

**MIAMI-DADE COUNTY
FINAL OFFICIAL MINUTES
Health and Public Safety Committee (HPSC)**

Board of County Commissioners

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Meeting Minutes

Health and Public Safety Committee

Dennis C. Moss (9) Chair; Rebeca Sosa (6) Vice Chair; Commissioners Jose "Pepe" Diaz (12), Carlos A. Gimenez (7), Sally A. Heyman (4), and Javier D. Souto (10)

Thursday, March 15, 2007

2:00 PM

COMMISSION CHAMBERS

Members Present: Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Carlos A. Gimenez, Sally A. Heyman, Dennis C. Moss, Rebeca Sosa, Javier D. Souto.

Members Absent: None.

Members Late: None.

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent County Business: None.

1 MINUTES PREPARED BY:

Report: *Jovel Shaw, Commission Reporter, (305) 375-1289*

1A INVOCATION

1B PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1C **ROLL CALL**

Report: *The following staff members were present:
Assistant County Manager Mae Bryant, Assistant
County Attorney Valda Clark Christian; and
Deputy Clerks Doris Dickens and Jovel Shaw.*

*Chairman Moss called the meeting to order at
2:12 p.m.*

*Chairman Moss informed the Committee that the
Departmental Budget presentations, Agenda Item
7A, Legislative File No. 070647, would be
deferred to the next Committee meeting scheduled
for April 12, 2007, at 2:00 p.m. along with the
objective that each of the County departments
under this Committee's jurisdiction shall provide
ongoing progress reports to the Committee. He
thanked Assistant County Manager Mae Bryant
for meeting with all of the departments under this
Committee's jurisdiction. He noted this meeting
allowed him to gain an understanding of issues
within the departments and to begin developing a
mechanism to address those issues and continue
providing quality services to the community. He
noted he would be leaning on his Vice Chair
because she had done a wonderful job of steering
this Committee and moving the County
Commission to reach those accomplishments
quickly for the last two years.*

*Assistant County Attorney Christian informed the
Committee of the requested changes in the County
Manager's memorandum entitled, "Requested
Changes to the Health and Public Safety
Committee Agenda."*

*Hearing no objection, it was moved by
Commissioner Heyman that the Committee
approve the changes to today's agenda. This
motion was seconded by Chairman Moss, and
upon being put to a vote, passed by a vote of 5-0,
(Commissioner Gimenez was absent).*

1D **DISCUSSION ITEM(S)**

1D1

070790 Discussion Item Dennis C. Moss
DISCUSSION ITEM RE: THE ADOPTION OF THE MIAMI-
DADE COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE EMERGENCY
MANAGEMENT PLAN (CEMP)- 3/6/07 BCC ITEM NO.
9(A)(17) (A)

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable
recommendation
Mover: Sosa
Seconded: Diaz
Vote: 6-0*

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Valda Christian read
the foregoing proposed discussion item into the
record.*

*The Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing
discussion item.*

*Chairman Moss requested the County
Administration to bring the foregoing discussion
item back to the next Committee meeting. He noted
his main concern was the role the County
Commission would play in addressing the Miami-
Dade County Comprehensive Emergency
Management Plan (CEMP). He asked that the
Commission have the opportunity to review the
Miami-Dade County CEMP and possibly make
recommendations on the Plan.*

*Commissioner Heyman informed the Committee
that Miami-Dade County would host the National
Association of Counties, Large Urban County
Conference that was comprised of counties of all
sizes, County legislators and Emergency
Management. She pointed out that the conference
would offer a preparedness, protection, readiness
and recovery training program. She informed the
Committee this conference scheduled for May 16 –
18, 2007, would be facilitated at the Emergency
Operations Center (EOC) and 311 Answer Center
sites. She announced that Miami-Dade County,
along with the Board of County Commissioners
and the County Mayor were sponsoring this
conference.*

*Mr. Herminio Lorenzo, Fire Chief, Miami-Dade
Fire Rescue, appeared before the Committee and
provided a brief overview of the County
Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan
(CEMP). He noted as a result of the recent
election in Miami-Dade County, the CEMP
needed to be amended. Mr. Lorenzo pointed out
there were certain portions regarding the
authority and responsibilities that needed to be
amended. He noted during conversations with
County Manager George Burgess and Honorable*

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Mayor Carlos Alvarez, both had requested that the CEMP be forwarded due to the upcoming Hurricane Season. He stated it would serve the County well to have the CEMP in place which addressed many other areas of the County's response and recovery component of the CEMP. Mr. Lorenzo stated this CEMP would put the County in good standing with the State of Florida.

Chairman Moss stated that the County Commission needed to review those issues of concern and allow the CEMP to move forward and allow future amendments to the plan.

1D2

070791 Discussion Item Dennis C. Moss

DISCUSSION ITEM RE: UNIVERISITY OF MIAMI IS IN
DISCUSSIONS TO PURCHASE CEDARS MEDICAL
CENTER

Deferred to next committee meeting

Mover: Moss

Seconder: Heyman

Vote: 6-0

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Valda Christian read the foregoing proposed discussion item into the record.*

Chairman Moss requested deferral of the foregoing discussion item to the next Committee meeting scheduled for April 12, 2007, at 2:00 p.m. He noted he had scheduled a meeting with the President of the University of Miami (UM) to discuss the purchase of Cedars Medical Center with a follow-up at the next Committee meeting.

Commissioner Sosa questioned if the County played a role in the purchase of the Cedars Medical Center when the UM desired to purchase the center.

Responding to Commissioner Sosa's comments, Assistant County Manager Mae Bryant stated she was not aware if the County had a role in this purchase by the UM. She indicated that she would research for Commissioner Sosa and noted the Public Health Trust was present who indicated the County did not have a role in the purchase.

Commissioner Sosa supported the deferral and the County Commission needed to have a discussion on the foregoing matter. She stated the County should define the job that Jackson Memorial Hospital (JMH) performed for this community. She noted she sponsored a resolution allowing the UM to establish 104 beds and the foregoing item was totally out of the scope.

Chairman Moss noted the UM President was willing to attend a Committee to have dialogue on the foregoing discussion item. He pointed out he would be meeting with the UM President prior to the next Committee meeting.

Commissioner Diaz requested the County Administration to provide a report on the vision of Jackson Memorial Hospital (JMH) due to major statewide cutbacks to hospitals that would affect JMH. He asked that the report outline the consequences to the hospital with a layout of

different worst case scenarios.

Chairman Moss stated he was hopeful that the County could work out an amicable resolution to the foregoing issue to create a win-win situation for all parties involved.

2 COUNTY COMMISSION

2A

070472 Resolution **Sen. Javier D. Souto,**
Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Carlos A. Gimenez, Dennis C. Moss,
Rebeca Sosa

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MANAGER
 TO PROVIDE A REPORT REGARDING
 ESTABLISHMENT OF A MOUNTED PATROL POLICE
 UNIT AT THE RONALD REAGAN EQUESTRIAN CENTER

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

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Valda Christian read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

The Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing proposed resolution as presented.

Chairman Moss, Commissioners Diaz, Gimenez and Sosa requested co-sponsorship on the foregoing proposed resolution.

Commissioner Sosa asked for the inclusion of A. D. Barnes Park.

Commissioner Souto explained the intent of the foregoing proposed resolution. He noted that huge parks such as Tropical Park, Amelia Earhart, Indian Hammocks, and others should have the presence of a Miami-Dade County Police Department Mounted Patrol Unit.

2B

070625 Resolution Katy Sorenson,
Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Carlos A. Gimenez, Sally A. Heyman,
Dennis C. Moss, Dorrin D. Rolle, Rebeca Sosa, Sen. Javier
D. Souto

RESOLUTION PROHIBITING COUNTY AND PUBLIC HEALTH TRUST EMPLOYEES FROM USING TRANS FATS OR ANY PRODUCT CONTAINING TRANS FATS IN FOODS PREPARED BY MIAMI-DADE COUNTY OR THE PUBLIC HEALTH TRUST; DIRECTING THE COUNTY AND PUBLIC HEALTH TRUST NOT TO ENTER INTO, RENEW OR EXTEND ANY CONTRACT UNLESS THE CONTRACTOR, VENDOR, SUPPLIER OR LESSEE AGREES NOT TO USE TRANS FATS; DIRECTING COUNTY STAFF NOT TO PURCHASE PRODUCTS THAT CONTAIN TRANS FATS ON ALL EXISTING CONTRACTS

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

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Valda Christian read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

The Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing proposed resolution as presented.

Commissioners Gimenez, Heyman, Sosa and Chairman Moss requested co-sponsorship on the foregoing proposed resolution.

2C

070690 Resolution Joe A. Martinez

RESOLUTION RETROACTIVELY AUTHORIZING IN-KIND SERVICES FROM THE MIAMI-DADE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE MIAMI-DADE FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT FOR THE MARCH 10-11, 2007 WINGS OVER MIAMI AIR SHOW SPONSORED BY WINGS OVER MIAMI MUSEUM, INC., A NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$8,407.10 TO BE FUNDED IN PART FROM THE COUNTYWIDE IN-KIND RESERVE FUND AND IN PART FROM THE NON-AD VALOREM PORTION OF THE FIRE RESCUE DISTRICT BUDGET

Amended

Report: *See Agenda Item 2C Amended, Legislative File No. 070863 for the amended version.*

2C AMENDED

070863 Resolution Joe A. Martinez

RESOLUTION RETROACTIVELY AUTHORIZING IN-KIND SERVICES FROM THE MIAMI-DADE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE MIAMI-DADE FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT FOR THE MARCH 10-11, 2007 WINGS OVER MIAMI AIR SHOW SPONSORED BY WINGS OVER MIAMI MUSEUM, INC., A NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$8,407.10 TO BE FUNDED IN PART FROM THE COUNTYWIDE IN-KIND RESERVE FUND AND IN PART FROM THE NON-AD VALOREM PORTION OF THE FIRE RESCUE DISTRICT IN-KIND RESERVE FUND [SEE ORIGINAL ITEM UNDER FILE NO. 070690]

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

Mover: Heyman

Seconder: Sosa

Vote: 6-0

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Valda Christian read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record and requested the foregoing resolution be amended as follows: "...in lieu of the Fire Rescue District Budget it would be deemed Countywide In-kind Reserve Fund..."*

Hearing no objection, the Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing proposed resolution as amended by Assistant County Attorney Christian.

2C SUPPLEMENT

070786 Report

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT REGARDING COUNTYWIDE IN-KIND REQUEST RECOMMENDATION FOR WINGS OVER MIAMI MUSEUM, INC

Report Received

2D

070687 Resolution **Jose "Pepe" Diaz**

RESOLUTION RETROACTIVELY AUTHORIZING IN-KIND SERVICES FROM THE MIAMI-DADE POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR THE MARCH 20-25, 2007 WORLD GOLF CHAMPIONS - CA CHAMPIONSHIP SPONSORED BY THE SOUTH FLORIDA GOLF FOUNDATION, INC., A NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$53,638.00 TO BE FUNDED FROM THE COUNTYWIDE IN-KIND RESERVE FUND

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Diaz

Second: Gimenez

Vote: 6-0

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Valda Christian read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

The Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing proposed resolution as presented.

Chairman Moss questioned whether the scheduled championship, as printed within the proposed resolution, would be televised on NBC on Sunday, March 25th.

Commissioner Diaz, sponsor of the foregoing proposed resolution, stated the World Golf Championship would be televised.

Commissioner Heyman asked Assistant County Manager Mae Bryant to provide at the next Committee meeting scheduled for April 12, 2007, a report of the current balance for the Countywide In-kind Reserve Fund.

2D SUPPLEMENT

070779 Report

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT REGARDING COUNTYWIDE IN-KIND RESERVE REQUEST RECOMMENDATION FOR WORLD GOLF CHAMPIONS-CA CHAMPIONSHIP

Report Received

Mover: Diaz

Second: Gimenez

Vote: 6-0

2E

070756 Resolution Sen. Javier D. Souto

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MANAGER, PUBLIC HEALTH TRUST, PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT, AND PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A PROGRAM TO PROMOTE HEALTHY LIVING BY EDUCATING THE PUBLIC CONCERNING PROPER NUTRITION, DIET, AND EXERCISE

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Souto

Seconder: Sosa

Vote: 6-0

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Valda Christian read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

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

3 DEPARTMENT(S)

3A

070536 Resolution

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A RETROACTIVE LEASE AGREEMENT AT 9100 S. DADELAND BLVD., SUITE 100, MIAMI, WITH CRESCENT DATRAN CENTER LLC, A DELAWARE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY FOR PREMISES TO BE UTILIZED BY THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT AND COUNTY COURTS AS A BRANCH OFFICE; 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: Gimenez

Seconder: Heyman

Vote: 6-0

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Valda Christian read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

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

3B

070537 Resolution

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A LEASE AGREEMENT AT 152 N.E. 167 STREET, WITH ELITE HOLDINGS GROUP II, INC., A FLORIDA CORPORATION FOR PREMISES TO BE UTILIZED BY MIAMI-DADE FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT; 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: Gimenez
Seconder: Heyman
Vote: 6-0*

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Valda Christian read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

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

3C

070588 Resolution

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A LEASE AGREEMENT AT 17200 COLLINS AVENUE, SUNNY ISLES BEACH, WITH THE CITY OF SUNNY ISLES BEACH, A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA FOR PREMISES TO BE UTILIZED BY MIAMI-DADE FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO EXERCISE ANY AND ALL OTHER RIGHTS CONFERRED THEREIN (General Services Administration Department)

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

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Valda Christian read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

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

3D

070616 Resolution

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A LEASE AGREEMENT AT 10700 CARIBBEAN BOULEVARD, SUITE 306, WITH PINNACLE INVESTMENT PROPERTIES, INC., A FLORIDA CORPORATION FOR PREMISES TO BE UTILIZED BY MIAMI-DADE FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES; 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: Gimenez

Seconder: Heyman

Vote: 6-0

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Valda Christian read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

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

3E

063304 Ordinance

ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO FIRE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES IMPACT FEE; AMENDING CHAPTER 33J OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA (CODE); CREATING SECTION 33J-17 OF THE CODE; MODIFYING FIRE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES IMPACT FEE FORMULA; PROVIDING FOR AUTOMATIC ADJUSTMENT OF FEE BASED ON CONSUMER PRICE INDEX AND ANNUAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON IMPACT FEE REPORT; PROVIDING APPLICABILITY; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN THE CODE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE (Miami-Dade Fire and Rescue Department)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Gimenez

Seconder: Sosa

Vote: 6-0

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Valda Christian read the foregoing proposed ordinance into the record.*

Chairman Moss opened the public hearing on the foregoing ordinance.

Ms. Truly Burton, representing the Builders Association of South Florida (BASF), appeared before the Committee, and informed them that the BASF had been working with staff to review issues of concern by the BASF. She advised the Committee of a potential school impact fee from \$2,500 to \$8,400 for a single-family residential unit; specifically a three bedroom home.

Chairman Moss closed the public hearing after seeing no one else wishing to appear before the Committee.

Mr. Herminio Lorenzo, Fire Chief, Miami-Dade Fire and Rescue (MDFR), acknowledged the efforts of the industry in working with MDFR on the Fire Rescue impact fee.

Hearing no further questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing proposed ordinance as presented.

3F

070517 Resolution

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF HOMESTEAD TO AMEND THE HOMESTEAD FIREFIGHTER PENSION PLAN TO PROVIDE FOR NORMAL RETIREMENT UPON ATTAINMENT OF AGE 52 AND COMPLETION OF 25 YEARS OF CREDITED SERVICES (Miami-Dade Fire and Rescue Department)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Heyman

Seconder: Sosa

Vote: 6-0

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Valda Christian read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

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

3G

070816 Request to Advertise

REQUEST TO ADVERTISE FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE MIAMI-DADE FIRE RESCUE TRAINING FACILITY; PROJECT NO. A05-FIRE-01-CON; CONTRACT NO. MDFR-TR-01-02R-CON (Miami-Dade Fire and Rescue Department)

Forwarded to the BCC by the BCC Chairperson with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Diaz

Seconder: Sosa

Vote: 6-0

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Valda Christian read the foregoing proposed request to advertise into the record.*

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

Chairman Moss asked staff to prepare the appropriate memorandum requesting the Board of County Commission Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro to waive the Board's Rules of Procedures to allow the foregoing request to advertise to be heard at the March 20, 2007, County Commission meeting.

4 COUNTY MANAGER

5 COUNTY ATTORNEY

6 CLERK OF THE BOARD

6A

070745 Report

CLERK'S SUMMARY OF MINUTES FOR HEALTH AND
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE FOR FEBRUARY 15,
2007 (Clerk of the Board)

Approved
Mover: Diaz
Seconder: Sosa
Vote: 6-0

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Valda Christian read
the foregoing report into the record.*

*Hearing no questions or comments, the Committee
proceeded to vote on the foregoing report as
presented.*

7 REPORTS

7A

070647 Report

"FY 2007-08 DEPARTMENTAL BUDGET PRESENTATIONS" (County Manager)

Deferred to next committee meeting

Mover: Heyman

Secunder: Moss

Vote: 5-0

Absent: Gimenez

Report: *Chairman Moss announced that the foregoing report would be heard at the next Committee meeting scheduled April 12, 2007, at 2:00 p.m.*

Commissioner Gimenez questioned and expressed a concern with the substantial increase for other operating expenditures under the Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Department. He asked the Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Department Director to provide an explanation for the full-time positions budgeted amount for fiscal year (FY) 2006-07 and the projected budgeted amount for FY 2007-08 at the next Committee meeting scheduled for April 12, 2007.

Responding to Commissioner Gimenez' request, Mr. Herminio Lorenzo, Miami-Dade Fire and Rescue Chief, stated he would provide an itemized document to address the budgeted allocation for full-time positions in the department.

Commissioner Sosa reiterated her request made at the March 13th, Budget and Finance Committee (BFC) meeting, asking that each Department ensure that any overtime pay was reflected in their budget, as well as the budgeted amount for the previous year, the actual expenditures to date and the requested amount for the next fiscal year. She also asked Department Directors to ensure that any vacancy not filled within nine (9) months was eliminated from the budget. In addition, she noted each department should disclose the amount of vacant budgeted job positions not filled and for how long.

Chairman Moss noted the BFC had established a process for the departmental budget presentations by all County departments. He asked that all County departments under this Committee's jurisdiction adhere to that process.

Commissioner Gimenez noted the Miami-Dade Police Department's (MDPD) budget projection for this year reflected an overage and he asked for an explanation for the overage. He pointed out

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there was a notation of no additional personnel for MDPD similar to Miami-Dade Fire Rescue and requested an explanation as well.

Following Commissioner Gimenez' comments, Chairman Moss asked that the departments provide an explanation as requested by Commissioner Gimenez.

7B

070712 Report

REPORT RE: THE INMATE HEALTHCARE SERVICES

Deferred to next committee meeting

(County Manager)

Report: *Commissioner Sosa requested the deferral of the foregoing report to the next Committee meeting scheduled for April 12, 2007, at 2:00 p.m.*

Chairman Moss supported the deferral as requested by Commissioner Sosa.

071083 Report

NON-AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE MARCH 15, 2007,
HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY (HPSC) COMMITTEE
MEETING

Presented

Report: *1. Commissioner Heyman discussed two items under public safety regarding the Office of the Inspector General and accountability. She requested an understanding of the inventory for Art in Public Places and noted this issue might be addressed under the Recreation and Cultural Affairs Committee. She noted there was an inventory of items and no one seemed to have a legitimate inventory. Therefore, she asked the Inspector General to participate in this inventory process. She noted the second issue was last year in the Building Department regarding the selling of licenses or giving permits. Therefore, she requested a status report of the licenses sold and if they were qualified, but more importantly the follow-up to that matter. She noted the Inspector General was working with the State Attorney's Office on the building inspectors selling the licenses to individuals who needed a certificate of occupancy and obtained the licenses on illegitimate basis. She noted she was in full support of the aggressive investigations and prosecution from the State Attorney's Office.*

2. Commissioner Gimenez noted his recent visit to Tallahassee regarding the potential fiscal impact to this County as it pertained to proposed legislative changes for property taxes. He encouraged County departments to review their operations. He asked the Miami-Dade Fire and Rescue, and Police Departments to provide a report outlining the future operational plans due to the addition of new facilities, including the cost to operate these facilities. In addition, he asked for an in-depth presentation of this report from the above-mentioned departments.

Commissioner Diaz concurred with Commissioner Gimenez' comments and noted that the County Manager's Office was developing forecasts on the different scenarios that might follow after the legislative changes for property taxes were adopted.

Assistant County Manager Susanne Torriente stated she would follow-up with the Office of Strategic Business Management Director and the County Manager to provide the information as

noted by Commissioner Diaz.

Commissioner Sosa stated the County should wait to receive the results of the legislative hearings and to know the impact to this County. She stated the County Manager, the Miami-Dade League of Cities and other counties involved should be developing the formula to make sure that the appropriate revenue was filtered to the counties/municipalities.

Commissioner Sosa stated the Public Health Trust (PHT) had not submitted their budget for the upcoming budget cycle. She recommended to Chairman Moss that the PHT adhere to the same process and format as the County departments for submittal of its departmental budget presentation.

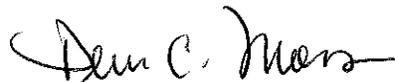
Commissioner Diaz noted and commended the efforts by the County Manager in providing forecasts on the impact by illustrating different scenarios that might come forth following the legislative changes to address property taxes in the State of Florida.

Commissioner Gimenez stated there would probably be a property tax cut and as a result revenue cut for local counties/municipalities. Therefore, the large County departments such as Miami-Dade Police and Miami-Dade Fire Rescue needed to review how they would maintain or cut their current operations.

Commissioner Heyman asked Assistant County Manager Mae Bryant to review cost recovery in order to be more aggressive in recovering monies owed to the County. She noted there were substantial monetary losses, write-offs and uncollectible fees within a number of County departments.

8 ADJOURNMENT

Report: *There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:54 p.m.*



Dennis C. Moss, Chair