responding to Commissioner Zapata's inquiry Mr. Johnson explained that billboards were of little value to the Port due to the setback and the proximity from the highway and downtown. He noted filling the Port with billboards was not the objective; the objective was to maintain a world class Port.*

*Mr. Eric Silva, Assistant Director, RER noted the signage included in today's (12/12) ordinance were directional signs, point of sale signs, and commercial advertising signs. He pointed out that directional signs have the same standards as aviation's directional signs and billboards were considered point of sale signs, which were the same type of signs that are permitted in industrial and business districts.*

*Commissioner Souto inquired whether this ordinance would help in the future relating to using Port facilities to establish a central exchange for the coffee business.*

*Responding to Commissioner Souto's inquiry, Mr. Johnson noted that currently the Port of Miami is the fifth or sixth busiest Port moving coffee. He pointed out that the coffee business was a very good one and the Port's administration was supportive and interested in having coffee as a commodity at the Port.*

*Commissioner Souto pointed out that the coffee business could create many jobs at the Port and suggested Port staff looking at this more closely.*

*Commissioner Diaz noted this was the way to make the Port of Miami a first class Port and would help the economy of the Port as well. He concurred with Commissioner Souto's comments regarding bringing certain commodities to the Port.*

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

1F3

**132182 Ordinance****Rebeca Sosa,  
Lynda Bell**

ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND COUNTY BOARDS; AMENDING SECTION 2-1 AND CREATING SECTION 2-11.39.2 OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, TO PROVIDE A REASONABLE OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO BE HEARD ON PROPOSITIONS BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND OTHER COUNTY BOARDS; PROVIDING EXCEPTIONS; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN THE CODE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation*

*Mover: Diaz*

*Seconder: Zapata*

*Vote: 4-1*

*No: Jordan*

**Report:** *Assistant County Attorney Jess McCarty read the foregoing ordinance into the record.*

*Chair Bell opened the public hearing, seeing no one come forward in connection with the foregoing ordinance, the public hearing was closed.*

*Commissioner Diaz expressed appreciation to Chair Bell for explaining the intent of the new State of Florida mandate. He noted that he had further inquiry's regarding the portion regarding registering to speak on a non-public hearing item.*

*Assistant County Attorney McCarty explained that particular provision of the ordinance put a registration process in place to prevent people from coming forward to speak on items randomly on different issues; it puts a structure in place so that a person must sign up within a half an hour before the meeting to speak on their item of interest. He noted this maintained a structure and the opportunity for people to be heard. Mr. McCarty further explained that the registration period closed 30 minutes after the meeting begins. He noted the following exceptions, a proposition being discussed that was not on the agenda and any person wishing to speak about the proposition could go to the podium to be recognized to speak. He noted this was to enforce the registration process, if an item was on a 9:30 a.m. agenda and a person did not sign up to speak by 10 a.m. the Board has the ability to tell that person that they did not comply with the registration process.*

*Commissioner Diaz asked for clarification regarding the provision under Rule 6.06 section (m) on handwritten page 17 which states "If an*

*ordinance fails on first reading, then an opportunity to be heard shall be provided. If one or more members of the public speak on the ordinance, then there shall be a second vote on the ordinance on first reading, and the failure to adopt the ordinance on first reading is not effective unless it fails on such second vote”.*

*Assistant County Attorney McCarty clarified the provision that Commissioner Diaz inquired about. He noted this was a special provision necessary to comply with the State law given the Board of County Commissioners' Rules of Procedures on first reading items. Mr. McCarty explained that with the understanding that the Board typically does not speak on first reading items this law would actually require the public to be given an opportunity to speak if the item were to fail on first reading.*

*Commissioner Diaz expressed his concerns, noting that commissioners by policy were forbidden to speak on first reading items, how was it permitted for the public to have an opportunity to speak on these items when the members of the Committee or Board cannot.*

*Assistant County Attorney McCarty replied that in an effort to comply with the State's law, at some point during the process, first reading, public hearing, second reading, the public had to be given an opportunity to be heard. He explained that on a first reading item that fails on first reading, then the item would not go to committee or public hearing, and to comply with the law the special provision states that on first reading items that fail on an initial vote, the Chair would then ask if anyone from the public wanted to speak on the foregoing item and the board would then vote again on the first reading item.*

*Commissioner Diaz expressed his concern with allowing the public to speak on first reading items; he noted that the Board would have to change its internal policies. Pointing out that if something is before the commission, members did not have the ability to speak on the issue, however someone from the public could speak on the item which may come before the board or committee again through perhaps a different process, would go against our current process. He noted this opened the current process up in a negative form. He requested that rather than bringing the item back to vote if it does fail, an opportunity could be given at the committee meeting that item goes to in*

the first place; he further requested that Assistant County Attorney McCarty research different methods.

Assistant County Attorney McCarty pointed out this was the most difficult provision of this ordinance to create and stay within the law; he noted that he and staff would revisit this provision and make the necessary changes and offer different options to address the issue of first reading items.

Responding to Commissioner Jordan's inquiry regarding whether the State Law required that the public be given an opportunity to speak on any agenda item that comes before the commission whether it fails or not; Mr. McCarty explained that the State Law requires the board to provide an opportunity to be heard on each proposition, not necessarily every agenda item. He gave an example noting that if an item goes to first reading, committee, then to second reading, you only have to provide under the State Law one opportunity on that particular proposition even though it appeared on several different agendas. He further noted on public hearing items there will be no change since you already have a public hearing process in place. Mr. McCarty explained that this bill actually affected how the board conducted business on non-public hearing items. He pointed out regardless of the number of times an item has been heard the public only has one opportunity to speak on it.

Commissioner Jordan noted her concerns and stated that this was convoluted and would be more disruptive than productive. She noted this would hinder meetings if people began to argue about not having an opportunity to speak on an item. Commissioner Jordan pointed out that in one portion of the ordinance if there was a subject matter and you have more than ten people wishing to speak we must select one person to speak, if you cannot agree then the first person registered gets to speak. She noted this was convoluted and confusing to keep up with. Commissioner Jordan stated that she wished to satisfy the State Law but also wished to keep it simple and put something in place that was not disruptive but productive. She noted that she was not in support of the foregoing proposed ordinance.

Chair Bell concurred with Commissioner Jordan's comments noting that this complicated and inquired whether the current way of opening

*public hearings was acceptable.*

*Assistant County Attorney McCarty noted that the current method of opening public hearings was acceptable. He pointed out that there were a number of ways to comply with the State Law; this ordinance was an attempt to give the board guidance and an option for the public to be heard while maintaining order for the meetings.*

*Chair Bell suggested deferring this ordinance until the sponsor Commissioner Sosa was available to attend the meeting and address the concerns and explore further options.*

*Commissioner Diaz noted that a process needed to be in place and that was the intent of the ordinance, and he noted that this needed to be worked out further prior to coming before the full Board.*

*Following Commissioner Diaz' comments Chair Bell suggested moving the ordinance forward without a recommendation.*

*Commissioner Jordan noted that she was not in support of the foregoing proposed ordinance.*

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

1F4

**132255 Ordinance****Jean Monestime,****Barbara J. Jordan**

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE I, SECTION 2-11.17 OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY FLORIDA; ESTABLISHING RESIDENTS FIRST TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM TO EXPAND SKILLS TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR COUNTY RESIDENTS ON BUILDINGS OR PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS FUNDED COMPLETELY OR PARTIALLY BY MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, OR PRIVATELY FUNDED PROJECTS ON COUNTY OWNED LAND; REQUIRING GREATER ACCOUNTABILITY OF PUBLIC CONTRACTORS AND SUBCONTRACTORS REGARDING EFFORTS TO PROMOTE LOCAL HIRING AND TRAINING; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN THE CODE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE [SEE ORIGINAL ITEM UNDER FILE NO. 132001]

***Deferred to no date certain******Mover: Zapata******Seconder: Jordan******Vote: 4-0******Absent: Diaz***

**2 COUNTY COMMISSION**

2A

**132448 Resolution****Lynda Bell**

RESOLUTION DIRECTING COUNTY MAYOR OR MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING A PROGRAM TO BE CALLED "PAY IT FORWARD PROGRAM" WHICH WOULD SOLICIT AND USE RETIREES AND SENIOR CITIZENS WITH EXPERTISE IN ALL AREAS OF COUNTY GOVERNMENT TO VOLUNTEER AND PROVIDE UNPAID ASSISTANCE TO VARIOUS COUNTY DEPARTMENTS AND TO REPORT FINDINGS TO BOARD WITHIN NINETY DAYS IN WRITTEN REPORT

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation*

*Mover: Diaz*

*Seconder: Bell*

*Vote: 5-0*

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

*Commissioner Diaz noted this was an outstanding resolution, and inquired whether retired volunteers could get credits for the time they volunteer.*

*Chair Bell noted that she would be happy to look into and consider Commissioner Diaz' inquiry regarding giving credits to the senior volunteers.*

*Commissioner Jordan noted that the County already had a senior volunteer program, she inquired aside from the current senior volunteer program how much it would cost to administer this program. She noted the program had to have a coordinator as well as staffing and asked that a cost analysis be conducted. Commissioner Jordan further inquired about liabilities on the volunteers and their work.*

*Chair Bell responded that this was only directing the County Mayor to conduct a feasibility study and that she would have answers to all of Commissioner Jordan's inquiries before this resolution came back to the Board meeting.*

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

**3 DEPARTMENT**

3A

**132286 Resolution**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS TO EXECUTE RENTAL AGREEMENTS FOR POLLING PLACES, TRAINING SITES, AND EARLY VOTING SITES, PROVIDED THAT EACH RENTAL AGREEMENT SHALL NOT EXCEED THE SUM OF \$600.00 (Elections Department)

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation*

*Mover: Diaz*

*Seconder: Zapata*

*Vote: 5-0*

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

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

3B

**132430 Resolution**

RESOLUTION APPROVING CONTRACT AWARD TO THE LOWEST BIDDER, EBSARY FOUNDATION COMPANY FOR AREA 2 (BAYS 177-183) CONSTRUCTION OF SEAWALL, CONTRACT NO. 2009-043, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,676,607.00, AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT FOR AND ON BEHALF OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND TO EXERCISE ANY TERMINATION AND RENEWAL PROVISIONS THEREIN (Port of Miami)

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation*

*Mover: Diaz*

*Seconder: Jordan*

*Vote: 5-0*

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

*Commissioner Souto inquired about the planning of 70th anniversary D-day trip to Normandy in June and using a sister port near Normandy in Spain.*

*Mr. Bill Johnson, Director, Port of Miami advised Commissioner Souto that Mr. Juan Kuryla, Deputy Director, Seaport would brief him individually him regarding the commemoration trip.*

*Mr. Kuryla noted that he had been in contact with the Port of Gijon, and their staff was prepared to assist in making arrangements for attendees to travel to Normandy.*

*Commissioner Diaz noted this was quite a task, he noted he needed to hear more feedback regarding the travel process and arrangements; people needed time to pay for the trip.*

*Mr. Kuryla noted that the staff at the Port of Gijon had for warned him about the expectation of large capacity crowds and that the arrangements needed to be made expeditiously.*

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

**4 COUNTY MAYOR**

**5 COUNTY ATTORNEY**

**6 CLERK OF THE BOARD**

**7 REPORTS**

**8 ADJOURNMENT**

**Report:** *Hearing no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 12:57 p.m.*



# CLERK'S SUMMARY OF Meeting Minutes

## Economic Development & Port Miami Committee

Lynda Bell (8) Chair; Javier D. Souto (10) Vice Chair; Commissioners Jose "Pepe" Diaz (12), Barbara J. Jordan (1), and Juan C. Zapata (11)

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**Monday, January 13, 2014**

**12:00 PM**

**Commission Chambers**

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**Members Present:** Lynda Bell, Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Barbara J. Jordan, Javier D. Souto.

**Members Absent:** Juan C. Zapata.

**Members Late:** None.

**Members Excused:** None.

**Members Absent County Business:** None.

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**1 MINUTES PREPARED BY:**

**Report:** *Zorana Gainer, Commission Reporter  
305-375-3570*

**1A INVOCATION AS PROVIDED IN RULE 5.05  
(H)**

**1B ROLL CALL**

**Report:** *The following staff members were present:*

- ~Assistant County Attorney Jack Osterholt*
- ~Assistant County Attorney Jess McCarty*
- ~Assistant County Attorney Michael Mastrucci*
- ~Deputy Clerk Jovel Shaw*
- ~Deputy Clerk Zorana Gainer*

*Assistant County Attorney Jess McCarty noted the following changes to today's (1/13) agenda; Commissioner Monestime had requested the deferral of agenda item 1F1 to be heard at the next Economic Development and Port Miami Committee meeting to be held on February 13, 2014.*

*It was moved by Commissioner Diaz to accept the changes to today's agenda. This motion was seconded by Chair Bell and upon being put to a vote passed by a vote of 4-0 (Commissioner Zapata was absent).*

**1C PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE****1D SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS (SCHEDULED TO BEGIN AT 12:00 PM)****1E DISCUSSIONS****1F PUBLIC HEARING**

1F1

132255 Ordinance

Jean Monestime,

Barbara J. Jordan

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*Deferred to February 13, 2014**Mover: Diaz**Seconder: Souto**Vote: 4-0**Absent: Zapata***2 COUNTY COMMISSION**

2A

**132103 Resolution Bruno A. Barreiro**

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE MAYOR OR DESIGNEE TO PROVIDE A REPORT TO THE BOARD REGARDING EXISTING SLOT MACHINE AGREEMENTS WITH PARIMUTUELS IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation  
Mover: Jordan  
Seconder: Diaz  
Vote: 4-0  
Absent: Zapata*

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

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

2B

**132596 Resolution Sally A. Heyman, Lynda Bell**

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES PRESIDENT AND LEON COUNTY COMMISSIONER BRYAN DESLOGE FOR 2ND VICE PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation  
Mover: Diaz  
Seconder: Jordan  
Vote: 4-0  
Absent: Zapata*

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

*Chair Bell requested to be added as a Co-sponsor to the foregoing proposed resolution.*

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

2C

## 132601 Resolution

Juan C. Zapata

RESOLUTION DIRECTING MAYOR OR MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO REPORT TO THE BOARD ON THE ADVISABILITY AND FEASIBILITY OF BRINGING FORMULA ONE AND FORMULA E RACING TO DOWNTOWN MIAMI

*Forwarded to BCC without a recommendation*

*Mover: Diaz*

*Seconder: Souto*

*Vote: 4-0*

*Absent: Zapata*

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

*Commissioner Diaz expressed concern regarding why Miami-Dade County was conducting a feasibility study on Formula One Racing when the City of Miami was already moving forward with this event.*

*Assistant County Attorney McCarty noted that since it would be held in downtown this was only a feasibility and advisability report.*

*Commissioner Diaz expressed further concern regarding appearing to disrupt the City of Miami's initiative to hold Formula One Races.*

*Commissioner Jordan concurred with Commissioner Diaz' concerns pointing out that she would not want it to appear that the county was attempting to preempt their efforts. She noted she would have preferred if the sponsor present the item for further discussion and to find out whether he had discussed the event with City of Miami representatives to find out whether they were looking for the support of the County.*

*Chair Bell suggested that the foregoing proposed resolution be forwarded to the Board of County Commissioners without a recommendation. She also requested that the report include the impact of the road closures as well as the impact on hotels and residences in the area.*

*Commissioner Diaz responded to Chair Bell's comments pointing out that the road closures for the races were similar to the closures for the ING Miami Marathon event. He concurred with Chair Bell's comments and noted that he was in support of the foregoing proposed resolution.*

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

2D

**132597 Resolution****Juan C. Zapata**

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE MAYOR OR MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO DEVELOP A PLAN FOR THE CREATION OF A SECRET SHOPPER PROGRAM TO MONITOR AND IMPROVE CUSTOMER SERVICE TO THE PUBLIC

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation*

*Mover: Diaz*

*Seconder: Jordan*

*Vote: 4-0*

*Absent: Zapata*

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

*Chair Bell opened the floor for public comment; the following person(s) came forward to speak in connection with the foregoing resolution:*

*Madame Renita Holmes, 350 NW 4th Street Miami Florida, noted with regard to the creation of a Secret Shopper Program, it was her suggestion that the inner city community be targeted because people within this community had to go to other communities for most of its goods and services. Ms. Holmes pointed out that many minority women had been charged with shoplifting when in fact they were not. She further noted that the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) had been made aware of the shoplifting accusations and the charges had been dropped however the impact of having these charges on one's record was negative. Ms. Holmes pointed out with regards to customer service there was a disparity and racism towards some customers versus other customers. She requested that the Mayor and his staff utilize as much of the public as possible and place them in realistic situations and environments. She also requested to have direct input from the Secret Shopper program.*

*Cher Bell noted that she would like to see the Secret Shopper program also highlight positive good employees rather than only the negatives.*

*Commissioner Jordan noted she was happy that Commissioner Zapata bringing back the Secret Shopper program. She pointed out that she was interested in seeing the cost analysis of the program. With regard to Ms. Holmes' comments Commissioner Jordan explained that the Secret Shopper program was not for the public, but was a program where individuals would go to County departments to use the services offered, then rate the departments customer service they received.*

*She noted this would help the county departments' customer service to be more efficient and effective, not necessarily looking for negatives but looking for effectiveness of county operations.*

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

**3 DEPARTMENT**

**4 COUNTY MAYOR**

**5 COUNTY ATTORNEY**

**6 CLERK OF THE BOARD**

6A

**132584 Report**

APPROVAL OF CLERK'S MEETING MINUTES FOR THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PORTMIAMI COMMITTEE: NOVEMBER 14, 2013 (Clerk of the Board)

*Approved  
Mover: Diaz  
Seconder: Souto  
Vote: 4-0  
Absent: Zapata*

**Report:** *Assistant County Attorney Jess McCarty read the foregoing proposed report into the record.*

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

**7 REPORTS**

7A

**132543 Report**

SUNSET REVIEW OF COUNTY BOARDS FOR 2013 -  
TOURIST DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

*Report Received.  
Mover: Diaz  
Seconder: Jordan  
Vote: 4-0  
Absent: Zapata*

**Report:** *Assistant County Attorney Jess McCarty read the  
foregoing proposed report into the record.*

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

**8 ADJOURNMENT**

**Report:** *There being no further business to come before the  
Committee the meeting was adjourned at 12:23  
p.m.*