



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

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

Wednesday, December 12, 2007

9:30 AM

COMMISSION CHAMBERS

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.

1 MINUTES PREPARED BY:

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

1A INVOCATION

1B PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1C ROLL CALL

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

1D **OPENING REMARKS FROM
CHAIRPERSON EDMONSON**

Report: *Chairwoman Edmonson welcomed everyone to the last Committee meeting of the year (2007). She expressed appreciation to her colleagues who served on this Committee and County staff who worked alongside the Committee during this year. She also expressed appreciation to the many citizens who attended and participated in Committee meetings.*

Chairwoman Edmonson informed the Committee a Committee Sunshine Meeting was scheduled for January 8, 2008, at 3:00 p.m., to discuss the Metro-Miami Action Plan (MMAF) Ordinance.

Later in the meeting, in addition to the changes noted in the County Manager's memorandum entitled, "Requested Changes to the Economic Development and Human Services Committee Agenda," Assistant County Attorney Cynthia Johnson-Stacks noted a request from County Manager George Burgess for deferral of Agenda Items 3B and 3D to no date certain.

Hearing no objection, it was moved by Commissioner Moss that the changes to today's Committee agenda be approved. This motion was seconded by Chairwoman Edmonson, and upon being put to a vote, passed by a vote of 5-0.

1E **PUBLIC HEARING(S)**

1E1

073457 Resolution

RESOLUTION APPROVING TRANSFER OF CERTIFICATE OF TRANSPORTATION NO. 113 FROM M.C.R. HOLDING, INC. D/B/A FIFTH AVENUE BUS AND LIMO SERVICE TO FORT LAUDERDALE TRANSPORTATION, INC. D/B/A USA TRANSPORTATION TO PROVIDE SPECIAL OPERATIONS SERVICES AS A PASSENGER MOTOR CARRIER (Consumer Services Department)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Moss

Seconder: Sorenson

Vote: 5-0

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Cynthia Johnson-Stacks read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

Chairwoman Edmonson opened the public hearing. Hearing no one wishing to speak 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.

1E2

073055 Ordinance**Natacha Seijas**

ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2-1503 AND 2-1505 OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY TO DELETE CERTAIN INSTITUTIONAL MEMBERS OF THE JAY MALINA INTERNATIONAL TRADE CONSORTIUM BOARD ("ITC"); TO CHANGE THE REPORTING REQUIREMENT FROM QUARTERLY TO ANNUALLY AND TO AMEND THE RESPECTIVE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE ITC BOARD AND ITC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REGARDING TRADE MISSION APPROVALS AND REIMBURSEMENTS; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN THE CODE AND EFFECTIVE DATE [SEE ORIGINAL ITEM UNDER FILE NO. 073016]

Amended

Report: *See Agenda Item 1E2 Amended, Legislative File No. 073714 for the amended version.*

1E2 AMENDED

073714 Ordinance

Natacha Seijas

ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2-1503 AND 2-1505 OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY TO DELETE CERTAIN INSTITUTIONAL MEMBERS OF THE JAY MALINA INTERNATIONAL TRADE CONSORTIUM BOARD ("ITC"); TO CHANGE THE REPORTING REQUIREMENT FROM QUARTERLY TO ANNUALLY AND TO AMEND THE RESPECTIVE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE ITC BOARD AND ITC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REGARDING TRADE MISSION APPROVALS AND REIMBURSEMENTS; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN THE CODE AND EFFECTIVE DATE [SEE ORIGINAL ITEM UNDER FILE NO. 073055]

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

Mover: Moss

Seconder: Jordan

Vote: 5-0

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Cynthia Johnson-Stacks read the foregoing proposed ordinance into the record.*

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

Commissioner Seijas explained the Miami-Dade Chamber of Commerce contacted her and expressed an interest in remaining a voting member on the Jay Malina International Trade Consortium Board (ITC). Commissioner Seijas offered an amendment to the foregoing proposed ordinance to retain the Miami-Dade Chamber of Commerce as a voting member of the ITC.

Hearing no objection, the Committee proceeded to vote on this proposed ordinance as amended.

Responding to Commissioner Sorenson's inquiry regarding the authorization to provide reimbursement for third party missions, Mr. Tony Ojeda, Executive Director, Jay Malina International Trade Consortium Board, provided an explanation of the reimbursement for third party missions upon the satisfactory completion of the end-of-mission reports. He noted the establishment of a Third Party Mission Program whereas the ITC on a competitive basis provided funding to third party organizations such as the Chamber of Commerce who took missions abroad. He explained that the approximate amount of funding the ITC would reimburse was in the range of \$2,000 to \$4,000. Mr. Ojeda noted approximately \$25,000 of the ITC budget was set-aside for trade missions. He proceeded to provide

an overview of the process and the criteria to apply for a reimbursement of funds. Mr. Ojeda stated the third party organizations would use the Miami-Dade County logo that would certify that mission.

Responding to Commissioner Sorenson's question concerning the qualifications for the certification and reporting of the outcomes of the trade missions, Mr. Ojeda proceeded to provide an overview of the qualifications to certify trade missions along with certain financial requirements set forth by the ITC. He also noted the outcomes were provided through the completion of the end-of-mission reports that included certain items such as where they have been, who they have seen, and what type of agreements they may have entered into during these missions.

Commissioner Sorenson stated it would be helpful to provide reports on an on-going basis of the outcomes of the ITC trade missions.

Following Commissioner Sorenson's comments, Commissioner Seijas noted each County Commission member was provided with an end-of-mission report upon completion of the missions. She asked Mr. Ojeda to provide Commissioner Sorenson a copy of those reports.

Commissioner Moss commended Mr. Ojeda on the ITC end-of-mission reports. He asked the ITC to review and bring back to the County Commission a recommendation for providing a better quality of appreciation gifts to other countries and visitors during these trade missions.

Following a discussion among Committee members and Mr. Ojeda concerning the type of gifts for purchase by the ITC for presentations during the trade missions, Chairwoman Edmonson asked Mr. Ojeda to make a presentation of the sorts of gifts that are given during the ITC trade missions.

Commissioner Seijas suggested that County Commission members make the purchase of these gifts through their discretionary funds for the ITC trade missions on behalf of the County.

Mr. Ojeda noted cultural differences in the types of gifts that were exchanged by other countries during these trade missions. He stated the ITC would work on selecting and purchasing more elaborate County gifts for this purpose.

Commissioner Souto spoke in support of the foregoing proposed ordinance. He requested the ITC's assistance in participating in the upcoming May 15, 2008, Agriculture and Cattle Show.

Commissioner Seijas noted, even though she supported the event referenced by Commissioner Souto, this particular event should not receive ITC support.

Commissioner Souto noted in the spirit of promoting Miami-Dade and the Agriculture and Cattle Show, and the potential for this event becoming an important annual event for Miami-Dade County in the near future, the ITC could be used in promoting this event, which in turn would promote tourism in Miami-Dade County.

Hearing no further questions or comments, the Committee forwarded the foregoing proposed ordinance as amended at the request of Commissioner Seijas.

1E3

073269 Resolution

RESOLUTION APPROVING TRANSFER OF CERTIFICATE OF TRANSPORTATION NO. 288 FROM ALLSTATE TRANSPORTATION, INC. TO ALFARO LIMO, INC. TO PROVIDE CONTRACT CARRIER SERVICE AS A PASSENGER MOTOR CARRIER (Consumer Services Department)

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Sorenson
Seconder: Moss
Vote: 5-0*

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Cynthia Johnson-Stacks read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

Chairwoman Edmonson opened the public hearing. Hearing no one wishing to speak 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.

2 COUNTY COMMISSION

2A

073104 Resolution

Audrey M. Edmonson

RESOLUTION DIRECTING COUNTY MANAGER TO PREPARE A REPORT REGARDING THE FEASIBILITY AND ADVISABILITY OF DESIGNATING TAXICAB STANDS ON LAND OWNED BY MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Edmonson
Secunder: Souto
Vote: 5-0

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Cynthia Johnson-Stacks read the foregoing proposed resolution and Agenda Item 2B into the record.*

Chairwoman Edmonson relinquished the Chair to Vice Chairwoman Sorenson.

Hearing no objection, the Committee considered the foregoing proposed resolution and Agenda Item 2B simultaneously.

Commissioner Jordan asked that the foregoing proposed resolutions include a fiscal impact.

Commissioner Edmonson noted the report coming forth by Ms. Cathy Peel, Director, Miami-Dade Consumer Services Department (CSD) would include the fiscal impact.

Commissioner Souto noted his previous attempt to explore the feasibility of designating taxicab stands at parks and hospitals located in Miami-Dade County.

Mr. Diego Feliciano, President, South Florida Taxicab Association, appeared before the Board, in support of the foregoing proposed resolution and Agenda Item 2B. He noted the need for taxicab stands for public facilities throughout Miami-Dade County. Mr. Feliciano stated having taxicab stands would promote safety for taxicab drivers and better serve the community. He stressed the need for more taxicab stands in this community and his work with the CSD Transportation Advisory Group in addressing this issue.

Commissioner Souto supported Mr. Feliciano's comments and noted his experience in other countries with taxicab stands.

Hearing no further questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing proposed resolution and Agenda Item 2B as presented.

2B

073105 Resolution

Sen. Javier D. Souto

RESOLUTION DIRECTING COUNTY MANAGER TO
PREPARE A REPORT REGARDING THE FEASIBILITY
AND ADVISABILITY OF REQUIRING TAXICABS TO BE
EQUIPPED WITH FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable
recommendation*

Mover: Souto

Seconder: Sorenson

Vote: 5-0

Report: *See Report under Agenda Item 2A, Legislative File
Number 073104.*

2C

073240 Resolution

Joe A. Martinez

RESOLUTION REQUESTING AND DIRECTING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO CONDUCT A PUBLIC INFORMATION CAMPAIGN TO ALERT CONSUMERS WHO ARE PURCHASING TELEVISION SETS THAT FEDERAL LAW PROHIBITS TELEVISION STATIONS FROM BROADCASTING ANALOG SIGNALS AFTER FEBRUARY 17, 2009 AND THAT ANALOG TELEVISION SETS WILL HAVE LESS UTILITY AFTER THAT DATE

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Moss

Seconder: Edmonson

Vote: 5-0

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Cynthia Johnson-Stacks read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

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

Responding to commissioner Souto's request for an explanation on the intent of the foregoing proposed resolution, Ms. Cathy Peel, Director, Miami-Dade Consumer Services Department (CSD) explained the intent of the foregoing proposed resolution. She noted the Federal government would provide consumers up to two \$40.00 coupons to help consumers purchase a digital-to-analog converter box beginning January 1, 2008. She indicated the need to inform consumers to purchase a digital television if they were purchasing a television set. Ms. Peel noted staff was already conducting a public information campaign using the department's website and brochures issued by the Federal government that were distributed at Team Metro offices.

Commissioner Souto questioned how the elderly community was being informed of the Federal Law prohibiting TV stations from broadcasting analog signals after February 17, 2009, and provided with financial assistance to purchase the converter boxes.

Ms. Peel noted the Federal Communications Commission was assisting in the public information campaign conducted in English, Spanish, and Creole, that was designed to reach all the various communities in Miami-Dade County.

Chairwoman Edmonson suggested Commissioner Souto prepare a resolution urging the Federal government to explore the feasibility of developing a program to provide financial assistance to

certain groups in the community for the purchase of converter boxes.

Commissioner Jordan asked Ms. Peel if the Federal government provide a cost for the public information campaign and, if the CSD could provide the fiscal impact for the County to fully participate in the public information campaign. She concurred with Commissioner Souto's comments regarding the impact to the elderly community. Commissioner Jordan noted she would cosponsor the resolution coming forth by Commissioner Souto, and asked if it was appropriate to urge electronic stores to accept the coupons offered by the Federal government at cost for senior citizens.

Ms. Peel noted she would look into the suggestion offered by Commissioner Jordan and provide information after January 1, 2008.

Commissioner Souto asked the County Attorney's office to move forward and prepare the appropriate legislation under his sponsorship with Commissioner Jordan as a cosponsor in addressing the elderly community on this subject matter.

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

3 DEPARTMENT(S)

3A

073386 Resolution

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A RETROACTIVE LEASE AGREEMENT AT HIALEAH NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICE CENTER, 300 EAST FIRST AVENUE, ROOM 106, HIALEAH WITH THE CITY OF HIALEAH, FOR PREMISES TO BE UTILIZED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES FOR ITS OFFICE OF COMMUNITY SERVICES; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY 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: Moss

Seconder: Sorenson

Vote: 5-0

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Cynthia Johnson-Stacks 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

073598 Resolution

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT (MOA) THAT INCLUDES THE PARTICIPATION OF THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY HOMELESS TRUST, THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND REHABILITATION, THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN & FAMILIES, THE 11TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, JACKSON MEMORIAL HOSPITAL/PUBLIC HEALTH TRUST, OUR KIDS, INC., AND COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CENTERS AND FACILITIES

Deferred to no date certain

Mover: Moss

Seconder: Edmonson

Vote: 5-0

(Dade County Homeless Trust)

Report: *During consideration of changes to today's agenda, the Committee deferred the foregoing proposed resolution to no date certain as requested by the County Manager.*

3C

073520 Resolution

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007-08 FOR THE NORTH MIAMI BEACH COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (Office of Strategic Business Management)

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Sorenson
Secunder: Moss
Vote: 5-0*

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Cynthia Johnson-Stacks read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record along with Agenda Items 3E, Legislative File No. 073518 and Item 3F, Legislative File No. 073519.*

Hearing no objection, the Committee proceeded to vote on the proposed resolutions as presented.

Commissioner Moss questioned if all of the Community Redevelopment Agencies (CRAs) submitted their annual report.

Responding to Commissioner Moss' inquiry regarding receipt of the CRAs annual reports, Mr. Mike Iturrey, Budget Analyst, Office of Strategic Business Management, noted OSBM has received all of the CRAs annual reports and indicated that he could provide any of the CRAs reports to him or to the County Commission.

3D

073567 Resolution

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING CONFIDENTIAL PROJECT #07-00135 FOR A STATE OF FLORIDA BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT BONUS REFUND WHILE OPTING OUT OF THE LOCAL MATCH (Office of Community and Economic Development)

*Deferred to no date certain
Mover: Moss
Secunder: Edmonson
Vote: 5-0*

Report: *During consideration of changes to today's agenda, the Committee deferred the foregoing proposed resolution to no date certain as requested by the County Manager.*

3E

073518 Resolution

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007-08 FOR THE FLORIDA CITY COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (Office of Strategic Business Management)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Sorenson

Seconder: Moss

Vote: 5-0

Report: *(See Report under Agenda Item 3C, Legislative File No. 073520).*

3F

073519 Resolution

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007-08 FOR THE NARANJA LAKES COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (Office of Strategic Business Management)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Sorenson

Seconder: Moss

Vote: 5-0

Report: *(See Report under Agenda Item 3C, Legislative File No. 073520).*

4 COUNTY MANAGER

4A

073517 Resolution

RESOLUTION APPROVING FIRST AMENDMENT TO INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT BY AND AMONG COUNTY, CITY OF MIAMI AND COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY FOR OMNI DISTRICT; AND AUTHORIZING MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE SAID FIRST AMENDMENT UPON FULFILLMENT OF CERTAIN CONDITIONS

Amended

(County Manager)

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Cynthia Johnson-Stacks read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

County Manager George Burgess provided an overview of the intent of the foregoing proposed resolution, and the subsequent enactment of an ordinance amending Section 29-54(a)(1)3 of the County Code, providing that 20 percent of Tourist Development Tax (TDT) receipts should be used to fund eligible projects within the municipal boundaries of the City of Miami. He proceeded to inform the Committee of the fiscal impact and funding sources for the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement among the County, the City of Miami (City) and OMNI Community Redevelopment Agency (OMNI CRA). Mr. Burgess also noted a portion of City's TDT would be used to leverage funding as part of the financing plan for the Florida Marlins Ballpark Project.

Following Commissioner Sorenson's inquiry on when the foregoing proposed resolution would be considered by the County Commission, County Manager George Burgess asked Chairwoman Edmonson to request the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro to waive the Board's Rules and Procedures to allow the foregoing proposed resolution to be considered at the December 18, 2007, Board meeting.

Responding to Chairwoman Edmonson's inquiry regarding the proposal being presented to the City, Mr. Burgess noted he has not seen any proposal for presentation to the City. He pointed out this proposed resolution has been forwarded to the City as an attachment to an item being presented to the City Commission reflecting their

support of the Port Tunnel.

Commissioner Moss noted the County was in discussion with the City regarding the funding for the Performing Arts Center (PAC), the Port Tunnel, the Florida Marlins Ballpark Project, and affordable housing. He questioned how affordable housing became part of this discussion.

County Manager Burgess noted the major public projects included affordable housing to be funded in increments based on the capacity in the OMNI Redevelopment District. The modifications to the term of the Overtown District and the significant boundary changes did not fund any of those projects noted above. Mr. Burgess noted the major emphasis was on housing and those increment dollar investments would be used for high rises located in Downtown Miami that would be captured as an investment in the Overtown Redevelopment District specifically for housing.

Responding to Commissioner Moss' inquiry regarding the presentation of the Southeast Overtown/Park West CRA legislation to the County and the City, Mr. Burgess stated the Overtown CRA legislation could be included this resolution, therefore, changing the percentage distribution of the TDT revenues. He noted the boundary changes and extension of the life for the OMNI Redevelopment District, and the modification to the redevelopment plan must also include the Port Tunnel and Museum Park projects. Mr. Burgess pointed out any discussions on boundary changes to the Southeast Overtown/Park West Community Redevelopment Area (SEOPW CRA), changes to the redevelopment plan, and changes to the district must go through a process that both OMNI and SEOPW CRAs must adhere to. Therefore, any changes to the legislation for the CRAs would require formal action by both entities, and must be submitted for subsequent consideration by the County Commission.

Commissioner Moss expressed his concern regarding the inclusion of affordable housing in this resolution along with the other projects. He stressed the need for affordable housing in this community and noted it should not be the last item on the list of priorities. Commissioner Moss informed Mr. Burgess that he would monitor this item very closely to ensure that affordable housing was provided for this community. He pointed out the need to provide housing for residents of this

community.

Chairwoman Edmonson expressed appreciation to Commissioner Moss for his comments and asked how affordable housing could be guaranteed as part of this item.

Assistant County Attorney Geri Bonzon-Keenan advised Committee members that each of the projects listed within the foregoing proposed resolution would be presented as separate items for County Commission approval. She pointed out any item that was eligible for funding by the tax increment dollars must be contained in the Redevelopment Plan, which the County Commission would approve.

County Manager Burgess noted it was staff's goal to present to this Committee a global commitment from both the County and the City.

Commissioner Jordan stated the projects outlined in the foregoing proposed resolution created synergy for Downtown Miami. She concurred with Commissioner Moss regarding the inclusion of housing. In addition, she asked County Manager Burgess to include a breakdown of the cost and the affordability category of the housing whenever this item came before the County Commission. Commissioner Jordan also asked that Overtown residents not be displaced.

Commissioner Souto discussed the inclusion of many items/projects in this proposed resolution. He noted the Port Tunnel should not be part of this proposal. He also noted his concern regarding the inclusion of the PAC and the Florida Marlins Baseball Project in this resolution.

Chairwoman Edmonson noted the Port Tunnel would have a positive impact on Commission District 3. She noted District 3 Overtown residents had raised a concern with the trucks and the Port Access coming through Overtown.

Commissioner Sorenson supported the comments made by other Committee members regarding affordable housing being a priority and the possibility of imposing sanctions to provide housing.

Chairwoman Edmonson noted the residents of District 3 did not have a problem with housing, but desired affordable housing.

Commissioner Souto emphasized the need to

organize traffic in Miami-Dade County and the suggested to his colleagues the need to consider special roads or special hours of operation for the trucks.

Assistant County Attorney Bonzon-Keenan advised the Committee that a scrivener's error existed to add Section 3 with the following language to the foregoing proposed resolution to read as follows: "This resolution and the approvals and authorization set forth herein shall not be deemed effective until the conditions precedent referenced in Section 2 have been satisfied."

Hearing no objection, the Committee amended the foregoing proposed resolution as read by Assistant County Attorney Bonzon-Keenan.

Commissioner Moss reiterated his request to the County Manager to emphasis affordable housing during the discussion with the City of Miami.

5 CLERK OF THE BOARD

5A

073264 Report

CLERK'S SUMMARY OF MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 10, 2007 FROM THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE (Clerk of the Board)

Approved
Mover: Moss
Seconder: Sorenson
Vote: 5-0

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Cynthia Johnson-Stacks read the foregoing report into the record.*

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

5B

073353 Report

CLERK'S SUMMARY OF MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 24, 2007 FROM THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING (Clerk of the Board)

Approved
Mover: Moss
Seconder: Sorenson
Vote: 5-0

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Cynthia Johnson-Stacks read the foregoing report into the record.*

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

5C

073371 Report

CLERK'S SUMMARY OF MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 31, 2007 FROM THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE (Clerk of the Board)

Approved
Mover: Moss
Seconder: Sorenson
Vote: 5-0

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Cynthia Johnson-Stacks 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

073266 Report**REPORT REGARDING FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS (County Manager)****Report Received
Mover: Sorenson
Secunder: Jordan
Vote: 5-0**

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Cynthia Johnson-Stacks read the foregoing report into the record.*

The Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing report as presented.

Commissioner Moss noted his concern with the foregoing report and questioned the payment process to community-based organizations (CBO). He noted as of October 1, 2007, the beginning of fiscal year 2007-08, some CBOs had not been paid by the County.

Mr. Hugo Salazar, Deputy Director, Office of Strategic Business Management (OSBM), noted the method in which CBOs were paid based on a reimbursement basis until the CBOs submitted the appropriate paperwork or documentation for the reimbursement.

A discussion ensued between Commissioner Moss and Mr. Salazar in connection with the CBOs receiving an advancement of a certain percentage of their CBO funding allocation and the disbursement of the remaining funding allocation to the CBOs.

Ms. Barbara Galvez, OSBM Deputy Director's Executive Assistant, noted OSBM worked with the CBOs to ensure that they received the initial advancement of 25% of their approved CBO funding allocation by the County Commission. She asked Commissioner Moss to inform her of those CBOs in question in order for staff to follow-up with those CBOs and to provide a status report to the County Commission.

A discussion ensued between Commissioner Moss and Ms. Galvez regarding the CBO process to allocate funds to the CBOs, a current review of the County's process, and that the outcome of that review would be presented to the County Commission.

Commissioner Moss questioned if funding would be made available for a Summer Youth

Employment Program this fiscal year.

Responding to Commissioner Moss' inquiry regarding summer youth employment, Mr. Salazar asked that he be allowed to gather that information and provide this information to Commissioner Moss at a later time.

Commissioner Moss noted the need to provide alternative programs for the youth in this community during the summer.

Commissioner Jordan noted she has received complaints from CBOs located in Commission District 1 regarding non-payment of their approved CBO funding allocation.

Commissioner Jordan asked the Office of Strategic Business Manager Deputy Director Hugo Salazar to provide a status report at the December 18, 2007, Board meeting to include: a matrix of the community-based organizations (CBOs) paid through the County's CBO Funding Process, the date the payment was issued, the payment amount, a listing of all CBOs that submitted their paperwork timely and the submittal date and those that had not submitted the required documents, and a listing of all CBOs that received payment advancements. Additionally, Chairwoman Edmonson asked that the report requested by Commissioner Jordan include non-payment to CBOs for last fiscal year through the County's CBO Funding Process.

Ms. Galvez indicated the report would be provided at the December 18, 2007, Board meeting.

Commissioner Moss stressed he would continue to address CBOs funding.

The Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing report as presented.

Commissioner Moss asked Senior Advisor to the County Manager Cynthia Curry to provide all Committee members with a status report on the County's Summer Youth Employment Program.

Ms. Curry indicated staff would provide the report requested by Commissioner Moss.

Commissioner Jordan questioned when directives were given to the County Administration should it be in the form of motion. She stressed the need for staff to provide reports requested by members of

the Committee or County Commission.

Responding to Commissioner Jordan's inquiry, Chairwoman Edmonson asked that Commissioner Jordan place her directive in the form of a motion.

It was moved by Commissioner Jordan that the foregoing reports requested by Committee members at today's meeting be provided by Tuesday, December 18, 2007. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Moss, and upon being put to a vote, passed unanimously by those members present.

Commissioner Sorenson expressed that a motion should be made only if it was an extenuating circumstance. She stated staff should prepare and present any requested reports without a motion by the Committee.

6B

073521 Report

REPORT RE: FORECLOSURE AND MORTGAGE FRAUD
PREVENTION INFORMATION (County Manager)

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

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Cynthia Johnson-Stacks read the foregoing report into the record.*

Ms. Cathy Peel, Director, Consumer Services Department, informed the Committee of a scrivener's error to correct staff estimates for the printing of the foreclosure information insert to \$11,100 instead \$10,500; and the additional cost in the amount of \$20,000 for additional temporary 311 staff.

Ms. Peel asked the Committee to request a waiver to allow the full Board of County Commissioners to consider the foregoing report at its December 18, 2007, Board meeting.

Responding to Ms. Peel's request, Chairwoman Edmonson asked staff to prepare the appropriate memorandum to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro requesting that the Board's Rule and Procedures be waived to hear the foregoing report at the December 18, 2007, Board meeting.

Commissioner Sorenson noted her support of the Committee Workshop held regarding mortgage foreclosure and indicated that she would be conducting a Town Hall meeting in Commission District 8, on January 31, 2008, to inform residents of this issue.

Hearing no objection, the Committee received the foregoing report as amended by Ms. Peel.

6C

073538 Report**REPORT RE: AGRITOURISM AND WINERY (County Manager)****Report Received
Mover: Moss
Seconder: Edmonson
Vote: 5-0****Report:** *Assistant County Attorney Cynthia Johnson-Stacks read the foregoing report into the record.*

Commissioner Moss noted his sponsorship of Resolution No. R-436-07, which the Board adopted at its April 24, 2007, that directed the County Manager to conduct a fact finding mission and develop strategies to promote agri-tourism and diversity agriculture in Miami-Dade County.

Mr. Charles LaPradd, Agriculture Manager, presented and provided an overview of the foregoing report on agri-tourism opportunities. He highlighted the objectives for Miami-Dade County's agricultural areas outlined in the report: the Lessons Learned, the Next Steps, the Immediate Steps, the Short-term Strategies, and the Long-term Strategies. He concluded his presentation by noting that the County Commission should be presented within 90 days a preliminary plan and progress report.

Commissioner Sorenson noted the Regional Branding Program was very important right now because of the availability of local organic products. She suggested the feasibility of Johnson and Wales to operate a culinary institute in the South Miami-Dade area.

Commissioner Souto asked if the Regional Branding Program could be used for the May 15, 2008, Agriculture and Cattle Show.

Mr. LaPradd noted the agri-tourism projects were not the key focus for the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. He stated the Department of Agriculture operated the Farmers Market Program and provided funding for this program.

Commissioner Souto stressed the need for the County to seek the Department of Agricultural support for the development of a state supported retail farmers market including agri-tourism projects.

Commissioner Moss explained his intent to develop strategies to promote agri-tourism and diversity for agriculture in Miami-Dade County. He noted the Rib fest that was held annually in South Miami-Dade County and the intent to follow-up with Johnson and Wales to participate in the Rib fest.

The Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing report as presented.

Commissioner Souto noted the need for County Commission members to lobby State Legislators to seek their support on agricultural issues.

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REPORT ON IMPLEMENTATION OF A MULTI-FAMILY HOUSING DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (County Manager)

Report Received
Mover: Moss
Seconder: Edmonson
Vote: 4-0
Absent: Sorenson

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Cynthia Johnson-Stacks read the foregoing report into the record.*

Mr. Jose Cintron, Director, Office of Community and Economic Development (OCED), presented and provided an overview of the foregoing report regarding the implementation of a Multi-Family Housing Development Program utilizing Building Better Community General Obligation Bond (GOB) affordable housing funds.

Chairwoman Edmonson noted her request to change in Attachment 1, on handwritten page 41, under the Sites within Other Jurisdictions (Second Category) chart for the Proposed Housing Development Sites, to reflect Overtown Transit Village, in lieu of Crosswinds.

Mr. Cintron noted the foregoing report had several changes since its submittal to the Committee. He indicated OCED staff would prepare a supplement to this item that would include and outlined the following changes: the addition of the Community Action Agency Headquarters (CAA HQ) and the Parkway Sites under the Available for Immediate Development (First Category) sites; the removal of the South Dade Government Center and the International Mall Out parcel sites; and the elimination of the Crosswinds, Interama and the Former Skate Park sites, which staff has determined not to be the best use of the GOB proceeds under the Multi-Family Housing Development Program.

Mr. Cintron informed the Committee that the Miami-Dade Housing Agency (MDHA) Oversight Administrator indicated the County should continue to consider redevelopment of at least three of the six sites outlined in the County Manager's memorandum under the section entitled, "First Category – Fast Track Sites (6 Sites)." He stated the Housing Development Team would review all six sites for feasibility along with the submittal of additional information from the Oversight Administrator by the end of next week.

In addition, Mr. Cintron noted this report reflected the Team has developed parameters for the issuance of a Request for Proposal (RFP) and the RFP draft would be made available for input before the County Commission at its January 10, 2008, meeting.

Commissioner Jordan asked Office of Community and Economic Development Director Jose Cintron to meet with each Commissioner before the Request for Proposal (RFP) was advertised to discuss the RFP involving the development of housing on the sites outlined in the County Manager's report as follows: the Okeechobee Metrorail Station, the Northside Metrorail Station, the Caribbean Boulevard/SW 211 Street, the South Dade Government Center, the International Mall out-parcel, and the Hialeah Multi-Purpose Facility.

Following Commissioner Jordan's notation of a five-acre site located at the intersection of NW 183rd Street and 37th Avenue, Mr. Cintron noted the site noted by Commissioner Jordan would be included in the supplemental item for this foregoing report.

Commissioner Moss asked the Assistant County Attorneys to introduce themselves when they speak and indicated he may sponsor a resolution to that effect. He noted the County Attorney's Office did a lot of good work, but no one knew who they were.

Responding to Commissioner Jordan's request for an explanation of the single-family housing development for the proposed housing program, Assistant County Attorney Gerald Heffernan noted the issue was the contribution of the land and selling it at-cost.

Discussion ensued between Commissioner Jordan and Assistant County Attorney Heffernan regarding certain restrictions for County-owned land and the need to discuss the restrictions with the Bond Counsel.

Commissioner Moss questioned Assistant County Attorney Heffernan regarding whether the County reviewed any other housing programs around the country similar to this housing development program to determine if they were able to structure the use of bond proceeds as a part of an affordable housing program.

Assistant County Attorney Heffernan noted the

practice by County's Bond Counsel Program and the underwriting firms for affordable housing programs.

Discussion ensued between Commissioner Moss and Assistant County Attorney Heffernan regarding the authorization to do capital projects, to structure GOB funds for usage on affordable housing projects and subsidies.

Responding to Commissioner Moss' inquiry regarding the use of bond proceeds for rental properties, Assistant County Attorney Heffernan noted restrictions may apply and a discussion needed to occur in connection with rental versus ownership properties.

A discussion ensued between Commissioner Jordan and Assistant County Attorney Heffernan regarding the equity in the property for the GOB Multi-Family Housing Development Program.

Mr. Cintron discussed the leasing and rental component of rental properties versus leverage on the homeownership component, which required a public policy discussion by the Committee.

Commissioner Jordan noted the subsidies had more leverage and also had a higher level of concentration in terms of not being able to have the mixed income levels that the County was trying to achieve in creating communities. She indicated the issue was targeting areas where the County was placing everybody into the same community as opposed to spreading it around. In addition, she expressed her concern with the number of County owned properties that may be use for scattered sites for affordable housing.

Mr. Roy Hardemon, 635 NW 48 Street, appeared before the Committee, to discuss the selling of the properties to a community development corporation (CDC) or a developer to develop affordable housing in the Model City area.

Commissioner Souto stressed the need for affordability and the need for the County to take into consideration the insurance rates for homeownership. He stated not everyone can afford to purchase a home; therefore, the County should develop rental properties for low to middle income class.

Chairwoman Edmonson stated her perspective on homeownership had changed due to the recent

changes pertaining to homeowner property insurance and property taxes, and the maintenance of a home. She noted a greater need for more rental housing units may exist.

Responding to Commissioner Moss' comments regarding if the bond proceeds could be used to purchase a building that offered both homeownership and rental units, Assistant County Attorney Heffernan noted various types of bond proceeds may be used for a public purpose.

It was moved by Commissioner Jordan that the Committee accept the foregoing report with the condition that Mr. Cintron meet with each Commissioner before the RFP was advertised to discuss the RFP involving the development of housing on the sites outlined in the County Manager's report prior to the Cone of Silence process to address any concerns by Commission members. Commissioner Moss seconded this motion.

Responding to Commissioner Moss' comments regarding if the RFP would be presented to the Committee or the County Commission, Ms. Cynthia Curry, Senior Advisor to the County Manager, informed the Committee that the RFP was not required to be presented and the foregoing report outlined the implementation of the Multi-Family Housing Development Program.

Assistant County Attorney Johnson-Stacks advised the Committee of a provision in the Miami-Dade County Code, Section 2-8.1, that stated "the County Manager is hereby delegated the authority to advertise to bid on County contracts including contracts for public improvement, purchases of supplies and materials that serves for the purposes of professional services without the need for action by the County Commission."

Mr. Cintron noted the County Manager's recommendation for bid award would be presented to the Committee and then, subsequently to the County Commission for action.

Commissioner Moss stressed that the County Administration should be very cautious in proceeding in accordance with Section 2-8.1 of the Code, particularly for sensitive items such as housing.

Commissioner Moss asked for the scheduling of workshops to address affordable housing

holistically in this community.

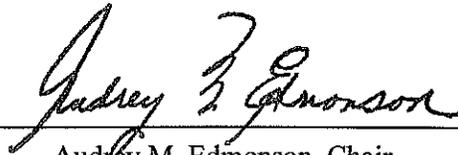
Commissioner Jordan noted her concern and her extensive discussion with staff because of her initial intent to defer the foregoing report due to the notation of the issuance of the RFP, and the selection of developers for these sites as a part of this report.

Responding to Commissioner Jordan's inquiry regarding if the County Commission could review the RFP prior to being advertised, Assistant County Attorney Johnson-Stacks stated that the County Commission could impose that requirement to review the RFP prior to the advertisement.

Hearing no further questions or comments, the Committee received the foregoing report as presented.

7 ADJOURNMENT

Report: *There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 12:42 p.m.*



Audrey M. Edmonson, Chair