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UMSAC  
Agenda Item No. 6(A)

**TO:** Honorable Chairman Javier D. Souto  
and Members, UMSA Committee

**DATE:** March 10, 2015

**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 UMSA Committee:

**February 10, 2015 – Unincorporated Municipal Service Area (UMSA) Committee**

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Attachment



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## CLERK'S SUMMARY OF Meeting Minutes

### Unincorporated Municipal Service Area (UMSA) Cmte

Javier D. Souto (10) Chair; Daniella Levine Cava (8) Vice Chair; Commissioners  
Esteban L. Bovo, Jr. (13), Sally A. Heyman (4), Barbara J. Jordan (1), and Juan C.  
Zapata (11)

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**Tuesday, February 10, 2015**

**2:00 PM**

**COMMISSION CHAMBERS**

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**Members Present:** Esteban L. Bovo, Jr., Daniella Levine Cava, Sally A. Heyman, Barbara J. Jordan, Javier D. Souto, Juan C. Zapata.

**Members Absent:** None.

**Members Late:** None.

**Members Excused:** None.

**Members Absent County Business:** None.

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**1 MINUTES PREPARED BY:**

**Report:** *FLORA REAL, COMMISSION REPORTER*  
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**1A INVOCATION AS PROVIDED IN RULE 5.05**  
**(H)**

**1B ROLL CALL**

**Report:** *In addition to the members of the Unincorporated Municipal Service Area (UMSA) Committee, the following persons were also present: Deputy Mayor Jack Osterholt, Senior Advisor Michael Spring, Assistant County Attorneys Monica Rizo and Miguel Gonzalez, and Deputy Clerk Flora Real.*

*SETTING THE AGENDA:*

*Assistant County Attorney Monica Rizo announced today's (02/10) agenda should be changed to add Agenda Item 1F3, and Commissioner Zapata had requested withdrawal of Agenda Item 2C.*

*It was moved by Commissioner Heyman that the Unincorporated Municipal Service Area (UMSA) Committee set the agenda with changes mentioned by Assistant County Attorney Rizo. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Jordan; and upon being put to a vote, the motion passed by a vote of 6-0.*

**1C PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**1D REASONABLE OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO BE HEARD AS PROVIDED IN RULE 6.06**

**1E SPECIAL PRESENTATION(S)**

1E1

**150193 Service Awards** **Jean Monestime**  
PRESENTATION OF SERVICE AWARDS TO THE *Presented*  
FOLLOWING EMPLOYEES:  
  
GRACE D. ROTGER - LIBRARY - 35 YEARS  
LAZARO GONZALEZ - PWWM - 30 YEARS  
CHARLES E. LOVELY - PWWM - 30 YEARS  
JUDY MINCY - PWWM - 35 YEARS  
FREDERICK J. STURRUP - PWWM - 35 YEARS  
DONALD L. THOMPSON - PWWM - 30 YEARS

**1F DISCUSSION ITEM(S)**

1F1

**150248 Discussion Item** **Sen. Javier D. Souto**  
DISCUSSION ITEM REGARDING LACK OF PUBLIC *Deferred to March 10, 2015*  
TRANSPORTATION IN THE UMSA AREA

1F2

**150252 Discussion Item** **Juan C. Zapata**  
DISCUSSION ITEM REGARDING UNINCORPORATED *Deferred to March 10, 2015*  
MUNICIPAL SERVICE AREA (UMSA) DOLLARS USED  
FOR CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND CBOS AS WELL AS THE  
LEVEL OF SERVICE PROVIDED TO UMSA

1F3

**150267 Discussion Item Daniella Levine Cava**DISCUSSION ITEM WITH FRIENDS OF THE MIAMI-  
DADE PUBLIC LIBRARY REGARDING THE STATE OF  
THE COUNTY'S LIBRARIES**Presented**

**Report:** *Commissioner Levine Cava advised the County Commission had rescued the Library System at last year's budget hearing from closing a number of branches, and she thanked the Board for that. She stated that the Library System still suffered from lack of adequate resources and aging buildings with the exception of the new buildings, which were part of the expansion. She stated that the County was not investing sufficient funds to maintain these resources, and the County should invest in these resources. She stated that, in the past, the funding had not been spent to directly maintain the Library System, and the reserves were taken for other purposes. Therefore, little funds remained for financial relieve of the Library System. She asked Ms. Lynn Summers, who was an active member of the Blue Ribbon Task Force on Libraries, to speak before this committee.*

*Ms. Lynn Summers, 2730 S.W. 3 Avenue, Miami, Florida, 33129, Board Member of Friends of the Miami-Dade Public Library, appeared before the Unincorporated Municipal Service Area (UMSA) Committee to present an overview on the financial status of the Library System. She thanked those members of the Board who voted to support funding for the Library System at last year's budget hearing; and the members of the Friends of the Miami-Dade Public Library wanted to win for this year's budget hearing the hearts, minds, and votes of those members of the Board who failed to vote in support of funding the libraries last year; and she noted they would be working to accomplish that.*

*Ms. Summers advised that the Board agenda at the last Tuesday's (02/03) meeting included a report regarding the condition of the air conditioning units and roofs within the Library System, and she made the following requests:*

- 1. that this Committee pursue the numbers that should be associated to those conditions addressed in the report at the February 3, 2015, Board meeting in order to facilitate working on this year's budget and to be able to identify what was necessary to maintain these*

buildings; and

2. that this Committee review the impact of drastic budgetary cutbacks in library funding over the last three (3) to five (5) years in comparison to other library systems around the State of Florida.

Ms. Summers provided an overview on databases currently available for statistical information on libraries for the State of Florida, and she also provided statistical information regarding collection expenditures per capita on other counties within the State of Florida serving a similar population as Miami-Dade County.

Ms. Summers pointed out this Committee oversaw the Library Taxing District, and they would prepare a more detailed report for this Committee's review outlining what had happened to the Miami-Dade Library System. She advised that they were looking forward to working with this Committee in this coming budget year to develop an appropriate budget for all of the public libraries based on the property tax revenues and the needs of the community.

Commissioner Bovo asked whether the other counties she had referenced had established a separate mileage rate to fund their libraries.

Ms. Summers responded that the largest counties had predominantly established separate mileage rates, but one of the issues they wished to study was the funding models used by other counties with similar communities.

Commissioner Bovo advised that, he believed, the budgetary process would be much easier if representatives of the Library System were included in budget discussions; and he would support holding budgetary discussions on the Library System.

In regards to Commissioner Zapata's question, Ms. Summers advised that other counties had better performance; and this represented a dramatic change from four (4) or five (5) years ago. She advised the statistical data had been available for a long period of time. She stated that the Miami-Dade Library System had been an award winning leader in the State of Florida, but the economic downturn had impacted the Library System beginning in 2009-2010.

Commissioner Zapata said that he found it interesting that the matrix used was books. He pointed out that they were focused on protecting an antiquated model of libraries, and he believed that the County should engage in discussions addressing how to build the libraries of the future and how to attract the public to use the libraries prior to investing in libraries more funds than currently done. He noted that, in his public meetings, he had learned that the public did not utilize the libraries very much; and the County needed to figure out the market place and how to attract users.

Following a brief discussion between Commissioner Zapata and Ms. Summers regarding collections data and regarding innovation discussions, Ms. Summers advised that the Friends of the Miami-Dade Public Library and other interested groups also wished to work on establishing the libraries of the future.

Commissioner Jordan commented that the Library System would be unable to innovate without the resources, and public schools took advantage of the libraries. She noted the County had failed to keep up the libraries at a level where the adequate equipment was in place in order to attract users. She pointed out that North Dade Regional Library was highly used and full of users, but the County needed to bring up to standard all of its equipment and computers in order to be able to compete and keep the interest of users. She stated that, she felt, the County should be doing more for the libraries; but in order to do more, the Library System needed more.

Ms. Summers advised that the Friends of the Miami-Dade Public Library in conjunction with other supporters of the libraries were reviewing how much was being accomplished with the funds appropriated to the libraries. She noted that the library staff was squeezing the most out of monies funded, but there were just not enough funds available. Therefore, this year's challenge was to review budgetary participation.

Ms. Summers advised that she would like to meet with Commissioner Zapata to further discuss library related issues.

Commissioner Levine Cava thanked Ms. Summers for her presentation, and she advised there was a pressing need to extend the operational hours for the libraries.

**1G PUBLIC HEARING(S)**

**2 COUNTY COMMISSION**

2A

150204 Resolution

Barbara J. Jordan,

Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE MAYOR OR DESIGNEE TO REPORT TO THE BOARD REGARDING THE COST AND FEASIBILITY OF BUILDING A SIDEWALK ALONG THE WEST SIDE OF N.W. 57TH AVENUE BETWEEN N.W. 173RD STREET AND 183RD STREET OR CONNECTING EXISTING PRIVATE SIDEWALKS IN THE AREA

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation*

*Mover: Jordan*

*Seconder: Heyman*

*Vote: 6-0*

**Report:** *Assistant County Attorney Monica Rizo read into the record the title of the foregoing proposed resolution.*

*Commissioner Jordan advised this was a joint initiative with the American Senior High School because the school's students had sent a letter requesting that the County review the feasibility of building a sidewalk in the subject area.*

*Commissioner Bovo asked to be listed as a co-sponsor.*

*There being no other comments or objections, the members of the committee proceeded to take a vote.*

2B

**150108 Resolution**

**Juan C. Zapata**

*Amended*

RESOLUTION DIRECTING COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO COMPETITIVELY SELECT A CONSULTANT TO PREPARE A FINDING OF NECESSITY STUDY TO INCLUDE THE GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS BOUNDED ON THE NORTH BY SW 72ND STREET, ON THE EAST BY SW 152ND AVENUE, ON THE SOUTH BY SW 96TH STREET, AND ON THE WEST BY SW 157TH PATH TO KENDALL DRIVE AND AGAIN ON THE WEST BY SW 157 AVENUE TO SUNSET DRIVE, PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF CHAPTER 163, PART III, FLORIDA STATUTES; AND DESIGNATING THE SOURCE OF FUNDING FOR PAYMENT OF CONSULTING FEES TO BE UNINCORPORATED MUNICIPAL SERVICE AREA NON-DEPARTMENTAL ALLOCATION

**Report:** *SEE RELATED AGENDA ITEM 2B AMENDED, LEGISLATIVE FILE NUMBER 150324.*

2B AMENDED

150324 Resolution

Juan C. Zapata

RESOLUTION DIRECTING COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO COMPETITIVELY SELECT A CONSULTANT TO PREPARE A FINDING OF NECESSITY STUDY TO INCLUDE THE GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS BOUNDED ON THE NORTH BY SW 72ND STREET, ON THE EAST BY SW 152ND AVENUE, ON THE SOUTH BY SW 88TH STREET, AND ON THE WEST BY SW 157TH PATH TO KENDALL DRIVE AND AGAIN ON THE WEST BY SW 157 AVENUE TO SUNSET DRIVE, PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF CHAPTER 163, PART III, FLORIDA STATUTES; AND DESIGNATING THE SOURCE OF FUNDING FOR PAYMENT OF CONSULTING FEES TO BE UNINCORPORATED MUNICIPAL SERVICE AREA NON-DEPARTMENTAL ALLOCATION [SEE ORIGINAL ITEM UNDER FILE NO. 150108]

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

*Mover: Zapata*

*Seconded: Heyman*

*Vote: 6-0*

**Report:** *Assistant County Attorney Monica Rizo read into the record the title of the foregoing proposed resolution.*

*Commissioner Zapata advised that the foregoing resolution should reflect the boundary as "on the south of S.W. 88th Street," and he proposed to change the language to reflect that change.*

*Commissioner Heyman seconded the amendment.*

*Commissioner Levine Cava clarified the intent of the foregoing resolution, referencing the number of Community Redevelopment Agencies (CRAs) currently active and their locations. She pointed out there were other proposals in the process.*

*Commissioner Levine Cava commended Commissioner Zapata for bringing forward this legislation for an area that could benefit from the CRA because she believed these organizations were viable tools for the elimination of slum and blight areas; but sometimes CRAs deviated from its original purpose. She noted that she was preparing legislation that would clarify how CRA funds would be spent within the County to better align it with the purposes of the act, which were to eliminate blight and slum. Therefore, she was in support of this resolution.*

*Commissioner Levine Cava asked about the amount of funds being transferred from the General Fund/property tax revenues for the purpose of tax increment financing for the existing*

fourteen (14) CRAs.

Department Director Jennifer Moon, Office of Management and Budget, responded that \$30 million were being allocated for that purpose with a little under \$1 million from UMSA's budget and the remaining funds from countywide funds.

Discussion ensued between Commissioner Levine Cava and Department Director Moon regarding the annual cumulative amount being diverted from the County's general funds to CRAs.

Commissioner Levine Cava pointed out the Economic Prosperity Committee would consider on Thursday, February 12, 2015, an item requesting to prepare a finding of necessity study. She advised that she wished to make the public aware that other committees were also considering these type of items.

There being no other comments or objections, the Unincorporated Municipal Service Area (UMSA) Committee forwarded the foregoing proposed resolution to the Board of County Commissioners with a favorable recommendation with committee amendment(s) to change the language to reflect the boundary as "on the south of S.W. 88th Street."

2C

150202 Resolution Juan C. Zapata  
RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE MAYOR OR MAYOR'S  
DESIGNEE TO CONDUCT A FEASIBILITY STUDY ON  
THE CREATION OF WIND FARMS IN THE BIRD DRIVE  
BASIN; DIRECTING THE MAYOR OR MAYOR'S  
DESIGNEE TO PROVIDE THIS STUDY TO THE BOARD

Withdrawn  
Mover: Heyman  
Seconder: Jordan  
Vote: 6-0

Report: This resolution was withdrawn as requested by  
Commissioner Zapata.

3 DEPARTMENT(S)

4 COUNTY MAYOR

5 COUNTY ATTORNEY

**6 CLERK OF THE BOARD**

6A

**150215 Report**

APPROVAL OF CLERK'S MEETING MINUTES FOR THE  
JANUARY 12, 2015 CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND  
RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING (Clerk of the  
Board)

*Approved*  
*Mover: Heyman*  
*Second: Souto*  
*Vote: 6-0*

**7 REPORT(S)**

**8 ADJOURNMENT**

**Report:** *There being no other business to come before the  
Unincorporated Municipal Service Area (UMSA)  
Committee, the meeting adjourned at 3:03 p.m.*