



**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, February 14, 2008

2:00 PM

COMMISSION CHAMBERS, SPCC

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: *Mary Smith-York, Commission Reporter*
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1A INVOCATION

1B PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2A

080104 Resolution Barbara J. Jordan

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY AND ADVISABILITY OF REPOSITIONING COMPUTERS AND PRINTERS LOCATED WITHIN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY POLICE PATROL VEHICLES TO ALLOW A SECOND OFFICER TO SIT IN THE FRONT RIGHT PASSENGER SEAT

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Heyman

Seconder: Diaz

Vote: 6-0

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

Commissioner Jordan, as sponsor of the foregoing resolution, clarified that Miami-Dade Police Department (MDPD) was not involved in the preparation of this resolution in any way. She explained that during a meeting, the parents of MDPD Officer Jody Wright, who was seriously injured in a shooting incident on September 13, 2007, questioned whether it was feasible to have two officers riding together in one patrol car. Commissioner Jordan noted patrol cars currently had computer equipment installed in the front seat and would not accommodate two officers. She suggested staff engage in discussions with car manufactures to explore the possibility of replacing the existing equipment within dashboards.

Continuing, Commissioner Jordan noted she met with the MDPD Director and his staff, as well as Mr. John Rivera, President, Dade County Police Benevolent Association (PBA), regarding this proposed resolution. She emphasized that this resolution only provided for a feasibility study to be conducted, and noted it would come back to this Committee within 90 days.

Commissioner Sosa asked whether two officers riding together would guarantee officers' safety and whether current patrol officers were being targeted for this initiative. She expressed concern regarding police visibility being diminished by having two officers in patrol cars, and officers' abilities to access the computers being compromised by relocating them within the dashboard. Commissioner Sosa questioned whether the MDPD's Director and his staff embraced this concept.

Mr. Robert Parker, Director, MDPD, commended Commissioner Jordan for her great vision in response to Officer Jody Wright's parents'

concern. He noted research was conducted regarding adapting computers in patrol cars and the best suited selection was made, based on what was available in the industry. Mr. Parker further noted, throughout the United States, computers were retrofitted post delivery from the factory; and that Commissioner Jordan presented a rare exception, which involved a car built for the police department in Australia that was equipped with a Global Positioning System (GPS) and tag reader designed in or near the car's dashboard. He pointed out that this was not a complete computer system, which included the keyboard, monitor, laptop computer and mount currently used by the MDPD. Mr. Parker advised that pursuant to research, no officer had ever been injured by this computer equipment installed in the car, and that the advantages of having the equipment in the car outweighed the disadvantages or any discomfort. Mr. Parker expressed his willingness to comply with the Committee's request for a study, but advised that the Department did not currently sense the need to increase the number of officers in the patrol units. He noted a greater concern was to create an omnipresence of police officers. Pertaining to the question of whether two officers in one patrol car would guarantee safety, Mr. Parker replied, "absolutely not."

Commissioner Gimenez spoke in support of the foregoing resolution recommending a feasibility study, and suggested consulting with a manufacturer to explore the feasibility of tying into the navigation system currently being installed in new cars.

In response to Commissioner Diaz' inquiry regarding the status of the Motorola Program, Chief Karin Montejo, MDPD, advised the department continued working with Motorola with respect to the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) program. She noted a second 90-day reliability analysis would begin soon, and indicated the system had been very functional for the MDPD. Chief Montejo pointed out that the Automatic Vehicle Locator (AVL) system, which identified police cars' locations, was installed in all cars. However, until all officers were trained, some units were not functioning, she added.

Following Commissioner Souto's comments regarding increased criminal activity, he asked the County Manager to ensure police were assigned to patrol the area surrounding the Florida Turnpike and the Palmetto Expressway.

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Commissioner Diaz asked the County Manager to explore the possibility of the County using declassified military equipment, including heat sensors, and modifying it for use by the Miami-Dade Police Department.

Hearing no further questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote.

2B

080364 Resolution

Dennis C. Moss,

Sally A. Heyman

RESOLUTION DIRECTING COUNTY MAYOR TO IMPLEMENT EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS CONCERNING RESPONSIBLE ANIMAL CARE AT PET-FRIENDLY PARKS AND TO REPORT ON RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FURTHER REGULATIONS

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Heyman

Seconder: Sox

Vote: 6-0

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

Hearing no questions or comments regarding the foregoing resolution, the Committee proceeded to vote.

3 DEPARTMENT

3A

080203 Resolution

Barbara J. Jordan

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO RECEIVE AND EXPEND FLORIDA CRIMINAL JUSTICE, MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE RE-INVESTMENT GRANT FUNDS AND APPROVAL OF THE GRANT'S COUNTY PLANNING COUNCIL; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE SUCH CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS, MEMORANDA OF UNDERSTANDING AND AMENDMENTS, AFTER APPROVAL BY THE COUNTY ATTORNEY; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO APPLY FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING, FILE AND EXECUTE ANY NECESSARY AMENDMENTS FOR AND ON BEHALF OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY; AND TO EXERCISE AMENDMENTS, MODIFICATIONS, RENEWAL, CANCELLATION, AND TERMINATION CLAUSES OF ANY CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE (General Services Administration Department)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Sosa

Seconder: Souto

Vote: 6-0

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

Hearing no questions or comments regarding the foregoing resolution, the Committee proceeded to vote.

3B

080287 Resolution

RESOLUTION DECLARING MIAMI-DADE COUNTY OWNED PROPERTY LOCATED AT 15291 SOUTHWEST 23 LANE, MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, SURPLUS; WAIVING ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 8-4 AS IT RELATES TO REVIEW BY THE PLANNING ADVISORY BOARD; AUTHORIZING THE PUBLIC SALE OF SAME TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER; AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO TAKE ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO ACCOMPLISH THE SALE OF SAID PROPERTY; AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A COUNTY DEED FOR SUCH PURPOSE (General Services Administration Department)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Heyman

Seconder: Gimenez

Vote: 6-0

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

Commissioner Diaz questioned whether policy existed governing the process for changing the names from the previous owners of properties forfeited to reflect the property was now owned by the County.

Ms. Elva Marin, Real Estate Manager, General Services Administration (GSA), noted the Property Appraiser's office handled that process.

Commissioner Moss asked that he be provided with a report describing what properties could be forfeited, for what reasons, and how the process actually worked. He asked that individuals be made aware that their homes and properties could be seized as a result of their involvement in public corruption or other illegal activities.

Hearing no further questions or comments regarding the foregoing resolution, the Committee proceeded to vote.

3C

080356 Resolution

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT FOR SALE AND PURCHASE, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$425,000, BETWEEN RAMON V. RASCO AND EMILIA F. RASCO, AS SELLERS, AND MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, AS BUYER OF APPROXIMATELY 6,500 SQUARE FEET OF IMPROVED PROPERTY LOCATED AT 6181 S. W. 10 STREET, WEST MIAMI, FOR THE PURPOSE OF EXPANDING THE ADJOINING WEST MIAMI FIRE RESCUE STATION NO. 40; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXERCISE ANY AND ALL RIGHTS CONFERRED THEREIN (General Services Administration Department)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Sosa

Seconder: Gimenez

Vote: 6-0

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

Hearing no questions or comments regarding the foregoing resolution, the Committee proceeded to vote.

3D

080101 Ordinance

ORDINANCE RELATING TO FIRE PREVENTION AND SAFETY; AMENDING ARTICLE III OF CHAPTER 14 OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, SOUTH FLORIDA FIRE PREVENTION CODE; CREATING SECTION 14-66 OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RELATING TO INSTALLATION, OPERATION, MAINTENANCE, TESTING AND SUPERVISION OF FIRE ALARM SYSTEMS; CREATING SECTION 14-67 OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RELATING TO INSTALLATION, OPERATION, MAINTENANCE, TESTING, AND SUPERVISION OF SPRINKLER SYSTEMS, FIRE PUMPS, AND OTHER FIRE EXTINGUISHING SYSTEMS; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN THE CODE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE [SEE ORIGINAL ITEM UNDER FILE NO. 073205] (Miami-Dade Fire and Rescue Department)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Gimenez

Seconder: Sosa

Vote: 6-0

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

Hearing no questions or comments regarding the foregoing resolution, the Committee proceeded to vote.

3D SUPPLEMENT

080355 Report

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION TO ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE III, CHAPTER 14, CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RELATED TO MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR FIRE ALARM AND FIRE SPRINKLER SYSTEMS

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Gimenez
Secunder: Sosa
Vote: 6-0

3E

080341 Resolution

RESOLUTION RETROACTIVELY AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AND MIAMI-DADE COUNTY FOR THE PURPOSE OF OUTLINING THE ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF EACH WHEN INVESTIGATING CRIMINAL AND PUBLIC CORRUPTION INVESTIGATIONS INVOLVING THE MIAMI-DADE MAYOR AND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, AND PUBLIC CORRUPTION INVESTIGATIONS BY NON-ELECTED COUNTY OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES, PURSUANT TO SECTION 2-94.1 OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO EXECUTE ANY AMENDMENTS TO THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AND EXERCISE THE CANCELLATION PROVISIONS CONTAINED THEREIN

Amended
Mover: Sosa
Secunder: Diaz

(Miami-Dade Police Department)

Report: (SEE AGENDA ITEM 3E AMENDED;
LEGISLATIVE FILE NO. 080524.)

3E Amended

080524 Resolution

RESOLUTION RETROACTIVELY AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AMENDED MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AND MIAMI-DADE COUNTY FOR THE PURPOSE OF OUTLINING THE ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF EACH WHEN INVESTIGATING CRIMINAL AND PUBLIC CORRUPTION INVESTIGATIONS INVOLVING THE MIAMI-DADE MAYOR AND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, AND PUBLIC CORRUPTION INVESTIGATIONS BY NON-ELECTED COUNTY OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES, PURSUANT TO SECTION 2-94.1 OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY [SEE ORIGINAL ITEM UNDER FILE NO. 080341] (Miami-Dade Police Department)

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

Mover: Heyman

Seconder: Diaz

Vote: 6-0

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

It was moved by Commissioner Heyman that the foregoing proposed resolution be forwarded with a favorable recommendation. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Diaz.

Commissioner Gimenez recommended the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) be amended to delete the language "... when it is notified of a criminal violation..." from the first paragraph under the heading "CONDITIONS" on handwritten page 5, and to replace it with "... when it becomes aware of a possible criminal violation..." He referred to Item 2 under the first paragraph on handwritten page 6, and spoke in opposition to language granting the Miami-Dade Police Department (MDPD) Director the authority to request status updates on investigations involving the Director's superiors. Commissioner Gimenez recommended those investigations be handled within the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE), with support from the MDPD.

Mr. Robert Parker, Director, MDPD, explained the intent of the request for status updates was to ensure cases progressed appropriately.

Assistant County Attorney Clark Christian requested the MOU be amended to delete the language under Item 2 on handwritten page 6.

In response to Commissioner Gimenez' concern

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with language in the title of the resolution. Assistant County Attorney Christian requested the foregoing resolution be amended to delete the language: "... and authorizing the County Mayor or his designee, to execute any amendments to the Memorandum of Understanding and exercise the cancellation provisions contained therein..." from the title. She advised this would require any amendments to the MOU to be submitted for approval by the County Commission.

Mr. Glen Theobald, Chief Counsel to the MDPD Director, appeared before the Committee and acknowledged the requested amendments.

Commissioner Heyman expressed concern regarding the language in Item 6 on handwritten page 5 and Item 4 on handwritten page 6, providing that the MDPD share with FDLE in equitable distribution of forfeited property. She questioned whether a formula had been developed to determine what percentage constituted equitable distribution to MDPD as the lead agency.

In response to Commissioner Heyman's concern, Chief Theobald advised distribution was determined by the percentage of work involved in each case, which was based on detailed accounts outlining each agency's workload. Regarding Commissioner Heyman's question concerning compensation or incentive, Chief Theobald noted it was possible to request cost recovery from the subject of the investigation, if a case went to court.

Commissioner Heyman referenced the Florida Statute that allowed all entities involved in making a criminal case to seek reasonable cost recovery. She asked that the foregoing resolution be amended to include language in the MOU providing that cost recovery be an automatic request in the law, at the time of prosecution; and any recovered funds go to equitable distribution."

Assistant County Attorney Clark Christian advised that the foregoing proposed MOU had been approved in its present form by the FDLE. She recommended Committee members forward this item with a favorable recommendation with amendments, and advised the FDLE's approval of the amendments would allow the resolution to proceed without further committee review..

Hearing no further questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote.

The Committee forwarded the foregoing proposed resolution with a favorable recommendation with Committee amendments to include in the Memorandum of Understanding the following language: "... and cost recovery as permitted by Florida Statutes," at the end of item 4 under "Conditions," as requested by Commissioner Heyman, with a caveat that this resolution would be remanded for committee review only if the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) rejected the proposed amendment.

Commissioner Sosa asked Director Parker to convey the Board of County Commissioners' condolences to the family of the late Detective Jorge Perez, who was the victim of an off-duty motorcycle accident.

4 COUNTY MANAGER

5 COUNTY ATTORNEY

6 CLERK OF THE BOARD

6A

080340 Report

CLERK'S MINUTES SUMMARY OF THE HEALTH AND PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING FOR JANUARY 17, 2008 (Clerk of the Board)

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

7 REPORTS

7A

080199 Report**ORAL REPORT RE: THE DOWNTOWN EMPLOYEE
MEDICAL OFFICE (JMH)****Report Received****Mover: Sosa****Seconder: Diaz****Vote: 5-0****Absent: Souto**

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Clark Christian read the title of the foregoing oral report into the record.*

Dr. Yolangel Hernandez-Suarez, Associate Chief Medical Officer, Ambulatory Medicine Division, University of Miami/Jackson Memorial Hospital (JMH), appeared before the Committee and noted she was responsible for oversight of ambulatory services. She informed Committee members of a proposed change for the Downtown Employee Medical Office (DEMO), located on the first floor of the Stephen P. Clark Government Center, 111 NW 1 Street, Miami, which served as a resource to many County employees. Dr. Hernandez-Suarez noted the DEMO currently operated at a substantial monthly loss due to its physician staffing structure and compensation. She proposed changing the physician model from a salaried model to an entrepreneurial model to ensure risk was shared and that incentives were aligned. She noted her intent was to offer full-service internal medicine practice to serve the growing downtown market; as well as walk-in services for minor complaints. Dr. Hernandez-Suarez advised that JMH physicians would be working at this facility and would be accountable to her for quality and performance. She expressed her appreciation to Committee members for their support for the proposed change.

In response to Commissioner Sosa's inquiry as to whether County employees could receive services as walk-ins, Dr. Hernandez-Suarez noted walk-in services could be enhanced and times extended before and after office hours and during lunch.

Commissioners Diaz, Gimenez, and Heyman expressed their support of the foregoing proposal and concurred that the location of the DEMO in the SPCC needed to be advertised.

Commissioner Gimenez noted he asked Dr. Hernandez-Suarez to explore the feasibility of extending services to the City of Miami and of

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accepting Cigna insurance plans.

Chairman Moss expressed his gratitude to Dr. Hernandez-Suarez for meeting with individual Committee members on this issue prior to her presentation today.

Hearing no further questions or comments, the Committee voted to accept the foregoing report.

7B

080260 Report

SUNSET REVIEW OF COUNTY BOARDS FOR 2008 -
YOUTH CRIME TASK FORCE

Report Received

Mover: Diaz

Secunder: Sosa

Vote: 5-0

Absent: Souto

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Clark Christian read the title of the foregoing oral report into the record.*

Hearing no questions or comments regarding this matter, the Committee voted to accept the foregoing report.

7C

080452 Report

Dennis C. Moss

ORAL REPORT REGARDING OUTBREAK OF
BACTERIAL AND VIRAL INFECTION AT THE ANIMAL
SERVICES SHELTER DURING THE WEEK OF
FEBRUARY 4, 2008

Report Received

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Clark Christian read the title of the foregoing oral report into the record.*

Dr. Sara Pizano, Director, Animal Services Department, appeared before the Committee and advised that although every animal shelter struggled to control infectious diseases, the situation last week involving 15 dogs suspected of an infectious disease caused by the Streptococcus Zooepidemicus (Strepzoo) bacteria, which typically strangled horses, was unique. She pointed out that only two (2) outbreaks had occurred in the United States in the past three (3) years, one in a Las Vegas Shelter in 2007, and the other at a greyhound racetrack in 2008. Dr. Pizano explained that the Strepzoo bacteria was commonly found in a dog's mouth and had not caused disease; that most of the dogs had mild respiratory signs that mimicked the kennel cough. She confirmed that the bacteria penetrated deep into the lower respiratory tracts in 11 of the 15 dogs, causing massive toxins to be released in the lungs, and killing the dogs within six to twelve hours of infection. She noted she was working with University of California and the University of Florida's Infectious Disease Specialists, who were involved with the Las Vegas shelter's outbreak, and that the University of California was the only such facility in the country with any knowledge regarding how to treat this disease.

Dr. Pizano described the course of action taken to address this situation, which included decreasing the animal intake and treating those remaining in the shelter. She advised that she continuously provided email updates to the entire veterinary community, rescue groups, volunteers, County Administration, and the media. Dr. Pizano noted there was no way to prevent future occurrences because this disease was caused by normal bacteria in a dog's mouth and no vaccine existed for all viruses in animals. She pointed out that this outbreak was a product of housing many animals. Dr. Pizano advised that the shelter resumed its normal operations yesterday (2/13).

In response to Commissioner Gimenez' question regarding the current status of the new facility, Dr. Pizano stated retrofitting a warehouse to house the animal shelter was being considered. She advised that a warehouse had been identified in the area of N.W. 74th Avenue and 58th Street, and noted two appraisals were forthcoming; one was expected tomorrow (2/15) and the other on February 29th.

Commissioner Heyman asked the County Manager to ensure the appraisal process for the retrofitting of the warehouse facility be expedited. She also asked the County Manager to explore the possibility of using interest-bearing General Obligation Bond (GOB) to fund the retrofitting. She commended Dr. Pizano on her commitment to the efforts ensuring all fire rescue trucks were equipped with canine and feline resuscitation units. Commissioner Heyman asked the County Attorney to initiate the process for establishing 501(c)3 status for the Animal Services Foundation.

Assistant County Manager Hudak explained the reason the warehouse option was being considered was to expedite the process and to address the funding shortfall issue with regard to constructing a new facility. She commended Dr. Pizano and the Animal Services Department staff for their admirable performance during the virus outbreak at the shelter this past week.

Dr. Pizano acknowledged the support and assistance from the General Services Administration (GSA) team in painting the facility.

Chairman Moss asked Dr. Pizano to keep Commission members updated on the new facility.

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

8 ADJOURNMENT

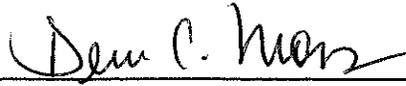
Report: *There being no further questions or comments, the Health and Public Safety Committee meeting was adjourned at 3:51 p.m.*

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