

Memorandum



Date: October 7, 2014

To: Honorable Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

From: Carlos A. Gimenez
Mayor

Subject: Supplemental Information on the North Miami Community Redevelopment Agency FY 2013-14 Budget

Supplement to
Agenda Item No. 8(G)4

During the Finance Committee meeting of August 25, 2014, the committee members considered an item approving the amended budget for FY 2013-14 as well as the FY2014-14 budget for the North Miami Community Redevelopment Agency (Agency).

At the meeting the City Manager Aleem A. Ghany, PE requested to amend the item on the record to include funding in the amount of \$25,000 for Grey Robinson PA to attend meetings and \$35,000 for other legal services in FY 2013-14. The Finance Committee passed the item as amended.

It is important to note that while the amendment read into the record did identify two line items, it did not state how the reallocation would be offset to ensure the budget is balanced. Furthermore, my Administration was not aware of the Agency's intent to request an amendment and followed up with the Agency for the amended language in order to properly reflect the changes in the item to go before the full Board of County Commissioners.

On September 18, 2014, the City forwarded the attached letter indicating that upon further review the amendment was done in error and requested that it be withdrawn.

Attachment

Edward Marquez
Deputy Mayor



NORTH MIAMI COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

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September 18, 2014

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Dear Mr. Fernandez:

The recent reorganization of staff placed a greater emphasis on evaluating the current financial state of the North Miami Community Redevelopment Agency (NMCRA). As a result of our review, it was discovered that a budget allocation for legal services, Gray Robinson, PA, was duplicated, where both \$20,000 was funded in administration and \$25,000 was funded in projects under professional services. Please see below:

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	Amended FY 2011- 12	Proposed FY 2012 .13	Amended FY 2012 - 13	Proposed FY 2013 .14	Admin	Project
Legal and Professional Services						
Accounting (1)	12,500	12,500	12,500	12,500	12,500	0
Legal Services(2)	45,000	45,000	45,000	45,000	20,000	25,000
Financial Advisory Services(3)	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	0
Bond Counsel Services	0	0	0	0		0
Consultant - Redevelopment Plan(4)				35,000		35000
IT Support Services(5)	0	0	12,000	12,000	12000	0
Community Outreach				12,000	12000	0
Total	62,500	62,500	74,500	121,500	61,500	60000

At the Finance Committee meeting on August 25, 2014, the NMCRA requested an amendment prior to our complete reconciliation of our accounts. To date, the NMCRA has expended \$25,410 for legal counsel and the year-end estimate is expected to be at the same amount. Considering that \$25,000 in project funding for professional services was budgeted in error and will be unexpended this fiscal year, please accept our withdrawal for a referenced budget amendment, as this allocation will be directed towards new redevelopment goals focusing on brick and mortar in Downtown North Miami.

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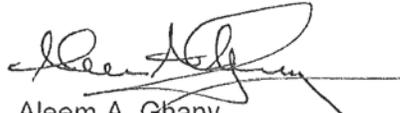
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Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call my office at (305) 893-6391.

Sincerely,


Aleem A. Ghany
CRA Executive Director

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