

**MIAMI-DADE COUNTY
FINAL OFFICIAL MINUTES
Governmental Operations and Environment
Committee (GOEC)**

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Meeting Minutes
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Natacha Seijas (13) Chair; Jose "Pepe" Diaz (12) Vice Chair; Commissioners Audrey M. Edmonson (3), Carlos A. Gimenez (7), Joe A. Martinez (11), and Dorrin D. Rolle (2)

Tuesday, March 13, 2007

9:30 AM

COMMISSION CHAMBERS

Members Present: Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Audrey M. Edmonson, Carlos A. Gimenez, Dorrin Rolle, Natacha Seijas.

Members Absent: None.

Members Late: Joe A. Martinez.

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent County Business: None.

1 MINUTES PREPARED BY:

Report: *Jill Thornton, Commission Reporter*
(305) 375-2505

1A INVOCATION

1B PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1C **ROLL CALL**

Report: *The following staff members were present: Assistant County Manager Roger Carlton, Assistant County Attorneys Joni Armstrong-Coffey and Thomas Robertson; and Deputy Clerks Doris Dickens and Jill Thornton.*

Assistant County Attorney Joni Armstrong-Coffey noted that in addition to the changes listed in the County Manager's Memorandum entitled "Requested Changes to the Governmental Operations and Environmental Committee Agenda," Agenda Item 3C Substitute should be added to the agenda; Agenda Item 3B should be deferred to the April 10th Meeting, as requested by Commissioner Souto, in lieu of withdrawn as reflected in the County Manager's memorandum; Agenda Item 2AA should be deferred to the April 10th Meeting, as requested by the Building Department, and Agenda Item 7B should be deferred to the April 10th meeting, as requested by the County Manager.

Chairwoman Seijas noted she received a memorandum from Commissioner Sorenson requesting that Agenda Item 3F be deferred.

It was moved by Commissioner Diaz that the County Manager's memorandum entitled "Requested Changes to the Governmental Operations and Environmental Committee Agenda," dated March 13, 2007, be approved with the additional changes noted by Assistant County Attorney Armstrong-Coffey and Chairwoman Seijas. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Rolle, and upon being put to a vote, passed by a vote of 5-0. (Commissioner Martinez was absent)

1D **CHAIRPERSON**

1D1

070575 Report

REMARKS FROM CHAIRPERSON SEIJAS

Presented

Report: *Chairwoman Seijas called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m. and provided opening remarks. She noted she would conduct a brief review today (3/13) of the twelve departmental budgets under this Committee's jurisdiction to determine whether the performance measures adopted last year were being achieved.*

Chairwoman Seijas asked the department directors under the jurisdiction of the Governmental Operations and Environmental Committee to submit a written report of their priority budget needs for the coming year, including any requested fee increases, proposed staff increases, proposed new services, and all major capital expenditures programmed for the coming year; to be submitted prior to a Committee Budget Workshop to be scheduled in May 2007. Commissioner Seijas noted the Legislation Session in Tallahassee would end on May 4th, 2007 and she planned to schedule a committee budget workshop for the purpose of setting budget priorities, soon after that date.

Chairwoman Seijas noted the final report of the Watershed Study would be presented at the April 10th GOEC meeting. She asked the County Attorney to assist her in drafting a companion resolution to accompany this report. She also asked the Assistant County Manager to provide at all future agendas, an oral report regarding the status of the application process as it relates to joining the Chicago Climate Exchange. Chairwoman Seijas expressed appreciation to her colleagues for their unanimous support of her proposal to join the Exchange and said she expected the County Administration to move quickly on this issue.

Chairwoman Seijas asked staff to include an ownership history of the parcels on all future land purchase contracts for the EEL program and identify any properties that have changed hands within five years of the contract negotiations. She noted she intended to flag items that had been recently purchased by willing sellers.

Chairwoman Seijas noted next month was Water Conservation Month and the County would seek

private contributions for the "Water for the People" program during the first week of April. She commended the Water and Sewer Department Director, Mr. Renfrow, for his support of this program. She asked that Mr. Renfrow provide an oral report at the April 10th meeting regarding the County's efforts to support the "Water for the People" program.

Chairwoman Seijas reminded her colleagues that the GOE Committee would conduct the Incorporation and Annexation Workshop and the Mitigation Workshop on March 29th at 10:00 am and 2:00 pm, respectively. She noted both meetings would be held in the auditorium of Miami-Dade County's Main Library.

2 DEPARTMENT(S)

2A

070539 Resolution

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING "ASSIGNMENT OF OPTION TO PURCHASE" APPROXIMATELY 9.441 ACRES OF SOUTH DADE WETLANDS PROJECT WITHIN THE ENVIRONMENTALLY ENDANGERED LANDS PROGRAM ACQUISITION SITE WITH THE NATURE CONSERVANCY AS ASSIGNOR, MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AS ASSIGNEE, AND PEDRO E. ZUCCOLILLO AND GUNNULF BJORKMAN AS SELLERS; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO EXERCISE PROVISIONS CONTAINED THEREIN (Department of Environmental Resources Management)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Diaz

Seconder: Gimenez

Vote: 5-0

Absent: Martinez

Report: *The foregoing proposed resolution was read into the record by Assistant County Attorney Joni Armstrong-Coffey.*

Hearing no comments or discussion, the Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing resolution as presented.

2A SUPPL.

070617 Supplement

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION TO SOUTH DADE WETLANDS PURCHASES [SEE AGENDA ITEM NOS. 2B THRU 2K]

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Diaz

Seconder: Gimenez

Vote: 5-0

Absent: Martinez

2B

070540 Resolution

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING "ASSIGNMENT OF OPTION TO PURCHASE" APPROXIMATELY 164.180 ACRES OF SOUTH DADE WETLANDS PROJECT WITHIN THE ENVIRONMENTALLY ENDANGERED LANDS PROGRAM ACQUISITION SITE WITH THE NATURE CONSERVANCY AS ASSIGNOR, MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AS ASSIGNEE, AND MIAMI 229 LLC AS SELLER; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO EXERCISE PROVISIONS CONTAINED THEREIN [SEE AGENDA ITEM NO. 2A SUPPLEMENT] (Department of Environmental Resources Management)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Diaz

Seconder: Gimenez

Vote: 5-0

Absent: Martinez

Report: *The foregoing proposed resolution was read into the record by Assistant County Attorney Joni Armstrong-Coffey.*

Hearing no comments or discussion, the Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing resolution as presented.

2C

070543 Resolution

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING "ASSIGNMENT OF OPTION TO PURCHASE" APPROXIMATELY 5.12 ACRES OF SOUTH DADE WETLANDS PROJECT WITHIN THE ENVIRONMENTALLY ENDANGERED LANDS PROGRAM ACQUISITION SITE WITH THE NATURE CONSERVANCY AS ASSIGNOR, MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AS ASSIGNEE, AND RICHARD DAVID JAMES, WILLIAM PAUL JAMES AND LOIS-ANNE JAMES AS SELLERS; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO EXERCISE PROVISIONS CONTAINED THEREIN [SEE AGENDA ITEM NO. 2A SUPPLEMENT] (Department of Environmental Resources Management)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Diaz
Seconder: Gimenez
Vote: 5-0
Absent: Martinez

Report: *The foregoing proposed resolution was read into the record by Assistant County Attorney Joni Armstrong-Coffey.*

Hearing no comments or discussion, the Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing resolution as presented.

2D

070545 Resolution

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING "ASSIGNMENT OF OPTION TO PURCHASE" APPROXIMATELY 5 ACRES OF SOUTH DADE WETLANDS PROJECT WITHIN THE ENVIRONMENTALLY ENDANGERED LANDS PROGRAM ACQUISITION SITE WITH THE NATURE CONSERVANCY AS ASSIGNOR, MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AS ASSIGNEE, AND ERVIN A MENDEL AS SELLER; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO EXERCISE PROVISIONS CONTAINED THEREIN [SEE AGENDA ITEM NO. 2A SUPPLEMENT] (Department of Environmental Resources Management)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Diaz
Seconder: Gimenez
Vote: 5-0
Absent: Martinez

Report: *The foregoing proposed resolution was read into the record by Assistant County Attorney Joni Armstrong-Coffey.*

Hearing no comments or discussion, the Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing resolution as presented.

2E

070567 Resolution

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING "ASSIGNMENT OF OPTION TO PURCHASE" APPROXIMATELY 4.85 ACRES OF SOUTH DADE WETLANDS PROJECT WITHIN THE ENVIRONMENTALLY ENDANGERED LANDS PROGRAM ACQUISITION SITE WITH THE NATURE CONSERVANCY AS ASSIGNOR, MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AS ASSIGNEE, AND ROOSEVELT G. BIRD AND JEANE BIRD AS SELLERS; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO EXERCISE PROVISIONS CONTAINED THEREIN [SEE AGENDA ITEM NO. 2A SUPPLEMENT] (Department of Environmental Resources Management)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Diaz

Seconder: Gimenez

Vote: 5-0

Absent: Martinez

Report: *The foregoing proposed resolution was read into the record by Assistant County Attorney Joni Armstrong-Coffey.*

Hearing no objection, the foregoing resolution was heard in conjunction with Agenda Item 2I.

Chairwoman Seijas questioned whether the notaries in Agenda Items 2E and 2I, both of whom were from foreign countries, needed to be certified by the Embassy.

Assistant County Attorney Armstrong-Coffey explained that these contracts were legally sufficient; however, the Committee could direct staff to have these contracts re-executed at the consulate before they were forwarded to the County Commission for final approval.

Chairwoman Seijas noted she felt it was important that foreign notary signatures be certified and executed through the embassy for the County's own protection; that sufficient time was available to certify these resolutions before they were considered by the County Commission in May. She stated she did not want to find out years later that something was done inappropriately.

Assistant County Attorney Armstrong-Coffey noted staff would work together to ensure these two contracts were re-executed accordingly.

Hearing no further comments or discussion, the Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing resolution as presented.

2F

070547 Resolution

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING "ASSIGNMENT OF OPTION TO PURCHASE" APPROXIMATELY 10 ACRES IN THE SOUTH DADE WETLANDS PROJECT WITHIN THE ENVIRONMENTALLY ENDANGERED LANDS PROGRAM ACQUISITION SITE WITH THE NATURE CONSERVANCY AS ASSIGNOR, MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AS ASSIGNEE, AND RICHARD FOX AS SELLER; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO EXERCISE PROVISIONS CONTAINED THEREIN [SEE AGENDA ITEM NO. 2A SUPPLEMENT] (Department of Environmental Resources Management)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Diaz
Seconder: Gimenez
Vote: 5-0
Absent: Martinez

Report: *The foregoing proposed resolution was read into the record by Assistant County Attorney Joni Armstrong-Coffey.*

Hearing no comments or discussion, the Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing resolution as presented.

2G

070548 Resolution

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING "ASSIGNMENT OF OPTION TO PURCHASE" APPROXIMATELY 5 ACRES OF SOUTH DADE WETLANDS PROJECT WITHIN THE ENVIRONMENTALLY ENDANGERED LANDS PROGRAM ACQUISITION SITE WITH THE NATURE CONSERVANCY AS ASSIGNOR, MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AS ASSIGNEE, AND BADRU DEEN AND GRACE CYNTHIA DEEN AS SELLERS; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO EXERCISE PROVISIONS CONTAINED THEREIN [SEE AGENDA ITEM NO. 2A SUPPLEMENT] (Department of Environmental Resources Management)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Diaz
Seconder: Gimenez
Vote: 5-0
Absent: Martinez

Report: *The foregoing proposed resolution was read into the record by Assistant County Attorney Joni Armstrong-Coffey.*

Hearing no comments or discussion, the Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing resolution as presented.

2H

070576 Resolution

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING "ASSIGNMENT OF OPTION TO PURCHASE" APPROXIMATELY 10.161 ACRES OF SOUTH DADE WETLANDS PROJECT WITHIN THE ENVIRONMENTALLY ENDANGERED LANDS PROGRAM ACQUISITION SITE WITH THE NATURE CONSERVANCY AS ASSIGNOR, MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AS ASSIGNEE, AND EMILIO MATA AS SELLER; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO EXERCISE PROVISIONS CONTAINED THEREIN [SEE AGENDA ITEM NO. 2A SUPPLEMENT] (Department of Environmental Resources Management)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Diaz

Seconder: Gimenez

Vote: 5-0

Absent: Martinez

Report: *The foregoing proposed resolution was read into the record by Assistant County Attorney Joni Armstrong-Coffey.*

Hearing no comments or discussion, the Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing resolution as presented.

2I

070578 Resolution

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING "ASSIGNMENT OF OPTION TO PURCHASE" APPROXIMATELY 10.206 ACRES OF SOUTH DADE WETLANDS PROJECT WITHIN THE ENVIRONMENTALLY ENDANGERED LANDS PROGRAM ACQUISITION SITE WITH THE NATURE CONSERVANCY AS ASSIGNOR, MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AS ASSIGNEE, AND MELBA BOCANEGRA DE RESENDEZ AS SELLER; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO EXERCISE PROVISIONS CONTAINED THEREIN [SEE AGENDA ITEM NO. 2A SUPPLEMENT] (Department of Environmental Resources Management)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Diaz

Seconder: Gimenez

Vote: 5-0

Absent: Martinez

Report: *(See Agenda Item 2E; Legislative No. 070567 for the report)*

2J

070553 Resolution

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING "ASSIGNMENT OF OPTION TO PURCHASE" APPROXIMATELY 10.011 ACRES OF SOUTH DADE WETLANDS PROJECT WITHIN THE ENVIRONMENTALLY ENDANGERED LANDS PROGRAM ACQUISITION SITE WITH THE NATURE CONSERVANCY AS ASSIGNOR, MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AS ASSIGNEE, AND CONSUELO LOZANO DE RANGEL AS SELLER; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO EXERCISE PROVISIONS CONTAINED THEREIN [SEE AGENDA ITEM NO. 2A SUPPLEMENT] (Department of Environmental Resources Management)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Diaz
Seconder: Gimenez
Vote: 5-0
Absent: Martinez

Report: *The foregoing proposed resolution was read into the record by Assistant County Attorney Joni Armstrong-Coffey.*

Hearing no comments or discussion, the Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing resolution as presented.

2K

070556 Resolution

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING "ASSIGNMENT OF OPTION TO PURCHASE" APPROXIMATELY 3.98 ACRES IN THE SOUTH DADE WETLANDS PROJECT WITHIN THE ENVIRONMENTALLY ENDANGERED LANDS PROGRAM ACQUISITION SITE WITH THE NATURE CONSERVANCY AS ASSIGNOR, MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AS ASSIGNEE, AND BETTY MCCLENATHAN AS SELLER; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO EXERCISE PROVISIONS CONTAINED THEREIN [SEE AGENDA ITEM NO. 2A SUPPLEMENT] (Department of Environmental Resources Management)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Diaz
Seconder: Gimenez
Vote: 5-0
Absent: Martinez

Report: *The foregoing proposed resolution was read into the record by Assistant County Attorney Joni Armstrong-Coffey.*

Hearing no comments or discussion, the Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing resolution as presented.

2L

070546 Resolution

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF A COUNTY DEED FOR THE CONVEYANCE OF A CANAL RIGHT-OF-WAY BY MIAMI-DADE COUNTY TO 41 STREET DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, IN THE SOUTHEAST ONE QUARTER (S.E. ¼) OF SECTION 24, TOWNSHIP 53 SOUTH, RANGE 39 EAST (Department of Environmental Resources Management)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Gimenez
Seconder: Diaz
Vote: 5-0
Absent: Martinez

Report: *The foregoing proposed resolution was read into the record by Assistant County Attorney Joni Armstrong-Coffey.*

Hearing no comments or discussion, the Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing resolution as presented.

2M

070559 Resolution

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PRIORITY FOCUS AREAS, EVALUATION CRITERIA AND SOLICITATION DOCUMENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007-08 COMMUNITY BASED ORGANIZATIONS (CBO) REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) IN THE FUNDING CATEGORY OF ENVIRONMENTAL ENHANCEMENT AND EDUCATION (Department of Environmental Resources Management)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Gimenez
Seconder: Diaz
Vote: 5-0
Absent: Martinez

Report: *The foregoing proposed resolution was read into the record by Assistant County Attorney Joni Armstrong-Coffey.*

Hearing no comments or discussion, the Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing resolution as presented.

2N

070460 Resolution

RESOLUTION DECLARING COUNTY-OWNED PROPERTY LOCATED NORTH OF W. FLAGLER STREET AND NW SOUTH RIVER DRIVE, SURPLUS; AUTHORIZING THE PRIVATE SALE OF SAID PROPERTY TO THE ADJOINING PROPERTY OWNER, MR. GEORGE BOLTON; WAIVING ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 8-4 AS IT RELATES TO REVIEW BY THE PLANNING ADVISORY BOARD; AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO TAKE ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO ACCOMPLISH THE SALE OF SAID PROPERTY; AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A COUNTY DEED FOR SUCH PURPOSE (General Services Administration Department)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Gimenez

Seconder: Diaz

Vote: 5-0

Absent: Martinez

Report: *Chairwoman Seijas questioned why the County ended up with a piece of land between two private properties. She stated there needed to be some effort in identifying the number and status of surplus parcels located throughout the County.*

Ms. Wendy Norris, Director, GSA, explained that the subject properties were purchased by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), but were excluded from the right-of-way maps. She noted after FDOT used what was needed for the right-of-ways, they sold these properties to Mr. Bolton, excluding the middle parcel. She further noted that FDOT, at that time, wanted the County to convey that piece of land to the State so that it could be sold to Mr. Bolton, which was unacceptable to the County. Ms. Norris noted since Mr. Bolton would now be the only one that could use this property and the County would like it back on its tax roll, staff was recommending this property be designated as surplus and sold to him. She explained that staff was in the process of reviewing the County's land inventory to clean up the properties that could be used for infill, surplus or sold.

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070498 Resolution

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A RETROACTIVE SUB-LEASE AGREEMENT AT THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY HERBERT S. SAFFIR PERMITTING AND INSPECTION CENTER, 11805 S.W. 26 STREET, MIAMI, WITH STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, MIAMI-DADE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT, BUREAU OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH, FOR PREMISES TO BE UTILIZED TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO CITIZENS REQUIRING PERMITTING AND INSPECTION SERVICES; AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXERCISE ANY AND ALL OTHER RIGHTS CONFERRED THEREIN (General Services Administration Department)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Diaz

Seconder: Edmonson

Vote: 6-0

Report: *The foregoing proposed resolution was read into the record by Assistant County Attorney Joni Armstrong-Coffey.*

Hearing no comments or discussion, the Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing resolution as presented.

2P

070628 Resolution

RESOLUTION APPROVING A PROJECT REQUEST TO ADVERTISE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,571,347.00 FOR MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PROJECT ENTITLED ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS ALONG NW 72 AVENUE, FROM NW 74 STREET TO OKEECHOBEE ROAD, LOCATED WITHIN COMMISSION DISTRICT 12 (PROJECT NO. 20060425) (Public Works Department)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Diaz

Seconder: Edmonson

Vote: 6-0

Report: *The foregoing proposed resolution was read into the record by Assistant County Attorney Joni Armstrong-Coffey.*

Hearing no comments or discussion, the Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing resolution as presented.

2Q

070629 Resolution

RESOLUTION APPROVING A PROJECT REQUEST TO ADVERTISE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,013,887.00 FOR MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PROJECT ENTITLED ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS ALONG NE 2 AVENUE, FROM NE 91 STREET TO NE 105 STREET, LOCATED WITHIN COMMISSION DISTRICT 3 (PROJECT NO. 20060439) (Public Works Department)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Diaz

Seconder: Edmonson

Vote: 6-0

Report: *The foregoing proposed resolution was read into the record by Assistant County Attorney Joni Armstrong-Coffey.*

Hearing no comments or discussion, the Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing resolution as presented.

2R

070646 Resolution

RESOLUTION GRANTING PETITION TO CLOSE ALL RIGHTS-OF-WAY LYING BETWEEN SW 88 STREET AND SW 96 STREET AND BETWEEN SW 157 PATH AND SW 162 AVENUE (ROAD CLOSING PETITION NO. P-834) (Public Works Department)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Martinez

Seconder: Diaz

Vote: 6-0

Report: *The foregoing proposed resolution was read into the record by Assistant County Attorney Joni Armstrong-Coffey.*

Commissioner Martinez questioned the right-of-ways that would be given away by the County pursuant to this resolution.

Ms. Esther Calas, Director, Public Works Department, noted the applicant was required to substitute the right-of-ways; that the applicant planned to close some right-of-ways and substitute them with additional roads.

Commissioner Martinez noted the County tried to get this particular corporation to install a traffic signal at SW 157th Avenue and 96th Street, and they were not very cooperative. He stated he was not inclined to support closing these roads until the traffic signal was installed.

Mr. Lawson, 701 Brickell Avenue, attorney representing the applicant, appeared before the Committee and noted the road closures were part of the development and plat approval process and would assist them in obtaining a permit for the Baptist Hospital Building on this property. Mr. Lawson further noted the plat process required the bonding of the traffic signals, which was underway.

Following comments made by Commissioner Martinez that the County installed the traffic signal at its own expense, Ms. Calas clarified the applicant and developer contributed to the installment of these signals.

Mr. Lawson noted the expansion of Kendall Drive was well underway in accordance with the Developmental Regional Impact (DRI) bond requirements, and the permitting was also underway. He noted the applicant was trying hard to obtain the building permit for the Baptist Hospital Construction Project before June, which would be expedited once these roads were

closed.

Hearing no further comments or discussion, the Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing resolution as presented.

2S

070591 Resolution

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF ONE REPLACEMENT MEMBER TO THE AGRICULTURE PRACTICES STUDY ADVISORY BOARD (Department of Planning & Zoning)

Amended

Report: *(See Agenda Item 2S Amended; Legislative No. 070910 for the amended version)*

2S AMENDED

070910 Resolution

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF ONE REPLACEMENT MEMBER TO THE AGRICULTURE PRACTICES STUDY ADVISORY BOARD

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

(Department of Planning & Zoning)

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Joni Coffey-Armstrong noted a scrivener's error existing in the County Manager's memorandum related to this resolution, under section "Background," that needed to be corrected.*

Hearing no further comments or discussion, the foregoing proposed resolution was forwarded to the County Commission with a favorable recommendation, with Committee amendment(s) to correct a scrivener's error existing in the County Manager's memorandum, page 1, paragraph 1, under the section "Background," to include the South Dade Soil and Water Conservation District (SDSWCD), in lieu of the Agricultural Practices Study Advisory Board (APSAB); and to incorporate the following language in the memo: "that the South Florida Conservation and Development Inc, (plaintiff against the County) included Mr. S. Cooper McMillan, Morgan Levy and Sunny Clayton as directors of this organization and the South Dade Soil and Florida Conservation District, the organization nominated to the APSAB, included Mr. S. Cooper McMillan as Director and Morgan Levy and Sunny Clayton as employees of SDSWCD."

2T

070650 Request to Advertise

REQUEST TO ADVERTISE - PROFESSIONAL BOND
ENGINEERING SERVICES - CONTRACT NO: E05-SWM-
01, PROJECT LOCATION: COUNTYWIDE (Solid Waste
Management Department)

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable
recommendation*

Mover: Diaz

Seconder: Edmonson

Vote: 6-0

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Joni Armstrong-Coffey
read the foregoing request to advertise into the
record.*

*Hearing no comments or discussion, the
Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing
request to advertise as presented.*

2U

070651 Request to Advertise

REQUEST TO ADVERTISE FOR DESIGN SERVICES FOR
CELL 3 AND CELL 5 - PROJECT NO: E06-SWM-01 GOB
14-70116; CONTRACT NO: E06-SWM-01, LOCATION:
23707 SW 97 AVENUE, MIAMI, FL (Solid Waste
Management Department)

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable
recommendation*

Mover: Diaz

Seconder: Edmonson

Vote: 6-0

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Joni Armstrong-Coffey
read the foregoing request to advertise into the
record.*

*Hearing no comments or discussion, the
Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing
request to advertise as presented.*

2V

070467 Resolution

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF THE LAND LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND STERICYCLE FOR OPERATION OF A BIO-HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL FACILITY AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXERCISE ANY OPTIONS OR TERMINATION OR DEFAULT PROVISIONS THEREOF (Solid Waste Management Department)

Forwarded to the BCC by the BCC Chairperson with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Diaz
Seconder: Edmonson
Vote: 6-0

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Joni Armstrong-Coffey read the foregoing request to advertise into the record.*

Hearing no comments or discussion, the Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing request to advertise as presented.

Chairwoman Seijas requested that staff prepare the appropriate memorandum requesting that Chairman Barreiro waive the Committee rules and procedures and allow the foregoing resolution to be forwarded to the March 20th BCC meeting for consideration.

2W

070560 Resolution

RESOLUTION APPROVING EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH THE TOWN OF MEDLEY FOR PROVISION OF WATER SERVICE BY THE COUNTY TO THE TOWN (Water & Sewer Department)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Edmonson
Seconder: Diaz
Vote: 6-0

Report: *The foregoing proposed resolution was read into the record by Assistant County Attorney Joni Armstrong-Coffey.*

Hearing no comments or discussion, the Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing resolution as presented.

2X

070561 Resolution

RESOLUTION APPROVING EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH THE CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS FOR PROVISION OF WATER SERVICE BY THE COUNTY TO THE CITY (Water & Sewer Department)

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Edmonson
Seconder: Diaz
Vote: 6-0*

Report: *The foregoing proposed resolution was read into the record by Assistant County Attorney Joni Armstrong-Coffey.*

Hearing no comments or discussion, the Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing resolution as presented.

2Y

070562 Resolution

RESOLUTION APPROVING EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH THE CITY OF OPA LOCKA FOR PROVISION OF WATER SERVICE BY THE COUNTY TO THE CITY (Water & Sewer Department)

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Edmonson
Seconder: Diaz
Vote: 6-0*

Report: *The foregoing proposed resolution was read into the record by Assistant County Attorney Joni Armstrong-Coffey.*

Hearing no comments or discussion, the Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing resolution as presented.

2Z

070589 Resolution

RESOLUTION APPROVING A SUPPLEMENTAL JOINT FUNDING AGREEMENT BETWEEN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY ("USGS") TO CONDUCT A GROUNDWATER STUDY OF THE FLORIDAN AQUIFER AT THE SOUTH DISTRICT WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT (Water & Sewer Department)

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Edmonson
Seconder: Diaz
Vote: 6-0*

Report: *The foregoing proposed resolution was read into the record by Assistant County Attorney Joni Armstrong-Coffey.*

Hearing no comments or discussion, the Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing resolution as presented.

2AA

070338 Ordinance

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 8 OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA; AMENDING SECTION 8-5 PERTAINING TO UNSAFE STRUCTURES; ESTABLISHING SECTION 8-9 REGARDING PERMIT APPLICATIONS; AMENDING SECTION 8-11 PERTAINING TO THE RECERTIFICATION OF EXISTING BUILDINGS; ESTABLISHING SECTION 8-19 PERTAINING TO BUILDING PERMIT EXTENSIONS; ESTABLISHING SECTION 8-20 PERTAINING TO CERTIFICATES OF OCCUPANCY AND COMPLETION; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN THE CODE AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE (Building Department)

Deferred to April 10, 2007

Mover: Diaz

Seconder: Rolle

Vote: 5-0

Absent: Martinez

Report: *During consideration of changes to today's agenda, the foregoing ordinance was deferred, as requested by the Building Department.*

2BB

070412 Resolution

RESOLUTION APPROVING A CAMPUS DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION BY THE COUNTY MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE (Department of Planning & Zoning)

Withdrawn

Report: *(See Agenda Item 2BB Substitute; Legislative No. 070658)*

2BB SUB.

070658 Resolution

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A CAMPUS DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION BY THE COUNTY MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE (SEE ORIGINAL FILE NUMBER 070412) (Department of Planning & Zoning)

*Forwarded to the BCC by the BCC Chairperson with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Martinez
Seconder: Diaz
Vote: 6-0*

Report: *The foregoing proposed resolution was read into the record by Assistant County Attorney Joni Armstrong-Coffey.*

Chairwoman Seijas opened the public hearing and the following individuals appeared in connection with the foregoing resolution:

- 1. Mr. Steve Sauls, no address provided*
- 2. Mr. Robert Griffiph, no address provided*

There being no other persons to appear before the Board in connection with this matter, the public hearing was closed.

Hearing no comments or discussion, the Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing resolution as presented.

Chairwoman Seijas requested that staff prepare the appropriate memorandum requesting that Chairman Barreiro waive the Committee rules and procedures and allow the foregoing resolution to be forwarded to the March 20th BCC meeting for consideration.

3 COUNTY COMMISSION

3A

070414 Ordinance

Barbara J. Jordan,

Natacha Seijas

ORDINANCE AMENDING RULE 5.05(B)(1) OF SECTION 2-1 OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RELATING TO AUTHORITY TO SPONSOR OR PRESENT ITEMS ON COUNTY COMMISSION AGENDA; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN THE CODE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Withdrawn

Report: *(See Agenda Item 3A Substitute; Legislative No. 070632)*

3A SUB.

070632 Ordinance

Barbara J. Jordan,

Natacha Seijas

ORDINANCE AMENDING RULE 5.05(B)(1) OF SECTION 2-1 OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RELATING TO AUTHORITY TO SPONSOR OR PRESENT ITEMS ON COUNTY COMMISSION AGENDA; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN THE CODE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE [SEE ORIGINAL ITEM UNDER FILE NO. 070414]

Forwarded to BCC without a recommendation

Mover: Seijas

Secunder: Edmonson

Vote: 6-0

Report: *The foregoing proposed ordinance was read into the record by Assistant County Attorney Joni Armstrong-Coffey.*

Chairwoman Seijas opened the public hearing on the foregoing proposed ordinance. Hearing no person wishing to speak on this matter, the public hearing was closed.

Commissioner Martinez noted he was glad to see a substitute item that noted the amendments. He noted he was opposed to this ordinance on first reading because the voters approved that the Mayor not put legislative matters before the Commission. He agreed that the County Mayor should be accountable for day-to-day operations and should sign for items placed on the agenda; however, he did not support the Mayor placing items on the agenda, represented by the County Mayor that were of a legislative matter. He suggested the ordinance be amended to read "any non-legislative matters" may be presented.

Chairwoman Seijas relinquished the Chair to Vice-Chairman Diaz.

As co-sponsor of this proposed ordinance, Chairwoman Seijas noted she had no problems with the amendment offered by Commissioner Martinez, but suggested this ordinance be forwarded to the County Commission without a recommendation so that Commissioner Jordan, the sponsor, could have an opportunity to provide input.

Following comments by Assistant County Attorney Armstrong-Coffey, Chairwoman Seijas noted this ordinance provides that the County Commission would not consider items directly recommended by the County Manager unless approved, in writing, by the County Mayor.

Following further discussion regarding legislative matters, Assistant County Attorney Armstrong-Coffey clarified that pursuant to the rules, the County Commission determines who places matters on the agenda and could determine that legislative items could include or exclude a member of the executive branch. She noted this ordinance simply changes the name listed on the agenda from the County Manager to the County Mayor.

Assistant County Manager Roger Carlton pointed out that many items placed on the agenda were administrative in nature. He requested clarification as to whether Commissioner Martinez intended to refer to any item that would initiate or amend an ordinance.

Commissioner Martinez clarified that he was referring to all legislative matters.

Commissioner Seijas recommended this ordinance be forwarded to the County Commission without a recommendation and that Commissioner Martinez meet with Commissioner Jordan (in a meeting in the Sunshine) to discuss how this item could be amended.

Commissioner Gimenez noted he supported the requirement that the Mayor sign off on items presented by the County Manager. He questioned whether pursuant to this ordinance, the Mayor would be required to attend Commission meetings to present his items.

Assistant County Attorney Armstrong-Coffey clarified that this ordinance would modify the method so that items placed on the agenda requiring an action by the County Commission be signed by the Mayor, not the County Manager, with the exception of bid waivers, which the Charter requires the County Manager's recommendation.

In response to Commissioner Gimenez' question concerning other legislative items, Assistant County Attorney Armstrong-Coffey noted some legislative matters were not enacted in the form of an ordinance. Commissioner Gimenez noted he would support this ordinance if the intent was to ensure that the recommendations presented by the County Manager to the County Commission were reviewed and signed by the Mayor.

Commissioner Martinez cautioned the Committee

with allowing the County Mayor to place legislative matters on the agenda. He expressed concern that this would establish a precedent in the way ordinances were presented. He also noted the House, Senate or Congress do not have authority to place legislative matters on agendas.

Commissioner Seijas said she did not want to speak on behalf of Commissioner Jordan, but she felt that Commissioner Jordan may agree to forwarding a committee alternate.

Commissioner Martinez noted if an alternate was forwarded by this Committee, it should include language stating "non-legislative" items that the County Manager/Mayor had authority to sponsor or present. He suggested the alternate include the following language: "proposed legislation including ordinances or resolutions may only be placed on the agenda if sponsored by a member of the legislative body of the County," after the words: "...actions set forth therein..." and that it should apply only to agenda items of legislative matters and policy.

Commissioner Gimenez noted he did not support the proposed alternate because the County Commission was not a purely legislative body and was involved in the procurement process. He said he felt the County Mayor should be able to put forth suggested changes in the form of ordinances or resolutions.

Vice-Chairman Diaz concurred with both Commissioner Martinez and Gimenez comments. He suggested the foregoing ordinance be forwarded without a recommendation or a Ccommittee Alternate be forwarded.

Chairwoman Seijas recommended the foregoing ordinance be forwarded to the County Commissioner without a recommendation and that Commissioner Martinez meet with Commissioner to discuss the proposed alternate.

Following discussion, the Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing ordinance, which was forwarded without a recommendation, and without a committee alternate.

3B

070453 Ordinance

Sen. Javier D. Souto

ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO ZONING; AMENDING SECTION 33-13 OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA ENTITLED "UNUSUAL USES", SPECIFICALLY, UNUSUAL USE REGULATIONS FOR CARNIVALS AND CIRCUSES; REQUIRING CLEARANCE BY THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT PRIOR TO OPERATING CIRCUSES OR CARNIVALS; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN THE CODE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Deferred to April 10, 2007

Mover: Diaz

Seconder: Rolle

Vote: 5-0

Absent: Martinez

Report: *During consideration of changes to today's agenda, the foregoing ordinance was deferred, as requested by Commissioner Souto.*

3C

070193 Ordinance

Bruno A. Barreiro

ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO ZONING REGULATION OF SIGNS; PROVIDING DEFINITIONS; CREATING LIMITED EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN MURAL SIGNS WITHIN THE CITY OF MIAMI DOWNTOWN CORE; AUTHORIZING SIGNS WITH NONCOMMERCIAL MESSAGES WHERE COMMERCIAL MESSAGES ARE PERMITTED; PROVIDING TIME LIMITATION TO ISSUE SIGN PERMIT; PROVIDING APPEAL PROCEDURES; RESTRICTING APPLICATION FOR BILLBOARDS OR MURALS UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN THE CODE AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE [SEE ORIGINAL ITEM UNDER FILE NOS. 063589 AND 070170]

Deferred to April 10, 2007

Mover: Diaz

Seconder: Martinez

Vote: 6-0

3C Substitute

070788 Ordinance

Bruno A. Barreiro

ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO ZONING REGULATION OF SIGNS; PROVIDING DEFINITIONS; CREATING LIMITED EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN MURAL SIGNS WITHIN THE CITY OF MIAMI DOWNTOWN CORE; AUTHORIZING SIGNS WITH NONCOMMERCIAL MESSAGES WHERE COMMERCIAL MESSAGES ARE PERMITTED; PROVIDING TIME LIMITATION TO ISSUE SIGN PERMIT; PROVIDING APPEAL PROCEDURES; RESTRICTING APPLICATION FOR MURALS UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN THE CODE AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE [SEE ORIGINAL ITEM UNDER FILE NOS. 063589, 070170, AND 070193]

*Deferred to no date certain**Mover: Diaz**Seconder: Martinez**Vote: 6-0*

Report: *County Commission Chairman Barreiro, as sponsor of the foregoing ordinance, appeared before the Committee and requested this ordinance be deferred to the April 10th meeting.*

The foregoing proposed ordinance was read into the record by Assistant County Attorney Joni Armstrong-Coffey.

Chairwoman Seijas opened the public hearing on the foregoing proposed ordinance and called for anyone in opposition to the request for deferral.

1. Ms. Barbara Bisno, President of the Venetian Causeway Neighborhood Alliance, spoke in opposition to the deferral and requested that if the deferral were approved, the sponsor be required to conduct a public hearing in the neighborhood during evening hours, before the next committee meeting.

2. A Member of Miami Neighborhoods United (name not given), spoke in opposition to the deferral but was in support of a public hearing meeting in the neighborhood.

3. Ms. Judith Sandoval, Co-Chairman, Parks and Public Spaces Committee of Miami Neighborhoods United, appeared and urged the Committee to allow enough public meetings be conducted in the various neighborhoods of this City so everyone could be informed of this issue.

4. An unidentified representative of the Urban Environment League spoke in support of a deferral under the circumstances that a public meeting was conducted.

Commissioner Gimenez spoke in support of the deferral. He noted although murals might be deemed appropriate for the urban core, he was concerned that they were popping up throughout the County. He noted he recalled the Commissioners asking Team Metro to provide a listing of where these murals were located. Commissioner Gimenez asked that the County Administration provide him with a listing of where murals were located throughout the County and who put them up, to be submitted at the April 10th meeting.

Chairman Barreiro noted he would schedule a meeting(s) with the neighbors, if the deferral was approved. He noted the purpose for the deferral was to ensure that the neighbors had sufficient time to review this proposed ordinance before Committee review.

Hearing no further comments or discussion, the Committee proceeded to vote on the motion to defer.

3C SUPPL

070760 Report

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT TO ORDINANCE
PERTAINING TO ZONING REGULATION OF SIGNS;
PROVIDING DEFINITIONS; CREATING LIMITED
EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN MURAL SIGNS WITHIN
THE CITY OF MIAMI DOWNTOWN CORE;
AUTHORIZING SIGNS WITH NONCOMMERCIAL
MESSAGES WHERE COMMERCIAL MESSAGES ARE
PERMITTED; PROVIDING TIME LIMITATION TO ISSUE
SIGN PERMIT; PROVIDING APPEAL PROCEDURES;
RESTRICTING APPLICATION FOR BILLBOARDS OR
MURALS UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES

Deferred to April 10, 2007**Mover: Diaz****Seconder: Martinez****Vote: 6-0**

3D

070156 Ordinance

Sen. Javier D. Souto

Withdrawn

ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 15-5 OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA PERTAINING TO SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN THE CODE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Report: *The foregoing proposed ordinance was read into the record by Assistant County Attorney Joni Armstrong-Coffey.*

Chairwoman Seijas opened the public hearing on the foregoing proposed ordinance. Hearing no person wishing to speak on this matter, the public hearing was closed.

Commissioner Souto, as sponsor of the foregoing ordinance, provided a brief explanation regarding the intent of this ordinance, which he noted was intended to ensure efficiency in the bulky waste pick up process and to address the public's perception that the Department was inefficient and wasting taxpayers' dollars.

In response to Commissioner Diaz' question regarding how much a property owner would be charged pursuant to this ordinance, Assistant County Manager Roger Carlton noted the presumption was that the owner called for a pickup of a trash pile placed outside their residence. He clarified that the owner would not be charged for the first two pickups, provided that the pile did not exceed the 25-yard volume limit. He noted the owner would be charged for all trash pick ups after the first two events and if piles exceeded the volume limit.

Commissioner Diaz noted he had concerns with supporting this ordinance without a dollar figure. He said the Commission tried hard to adopt an ordinance that would provide for bulky waste pickups on a bi-weekly basis.

Commissioner Souto noted his district was 100% unincorporated and that he and his staff patrolled his district every day of the week. He explained that residents had a perception that the SWM Department was being efficient and this ordinance, as proposed, would address that issue. He commended Mr. James Bostic, SWMD, for helping him a lot with addressing this issue in District #10.

Commissioner Gimenez noted his concern was the presumption that trash piled in front of a residence belonged to that owner, who could be charged for the pick up. He questioned the meaning of the term "rebuttal presumption."

Assistant County Attorney Thomas Robertson noted rebuttal presumption meant a person would have the opportunity to establish that it was not their pile of trash. In other words, he noted, the burden of proof must be demonstrated by the resident, not by the Department, that the pile was not theirs.

Commissioner Gimenez concurred with Commissioner Souto's concerns that the process was inefficient. He noted, however, he did not support the proposal of charging residents for trash pile pickups that residents would have to disprove.

Commissioner Rolle noted he felt all commissioners wanted a cleaner County and questioned what the fiscal impact would be, pursuant to this ordinance as proposed.

Ms. Kathleen Woods-Richardson, Director, Solid Waste Management, noted it would cost approximately \$15,000 for mailings and other costs, which could have a significant fiscal impact if trash was picked up countywide.

Chairwoman Seijas noted she felt it was inefficient for the Department to be called out to pick up a pile and not pick up a pile next to it. She stated the Department would only demonstrate that they were being efficient if they picked up piles as they drove by them.

Ms. Woods-Richardson explained that crews pick up trash based on a prescribed list of calls received. She noted other alternatives had been considered; including cleaning in a grid on a weekly or bi-weekly basis, but the cost would be substantially higher and would require more staff and equipment.

Commissioner Diaz noted the Commission reviewed the numbers with the consultants and the only solution would be to implement the grid area plan. He noted he would address this again during the budget process to get approval for funding it.

Commissioner Rolle asked the Director of Solid

Waste Management to come back with an alternative plan or two for bulky waste pick up that was not so costly. He commended the Solid Waste Management Department, Team Metro and the NEAT teams for their efforts in cleaning up District #2. He noted that even though NW 94th Street and 21st Avenue remained a trouble spot in District #2, his district was much cleaner overall as a result of their efforts.

Assistant County Manager Carlton indicated the County was in the process of implementing additional crews to pick up the bulky waste and implementing the "NEAT" teams countywide. He acknowledged the process was enormously better than it had been in the past.

Commissioner Edmonson noted she understood Commissioner Souto's intent but her primary concern with supporting this item was trash placed in front of someone's property that was not placed by the owner and the owner forced to prove that the trash did not belong to him at his own expense.

Ms. Richards-Woods pointed out that an appeals process existed for citations issued.

Commissioner Martinez noted after the County Commission fought for fee increases and reduced the response time for bulky waste pickups, he had yet to see one NEAT team in District #11. Regarding inefficiency, he pointed out an incident in his district involving trash picked up in one area, but overlooked in another area less than 50 feet away. Commissioner Martinez noted his main concern was the rebuttal presumption. He questioned whether a criminal police report would be required if someone dumped trash on a dedicated easement or curtilage of another person's property. He concurred with the intent of this ordinance, but felt it should be modified to protect the homeowner.

Following further discussion, the foregoing proposed ordinance was withdrawn by Commissioner Souto.

Governmental Operations and Environment Committee

FINAL OFFICIAL

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 13, 2007

3E

070606 Resolution **Bruno A. Barreiro**
RESOLUTION APPROVING THE DESIGNATION OF S.W.
1ST STREET FROM 8TH AVENUE TO 12TH AVENUE AS
"CARLOS C. LOPEZ-AGUIAR WAY"

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable
recommendation
Mover: Diaz
Seconder: Gimenez
Vote: 5-1
No: Seijas*

Report: *The foregoing proposed resolution was read into
the record by Assistant County Attorney Joni
Armstrong-Coffey.*

*Chairwoman Seijas noted she normally did not
support the approval of post-humus awards or
designating/naming streets after individuals who
were still alive.*

*Hearing no further comments or discussion, the
Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing
resolution as presented.*

3F

070471 Resolution **Katy Sorenson**
RESOLUTION CREATING CHARTER REVIEW TASK
FORCE

*Deferred to April 10, 2007
Mover: Diaz
Seconder: Rolle
Vote: 5-0
Absent: Martinez*

Report: *During consideration of changes to today's
agenda, the foregoing resolution was deferred, as
requested by Commissioner Sorenson.*

3G

070400 Resolution **Rebeca Sosa**

RESOLUTION DIRECTING COUNTY MANAGER TO IMPLEMENT MEASURES TO CONSOLIDATE AND PROMOTE GREATER UNIFORMITY OF CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES WITHIN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

Deferred to April 10, 2007

Mover: Seijas

Seconder: Gimenez

Vote: 6-0

Report: *The foregoing proposed resolution was read into the record by Assistant County Attorney Joni Armstrong-Coffey.*

Chairwoman Seijas noted she had concerns with consolidating the Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) into one department. She read into the record, a memorandum from Commissioner Sosa advising of her intent to propose a specific director to improve the efficiency of the County's overall CIP program; however, she had no objections to the County Attorney preparing a substitute that would better convey her intent. Chairwoman Seijas noted, however, that a substitute item was not before this Committee today.

Assistant County Manager Carlton suggested the foregoing resolution be deferred so staff could work out the issues.

Commissioner Gimenez asked that the County Manager or the County Mayor provide a report indicating what they would do to better manage and standardize the County's Capital Improvement Projects, with recommendations provided at the April 10th meeting.

Hearing no further comments or discussion, the foregoing resolution was deferred.

3H

070527 Resolution **Jose "Pepe" Diaz**

RESOLUTION CREATING CHARTER REVIEW TASK FORCE

Amended

Report: *(See Agenda Item 3H Amended; Legislative No. 070850 for the amended version.)*

3H AMENDED

070850 Resolution

Jose "Pepe" Diaz

RESOLUTION CREATING CHARTER REVIEW TASK
FORCE [SEE ORIGINAL ITEM UNDER FILE NO. 070527]

*Forwarded to the BCC by the BCC
Chairperson with favorable
recommendation with committee
amendments*

Mover: Diaz

Secunder: Gimenez

Vote: 6-0

Report: *Hearing no objection, the foregoing resolution
was heard in conjunction with Agenda Item 3I.*

*Regarding Agenda Item 3H, Assistant County
Attorney Armstrong-Coffey noted a scrivener's
error existed in the first line of this resolution and
should be corrected to reflect "Section 9.08" of
the Home Rule Charter versus "Section 8.08."*

*Commissioner Diaz asked that this resolution be
amended to increase the number of days given for
the Charter Review Task Force to submit their
findings and recommendations; and to provide
that town hall meetings be conducted in every
Commission District during the review process.
Commissioner Diaz suggested the proposed
Charter revision be placed on the ballot of an
upcoming election to save costs. He also
suggested a Charter Review Committee be created
every five years to revisit the Charter.*

*Regarding Agenda Item 3I, Commissioner Diaz
noted the intent of this resolution was to ensure
that the process was extremely transparent in
determining whether the Property Appraiser, the
Tax Collector, the Sheriff and the Elections
Supervisor should be elected.*

*Commissioner Gimenez concurred that a Charter
Review Task Force was needed to review the
Charter in its entirety. He noted he had concerns
with this ordinance because it appeared to focus
on the County and needed to include
representation from various cities, the Chamber of
Commerce, universities and others, as proposed
by Commissioner Sorenson. He questioned
whether this should be placed on the 2008 Ballot
or whether the County should take advantage of a
potential statewide election in 2007.*

*Assistant County Attorney Armstrong-Coffey noted
the Charter provides that an election on proposed
charter amendments shall be held not less than 60*

days or more than 120 days after the Board adopted the proposed resolution.

Mr. Lester Sola, Supervisor of Elections, noted this election could be scheduled simultaneously with the elections already scheduled by three large cities in November 2007. He also noted it was rumored that the State would hold a special election to deal with property taxes between August and November 2007, and that the presidential primary would be scheduled between January and March 2008.

Chairwoman Seijas noted that if the Task Force were given 120 days to submit their recommendations, it would allow this resolution to be presented to the BCC in September 2007, or at least 60 days before the January election. She noted she participated on the last Charter Review Task Force, which was not represented by everyone. Chairwoman Seijas suggested that former County Manager Merritt Steirheim and other experts be appointed to participate as Task Force members.

Following discussion, Commissioner Gimenez asked that this resolution be amended to include additional representation from the four largest cities to be nominated by the Commission and from three smaller cities to be nominated by the League of Cities.

In response to Commissioner Diaz' question regarding the election dates, Mr. Sola noted the proposed Charter language would need to be approved and provided to the Elections Department no less than 60 days before the election date in order to appear on the ballot; and the election would have to be called 60 to 120 days following the date the proposed resolution was adopted by the Board.

Following further discussion, the foregoing resolution was forwarded to the County Commission with a favorable recommendation, with committee amendment(s) to include the following provisions: the Charter Review Task Force shall consist of 21 members, to include the original 14-member panel proposed plus 4 representatives from the largest cities to be selected by the Commission and 3 representatives from the small cities to be selected by the League of Cities; that the nominated representatives shall be from the elected official body of that city; that the Task Force shall submit its final report of

recommendations to the Board within 180 days of the effective date of this resolution; and to reflect that town hall meetings be conducted in every commission district."

Chairwoman Seijas requested staff prepare the appropriate memorandum requesting that Chairman Barreiro waive the Committee rules and procedures and allow the foregoing resolution to be forwarded to the March 20th BCC meeting for consideration.

31

070608 Resolution

Jose "Pepe" Diaz

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE CHARTER REVIEW TASK FORCE TO REVIEW WHETHER THE PROPERTY APPRAISER, TAX COLLECTOR, SHERIFF AND SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS SHALL BE ELECTED POSITIONS SUBJECT TO RECALL BY THE VOTERS

Forwarded to the BCC by the BCC Chairperson with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Diaz
Seconder: Gimenez
Vote: 6-0

Report: *Chairwoman Seijas requested that staff prepare the appropriate memorandum requesting that Chairman Barreiro waive the Committee rules and procedures and allow the foregoing resolution to be forwarded to the March 20th BCC meeting for consideration.*

(See Agenda Item 3H Amended; Legislative No. 070850 for the report)

3J

070707 Resolution **Dorrin D. Rolle**

RESOLUTION APPROVING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO ISSUE CERTAIN BUILDING PERMITS AND OTHER DEVELOPMENTAL APPROVALS AND TO PERFORM BUILDING CODE COMPLIANCE AND CODE ENFORCEMENT FUNCTIONS FOR SPECIFIED PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN BOTH THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI; AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION BY THE COUNTY MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Rolle
Seconder: Gimenez
Vote: 6-0

Report: *The foregoing proposed resolution was read into the record by Assistant County Attorney Joni Armstrong-Coffey.*

Commissioner Rolle noted this resolution involved property located in the City of North Miami that was also located in the County, and would provide that the issuance of permits and other developmental approvals fall under the City of North Miami's jurisdiction.

4 COUNTY MANAGER

4A

070631 Resolution

RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE COUNTY MANAGER'S ACTIONS, AS AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 2-8.2.7 OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY IN APPROVING ACTIVITIES LISTED ON THE ATTACHED SCHEDULE FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS (County Manager)

Amended

Report: *(See Agenda Item 4A Amended; Legislative No. 070856 for the amended version)*

4A AMENDED

070856 Resolution

RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE COUNTY MANAGER'S ACTIONS, AS AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 2-8.2.7 OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY IN APPROVING ACTIVITIES LISTED ON THE ATTACHED SCHEDULE FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS [SEE ORIGINAL ITEM UNDER FILE NO. 070631] (County Manager)

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

Mover: Rolle

Seconder: Gimenez

Vote: 5-0

Absent: Edmonson

Report: *The foregoing proposed resolution was read into the record by Assistant County Attorney Joni Armstrong-Coffey.*

Assistant County Manager Carlton noted the foregoing resolution had missing language and should be corrected to include the name of the awarded firm.

The foregoing proposed resolution was forwarded to the County Commission with a favorable recommendation, with Committee amendment(s) to add the firm "Task Laboratories, Inc."

4B

070642 Resolution Sally A. Heyman

RESOLUTION APPROVING SIGNIFICANT MODIFICATION TO BUILDING BETTER COMMUNITIES BOND PROGRAM PROJECT NO. 57-AVENTURA-PURCHASE LAND FOR PARKS/PUBLIC FACILITIES IDENTIFIED IN APPENDIX A TO RESOLUTION NO. R-913-04 AFTER A PUBLIC HEARING (County Manager)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Gimenez
Seconder: Rolle
Vote: 5-0
Absent: Martinez

Report: *The foregoing proposed resolution was read into the record by Assistant County Attorney Joni Armstrong-Coffey.*

Chairwoman Seijas expressed concern regarding the City of Aventura's proposal to construct a 300-seat Performing Art Center (PAC) in lieu of preserving green space.

Mr. Roger Hernstadt, Director, Office of Capital Improvements, clarified the City of Aventura originally contemplated purchasing land to build the proposed PAC but the City had decided to use the funding to construct this facility on County-owned property, simultaneously with the construction of the County Library.

Honorable Mayor Susan Gottlieb, City of Aventura, appeared in support of the foregoing resolution. She expressed appreciation to the Committee members for their support and for entering into this joint venture with the City, which would be a great opportunity for both the City of Aventura and the County.

5 COUNTY ATTORNEY

6 CLERK OF THE BOARD

6A

070577 Report
 CLERK'S SUMMARY OF MINUTES FOR GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING(S): FEBRUARY 13, 2007 (Clerk of the Board)

Approved
Mover: Rolle
Seconder: Gimenez
Vote: 5-0
Absent: Edmonson

7 REPORTS

7A

070645 ReportFY 2007-08 DEPARTMENTAL BUDGET
PRESENTATIONS (County Manager)*Presented***Report:** PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Ms. Esther Calas, Director, Public Works Department, noted the department had ten NEAT teams, which had been active since February 28, 2007, to clear debris Countywide and maintain corridors and that each covered 328 lane miles each and 28 square miles. She noted she could provide Commissioner Martinez with a GPS map that tracks the services of the Neat Team in District #11.

Commissioner Martinez stated an oral report would suffice.

Chairwoman Seijas commended Ms. Calas for ensuring that the performance goals were met.

OFFICE OF AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES
ACT

Mr. Dan Holder, Director, Office of Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), provided a brief overview of the performance measures. He noted the department continued to work with—and train all County Departments on ADA policies and procedures. He also noted additional training would be provided to ADA coordinators.

Chairwoman Seijas questioned whether the department was unable to meet some of performance goals due to funding shortfalls.

Mr. Holder noted it was due to staff shortages, not funding. He noted the Department had two vacant positions for construction managers; one of which was recently filled and the other may be filled soon

Following further discussion, Commissioner Martinez asked that Department Directors reporting to this committee to include in their departmental budget presentations, a Table of Organization that lists the position titles, without the names of people.

Assistant County Manager Carlton pointed out that Mr. Dan Holding would be retiring in May

and the overage position was to give the two candidates interviewing for his position, some time to learn his job.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Mr. Charles Danger, Building Department Director, noted his report focused on carryovers and permit rejections. He noted the projected number of permits to be issued this year was approximately 25% less than last year or approximately 70,000 permits versus 90,000. He noted they were maintaining their goals for the percentage of time it took to process plans but were falling short on the percentage goal for inspection rejections, which he noted, should be lowered to around 25%. Mr. Danger also noted they were in the process of providing contractors with check lists prior to conducting inspections to assist in decreasing the amount of rejections.

In response to Chairwoman Seijas' question regarding why the goal for response time to citizen's complaints was 15 days, Mr. Danger noted complaints had increased and that staff was pulled from the enforcement department to the inspection department following Hurricane Wilma to provide a 24 hour turnaround. He noted since the permitting had decreased, staff could return to the enforcement department, and he hoped to reduce the response time goal to five days.

Mr. Danger responded to questions from Chairwoman Seijas regarding the amount of time it took to demolish buildings, and the 75% goal for the category "expired permit cases closed prior to issuing citations." He also responded to questions from Commissioner Gimenez as to why the dollar amount transferred from the Capital Outlay Reserve did not match the amount in expenditures and whether it was part of the non-operating expenses.

An unidentified speaker appeared and explained the transfer from the Capital Outlay Reserve was to reimburse the Building Department's Operating Budget for expenditures to demolish unsafe structures, and the expenditure that related to the revenue source was contained within 'Other Non-operating Expenses.'

Following discussion, Commissioner Gimenez questioned why the expense for demolition of unsafe structures was reimbursed out of the Capital Operation Reserve Fund.

Mr. Chris Rose, Solid Waste Management and former OSBM Capital Coordinator, explained this was the procedure followed for the reimbursement of demolition since it was something that would last forever.

In response to Commissioner Gimenez' comments regarding the number of vacancies in the department, Mr. Danger noted as of to date, he had 39 vacancies.

Commissioner Gimenez asked the Building Director to provide a report at the April 20th committee meeting indicating the value of those 39 vacancies.

BUILDING CODE AND COMPLIANCE OFFICE

Mr. Alvaro Cosculluela, Deputy Director, Building Code Compliance Office (BCCO), appeared on behalf of Mr. Herminio Gonzalez, BCCO Director, whom he noted, was absent from this meeting on other county business.

In response to Chairwoman Seijas' questions regarding the reduction in the number of Building Code Workshops; the number of credit hours; and the percentage performance measure for unlicensed contractors who would become licensed after receiving a citation, Ms Kathy Charles, BCCO, explained that additional performance measures were added that allowed additional outreach training, and staff hours had to be adjusted. Ms. Charles also noted the percentage of "unlicensed contractors who would become licensed after receiving a citation," was a study measure and was targeted at 50% to encourage individuals to seek license renewal after receiving a citation. She noted this percentage had remained 50% in the budget and was higher than the 38% actuals in the 2005/06 budget.

Chairwoman Seijas noted this percentage should be raised for the next budget. She commended Ms. Charles for an excellent job done in finding unqualified people with illegal licenses.

In response to Commissioner Gimenez' question regarding why the report indicated 42 full-time unfilled, budgeted positions, Mr. Danger pointed out that this was a scrivener's error and should be corrected to reflect 72 filled positions.

OFFICE OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

Chairwoman Seijas requested an explanation as to why the percentage of bond issues listed on page 69 of this report was a performance measure of the Department.

Mr. Roger Hernstadt, Director, Office of Capital Improvements (OIC), noted these were cumulative numbers and the goal was to spend the bond proceeds within three years; that each successive year, the goal was to reach 100% on each individual bond series.

Responding to Commissioner Gimenez' question regarding the amount in the General Fund listed on page 63 of the report; Mr. Hernstadt noted the OIC was partially funded by the Capital Working Fund and partially by the General Fund for some general fund positions.

Commissioner Gimenez asked the Office of Capital Improvements Director, Mr. Hernstadt, to provide an explanation at the next committee meeting as to why the OCI was funded from the Capital Working Fund/General Fund rather than funded as part of the overhead of the Capital Projects.

ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT

Chairwoman Seijas' questioned why the number of people voting by absentee ballot was a performance measure of this department.

Mr. Lester Sola, Elections Supervisor, explained that historically, the number of absentee ballots was very low, but increased after the statutes were changed to allow everyone to vote by absentee ballot. Consequently, he noted, the number of absentee votes continued to increase, forcing the Department to review its operations. He also noted the entire process was automated last year, increasing performance and accuracy and the best goal reached was that the Department's operating costs were lowered as a result of the savings from this automation.

Chairwoman Seijas noted the Department needed to look at how to handle absentee ballots for the smaller cities. She questioned the performance measure of monthly reports.

Mr. Sola noted that historically, the management of this department was considered less than average. He noted now that every division in the

department was placed on a schedule, the elections would be managed to ensure everyone complied with the schedule.

Chairwoman Seijas commended Mr. Sola on the percentage of Campaign Compliance Audits completed within the prescribed timeframes.

Commissioner Diaz asked the Elections Supervisor to provide at the April 10th meeting an assumption on how much the County could save by using optical scanning methods and/or other alternatives.

Mr. Sola pointed out that the 2005 report reflected a significant decrease in the cost of elections and the department continues to save money. He said he was working with the Department of Procurement Management to bring back a report before the BCC on the feasibility of converting the system.

In response to Commissioner Martinez' question regarding which budget account contained the cost of elections, Mr. Sola noted it was strictly under the General Funds. He noted the cost to operate the Elections Department without conducting any elections was approximately \$13.2 million, annually. He noted subtracting that number from the total would give the balance of the cost for all elections in one fiscal year that the County would pay for, which did not include the municipal elections.

Responding to comments made by Commissioner Martinez, Mr. Sola noted this year's fiscal budget included a cost of nearly \$4 million for a presidential preference election to be held in early 2008 and a cost of nearly \$4 million for a primary election to be held in September 2007. He also noted this budget cycle would include costs of about \$1 million for the preparation of the presidential election that would occur in November 2007, which totaled \$9 million in this year's budget for the cost of specific elections.

In response to Chairwoman Seijas' question regarding the percentage number of elections related to media interviews, Mr. Sola noted this was a number specific to the number of outreach events, using the media as a tool to educate the voters about an upcoming election.

ENTERPRISE TECHNOLOGY SERVICES
DEPARTMENT

Chairwoman Seijas questioned the performance goal listed on page 152 of the report, regarding the implementing of a radio network.

Mr. Angel Petisco, Assistant Director, Enterprise Technology Services Department, explained that this number related to the design for re-banding the current radio network based on FCC's ruling with Nextel. He noted the design was to meet the requirement to vacate certain frequencies used currently and to convert them to a new set of bands, while maintaining operations. He noted they anticipated having 75% of the design completed by the end of this year and a complete design by the first quarter of fiscal year 2008.

In response to Chairwoman Seijas' question regarding the 40% goal to develop and implement an enterprise change management, listed on page 139 of the report, Mr. Petisco explained this was a process used when introducing new technology into the production environment and involved performing a test to ensure there were no ill effects as a result of that change.

In response to Commissioner Gimenez' question regarding why this report reflected a \$500,000 budget for this department, Mr. Petisco noted the foregoing report was incomplete, because the submission of figures for next year were left out and the full report would be provided at the next committee meeting for review.

Commissioner Martinez questioned other inefficiencies noted in the report.

Chairwoman Seijas asked that the Enterprise Technology Services Department Director provide a complete budget report at the April 10th meeting.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Chairwoman Seijas questioned what was being done to achieve a rating of 4 for the community rating systems.

Mr. Carlos Espinosa, Director, Department of Environmental Resource Management (DERM) noted staff had accrued significant savings and received awards for achieving three steps. He noted they were also trying to reach the next level but the incremental steps to reach that level were intense. Mr. Espinosa noted Miami-Dade County

was one of the highest in terms of discount for its size.

Chairwoman Seijas commented that since the County was a member of the Chicago Climate Exchange, efforts needed to be made to avoid having to purchase credits. She said although she did not expect to earn credits the first year, she anticipated that it would be accomplished soon. Commissioner Seijas questioned how the score for air quality noted on page 171 of the report, reflected a performance measure of this Department.

Mr. Espinosa noted the County had met the Air Quality standards most of the time, and was fortunate with its geographic location and trade winds that create minimal air pollution. He noted they had not always reached 100% because of some inversion once in a while.

In response to Commissioner Gimenez' question regarding \$19.5 million in transfers, reflected on page 163 of the report, and where they were being transferred, Mr. Espinosa noted these funds were transferred to the Public Works Department from Stormwater Utility for the maintenance of the County's canals.

Following a lengthy discussion, Chairwoman Seijas noted the County Manager and all Department Directors should be advised that they would be required to present clear, balanced budgets.

Commissioner Martinez questioned the transfer of funds from DERM's budget to the Office of Commission Auditor and the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs.

Mr. Espinosa explained that the funding transferred involved a prorated portion which was shared by all departments.

Assistant County Manager Carlton explained that DERM was an enterprise fund that earned its fees and revenues, and a contribution from an enterprise fund to cross county functions could be justified.

Commissioner Gimenez asked the Department of Environmental Resource Management Director to delineate in the report to be presented at the April 10th meeting, the transfer amounts to Public Works Department for maintenance of the County

canals and other transfers; and to include the values (salary and fringe benefits) of existing vacancies. Commissioner Gimenez asked that this report detail line items as they relate to transfers, with revenues matching expenses.

GOVERNMENT INFORMATION CENTER

Chairwoman Seijas questioned the 80% goal as an average satisfaction level.

Ms. Judy Zito, Director, Government Information Center (GIC), noted this goal was reasonable and consistent with the industry standards for call centers.

Chairwoman Seijas commended Ms. Zito on her ability to ensure that performance measures were met and that emergencies were responded to. She suggested this standard be raised higher than 80%.

In response to Commissioner Gimenez' question regarding the availability of alternative funds, Ms. Zito noted legislation was pursued this year to establish a matching grant program for counties in Florida. She noted if this legislation was successful in Tallahassee, it would allow counties to contribute up to \$2.5 million to the GIC's Program each year. Ms. Zito further noted this legislation was successful in both the House and the Senate last year, but was later vetoed by the Governor.

In response to Commissioner Gimenez' comment that he would like to see a fee assessed for 311 calls similar to the fee assessed for 911 calls, Ms. Zito noted similar legislation was pursued unsuccessfully in the past.

PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT

Chairwoman Seijas questioned why the mandates and code requirements were listed as performance goals on page 220 and 225 of the report.

Ms. Diane O'Quinn-Williams, Director, Planning and Zoning Department (P&Z), noted the Comprehensive Development Master Plan (CDMP) process should not be included in this category, but the charrettes should be tracked on this page. She noted she would provide a revised report at the April 10th meeting.

In response to Commissioner Gimenez' comments that P&Z's reserves were down to \$1 million; Ms.

O'Quinn-Williams noted the Zoning side of the Department was suffering as a result of a decrease in building permit applications. She noted they had not seen a downturn in the number of zoning hearing applications, but the Building permit applications were very low.

WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT

Chairwoman Seijas commended Mr. Renfrow on a magnificent job in resolving issues in the Water and Sewer Department (WASD). In response to her question regarding the decreased percentage (the number of times consultants/contractors' invoices had been approved within five days), Mr. John Renfrow, Director, WASD, stated he would research this matter and provide Chairwoman Seijas with this information later.

Chairwoman Seijas asked the Water and Sewer Department Director to provide an explanation at the April 10th meeting regarding why the percentage of submitted consultants/contractors invoices reviewed and approved for quality control within five business days had decreased.

In response to Chairwoman Seijas' questioned why the number of advertisements placed to promote water reduction efforts was reflected as a performance measure, Mr. Renfrow noted this was part of the conservation program and the department needed some measures.

Chairwoman Seijas noted an exception existed to the 100% rule for WASD and questioned whether the Department had met the drinking water standards 100% of the time. Mr. Renfrow responded that they were.

Chairwoman Seijas stated it was important that WASD also meet the Consent Decree requirements 100% of the time. She noted she planned a lengthy discussion with the South Florida Water Management District (FSWMD), which appears to have subsequently changed the standards based on a letter the District sent to WASD stating the County was not fulfilling its obligations.

Chairwoman Seijas asked that Mr. Renfrow provide the Committee members with a copy of the response letter he sent to South Florida Water Management District that clarified their concerns.

Mr. Renfrow noted the foregoing report did not reflect all measures relating to the Department's

efforts to obtain the 20-year Consumptive Reuse Permit. He noted the Department met every deadline with the exception of the City of Hialeah, which wanted to do its own reverse osmosis plan. He noted he was trying to meet with the City of Hialeah officials as soon as possible to work through these issues. He further noted that reflected in another report on today's agenda, was a project that WASD needed to implement within the next twenty years, in order to meet the FSWMD's demands. He noted he had much discussion with FSWMD and had met many of their deadlines, except the one involving Hialeah but he would work that one out.

TEAM METRO

Chairwoman Seijas questioned why the days for a first inspection of nuisance enforcement was increased from 8 to 15 days, as listed on page 357 of the report. She stated she did not want to get close to the 20/25-day figures the County had in year 2004/05.

Mr. Sam Walthour, Director, Team Metro, noted the increase in days allowed for a cushion during times the performance dropped. He noted the 15 days were middle ground, but the average was actually much lower and could be reduced further. He explained however, that he wanted to have some room to complete the process when cases take additional time to settle.

Chairwoman Seijas suggested Mr. Walthour consider the number of days for zoning enforcement as well. She questioned why an in-depth customer profile interview for obtaining customer insight data was included in the budget.

Mr. Walthour explained those were intercept surveys scheduled in the community to poll customers on their service needs and preferences.

Chairwoman Seijas noted Team Metro was responsible for staffing Community Zoning Appeals Board (Community Councils) meetings, which was a huge responsibility considering the many responsibilities already placed on this Department. She noted the County Manager needed to review and determine whether Community Councils were Team Metro's responsibility.

Mr. Walthour noted Team Metro's training unit

assumed the responsibility for administrative support for the Community Councils meeting and that this responsibility had placed a strain on the Department's ability to handle core initiatives.

Chairwoman Seijas stated she would meet with Mr. Walthour to discuss this further.

In response to Commissioner Gimenez' question regarding whether all Team Metro officers were located in the Unincorporated Municipal Service Area (UMSA), Mr. Walthour noted the Melrose office was damaged in the 2005 hurricanes and would be resuming its operations within the boundaries of the City of Miami. He noted the Department could not find a suitable place for the Melrose office in UMSA.

Commissioner Gimenez questioned if Team Metro did most of its Code Enforcement in UMSA.

Mr. Walthour noted Code Enforcement was specifically done in UMSA, but Team Metro partners with municipalities on some outreach services/initiatives and that outreach was Countywide funded.

In response to Commissioner Gimenez' question regarding the percentage of work done in UMSA versus municipalities, Mr. Walthour noted code compliance was 100% UMSA, but some work was a result of Team Metro partnering with municipalities in outreach services.

Commissioner Gimenez asked Assistant County Manager Carlton to provide at the next committee meeting, an explanation on why the budget reflected 40% Countywide and 60% UMSA for Team Metro Services.

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

Chairwoman Seijas apologized to the Solid Waste Management Department (SWMD) staff for having to reschedule their presentation and noted she would allow SWMD's report to be presented first at the April 10th Meeting.

Chairman Seijas asked Assistant County Attorney Armstrong-Coffee to provide all County Commissioners with a copy of the departmental budget reports presented in today's agenda.

Governmental Operations and Environment Committee

FINAL OFFICIAL

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 13, 2007

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070355 Report

FIRST ANNUAL "GREEN GOVERNMENT" REPORT
(County Manager)

Deferred to April 10, 2007

Mover: Diaz

Seconder: Rolle

Vote: 5-0

Absent: Martinez

Report: *During consideration of changes to today's agenda, the foregoing report was deferred, as requested by the County Manager.*

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070641 Report

ACCELERATION PROCESS REPORT ON BUILDING
BETTER COMMUNITIES GENERAL OBLIGATION (BCC-
GOB) BOND PROGRAM PROJECT (County Manager)

Report Received

7D

070649 Report

REPORT RE: PROJECT TIMELINES AND COSTS TO
DESIGN, PERMIT, AND CONSTRUCT THE REUSE
FACILITY AT THE SOUTH DISTRICT WASTEWATER
TREATMENT PLANT AND THE EVALUATION OF
ALTERNATIVE WATER SUPPLY OPTIONS AND
PROJECTS AND THEIR ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS
(County Manager)

Report Received

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070694 Report

REPORT: RE: CO-DESIGNATION SIGNS ON TRAFFIC
SIGNAL MAST ARMS (County Manager)

Report Received

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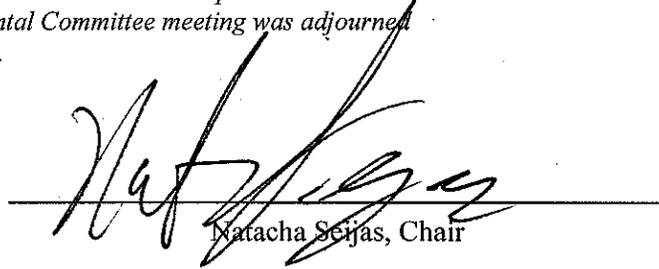
070657 Report

REPORT REGARDING OF COUNTYWIDE PLANNING
INITIATIVE (County Manager)

Report Received

8 ADJOURNMENT

Report: *There being no further business to come before this Board, the Governmental Operational and Environmental Committee meeting was adjourned at 1:05 p.m.*



Natacha Seijas, Chair