



**MIAMI-DADE COUNTY  
FINAL OFFICIAL MINUTES  
Economic Development and Human Services  
Committee (EDHSC)**

**Board of County Commissioners**

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**FINAL OFFICIAL**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Economic Development and Human Services**  
**Committee**

Audrey M. Edmonson (3) Chair; Katy Sorenson (8) Vice Chair; Commissioners  
Barbara J. Jordan (1), Dennis C. Moss (9), and Javier D. Souto (10)

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**Wednesday, September 12, 2007**

**9:30 AM**

**COMMISSION CHAMBERS**

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**Members Present:** Audrey M. Edmonson, Barbara J. Jordan, Dennis C. Moss, Katy Sorenson, Javier D. Souto.

**Members Absent:** None.

**Members Late:** None.

**Members Excused:** None.

**Members Absent County Business:** None.

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**1 MINUTES PREPARED BY:**

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

**INVOCATION**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**Report:** *The Committee convened in a moment of silence, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.*

**1A**      **ROLL CALL**

**Report:**    *The following staff members were present: Senior Advisor to the County Manager Cynthia Curry, Assistant County Attorney Shannon Summerset; and Deputy Clerks Doris Dickens and Jovel Shaw.*

*Assistant County Attorney Shannon Summerset informed the Committee of the requested changes outlined in the September 12, 2007, County Manager's memorandum entitled, "Requested Changes to the Economic Development and Human Services Committee Agenda."*

*Hearing no objection, it was moved by Commissioner Moss that the changes to today's Committee agenda, be approved. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Jordan, and upon being put to a vote, passed by a vote of 4-0, (Commissioner Souto was absent).*

**1B**      **OPENING REMARKS CHAIRPERSON**  
**EDMONSON**

**1C**      **SPECIAL PRESENTATION(S)**

**1D**      **PUBLIC HEARING(S)**

1D1

**072545 Resolution** **Barbara J. Jordan**

RESOLUTION RENAMING THE OPA-LOCKA  
NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES CENTER AT 16405 NW  
25TH AVENUE AS THE MIAMI GARDENS  
NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES CENTER

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

**Report:** *Assistant County Attorney Shannon Summerset  
read the foregoing proposed resolution into the  
record.*

*Chairwoman Edmonson opened the public  
hearing. Hearing no one wishing to appear before  
the Committee, Chairwoman Edmonson closed the  
public hearing.*

*Commissioner Jordan explained the intent of the  
foregoing proposed resolution.*

*Hearing no objection, the Committee proceeded to  
vote on the foregoing proposed resolution as  
presented.*

1D2

**072427 Resolution**

RESOLUTION APPROVING APPLICATION FOR ONE  
CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND  
NECESSITY TO RAPID MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION,  
INC. TO PROVIDE COMBINATION WHEELCHAIR AND  
STRETCHER NONEMERGENCY MEDICAL  
TRANSPORTATION SERVICE (NE CONTROL NO. 146A)  
(Consumer Services Department)

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable  
recommendation  
Mover: Moss  
Seconder: Sorenson  
Vote: 4-0  
Absent: Souto*

**Report:** *Assistant County Attorney Shannon Summerset  
read the foregoing proposed resolution into the  
record.*

*Chairwoman Edmonson opened the public  
hearing. Hearing no one wishing to appear before  
the Committee, Chairwoman Edmonson closed the  
public hearing.*

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

1D3

**072428 Resolution**

RESOLUTION APPROVING APPLICATION FOR ONE CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO RAPID MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION, INC. TO PROVIDE COMBINATION WHEELCHAIR AND STRETCHER NONEMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION SERVICE (NE CONTROL NO. 146B) (Consumer Services Department)

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation*

*Mover: Moss*

*Seconder: Sorenson*

*Vote: 4-0*

*Absent: Souto*

**Report:** *Assistant County Attorney Shannon Summerset read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

*Chairwoman Edmonson opened the public hearing. Hearing no one wishing to appear before the Committee, Chairwoman Edmonson closed the public hearing.*

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

1D4

**072429 Resolution**

RESOLUTION APPROVING APPLICATION FOR ONE CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO RAPID MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION, INC. TO PROVIDE COMBINATION WHEELCHAIR AND STRETCHER NONEMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION SERVICE (NE CONTROL NO. 146C) (Consumer Services Department)

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation*

*Mover: Moss*

*Seconder: Sorenson*

*Vote: 4-0*

*Absent: Souto*

**Report:** *Assistant County Attorney Shannon Summerset read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

*Chairwoman Edmonson opened the public hearing. Hearing no one wishing to appear before the Committee, Chairwoman Edmonson closed the public hearing.*

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

1D5

**071665 Ordinance**

ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE II, SECTIONS 17-11 THROUGH 17-13, 17-15, 17-17, 17-30 AND 17-30.1; REPEALING SECTION 17-18; CREATING SECTION 17-18A OF THE CODE CONCERNING THE MINIMUM HOUSING STANDARDS; ESTABLISHING A HEARING OFFICER; AMENDING ARTICLE III, SECTIONS 17-46, 17-49, 17-51 THROUGH 17-53, 17-55, 17-57, 17-66 AND 17-67 OF THE CODE; REPEALING SECTION 17-58 OF THE CODE; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN THE CODE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Team Metro)

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation*

*Mover: Sorenson*

*Second: Jordan*

*Vote: 4-0*

*Absent: Souto*

**Report:** *Assistant County Attorney Shannon Summerset read the foregoing proposed ordinance into the record.*

*Chairwoman Edmonson opened the public hearing. Hearing no one wishing to appear before the Committee, Chairwoman Edmonson closed the public hearing.*

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

1D6

**072467 Ordinance Economic Development and Human Services Committee**

ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE XLVII OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RELATING TO METRO-MIAMI ACTION PLAN TRUST, PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN THE CODE AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

*Deferred to next committee meeting*

*Mover: Moss*

*Seconder: Sorenson*

*Vote: 5-0*

**Report:** *Assistant County Attorney Shannon Summerset read the foregoing proposed ordinance into the record.*

*Commissioner Jordan asked that the foregoing proposed ordinance be bifurcated due to the proposed County Manager's recommendation for administrative structural changes to Metro-Miami Action Plan (MMAP) prior to making any changes to the composition of the MMAP Trust. She requested the scheduling of a Committee Sunshine meeting to discuss MMAP.*

*Following Commissioner Jordan's comments, Ms. Cynthia Curry, Senior Advisor to the County Manager, informed the Committee at its last meeting staff was asked to provide input and a recommendation in consultation with the County Attorney to prepare an ordinance under Commissioner Jordan's sponsorship regarding MMAP. She noted staff was prepared to place its suggestion on the record for inclusion in the foregoing proposed ordinance. Ms. Curry stated the suggestions were administrative and managerial in nature, but if the Committee needed to move forward with a separate ordinance, staff would proceed in that manner.*

*Further discussion ensued between Commissioner Jordan and Ms. Curry regarding the recommendation being made to MMAP and the MMAP Trust.*

*Commissioner Sorenson indicated that she would like to hear staff's recommendations and the Committee could decide whether action should be taken at today's meeting.*

*Responding to Commissioner Moss' inquiry whether the MMAP Trust had an opportunity to review the foregoing proposed ordinance, Ms. Curry noted Mr. Milton Vickers, Executive Director, MMAP was aware of the changes for MMAP, but he may not be aware of the*

*recommended changes for the MMAP Trust. She indicated staff had not met with the MMAP Trust. Ms. Curry referenced a memorandum dated August 30, 2007, distributed to each commissioner entitled, "Ordinance amending Miami-Dade County Code relating to Metro-Miami Action Plan." She noted this proposal would provide more oversight by the County Mayor and the County Manager.*

*Commissioner Moss expressed concern with the recommended changes outlined in this proposed ordinance and the County Manager's recommendation for MMAP.*

*Commissioner Sorenson suggested both issues pertaining to MMAP be deferred and Mr. Vickers and the MMAP Trust Board are invited to appear before the Committee at its next meeting scheduled for October 10, 2007. She emphasized that she preferred a full discussion with all parties involved.*

*Chairwoman Edmonson supported Commissioner Sorenson's comments and questioned whether this item was time sensitive.*

*Responding to Chairwoman Edmonson's inquiry, Ms. Curry indicated it was time sensitive and staff would like to have these changes as soon as possible to coincide with the beginning of the fiscal year.*

*Commissioner Jordan explained that she was independently making changes to the MMAP Trust Board. She noted concerns by Committee members and a Sunshine meeting held to discuss the proposed changes to the MMAP Trust Board. Commissioner Jordan advised the proposal before the Committee was the result of the Sunshine meeting. She respectfully requested that the Committee recommendation move forward without staff's recommendation to the MMAP administration. She concluded by speaking in support of Commissioner Moss' recommendation to notify the MMAP Trust Board to seek input from the Trust on this issue.*

*Chairwoman Edmonson noted collectively the Committee discussed the foregoing proposed ordinance.*

*Following extensive discussion among the Committee members regarding the proposed recommendations to the MMAP Trust Board and the MMAP administration, the Committee*

*proceeded to vote for the deferral of the ordinance with an instruction that Ms. Curry meet with the Metro-Miami Action Plan (MMAP) Trust to discuss the foregoing ordinance and the proposed administrative changes recommended by the County Manager. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Sorenson, and upon being put to a vote, passed by a vote of 5-0.*

*Chairwoman Edmonson noted a Sunshine Meeting would be scheduled to discuss the outcome of the meeting with the MMAP Trust before the October 10, 2007, Committee meeting as recommended by Commissioner Jordan.*

1D6 SUPPL.

**072650 Report**

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT TO ORDINANCE  
AMENDING ARTICLE XLVII OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-  
DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RELATING TO METRO-  
MIAMI ACTION PLAN TRUST

***Deferred to next committee meeting***

***Mover: Moss***

***Secunder: Sorenson***

***Vote: 5-0***

**Report:** *See Report under Agenda Item 1D6, Legislative  
File No. 072467.*

**2 COUNTY COMMISSION**

2A

072238 Resolution

Joe A. Martinez,

**Dorrin D. Rolle, Sen. Javier D. Souto**  
RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO REVIEW ALL AFFORDABLE HOUSING INITIATIVES THAT HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED BY RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES AND HAVE BEEN IMPLEMENTED BY THE COUNTY MANAGER AND/OR MAYOR WITHIN THE LAST TEN (10) YEARS TO ASCERTAIN THEIR EFFECTIVENESS; DIRECTING COUNTY MANAGER TO IDENTIFY ANY BARRIERS TO ACCESSING AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND THE METHODOLOGY FOR REMOVING THESE BARRIERS; REQUIRING REPORT

*Forwarded to BCC without a recommendation*

*Mover: Sorenson*

*Seconder: Edmonson*

*Vote: 5-0*

**Report:** *Assistant County Attorney Shannon Summerset read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

*Following comments from Committee members regarding the County Administration review and implementation of various recommendations regarding housing, Mr. Jose Cintron, Director, Office of Community and Economic Development, noted at the next Committee meeting a report regarding the County's affordable housing initiatives implemented over the last five (5) years would be presented and this discussion would be more relevant for that report.*

*Chairwoman Edmonson offered an amendment to the foregoing proposed resolution to state that the review be for five years in lieu of 10 years.*

*It was moved by Commissioner Jordan that the foregoing proposed resolution be deferred. Commissioner Sorenson seconded this motion for discussion.*

*Commissioner Moss suggested that the foregoing proposed resolution be forwarded to the full Board of County Commissioners for discussion.*

*Commissioner Sorenson withdrew her second to the motion made by Commissioner Jordan and made a motion to forward the foregoing proposed resolution without a recommendation by the Committee. Chairwoman Edmonson seconded this motion.*

*Hearing no further questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote to forward the foregoing proposed resolution to the County*

*Commission without a recommendation as presented.*

**3 DEPARTMENTS**

3A

**072544 Resolution**

RESOLUTION RETROACTIVELY AUTHORIZING MIAMI-DADE HOUSING AGENCY'S APPLICATION FOR (1) HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER FAMILY SELF-SUFFICIENCY (HCV FSS) PROGRAM COORDINATORS GRANT FOR UP TO \$195,266, (2) PUBLIC HOUSING FAMILY SELF-SUFFICIENCY (PH FSS) PROGRAM COORDINATORS UNDER ROSS PROGRAM GRANT FOR UP TO \$64,890, (3) SERVICE COORDINATORS IN MULTIFAMILY HOUSING GRANT FOR UP TO \$225,850, (4) ROSS FAMILY AND HOMEOWNERSHIP GRANT FOR UP TO \$944,081, AND (5) ROSS ELDERLY/PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES GRANT FOR UP TO \$450,000 TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO RECEIVE AND EXPEND FUNDS AND EXECUTE SUCH AGREEMENTS AS REQUIRED (Miami-Dade Housing Agency)

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation*

*Mover: Sorenson*

*Seconder: Jordan*

*Vote: 5-0*

**Report:** *Assistant County Attorney Shannon Summerset 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

**072546 Resolution**

RESOLUTION APPROVING CONFIDENTIAL PROJECT NO. 07-00235 AS A QUALIFIED TARGET INDUSTRY BUSINESS PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTES S-288.106, CONFIRMING THAT THE COMMITMENTS OF LOCAL FINANCIAL SUPPORT NECESSARY FOR CONFIDENTIAL PROJECT #07-00235 EXIST; AND PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION OF UP TO \$180,000 FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUNDS AS LOCAL PARTICIPATION IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA QUALIFIED TARGET INDUSTRY TAX REFUND PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEARS 2008 THROUGH 2013, INCLUSIVE, OR OVER A TIME PERIOD AS DETERMINED BY THE STATE OF FLORIDA IN ITS APPROVAL OF CONFIDENTIAL PROJECT #07-00235 APPLICATION WITH THE PROVISIO THAT ANY TAX ABATEMENT GRANTED TO CONFIDENTIAL PROJECT #07-00235 UNDER FLORIDA STATUTE 196.1995 REDUCES ANY QUALIFIED TARGET INDUSTRY TAX REFUND TO CONFIDENTIAL PROJECT #07-00235 BY THE AMOUNT OF ANY SUCH TAX ABATEMENT GRANTED, IN COMPLIANCE WITH FLORIDA STATUTE 288.106(5)9; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (Office of Community and Economic Development)

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation*

*Mover: Sorenson*

*Seconder: Jordan*

*Vote: 5-0*

**Report:** *Assistant County Attorney Shannon Summerset 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

**072550 Resolution**

RESOLUTION APPROVING CONFIDENTIAL PROJECT NO. 07-00235 AS A TARGETED JOBS INCENTIVE FUND PROGRAM BUSINESS PURSUANT TO THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE LXXXVI, AS MODIFIED BY ORDINANCE NO. 02-251; CONFIRMING THAT THE COMMITMENT OF INCENTIVE AWARDS FOR CONFIDENTIAL PROJECT NO. 07-00235 EXISTS; AND PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION OF UP TO \$101,953 FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEARS 2008 THROUGH 2013 WITH THE PROVISO THAT ANY TAX ABATEMENT GRANTED TO CONFIDENTIAL PROJECT NO. 07-00235, UNDER FLORIDA STATUTE 196.1995, REDUCES ANY TARGETED JOBS INCENTIVE FUNDS AWARD TO CONFIDENTIAL PROJECT NO. 07-00235 BY THE AMOUNT OF ANY SUCH TAX ABATEMENT GRANTED, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (Office of Community and Economic Development)

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation*

*Mover: Sorenson*

*Seconder: Moss*

*Vote: 5-0*

**Report:** *Assistant County Attorney Shannon Summerset 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

**072611 Resolution**

RESOLUTION APPROVING CONFIDENTIAL PROJECT NO. 08-00002 AS A TARGETED JOBS INCENTIVE FUND PROGRAM BUSINESS PURSUANT TO THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE LXXXVI, AS MODIFIED BY ORDINANCE NO. 02-251; CONFIRMING THAT THE COMMITMENT OF INCENTIVE AWARDS FOR CONFIDENTIAL PROJECT NO. 08-00002 EXISTS; AND PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION OF UP TO \$696,352 FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEARS 2008 THROUGH 2013 WITH THE PROVISION THAT ANY TAX ABATEMENT GRANTED TO CONFIDENTIAL PROJECT NO. 08-00002, UNDER FLORIDA STATUTE 196.1995, REDUCES ANY TARGETED JOBS INCENTIVE FUNDS AWARD TO CONFIDENTIAL PROJECT NO. 08-00002 BY THE AMOUNT OF ANY SUCH TAX ABATEMENT GRANTED, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (Office of Community and Economic Development)

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation*

*Mover: Sorenson*

*Seconder: Moss*

*Vote: 5-0*

**Report:** *Assistant County Attorney Shannon Summerset 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.*

**4 COUNTY MANAGER****5 CLERK OF THE BOARD**

5A

**072113 Report**

CLERK'S SUMMARY MEETING MINUTES FOR JUNE 19, 2007 (Clerk of the Board)

*Approved*

*Mover: Moss*

*Seconder: Jordan*

*Vote: 5-0*

**Report:** *Assistant County Attorney Shannon Summerset read the foregoing report into the record.*

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

5B

**072613 Report**

CLERK'S SUMMARY MEETING MINUTES FOR JULY 18, 2007 (Clerk of the Board)

*Approved*  
*Mover: Moss*  
*Seconder: Jordan*  
*Vote: 5-0*

**Report:** *Assistant County Attorney Shannon Summerset read the foregoing report into the record.*

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

**6 REPORTS**

6A

**071932 Report**

REPORT ON FEASIBILITY OF USING 311 TO RECEIVE TAXICAB COMPLAINTS (County Manager)

*Report Received*  
*Mover: Moss*  
*Seconder: Sorenson*  
*Vote: 5-0*

**Report:** *Assistant County Attorney Shannon Summerset read the foregoing report into the record.*

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

6B

**072112 Report**

STATUS REPORT ON OPA-LOCKA PUBLIC HOUSING  
DEVELOPMENT DISPOSITION (County Manager)

*Report Received*  
*Mover: Moss*  
*Seconder: Sorenson*  
*Vote: 5-0*

**Report:** *Assistant County Attorney Shannon Summerset read the foregoing report into the record.*

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

*Later in the meeting, Commissioner Jordan requested Ms. Kris Warren, Director, Miami-Dade Housing Agency (MDHA), for the record, to present an update on the foregoing report and stated approximately 26 public housing units located in the City of Opa-locka were being considered for conversion to homeownership. She noted the County received preliminary permission from United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (US HUD) to allow the conversion. She informed the Committee that the US HUD advised MDHA that the executed agreement could not be located; therefore, MDHA had to repeat the filing process for conversion of these units.*

*Ms. Warren provided the Committee with an update on the disposition of the 26 public housing units located within the Opa-locka Public Housing Development site.*

*Commissioner Jordan suggested the Magnolia North community receive a direct allocation with the involvement of Habitat of Humanity for the development of the Opa-locka Triangle Area.*

*Following Ms. Warren's comments pertaining to the nine (9) families in the subject area, Commissioner Jordan suggested that if the families did not wish to relocate to this area, the County should consider rehabbing those units, which the families occupied. Therefore, those units would meet the current standards in terms of appearance in the subject area.*

6C

**072612 Report**

SECOND ROUND OF CDBG 2005 DISASTER RECOVERY FUNDING (County Manager)

*Report Received  
Mover: Sorenson  
Seconder: Edmonson  
Vote: 5-0*

**Report:** *Assistant County Attorney Shannon Summerset read the foregoing report into the record.*

*Commissioner Moss questioned the Humanity for Habitat site in Commission District 9 particularly in the Goulds area that experienced tremendous flooding and damage to homes.*

*Responding to Commissioner Moss' comments, Mr. Dan Wall, Assistant Director, Office of Strategic Business Management, informed the Committee the first round of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Disaster Recovery Program funding in the amount of \$750,000 were allocated for projects and one of the projects targeted the Goulds area for approximately 20 homes that experienced flood damage.*

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

**7 OPEN DISCUSSION(S)**

7A

072627 Discussion Item

Audrey M. Edmonson

COMMUNICATION BETWEEN HOUSING ADVISORY  
GROUPS

*Deferred to no date certain*

**Report:** *Assistant County Attorney Shannon Summerset read the foregoing discussion item into the record.*

*Chairwoman Edmonson noted at the last County Commission meeting held on September 4, 2007, the foregoing issue was raised that required further discussion regarding communication between housing advisory groups by this Committee.*

*Commissioner Moss suggested that the foregoing issue be addressed during the entire discussion regarding housing.*

*Hearing no further questions or comments, the Committee deferred the foregoing discussion item.*

7B

**072628 Discussion Item****SURTAX/SHIP HOMEOWNERSHIP AND RENTAL DEVELOPMENT (County Manager)***Deferred to next committee meeting**Mover: Jordan**Seconder: Edmonson**Vote: 5-0*

**Report:** *Assistant County Attorney Shannon Summerset read the foregoing discussion item into the record.*

*Ms. Cynthia Curry, Senior Advisor to the County Manager, noted staff was presenting this report based on the last Committee meeting in which concern was raised in the different housing communities particularly the lending community and the developers. Those concerns related to the amount of the Documentary Stamp Surtax and State Housing Initiative Partnership (SHIP) funds that should be set-aside for homeownership versus development of affordable housing that was primarily for rental housing units. Therefore, Ms. Curry said, staff prepared the foregoing report for the Committee in order to establish policy on how to administer the SHIP and Surtax funds for homeownership by staff.*

*Mr. Jose Cintron, Director, Office of Community and Economic Development (OCED), provided an overview of the SHIP and Surtax allocation recommended for homeownership mortgage assistance. He presented and distributed a document entitled, "Miami-Dade County SHIP/Surtax Housing Programs." Mr. Cintron noted under the SHIP and Surtax Programs, Miami-Dade County provides assistance towards both the development and purchase of homeownership units and development of rental housing.*

*Following Commissioner Moss' request to meet with Mr. Cintron to discuss the Homeownership Unit Construction, Mr. Cintron stated he would meet with Commissioner Moss to discuss this component further and the entire program.*

*Following Commissioner Jordan's comments regarding retainage of the 8% of the Surtax for Metro-Miami Action Plan (MMAAP), Mr. Cintron informed the Committee that MMAAP's 8% would be maintained.*

*Ms. Patricia Braynon, Executive Director, Housing Finance Authority (HFA), noted her*

*discussion with MMAP and recommended that they continue their advocacy for certain communities that were not successful with homeownership. Therefore, MMAP's focus and target remained with those targeted communities.*

*Discussion ensued among Commissioner Jordan, Mr. Cintron and Ms. Braynon regarding how MMAP utilized its 8% of the Surtax funds designated for down payment and closing cost for homeownership assistance.*

*Commissioner Jordan asked Ms. Curry to prepare an addendum to this report outlining strategies to encourage developers to construct more rental housing units to strengthen the rental component of the County's affordable housing units, and to meet with each commissioner to discuss the addendum prior to the October 10, 2007, Committee meeting.*

*Commissioner Sorenson noted a newspaper article featured in today's New York Times regarding how housing costs were increasingly consuming more of society incomes including property insurance costs and taxes. Therefore, homeownership may not be for everyone. She also noted a study indicated building wealth in general may be better for consumers versus homeownership.*

*Commissioner Souto concurred with Commissioner Sorenson regarding the American Dream and that homeownership may not be for everyone. He noted the County's consideration of providing rental housing units due to the influx of people from many places in Miami-Dade County.*

*A discussion ensued among Committee members in connection with MMAP's dedicated 8% of the Surtax funding.*

*Assistant County Attorney Shannon Summerset noted the MMAP allocation of Surtax funds was not limited to homeownership and/or rental housing assistance only.*

*Discussion ensued among Committee members, Ms. Curry, Mr. Cintron and Ms. Braynon regarding the American Dream of homeownership, the County's consideration of both homeownership and rental housing units, and the County becoming innovative in addressing housing in this community due to the current changes in the housing market.*

Ms. Curry and Ms. Braynon informed the Committee that the lending community had contacted staff regarding the 8% of the Surtax funding for MMAP and the non-availability of those funds in order to close loans on approximately 300 loans, and the need to identify a funding source in order to close those loans for homeownership through the MMAP process.

Commissioner Moss noted the need to review development of housing projects which initially may be rental property and then converted in the future to homeownership.

Ms. Braynon noted discussions and letters received from members of the homeownership community that desired more subsidies.

Mr. Cintron informed the Committee there was no established policy before today's proposal for the Surtax and SHIP funds towards housing activities.

Commissioner Jordan noted no discussion had occurred with MMAP regarding its policy direction on homeownership for the 8% Surtax dedicated funding source to MMAP. She supported Chairwoman Edmonson in regard to the 8% set-aside of Surtax funding for MMAP and the remaining balance (92%) of Surtax funds be used by the OCED and HFA. Commissioner Jordan expressed that MMAP should be given an opportunity to present a plan.

Commissioner Souto stressed the need for a pool of affordable rental units and the availability of these units for the community.

Responding to Commissioner Jordan's comments regarding the MMAP process for distributing its Surtax funds for homeownership and if it would change as a result of this proposal, Assistant County Attorney Summerset noted that currently the County Commission through its budget ordinance had set-aside 8% of the total Surtax dollars for MMAP, which they currently used for rental and/or homeownership or any eligible use of Surtax funds under Florida Statutes. She indicated if the 8% of the MMAP portion of the Surtax funds was identified for homeownership then it would be limited to only homeownership and not rental, but currently MMAP had that option to use its portion for rental.

Commissioner Jordan stressed the need for the

*Sunshine meeting with MMAP noting she did not wish to limit MMAP use of the Surtax funds.*

*Commissioner Sorenson noted the need to have a meeting to discuss this issue further.*

*Ms. Yvonne Stratford, appeared before the Committee, and supported the need for rental housing assistance in this community.*

*Mr. Milton Vickers, Executive Director, MMAP, informed the Committee that the 8% out of the 100% for the County Surtax funds was dedicated for MMAP. He noted currently the needs exceeded the dedicated funding source and the homeownership exceeded MMAP resources. Mr. Vickers referred to the Florida International University Study regarding the African-American community that addressed black flight in Miami-Dade County. He noted housing costs contributed to this flight. Mr. Vickers noted an effort by MMAP for a pilot program initiative in Commission District 3 whereby MMAP funds would provide down payment and closing cost assistance to attract and commit teachers to teach in identified zoned schools for five (5) years in this Commission District such as Miami Jackson, Miami Northwestern, and others. Mr. Vickers noted the need for rental housing in the neighborhoods not located along transit corridors and in middle income areas. He concluded his comments by stating that MMAP would be looking to leverage its dollars in terms of workforce housing.*

*Responding to Commissioner Jordan's comments regarding whether homeownership was a priority by MMAP, Mr. Vickers stated the MMAP Trust had not taken a position although the vast majority of MMAP's Surtax funds had been for homeownership. He noted in the future he would be prepared to recommend to the MMAP Trust that based upon the need the concentration should be on homeownership.*

*Commissioner Jordan moved that the Committee separate the 8% of Surtax funds for MMAP, and adopt the foregoing report with a 60/40 split on the remaining portion of the Surtax funds. Chairwoman Edmonson seconded this motion for discussion.*

*Responding to Commissioner Sorenson's question regarding the effect of this motion, Ms. Curry stated it would only shift more to the*

*homeownership versus rental.*

*Commissioner Sorenson felt that was not the way to go for public housing and expressed support for MMAP as it currently administered its Surtax fund for homeownership.*

*Commissioner Jordan noted another alternative would be if staff recommended a different formula in terms of the 60/40 split on the remaining portion of the County's Surtax funds. She stressed until the MMAP Trust present a policy recommendation their flexibility should be maintained unless they determined a need to use their funds for rental housing.*

*Commissioner Sorenson suggested that the Committee accept the foregoing report as presented.*

*Ms. Curry noted the submittal of this report was for informational purposes only.*

*Commissioner Jordan suggested staff come back after meeting with each commissioner with a follow-up report to this item. She made a motion for deferral of the foregoing report and withdrew her previous motion for acceptance of this report. Chairwoman Edmonson seconded this motion.*

*Hearing no further questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote for the deferral of the foregoing discussion item and report.*

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072695 Discussion Item

Audrey M. Edmonson

DISCUSSION OF COMMITTEE BUDGET PRIORITIES

*Presented**Mover: Moss**Seconder: Jordan**Vote: 5-0*

**Report:** *Assistant County Attorney Shannon Summerset read the foregoing discussion item into the record.*

*Commissioner Moss stressed the importance of identifying and specifying all of the Committee's budget priorities. He recommended that \$0 dollars be allocated to the newly proposed Department of Community Action, that the dedicated 8% of the Documentary Surtax funding for MMAP be maintained, that \$300,000 be identified to address the shortfall for the recommended budget for MMAP, and that funding be identified for funding the Community-based organization (CBO) funding process for a full year, and then during the interim have the County Administration conduct a Request for Proposal (RFP) allowing full availability of these funds and monitoring of this CBO process. He proceeded to inform the Committee of the Budget Conference Committee's intent to review the committees' priorities and give the County Administration an opportunity to assist the County Commission to achieve its priorities with the least impact on services and the ability to deliver County services.*

*Commissioner Jordan spoke in connection with the Equal Opportunity Board and noted the County Manager's recommendation for elimination of 10 positions for the staff support for this advisory board. She asked that this Committee support restoration of at least 6 of those positions for allocation out of the County Service Reserves, and to add this as of the one of the Committee's budget priorities.*

*Chairwoman Edmonson proceeded to provide an overview of the Committee's budget priorities previously identified by the Committee.*

*Discussion ensued among the Committee members regarding Committee budget priorities along with the other Committee priorities and the role of the Budget Conference Committee in its deliberation of all Committee priorities.*

*Commissioner Sorenson noted a concern with*

Equal Opportunity Board quorum issue. She noted the need for an adjustment in the quorum requirements and recommended the Committee address this issue at a later date.

Chairwoman Edmonson noted in addition to the priorities identified in the exhibit entitled, "Discussion-EDHS Budget Priorities," the Committee by motion duly made, seconded, and carried, amended this document as follows:

1. to add that \$0 dollars be allocated to the newly proposed Department of Community Action and Social Services as recommended by Commissioner Moss;
2. to add that the dedicated 8% of the Documentary Surtax funding for MMAP be maintained, and that all of its programs recommended for transfer by the County Manager be restored as recommended by Commissioners Moss and Jordan;
3. to add and specify that Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding be used to restore and maintain the current level of funding for the Greater Miami Service Corps as recommended by Commissioner Jordan;
4. to add and specify that 2 staff positions be added back to the Urban Economic Revitalization Task Force (UERTF) for a total of 3 positions at the approximate amount of \$150,000 as recommended by Commissioner Jordan;
5. to add that the County's Equal Opportunity Board be restored and maintained at a funding level of \$437,000 as recommended by Commissioner Jordan; and
6. to add that at least 2 of the 4 job positions in the Office of Community Relations staff be restored and maintained, specifically the Assistant's position in the amount of \$181,000 as recommended by Commissioner Jordan.

Following Commissioner Moss' inquiry regarding legal standing in setting the Committee priorities, Assistant County Attorney Summerset indicated that the Committee had clearly stated its priorities and the recommended funding amount for approval as of part of the County's budget.

Commissioner Jordan noted the restoration and maintenance of the boot camp and the Miami-

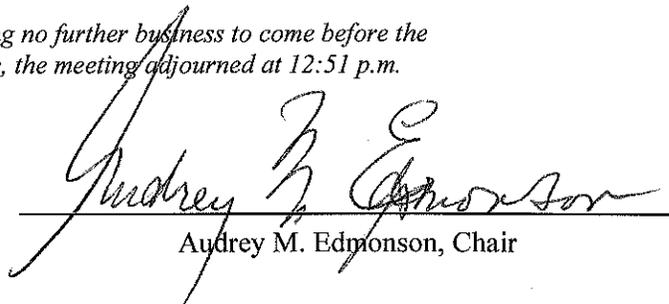
*Dade television was a priority of hers, which was not under the Committee's purview. She concluded her comments by agreeing with Commissioner Moss that whatever becomes a priority would be a part of the framework of each Committee's recommendation for its priorities.*

*A brief discussion ensued among the Committee members in connection with other budget priorities that were not under this Committee's purview.*

*Following Commissioner Moss' request for a final motion to incorporate all of the Committee budget priorities with the amendments made at today's meeting, he moved that the Committee approve all of the Committee Budget priorities with the amendments made at today's meeting. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Jordan, and upon being put to a vote, passed by a vote of 5-0.*

## 8 ADJOURNMENT

**Report:** *There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 12:51 p.m.*



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Audrey M. Edmonson, Chair