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Governmental Operations and Environment Committee (GOEC)

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Meeting Minutes

Governmental Operations and Environment Committee

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

Tuesday, March 11, 2008 **9:30 AM** **COMMISSION CHAMBERS**

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

Members Absent: None.

Members Late: None.

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent County Business: None.

1 MINUTES PREPARED BY:

Report: *Jill Thornton, Commission Reporter*
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1A INVOCATION

1B ROLL CALL

Report: *The following staff members were present: Assistant County Managers Susanne Torriente and Alex Munoz; Assistant County Attorneys Geri Bonzon-Keenan, Craig Coller, Thomas Logue, Randy Duvall and Henry Gillman; and Deputy Clerks Doris Dickens and Jill Thornton.*

Assistant County Attorney Geri Bonzon-Keenan requested that in addition to the changes listed in the County Manager's memorandum, Agenda Item 2Q Substitute be added to the agenda; a scrivener's error existing in Agenda Item 2R be corrected; and Agenda Item 3E be withdrawn, as requested by Commissioner Edmonson.

Chairwoman Seijas noted Item 3A would be deferred, however, since it was advertised as a public hearing, she would recognized those speakers present who wished to speak in connection with this item.

Commissioner Diaz asked to be added as a co-sponsor to Agenda Item 3D.

It was moved by Commissioner Diaz that the requested changes listed in the County Manager's memorandum entitled "Requested Changes to the Governmental Operations and Environment Committee Agenda," dated March 11, 2008 be approved, along with the additional changes noted by Assistant County Attorney Bonzon-Keenan. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Gimenez, and upon being put to a vote, passed 6-0.

1C REMARK'S FROM CHAIRPERSON SEIJAS

Report: *Chairwoman Seijas called the meeting to order at 9:46 a.m. and provided opening remarks. She noted she had anticipated the recommendations from the Climate Change Advisory Task Force (CCATF) to be presented today, but the CCATF Chairman Harvey Ruvin informed her that he was not ready, and would present the recommendations at the March 11th committee meeting. Concerning a written status report to be submitted for review at the March 11th Meeting to discuss the Consumptive Use Permit (CUP), she asked the Water and Sewer Department Director to include as a part of this report, a record of the public information activities related to the CUP. She noted rate payers needed to know what the County was doing to protect its water supply.*

Chairwoman Seijas advised that prior to discussing departmental budget presentations on today's agenda, Mr. Hugo Salazar, Deputy Director, Office of Strategic Business Management (OSBM), would provide a brief overview on the status of the budget process, and she would begin with budget presentations from the Planning and Zoning and Team Metro Departments. She wished the Director, Ms. Jennifer Glazer-Moon, a speedy recovery from her surgery.

Chairwoman Seijas noted the Commission Auditor distributed a memorandum last week reiterating the importance of this Committee establishing budget priorities. She noted the Land Use Geographical Information Systems (GIS) program was now available for use and should be in full operation on the County's Website soon. She asked Tom Marko, Development Coordinator, to provide an update on the Land Use GIS Program before the changes to the agenda were considered. She stated this program was an excellent economic development tool that would offer County staff, potential developers and the residents of Miami-Dade County an opportunity to make better land use decisions.

2 DEPARTMENTS

2A

080535 **Resolution**

RESOLUTION ADDING THE METROZOO PINELANDS NATURAL AREAS TO THE ENVIRONMENTALLY ENDANGERED LANDS (EEL) PRIORITY A ACQUISITION LIST FOR MANAGEMENT BY THE EEL PROGRAM (Department of Environmental Resources Management)

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

Report: *The foregoing proposed resolution was read into the record by Assistant County Attorney Geri Bonzon-Keenan.*

Commissioner Gimenez noted he could not support this resolution because he felt the funds from the Environmentally Endangered Lands (EEL) Program should be used to purchase additional endangered lands, rather than for maintenance.

Commissioner Diaz questioned whether the intent of the EEL program was to purchase those parcels listed on the "A" list that were identified as the most sensitive wetlands.

Mr. Carlos Espinosa, Department of Environmental Resource Management (DERM) Director, noted the EEL program purchased a number of endangered lands, including pinelands, which was one category on the "A" list because very little of it existed. He noted the EEL program tried to obtain as much pineland acreage as possible, and Metro Zoo was one area that had some of the largest pineland tracts.

Responding to Commissioner Diaz' question whether the County currently owned these parcels, Mr. Espinosa noted the County owned this particular parcel, but the issue was maintenance. He noted these parcels were currently maintained by the Parks and Recreation Department, however, sixteen (16) other parcels under the same category had already been transferred to the EEL program for maintenance, and staff wanted to add this property as well. Mr. Espinosa advised that the EEL program set aside some funds to maintain purchased properties.

Following comments by Chairwoman Seijas regarding who should maintain these properties, the Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing proposed resolution as presented.

2B

080530 **Resolution**

RESOLUTION ADDING CUTLER WETLANDS NORTH ADDITION HAMMOCK TO THE ENVIRONMENTALLY ENDANGERED LANDS (EEL) PROGRAM PRIORITY B ACQUISITION LIST (Department of Environmental Resources Management)

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

Report: *The foregoing proposed resolution was read into the record by Assistant County Attorney Geri Bonzon-Keenan.*

In response to Commissioner Gimenez' question whether a covenant existed that protected the Cutler Wetlands and if so, whether it would remain with the land, Mr. Carlos Espinosa, Department of Environmental Resource Management (DERM) Director, explained that a covenant was proffered some years ago when the Burger King Corporation facility was developed, which created a buffer between the roadway and the development. He noted; however, the covenant was transferred to the municipality that incorporated the area, and this covenant was not an environmental covenant.

Assistant County Attorney Randy Duvall noted he understood the covenant would run with the land, but he needed to review it before responding to Commissioner Gimenez.

Commissioner Gimenez asked Assistant County Randy Duvall to provide a report explaining whether the covenant would run with the land or whether it would remain under the jurisdiction of the municipality.

Following comments by Mr. Espinosa that this parcel was added to the "B" list and matching funds were needed to purchase it, the Committee proceeded to vote on a motion to defer the foregoing proposed resolution to no date certain.

2C

080532 **Resolution**

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING "ASSIGNMENT OF OPTION TO PURCHASE" APPROXIMATELY 10 ACRES OF SOUTH DADE WETLANDS PROJECT WITHIN THE ENVIRONMENTALLY ENDANGERED LANDS PROGRAM ACQUISITION SITE WITH THE NATURE CONSERVANCY AS ASSIGNOR, MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AS ASSIGNEE, AND MARIA M. DRUMMOND AS SELLER; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXERCISE PROVISIONS CONTAINED THEREIN (Department of Environmental Resources Management)

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

Report: *The foregoing proposed resolution was read into the record by Assistant County Attorney Geri Bonzon-Keenan.*

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

2D

080536 **Resolution**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PRIORITY FOCUS AREAS, EVALUATION CRITERIA AND SOLICITATION DOCUMENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008-09 COMMUNITY BASED ORGANIZATIONS (CBO) REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) IN THE FUNDING CATEGORY OF ENVIRONMENTAL ENHANCEMENT AND EDUCATION (Department of Environmental Resources Management)

Deferred to next committee meeting
Mover: Gimenez
Seconder: Diaz
Vote: 6-0

Report: *The foregoing proposed resolution was read into the record by Assistant County Attorney Geri Bonzon-Keenan.*

Chairwoman Seijas expressed concern regarding this resolution. She stated she felt it was necessary to meet with the Director to review this priority; and would like this resolution to be deferred.

Hearing no objection, the Committee proceeded to vote on a motion to defer the foregoing proposed resolution to the next committee meeting.

2E

080547 **Resolution**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO EXERCISE THE RENEWAL OPTION OF AN EXISTING LEASE AGREEMENT AT 21 S.W. 2 AVENUE, MIAMI, WITH JACK THOMAS INC., AS AGENTS FOR FLAGLER BUILDING LLLP, A FLORIDA LIMITED LIABILITY CORPORATION AND LIMITED PARTNERSHIP FOR PREMISES BEING UTILIZED BY MIAMI-DADE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT, 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: Diaz
Seconder: Martinez
Vote: 6-0

Report: *The foregoing proposed resolution was read into the record by Assistant County Attorney Geri Bonzon-Keenan.*

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

2F

080476 **Resolution**

RESOLUTION CONCERNING POTENTIAL TELEVISION PROGRAM FEATURING MIAMI-DADE 311; AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE THE ATTACHED CONTRACT IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE FORM ATTACHED AND TO EXERCISE THE RENEWAL PROVISIONS CONTAINED THEREIN (Government Information Center)

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

Report: *The foregoing proposed resolution was read into the record by Assistant County Attorney Geri Bonzon-Keenan.*

Commissioner Diaz commended Ms. Zito on the upcoming documentary of the "311" Call Center. He asked for clarification on whether the firm taping the documentary taped other governmental-type documentaries or just general documentaries.

Ms. Judy Zito, Governmental Information Center Director, noted the firm had taped both.

In response to Commissioner Martinez' question whether the County had editorial rights to this documentary, Ms. Zito noted the firm would provide a copy of the tape to be aired for the County's review, but the County had no editing rights. She noted, as stipulated throughout the contract, it was not the firms' intent to portray the County in a derogatory manner. Pertaining to Commissioner Martinez' question whether the County would profit from this documentary, Ms. Zito explained that the County would not profit from this program.

Commissioner Moss expressed concern with "business as usual" in tight budget years and with negative impacts if no rights to exclude or edit existed.

Chairwoman Seijas noted she supported this item, but had concerns with adverse impacts.

Ms. Zito explained the County had no editing rights, but could provide comments expressing their concerns upon review of the tape.

In response to Commissioner Rolle's questions whether the contract contained any provisions that protected sensitive departmental information or privileged confidential material, and whether the

County would be protected from liability should the contract be breached, Assistant County Attorney Thomas Logue noted the firm would keep editorial control, but agreed to not air sensitive/confidential information; adding that the County controlled the rights to access the callers they could listen to.

Commissioner Rolle questioned whether the County had ever entered into this type of contract before and if so, what problems were encountered.

Ms. Zito noted the Miami-Dade Police Department had appeared in certain episodes of COPS and the Discovery Channel's Animal Planet, and that she was unaware of any problems. She clarified the intent of this documentary was to identify ordinary people with ordinary problems, and to demonstrate how the local government solved them; and noted it was intended to be very positive. Ms. Zito advised the contract would be effective upon signing until September 2008, and the option to renew the contract would not be exercised if problems occurred.

Commissioner Martinez expressed concern that once the documentary was filmed, the County would give up its rights to edit. He pointed out that with the COPS episodes, the County had editing rights and could restrict access.

Ms. Zito noted in terms of violating rights to confidential material, this contract had provisions to protect the County. She noted in the case of Discovery Channel, the County had no editing rights.

In response to Commissioner Gimenez' question as to what would actually be aired, Ms. Zito read into the record a description of the program.

Chairwoman Seijas asked that the Government Information Center Director meet with each Commissioner to brief them on this item before it goes before the County Commission.

2G

080344 **Resolution**

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING CONVEYANCES OF VARIOUS PROPERTY INTERESTS FOR ROAD PURPOSES TO MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

(Public Works Department)

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

Report: *The foregoing proposed resolution was read into the record by Assistant County Attorney Geri Bonzon-Keenan.*

Chairwoman Seijas questioned Ms. Esther Calas regarding an address in District #13 that was omitted from the list of conveyed properties for roadway purposes, and only reflected the portfolio number.

Ms. Esther Calas, Director, Public Works Department, noted a map was attached to the foregoing resolution that showed the location. She noted the subject area was listed as a tract that was dedicated to the County's Park and Recreation Department for maintenance purposes, and she ensured the address would be included in the list by the next meeting.

Following discussion regarding the map, the Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing proposed resolution as presented.

2H

080590 **Bid Awards**

CONTRACT AWARD RECOMMENDATION BETWEEN GENERAL ASPHALT COMPANY, INC. AND MIAMI-DADE COUNTY IN THE AMOUNT OF $3,484,731.17 FOR RICKENBACKER CAUSEWAY ROAD RESURFACING AND BIKE PATH IMPROVEMENTS PHASE III, LOCATED WITHIN COMMISSION DISTRICT 7 - PROJECT NO: 20070597; CONTRACT NO: 20070597
(Public Works Department)

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

Report: *The foregoing proposed bid award was read into the record by Assistant County Attorney Geri Bonzon-Keenan.*

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

2I

080594 **Resolution**

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AN IMPLIED OFFER OF DEDICATION FOR A PORTION OF SW 328 STREET LYING EAST OF SW 172 AVENUE AND SW 172 AVENUE LYING NORTH OF SW 328 STREET

(Public Works Department)

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

Report: *The foregoing proposed resolution was read into the record by Assistant County Attorney Geri Bonzon-Keenan.*

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

2J

080597 **Resolution**

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING A PORTION OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY OWNED PROPERTY AS ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR SW 124 STREET, BETWEEN SW 127 AVENUE AND THEORETICAL SW 130 AVENUE AND AUTHORIZING MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT BETWEEN WOOLBRIGHT DEVELOPMENT INC. AND COUNTY PURSUANT TO SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY DESIGNATION (Public Works Department)

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

Report: *The foregoing proposed resolution was read into the record by Assistant County Attorney Geri Bonzon-Keenan.*

Commissioner Gimenez questioned whether EEL referred to committee or staff in the language on handwritten page 2 that states: "...EEL has agreed to release the subject right-of-way...."

Mr. Carlos Espinosa, Department of Environmental Resource Management (DERM) Director, advised it referred to staff.

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

2K

080646 **Resolution**

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING A PORTION OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY OWNED PROPERTY AT ARCOLA LAKE PARK AS ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR NW 14 AVENUE, IN SECTION 11, TOWNSHIP 53 SOUTH, RANGE 41 EAST (Public Works Department)

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

Report: *The foregoing proposed resolution was read into the record by Assistant County Attorney Geri Bonzon-Keenan.*

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

2L

080619 **Bid Awards**

CONTRACT AWARD RECOMMENDATION BETWEEN LEYRAM CONSTRUCTION, INC. AND MIAMI-DADE COUNTY IN THE AMOUNT OF $1,109,000.00 FOR QNIP SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENT CONTRACT COUNTYWIDE - PROJECT NO: 20070573; CONTRACT NO: 20070573 (Public Works Department)

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

Report: *The foregoing proposed bid award was read into the record by Assistant County Attorney Geri Bonzon-Keenan.*

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

2M

080639 **Bid Awards**

CONTRACT AWARD RECOMMENDATION BETWEEN LEYRAM CONSTRUCTION, INC. AND MIAMI-DADE COUNTY IN THE AMOUNT OF 1,109,000.00 FOR QNIP SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENT CONTRACT, LOCATED WITHIN COMMISSION DISTRICT 11 - PROJECT NO: 20070659; CONTRACT NO: 20070659 (Public Works Department)

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

Report: *The foregoing proposed bid award was read into the record by Assistant County Attorney Geri Bonzon-Keenan.*

Hearing no objection, Agenda Items 2M, 2N and 2O were heard simultaneously.

Commissioner Edmonson questioned why every contract was for the same amount ($1.1 million).

Ms. Esther Calas, Director, Public Works Department, noted these were all $1 million open-contracts; that two were countywide and two were for specific Commission Districts. She noted, however, that other Commission District sites could be added to those contracts identified for specific districts, if necessary.

Regarding Agenda Item 2O, Commissioner Edmonson questioned whether this was the only contract with 100% Community Small Business Enterprises (CSBE) goal.

Ms. Calas noted the other contracts had insufficient availability; therefore, no measures were placed.

Ms. Penny Townsley, Director, Small Business Development, noted although no measures were placed on these contracts, they were all awarded to CSBE firms.

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

2N

080637 **Resolution**

CONTRACT AWARD RECOMMENDATION BETWEEN LEYRAM CONSTRUCTION, INC. AND MIAMI-DADE COUNTY IN THE AMOUNT OF $1,109,000.00 FOR QNIP SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENT CONTRACT COUNTYWIDE - PROJECT NO: 20070572; CONTRACT NO: 20070572 (Public Works Department)

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

Report: *(See Agenda Item 2M; Legislative File No. 080639 for the report)*

2O

080631 **Bid Awards**

CONTRACT AWARD RECOMMENDATION BETWEEN QUALITY CONSTRUCTION PERFORMANCE INC. AND MIAMI-DADE COUNTY IN THE AMOUNT OF $1,109,000.00 FOR QNIP SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENT CONTRACT, LOCATED WITHIN COMMISSION DISTRICT 8, PROJECT NO. 20070658, CONTRACT NO: 20070658 (Public Works Department)

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

Report: *(See Agenda Item 2M; Legislative File No. 080639 for the report)*

2P

080675 **Resolution**

RESOLUTION AMENDING IMPLEMENTING ORDER 4-41, SCHEDULE OF FEES FOR PERMITS FOR PUBLIC WORKS CONSTRUCTION AND OTHER PUBLIC WORKS RELATED ITEMS, TO PROVIDE FOR A SCHEDULE OF FEES FOR MAINTENANCE OF TRAFFIC PERMITS, AND CRITERIA FOR WAIVER OF LAW ENFORCEMENT BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR [SEE AGENDA ITEM NO. 3A] (Public Works Department)

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

Report: *During consideration of the changes to the agenda, the foregoing proposed resolution was deferred, as requested by the County Manager.*

2Q

080725 **Resolution**

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING CONVEYANCE OF A PROPERTY INTEREST FOR ROAD PURPOSE TO MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

(Public Works Department)

Withdrawn

Report: *(See Agenda Item 2Q Substitute; Legislative File No. 080776)*

2Q Substitute

080776 **Resolution**

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING CONVEYANCE OF A PROPERTY INTEREST FOR ROAD PURPOSE TO MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA [SEE ORIGINAL ITEM UNDER FILE NO. 080725] (Public Works Department)

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

Report: *The foregoing proposed resolution was read into the record by Assistant County Attorney Geri Bonzon-Keenan.*

In response to Commissioner Martinez' question regarding the difference between Item 2Q and Item 2Q Substitute, Assistant County Attorney Bonzon-Keenan noted the only difference in the two items was the replacement of the deed.

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

NOTE: Chairwoman Seijas submitted a memorandum dated March 11, 2008, requesting that Board of County Commissioner (BCC) Chairman Barreiro waive the Committee rules and procedures and allow the foregoing resolution to be forwarded to the March 18th BCC meeting for consideration.

2R

080258 **Resolution**

RESOLUTION APPROVING CONTRACT NO. W-836 IN THE AMOUNT OF $5,553,893.42 TO ATLANTIC CIVIL, INC. FOR THE REMOVAL OF CALCIUM CARBONATE DEPOSIT AT THE ALEXANDER ORR JR. WATER TREATMENT PLANT (Water & Sewer Department)

Amended

Report: *(See Agenda Item 2R Amended; Legislative File No. 080862 for the amended version)*

2R AMENDED

080862 **Resolution**

RESOLUTION APPROVING CONTRACT NO. W-836 IN THE AMOUNT OF $5,553,893.42 TO ATLANTIC CIVIL, INC. FOR THE REMOVAL OF CALCIUM CARBONATE DEPOSIT AT THE ALEXANDER ORR JR. WATER TREATMENT PLANT [SEE ORIGINAL ITEM UNDER FILE NUMBER 080258] (Water & Sewer Department)

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

Report: *The foregoing proposed resolution was read into the record by Assistant County Attorney Geri Bonzon-Keenan.*

Assistant County Attorney Henry Gillman requested a scrivener's error existing in the first sentence, handwritten page 4, under Bid Item No. 4 be corrected to read as follows: "Bid Item No 4 and 5 - Loading, Hauling and Legal Disposing of Calcium Carbonate, accounts for the difference between MDWASD's estimate of $5.925 million and the lower bids received (the difference ranges from $50,000 to $2,504,000)."

Commissioner Edmonson questioned the huge difference between Miami-Dade Water and Sewer Department's (WASD) $6 million estimate compared to bids received that ranged from $400,000 to $2.5 million.

Mr. John Renfrow, WASD Director, noted when the estimate was generated, the cost of disposal was not known, and some firms charged less at the time of the bid.

Hearing no objection, the foregoing proposed resolution was forwarded to the County Commission with a favorable recommendation, with Committee amendment(s) to correct a scrivener's error existing in the first sentence, handwritten page 3, under Bid Item No. 4 to read as follows: "Bid Item No 4 and 5 - Loading, Hauling and Legal Disposing of Calcium Carbonate, accounts for the difference between MDWASD's estimate of $5.925 million and the lower bids received (the difference ranges from $50,000 to $2,504,000)."

3 COUNTY COMMISSION

3A

080123 **Ordinance** **Joe A. Martinez**

ORDINANCE REQUIRING CERTIFIED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS TO PROVIDE MAINTENANCE OF TRAFFIC SERVICES IN CONSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC WORKS; PROVIDING FOR PERMITTING, INSPECTION AND ENFORCEMENT; PROVIDING FOR WAIVERS BY THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS IN ACCORDANCE WITH UNIFORM CRITERIA TO BE SET FORTH IN AN IMPLEMENTING ORDER; AMENDING SECTION 2-103.1; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN THE CODE AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE [SEE AGENDA ITEM NO. 2P WHICH CONTAINS REQUIRED FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT]

Deferred to no date certain
Mover: Diaz
Seconder: Edmonson
Vote: 5-0
Absent: Martinez

Report: *The foregoing proposed ordinance was read into the record by Assistant County Attorney Geri Bonzon-Keenan.*

Chairwoman Seijas opened the public hearing and there being no one to appear, the public hearing was closed.

Chairwoman Seijas expressed concern with two committees having jurisdiction over this ordinance, and stated she felt it was a disservice to the community to expect speakers to appear at two public hearings in one week. Chairwoman Seijas asked Assistant County Manager Susanne Torriente to ask the BCC Chair to consider changing the jurisdictions of this ordinance so that the public hearing was held before only one committee.

Hearing no further comments or questions, the Committee proceeded to vote on a motion to defer the foregoing proposed ordinance.

3B

080691 **Resolution** **Rebeca Sosa**

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING CERTAIN AREAS ADJACENT TO MIAMI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AS "AREAS OR FACILITIES OF COUNTYWIDE SIGNIFICANCE" PURSUANT TO SECTION 20-28.1 OF THE CODE OF MIAMI DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

Deferred to next committee meeting
Mover: Diaz
Seconder: Edmonson
Vote: 5-1
No: Martinez

Report: *The foregoing proposed resolution was read into the record by Assistant County Attorney Geri Bonzon-Keenan.*

Commissioner Diaz asked that the intent of this item be clarified.

Assistant County Attorney Craig Coller clarified the intent of the ordinance was to allow the County to retain the zoning in the event the areas became annexed. He explained the County Commission adopted an ordinance several years ago that allowed the County to retain jurisdiction over areas of particular concern that were annexed to a city for purposes of future development.

Commissioner Diaz stated he felt the sponsor's intent was to protect the airport, but he spoke with the Miami Dade Aviation Department (MDAD) Director who understood the airport would have priority in the covenant in future annexation matters. He stated he was not supportive of this item as it pertained to built-out areas with established businesses; and he would work with the MDAD administration, under the Airport and Tourism Committee (ATC), to ensure the intent of this resolution as it pertained to these properties.

In response to Chairwoman Seijas' question whether the cities were informed regarding the intent of this proposed resolution, Assistant County Attorney Coller explained this resolution was only applicable to the unincorporated areas.

Responding to Chairwoman Seijas' question as to when the ordinance was adopted, Assistant County Manager Susanne Torriente noted the ordinance was adopted in 2005.

Chairwoman Seijas noted she was uncomfortable with forwarding this resolution at this time, because she was concerned that cities would be involved and they would be uninformed. She also expressed concern regarding control of an area. She suggested this item be deferred to allow

Commissioner Sosa to explain its intent. She also suggested Commissioner Diaz allow this resolution to remain under one committee, GOEC not ATC.

Chairwoman Seijas noted the Committee needed to know who had applied for annexation to make a decision.

Commissioner Diaz concurred with Commissioner Martinez statements pertaining to zoning issues that would restrict future expansion, but due to the sensitivity of the airport, he believed the County should retain control of covenants and growth in the area to protect the airport's interests. He also noted by doing so, he did not feel annexations should stop. He moved to defer the forgoing resolution to get the sponsor's true intent.

Commissioner Martinez noted he was not supportive of a motion for a deferral.

Hearing no further discussion, the Committee proceeded to vote on a motion to defer the foregoing proposed resolution.

3C

080713 **Resolution** **Rebeca Sosa**

RESOLUTION APPROVING ALLOCATIONS OF FUNDS FROM BUILDING BETTER COMMUNITIES GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND PROGRAM OF $5 MILLION FROM PROJECT NUMBER 249 - "PRESERVATION OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNITS AND EXPANSION OF HOME OWNERSHIP", $7.5 MILLION FROM PROJECT NUMBER 310 - "JACKSON HEALTH CENTER - HIALEAH" AND $1.5 MILLION FROM PROJECT NUMBER 220 - "ACQUIRE OR CONSTRUCT MULTI-PURPOSE FACILITIES" TO FUND DEVELOPMENT OF MULTI-PURPOSE FACILITY BY CITY OF HIALEAH ON BEHALF OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY WHICH FACILITY SHALL INCLUDE A HEALTH CARE CENTER, AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNITS AND PARKING FOR SUCH FACILITY

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

Report: *The foregoing proposed resolution was read into the record by Assistant County Attorney Geri Bonzon-Keenan.*

Commissioner Martinez noted project 249 listed on handwritten page 4, was originally intended for the preservation of affordable housing units and home ownership. He questioned whether it was in the context to use these units as rental units.

Assistant County Attorney Geri Bonzon-Keenan affirmed the description of Project 249 included the use as rental units.

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

NOTE: Chairwoman Seijas submitted a memorandum dated March 11, 2008, requesting that Board of County Commissioner (BCC) Chairman Barreiro waive the Committee rules and procedures and allow the foregoing resolution to be forwarded to the March 18th BCC meeting for consideration.

3D

080732 **Resolution** **Natacha Seijas,**

Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Audrey M. Edmonson

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO APPLY FOR UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY'S SMART GROWTH IMPLEMENTATION ASSISTANCE RELATED TO MIAMI-DADE COUNTY'S URBAN DEVELOPMENT BOUNDARY

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

Report: *During consideration of the changes to today's agenda, Commissioner Diaz asked to be added as a co-sponsor to the foregoing proposed resolution.*

Assistant County Attorney Geri Bonzon-Keenan read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.

Chairwoman Seijas relinquished the Chair to Commissioner Diaz and explained her intent for sponsoring this resolution. She stated she felt the County's growth management and policies should be evaluated by the experts, and that this assessment would not cost the County anything.

Commissioner Edmonson asked to be added as a co-sponsor to this item.

Commissioner Diaz spoke in support of this resolution. He noted this would bring in an independent, third party to make an assessment, and give the County a true federal guideline by the U.S .Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

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

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080133 **Resolution** **Audrey M. Edmonson**

RESOLUTION APPROVING DELETION OF BUILDING BETTER COMMUNITIES GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND PROGRAM PROJECT NUMBER 318 - "MARTIN LUTHER KING - BUSINESS CENTER" IDENTIFIED IN APPENDIX A TO RESOLUTION R. 914-04; APPROVING ADDITION OF A NEW PROJECT (PROJECT 318A- "MARTIN LUTHER KING BUSINESS CENTER - NEW FACILITY") TO APPENDIX A TO RESOLUTION NO. R-917-04; AND APPROVING ALLOCATION OF $5 MILLION TO NEW PROJECT NO. 318A TO BE FUNDED FROM INTEREST EARNINGS GENERATED FROM GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND (BUILDING BETTER COMMUNITIES BOND PROGRAM), SERIES 2005 [SEE ORIGINAL ITEM UNDER FILE NO. 080093]

Withdrawn
Mover: Diaz
Seconder: Rolle
Vote: 6-0

Report: *During consideration of the changes to the agenda, the foregoing proposed resolution was withdrawn, as requested by Commissioner Edmonson.*

4 COUNTY MANAGER

5 COUNTY ATTORNEY

6 CLERK OF THE BOARD

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080600 **Report**

APPROVAL OF COMMISSION COMMITTEE MINUTES FOR THE FEBRUARY 12, 2008 GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING (Clerk of the Board)

Approved
Mover: Edmonson
Seconder: Diaz
Vote: 5-0
Absent: Martinez

7 REPORTS

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080322 **Report**

2007 REPORT ON COMMUNITY IMAGE ADVISORY BOARD

Report Received
Mover: Edmonson
Seconder: Rolle
Vote: 5-0
Absent: Martinez

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080459 **Report**

BUILDING BETTER COMMUNITIES GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND (BBC-GOB) PROGRAM QUARTERLY STATUS REPORT - FIRST QUARTER FY-08 (OCTOBER 1 – DECEMBER 31, 2007) (County Manager)

Report Received
Mover: Edmonson
Seconder: Diaz
Vote: 5-0
Absent: Martinez

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080645 **Report**

STORM DRAIN CLEANING REPORT NO. 8 (County Manager)

Report Received
Mover: Martinez
Seconder: Rolle
Vote: 6-0

Report: *Commissioner Diaz noted his concern with flooding in low-lying areas in the past, and that he had requested storm drains be cleaned every six months. He inquired about the status of this process.*

Mr. Antonio Cotarelo, Assistant Director, Public Works Department (PWD), noted the storm drain cleaning activities, under the FEMA and the FHWA grant programs were completed, and the Public Works Department assigned teams to clean storm drains as well. He noted the regular cycle for cleaning storm drains was once every eight (8) years, which was improved from once every twenty (20) years. Mr. Cotarelo advised the County had over 80,000 catch basins, and nearly 4 million feet of piping in the county's jurisdiction, which would be impossible to clean every six months. He noted the recommended cycle was once every five years, and the PWD was working to achieve that goal.

Commissioner Diaz stated the recommended cycle was unrealistic and unacceptable, and that most of the flooding was due to clogged drains.

Mr. Cotarelo noted the Neighborhood Enhancement Action Teams (NEAT) and PWD's staff cleared debris from the top of the drains on a regular basis, but clarified he was referring to a complete cleaning of the interior structure and pipes pumped out, if necessary.

Commissioner Diaz noted he was not referring to the clearing of debris from the tops of the drain caps, but cleaning the first two levels within a pipe under the drain caps, which he thought would be done on a more frequent basis. He noted the County could not afford to wait until another hurricane occurred to have this done, and that new VAC trucks were available to clean the drains. Commissioner Diaz mentioned that other municipalities were doing this more frequently.

Commissioner Diaz asked that the Public Works Director and the County Manager meet with him to address his concerns regarding how frequently

storm drains were cleaned in the low line areas.

Chairwoman Seijas suggested the PWD Director prepare a list of the priority areas, as well as those identified as focus areas (proactive/reactive) for the NEAT teams, and have this information available when they meet with Commissioner Diaz.

Chairwoman Seijas asked the Public Works Department Director to provide a report stating the amount of storm water fees provided to PWD to clean the drainage systems, the annual costs and the impact on the annual budget.

Commissioner Martinez asked the Public Works Department Director to contact Mr. Rene Diaz, District (11) Coordinator, and provide him with information regarding the distribution of the NEAT Teams, specifically as it relates to the Districts in the Unincorporated Municipal Service Areas (UMSA).

Upon conclusion of discussion, the Committee received the foregoing report.

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080696 **Report**

SUNSET REVIEW OF COUNTY BOARDS FOR 2008 - CONSTRUCTION TRADES QUALIFYING BOARD - DIVISION "B" (County Manager)

Report Received
Mover: Diaz
Seconder: Edmonson
Vote: 6-0

Report: *The foregoing report was read into the record by Assistant County Attorney Geri Bonzon-Keenan*

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

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080636 **Report**

ORAL REPORT RE: MIAMI-DADE COUNTY'S LAND INFORMATION GIS VIEWER - TOM MARKO, DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR (County Manager)

Report Received

Report: *Mr. Tom Marko, Development Coordinator, County Manager's Office, provided an overview of the Land Use Geographical Information Systems (GIS) Program, which he noted advanced the GIS capabilities. He noted that after reviewing approximately 220 geographical layers of Miami-Dade County, departmental staff identified 70 layers appropriate to Land Use information and development, and ensured the quality/integrity of those layers. He further noted that staff, in conjunction with the Enterprise Technology Services Department (ETSD), contracted with Esri, Inc. for developing a web page application to review those 70 layers. Mr. Marko advised the County had a viewer that examines and made sense of the geographical layers and assisted in making very informed decisions. He also noted about 90% of this information was available for public review, but staff wanted to test its robustness in-house before releasing it. Mr. Marko noted the remaining information would be withheld for security reasons.*

Mr. Jose L. Lopez, Computer Service Manager, Information Technology Division, Water and Sewer Department, provided a PowerPoint presentation demonstrating the use of the Land Use GIS Viewer. He noted the viewer was a comprehensive GIS tool that did not require extensive training and allowed for viewing overlay features. He also noted the GIS viewer was developed to assist County staff, planners and developers in reviewing plans faster and reviewing data sets maintained by various County departments. Mr. Lopez noted the GIS viewer was available to all County Departments and would be launched on the County's Internet Website in the near future.

Chairwoman Seijas asked Mr. Tom Marko, Development Coordinator, County Manager's Office, to provide each Commissioner with a demonstration of the County's Land Use GIS Viewer before this item was considered before the BCC. She noted the Land Use GIS program would be instrumental in allowing customers and staff to identify information pertaining to building permits

and development.

Commissioner Diaz commended staff for their efforts in developing the GIS Viewer. He noted the images appeared much clearer, and questioned whether they had upgraded to a flash player.

Mr. Lopez noted ETSD was responsible for those applications, and used aerial photography that provided clearer images.

Ms. Mary Fuentes, ETSD Director, added that staff was constantly changing the imagery at different levels and accuracy

In response to Commissioner Gimenez' question whether Miami-Dade Police and Fire Departments had access to the GIS viewer in their vehicles, Ms. Fuentes noted the information was available, and the intent was to implement it in both departments. She stated the Fire Department had already implemented it, but she needed to verify whether the Police Department had implemented it as well.

In response to Commissioner Gimenez' question whether previous layers would be incorporated into the new Land Use GIS program that addressed particular incidents with specific locations, Ms. Mary affirmed that previous layers would be incorporated.

Chairwoman Seijas commended staff for their efforts in developing the Land Use GIS Program and Viewer that was long overdue.

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080673 **Report**

DEPARTMENTAL BUDGET PRESENTATION (County Manager) ***Report Received***

Report: *Chairwoman Seijas noted she provided a memorandum to Committee members stating she needed to leave early today. She asked that the Department of Planning and Zoning and Team Metro budget presentations be heard before proceeding with the remaining departments, if time permitted.*

Mr. Hugo Salazar, Deputy Director, Office of Strategic Business Management, provided a brief update on the budget process and implications of the revenue limitations imposed last year that pertain to next year's budget. He noted his office received the departmental budgets, and were reviewing them along with the Commission Auditor in department budget hearings, and advised this process should be completed within one month. In terms of expected revenues in next year's proposed budget, Mr. Salazar noted the County would be challenged by the following limitations: a rollback in the maximum millage rate; growth in average personal income (4.15%), an additional $25,000 in homestead exemptions, added portability; a 10% cap on business taxes and the additional exemption for tangible personal property. Mr. Salazar noted the County would be facing a budget challenge next year of approximately $200 million in cuts (similar to last year), excluding the use of reserves. He noted by adding the $200 million cut from last year's budget with this year's budget cuts, the County would be cutting approximately $400 million from the General Fund by the end of this budget process.

In response to Commissioner Gimenez' request for clarification on the $200 million, and what the actual reduction from last year's budget to this year's budget would be, Mr. Salazar noted revenues received this year were approximately $60 million dollars less than last years' budget, and expenditures increased by approximately $140 million, which equaled the $200 million. He noted his office would be looking at all possible ways to reduce the budget. Mr. Salazar noted other disturbing factors that would further complicate the County's budget next year were several initiatives that were being advanced in

Tallahassee before the State Legislature and the Budget Taxation and Reform Commission (BTRC), including the "1.35%" initiative.

Chairwoman Seijas asked if the 1.35% initiative had been discussed by the BTRC.

Commissioner Gimenez noted he understood the BTRC needed a 2/3 vote in order to put anything on the ballot, and they were having difficulty maintaining a quorum.

Mr. Salazar noted another initiative would impose growth on revenues and expenditures based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) and population growth that would also challenge the budget. He noted the "1.35%" initiative translated into a 13.5% millage cap for all taxing districts, and would reduce the UMSA millage rate from 18.5% to 13.5%. He noted the impact of this initiative across all taxing districts would be approximately $400 million. He also noted the challenge was defining the 13.5% between all taxing districts. Mr. Salazar noted a balanced budget would be submitted by the end of this budget process, however, this budget would impact the core services and in no way would services remain at the current level.

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ZONING

Chairwoman Seijas expressed concern that staffing level in the Planning Department was not reduced when the staffing level in the Zoning Department was reduced from 75 to 42. She asked if the reductions in the Zoning Department would result in 33 layoffs.

Mr. Subrata Basu, Director, Department of Planning and Zoning (DP&Z), noted a number of layoffs were anticipated. He noted the Zoning Department's budget reflected 28 positions filled and 18 positions vacant. Mr. Basu noted the Planning Department Administration supported a number of functions, including the support of the Director's office, legal services, legal support, procurement, human resources and GIS.

Chairwoman Seijas' noted she had some concerns regarding this budget and that she wanted an explanation as to why the Planning Department required 40 Administrators to support 140 service positions with no positions cut, while 75 positions were cut to 42 in the Zoning Department. She asked if some of the employees could be farmed

out to other areas.

Mr. Salazar noted his office asked staff to provide performance measures for workloads relating to the number of employees. He noted, however, that should the downward Construction trend continue, it would be difficult to avoid reducing positions in the Zoning Department.

Chairwoman Seijas noted her primary concern was with the 40 administrative positions in the Planning Department that supported 140 workers, which she felt needed to be reviewed again.

Mr. Salazar noted the Director advanced some proposals to reduce positions in Planning Department, and was asked to look at some of the core functions in the Department. Mr. Salazar noted some of those positions would be reduced.

Commissioner Gimenez noted the County needed to take a look at cutting administrative positions in all departments and to ensure core services were impacted the least. He suggested if still hiring, the County Manager needed to implement a modified hiring freeze.

Assistant County Manager Susanne Torriente noted a modified freeze had essentially been imposed and both the County Manager and the Budget Director had to review and approve each person hired, which slowed the hiring process.

In response to Commissioner Gimenez' question regarding the number of positions anticipated to be cut countywide in next years' budget, Mr. Salazar noted he was unsure, but last year's cuts netted 600 to 700 positions. He noted 400 of those positions were filled and the remaining positions were pipelined into other County positions.

Commissioner Gimenez stated the bottom line was that no lay offs occurred, which was how he wanted it, however, he did not want to see positions filled now and then laid off in the next fiscal year. He noted he believed the County needed to cut administrative positions, reinvent, reprioritize itself and preserve the core services.

Commissioner Martinez noted the County attempted to cut administrative positions last year, but received resistance. He noted the only way to eliminate administrative positions was by job classification or code. He further noted that

proprietary departments would take a big hit due to a construction downturn and reduced revenues. He asked Mr. Basu if any revenue estimating conferences were conducted to make projections based on historical data.

Mr. Basu noted projected revenues for the Zoning Plans Processing Department had continually decreased by 54% overall since 2005, while expenses continually increased at a higher rate, and the reserves had been depleted.

Ms. Torriente clarified they were speaking about carryovers, not reserves.

Commissioner Martinez noted adjustments should have been made in the Administrative section. He questioned whether the Building Department's projections were the same.

Mr. Charlie Danger, Building Department Director, noted a 30% decrease in revenues from this year to next year's budget was projected, and revenues were steadily decreasing. He noted the Building Department needed to retain a carryover reserve for the lean years and keep a minimum of $6 million in reserves to meet its obligations. Mr. Danger noted they once had $14 million in reserves, but that amount was reduced to $2 million, which was the reason he reduced staff by 122 positions.

Commissioner Martinez asked whether the layoffs were service or administrative positions.

Mr. Danger noted he tried to retain service positions, but had no choice but to lay off some inspectors and technical service people for the first time in twenty years. He noted he tried to keep well-trained technical people within the County to service other departments. He stated the construction trend was unstable and unpredictable, and he could not continue using up the Building Department's reserves.

Mr. Basu noted a challenge with the layoff of employees was maintaining the infrastructure necessary to provide needed services. He noted the Planning Department could restructure and reorganize some, but could not just close its doors.

Commissioner Martinez noted he was unaware of the amount of reduced reserves, and that this needed to be reviewed carefully. He also noted he understood the importance of supporting

operations to maintain services, but suggested looking at the ratio of support to operations, the span of control, and defining administrative functions.

In response to Commissioner Gimenez' question concerning the projected negative base number in the FY2008-09 budget, Mr. Basu noted the base number would be negative if nothing else was proposed. He noted he would consider reorganization, proposing a fee adjustment, and possibly more reductions. He noted he needed to watch the revenue streams coming in for the next six months, and may need to make additional adjustments

Commissioner Gimenez expressed appreciation to the OSBM Deputy Director for providing the face sheet on this report, which provided more clarity.

Regarding the Building Department, Mr. Salazar noted his office asked the Building Department Director to provide a five-year outlook on revenues, and might need to revisit some of the department's fee structures, since fees had not been increased in several years.

Chairwoman Seijas noted the Committee might need to evaluate the Department of Planning and Zoning's financial structure to identify opportunities that Commissioner Martinez and Gimenez spoke of, regarding real line functions and to reduce the County's exposure to a volatile market.

TEAM METRO

Chairwoman Seijas noted she was appalled at Team Metro's budget, which proposed no reductions in positions and requested an additional $2 million to support outreach to the Home Owners Associations and $650,000 to support the Community Council meetings. She said she was aware that Team Metro provided outreach to a municipality that had no interlocal agreement with the County to provide fees for this service. She asked whether the administrative support for Community Councils would now shift to the Zoning Department for all zoning and non-zoning matters.

Mr. Sam Walthour, Team Metro (TM) Director, noted the administrative support for Community Councils would shift over to the Zoning Department for zoning matters, but Team Metro

would continue supporting the non-zoning hearings. He further noted Team Metro's outreach program was broader than just visiting HOAs, and consisted of several initiatives/programs, including a year-round citizen's academy, community involvement and direct sales of items such as U.S. passports, baby stroller parking permits and transit products. Mr. Walthour noted Team Metro had not held its resource allocation meeting, and this budget would need to be revised to a more realistic budget.

Chairwoman Seijas noted Team Metro was the only department that asked for an increase in its budget, and asked whether Team Metro's staff was clear about their objectives.

Mr. Walthour noted the essence of the outreach to the municipality that Chairwoman Seijas referred to, was to conduct direct sales. He noted while doing that outreach, county-related questions were raised that Team Metro followed up on. Mr. Walthour noted Team Metro, like other departments, had revenue challenges and reached out for other revenues sources. He noted in good years, Team Metro generated up to 48% of its revenues to support its budget.

Chairwoman Seijas stated she felt a municipality with no interlocal agreement with the County, should visit Team Metro's office for direct sales rather than Team Metro visiting its jurisdiction.

In response to Commissioner Diaz' request for an explanation of direct sales, Mr. Walthour explained that direct sales in Team Metro's regional offices were front counter services to accept U.S. Passports for the State/Federal Departments; to sell baby stroller and Transit parking permits, and to sell dog license tags for Animal Services.

Chairwoman Seijas questioned Team Metro's selling of dog license tags for Animal Services and noted this service needed to be dealt with.

In response to Commissioner Diaz' question regarding what percentage of the revenues collected for fines issued by Team Metro remained in Team Metro's budget, Mr. Walthour noted 100%, except for a fee (approximately 15%) collected by the Clerk of Courts for services/functions they provided relating to Code violations.

Commissioner Diaz expressed concern with Team Metro's positive and negative image regarding community services provided versus escalating fines.

Mr. Walthour noted he did not see Team Metro's services as negative versus positive, but an integrated service approach including Code enforcement and community services that impacted the quality of life in communities. He noted, in many instances, outreach groups helped resolved code violation cases and educated the public on Code enforcement. He further noted the trend numbers reflected the compliance rate had increased over the past five years due to education, and the large number of code violations, as seen in the past, had decreased. Mr. Walthour noted Team Metro handled over 118,000 inspections last year, and less than 200 official complaints. He also noted enforcement and aggressive outreach education had made a significant impact on how the Code was enforced.

Chairwoman Seijas indicated the comments of Committee members were not a reflection on Mr. Walthour or his department, but a reflection on the current financial/economic situation that the County was facing.

In response to Commissioner Diaz' question regarding overtime reflected in the outreach services, Mr. Walthour noted the outreach service positions were job basis, however, the majority of overtime was for support to the Elections Department. He noted he approved all overtime, and very little was expended for overtime.

In response to Commissioner Diaz' question whether a request from the Elections Department for other departments to support it came out of the Elections Budget, Mr. Salazar noted each department that helped support the Elections Department contributed from its resources.

It was moved by Commissioner Gimenez that Chairwoman Seijas' memorandum of recommendations for budget priorities be approved. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Diaz for discussion.

In response to Commissioner Gimenez' request for an explanation of the recommendation to transfer Team Metro Code Enforcement responsibilities to

proprietary and regulatory departments, Chairwoman Seijas explained that some of Team Metro's responsibilities were once carried by the proprietary departments, and this recommendation requested they be transferred back to the proprietary departments.

Commissioner Gimenez noted he preferred Team Metro Code Enforcement to remain at the neighborhood level because issues of importance varied from one jurisdiction to another.

Chairwoman Seijas clarified she was speaking in terms of the budget numbers only, and not to reduce services.

Commissioner Gimenez suggested a recommendation to adequately fund the Elections Department for the Presidential Election in November be added to the list of budget priorities in Chairwoman Seijas' memorandum.

Chairwoman Seijas asked staff to add Commissioner Gimenez' recommendation to the list.

Commissioner Martinez noted he preferred that code enforcement be transferred to the proprietary departments. He noted he recalled Team Metro was originally an outreach agency that assisted people with government functions, and he had always envisioned Team Metro as outreach. He noted most people disliked enforcement, and centralization would take the responsibility off Team Metro. He said he agreed with his colleague's statement regarding outreach services should remain in the neighborhoods.

Commissioner Gimenez explained that he felt code enforcement should remain in the neighborhoods because it dealt with quality of life issues, and focused on what was important for a particular neighborhood.

Chairwoman Seijas noted the list of recommendations in the memorandum addressed the budget only. She stated the adopted Water and Sewer Retail Rate Structure that encouraged conservation, needed to be addressed, and a guarantee that the Water and Sewer Department met its obligations for the Consumptive Use Permit (CUP) was also needed. Additionally, she noted an update on the Department Solid Waste Management's long-term plan for disposable capacity needed to be addressed. Chairwoman

Seijas noted although the memorandum was amended to add Commissioner Gimenez' recommendation, she welcomed anyone to add additional items to the list of recommendations for discussion at the next Committee meeting.

Hearing no objection, the Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing motion to approve the list of recommendations provided in Chairwoman Seijas' memorandum, as amended to add Commissioner Gimenez request for a recommendation to adequately fund the Elections Department for the Presidential Election in November 2008.

8 ADJOURNMENT

Report: *There being no further business to come before this Board, the Governmental Operations and Environment Committee meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.*

Natacha Seijas, Chair