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Health and Public Safety Committee (HPSC)

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Meeting Minutes

Health and Public Safety Committee

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

Thursday, March 13, 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

1C ROLL CALL

Report: *The following staff members were present: Assistant County Manager Alina Hudak, Assistant County Attorney Gerald Sanchez, and Deputy Clerks Doris Dickens and Mary Smith-York.*

Assistant County Attorney Gerald Sanchez requested the following changes be made to today's agenda:

County Manager requested Item 7C Supplement be added, and Item 2E Supplement be deferred; Commissioner Sosa requested she be added as co-sponsor to Item 2C; and Commissioner Martinez requested Item 2E be deferred.

It was moved by Commissioner Heyman that today's agenda be accepted with the requested changes as read into the record by Assistant County Attorney Sanchez. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Diaz, and upon being put to a vote, passed by a vote of 6-0.

2 COUNTY COMMISSION

2A

080649 **Resolution** **Jose "Pepe" Diaz**

RESOLUTION RETROACTIVELY AUTHORIZING IN-KIND SERVICES FROM THE MIAMI-DADE FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT FOR THE MARCH 17-23, 2008 WORLD GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS - CA CHAMPIONSHIP SPONSORED BY SOUTH FLORIDA GOLF FOUNDATION, INC., A NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $26,119.00 TO BE FUNDED FROM THE NON-AD VALOREM PORTION OF THE FIRE RESCUE DISTRICT IN-KIND RESERVE FUND

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

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

There being no questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote.

2B

080634 **Resolution** **Jose "Pepe" Diaz**

RESOLUTION RETROACTIVELY AUTHORIZING IN-KIND SERVICES FROM THE MIAMI DADE POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR THE MARCH 17-23, 2008 WORLD GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS - CA CHAMPIONSHIP SPONSORED BY SOUTH FLORIDA GOLF FOUNDATION, INC., A NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $69,574.44 TO BE FUNDED FROM THE COUNTYWIDE IN-KIND RESERVE FUND

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

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

In response to Commissioner Heyman's concern with a large sum of money being requested without the proper paperwork for authentication, Assistant County Manager Hudak noted staff requested and expected to receive the documents within two hours.

Chairman Moss asked Assistant County Manager Hudak to prepare an itemized report reflecting the amount and purpose of each requested expenditure, including the remaining balances. He asked that this information be submitted as an attachment to this proposed resolution when forwarded for consideration by the County Commission.

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

2C

080598 **Resolution** **Carlos A. Gimenez,**

Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Sally A. Heyman, Dennis C. Moss, Rebeca Sosa, Sen. Javier D. Souto, Audrey M. Edmonson, Dorrin D. Rolle

RESOLUTION CREATING "CHILD SAFETY AWARENESS WEEK," DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO COORDINATE ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED THEREWITH AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DESIGNATED ROADWAYS FOR ATV USAGE

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

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

Chairman Moss and Commissioners Sosa and Diaz asked to be added as co-sponsors to this resolution.

Commissioner Diaz noted, following a two-year search, a survey was conducted that resulted in nine locations to be considered as parks for All Terrain Vehicles (ATV) usage. He further noted the County owned the highest ranking location, which was located outside of a residential community.

Mr. Jack Kardys, Director, Park & Recreation Department, noted the M.E. Thompson Campground was currently being utilized for motorcross riding; however, the survey recommended the property located near the Miami International Airport (MIA), as the most suitable location for this purpose. He informed Committee members the department would be bringing an item back requesting approval for another $75,000 grant to complete the environmental studies. Mr. Kardys advised this was the most viable option.

Commissioner Diaz emphasized the need to designate a location for this type of activity, particularly in Districts 11 and 12, and asked that he be listed as a co-sponsor of this resolution. He noted the Miami-Dade Police Department was working with the State to address this issue.

Mr. Kardys clarified that the recommended site was located west of the MIA and within the Collier County boundaries, but was owned by the Miami-Dade Aviation Department.

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

2D

080612 **Resolution** **Barbara J. Jordan**

RESOLUTION RETROACTIVELY AUTHORIZING IN-KIND SERVICES FROM THE MIAMI DADE FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT FOR THE FEBRUARY 16, 2008 THE OLD SCHOOL 70'S LOVE FESTIVAL SPONSORED BY CONCERNED AFRICAN WOMEN, INC., A NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $1,035.00 TO BE FUNDED FROM THE NON-AD VALOREM PORTION OF THE FIRE RESCUE DISTRICT IN-KIND RESERVE FUND

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

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

There being no questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote.

2E

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: Heyman
Seconder: Diaz
Vote: 6-0

Report: *During consideration of today's agenda, Assistant County Attorney Gerald Sanchez requested Items 2E and 2E Supplement be deferred to no date certain, as requested by the County Manager.*

2E SUPPLEMENT

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: Heyman
Seconder: Diaz
Vote: 6-0

Report: *(See report under Agenda Item 2E; Legislative File No. 080123.)*

2F

080611 **Resolution** **Rebeca Sosa, Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Carlos A. Gimenez, Sally A. Heyman, Dennis C. Moss, Sen. Javier D. Souto, Audrey M. Edmonson, Barbara J. Jordan, Dorrin D. Rolle**

RESOLUTION DECLARING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY BEGINNING IN FEBRUARY 2009 AND EACH YEAR THEREAFTER AS HEART MONTH IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY; DIRECTING THE MAYOR OR DESIGNEE TO PREPARE A PLAN, WORKING WITH JACKSON HEALTH SYSTEM AND OTHER HOSPITALS IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FOR A PUBLIC INFORMATION AND EDUCATIONAL CAMPAIGN, EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES DURING HEART MONTH IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY EACH FEBRUARY TO INCREASE AWARENESS OF HEART DISEASE

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

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

Chairman Moss and Commissioners Diaz, Gimenez, and Souto asked to be listed as co-sponsors of the foregoing resolution.

There being no questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote.

2G

080615 **Resolution** **Rebeca Sosa**

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO STUDY ALTERNATIVES FOR FUNDING THE MIAMI-DADE FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT, INCLUDING THE POSSIBILITY OF FUNDING THE FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT AS PART OF THE COUNTYWIDE GENERAL FUND; DIRECTING THE MAYOR OR DESIGNEE TO PROVIDE A REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS

Amended

Report: *(SEE AGENDA ITEM 2G AMENDED; LEGISLATIVE FILE NO. 080814.)*

2G Amended

080814 **Resolution** **Rebeca Sosa, Joe A. Martinez**

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO STUDY ALL POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVES AND ALL OPTIONS FOR FUNDING THE MIAMI-DADE FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT; DIRECTING THE MAYOR OR DESIGNEE TO PROVIDE A REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS [SEE ORIGINAL ITEM UNDER FILE NO. 080615]

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

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

Commissioner Gimenez noted he could not support the portion of this resolution that provided for the possibility of funding the Fire & Rescue Department from the Countywide General Fund. He pointed out that taxes would be increased for approximately 800,000 County residents because they lived in cities that operated their own fire departments. Commissioner Gimenez asked Assistant County Manager Hudak to research and determine the feasibility of including those services provided by Miami-Dade Fire Rescue countywide, in the Countywide General Fund.

Commissioner Sosa stated, for the record, it was never her intention to propose legislation that would increase taxes. She clarified that this resolution directed the Mayor or designee to provide a report and recommendations to the Board, including the possibility of using General Fund dollars. Commissioner Sosa recommended the foregoing proposed resolution be forwarded with Committee amendment(s) to delete the following language from Section 1, handwritten page 4, "... the possibility of funding the Department as part of the Countywide General Fund" and to replace it with "... including all possibilities and analyses of how the other public safety departments were funded... "

Commissioner Heyman expressed concern with placing the Fire Department in the Countywide General Fund budget and noted she felt this would hurt the Fire Department due to budget cuts by the State Legislature. She spoke in support of researching alternative funding sources.

Commissioner Diaz noted he supported the possibility of using the General Fund to fund

services provided countywide by the Fire Department. He expressed the need for more detail and noted he would await the results of the proposed study.

Commissioner Gimenez noted he agreed that the services provided countywide by the Fire Rescue Department should be funded from the countywide millage. He recommended a study be conducted on the feasibility of combining the three County departments' hazmat teams, dividing the cost among the departments and placing it in the Countywide Millage.

Assistant County Manager Hudak advised that a related item (7C) on today's agenda, the County Manager's report entitled "Miami-Dade County Fire Rescue Department Current Financial Conditions, Future Fiscal Challenges, and Impact of Municipalities Opting Out of the Fire District," was done in cooperation with the Fire Department and the Office of Strategic Business Management. She noted this report outlined the history, alternative funding sources, and the "opt out" status of the various jurisdictions, and was a good starting point.

Commissioner Sosa asked that Agenda Item 7C be deferred and presented before this committee on April 17th, in conjunction with the report requested in connection with the foregoing resolution.

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

The foregoing proposed resolution was forwarded to the County Commission with a favorable recommendation, with committee amendment(s) to delete the language "... the possibility of funding the Department as part of the Countywide General Fund" and to replace it with "... including all possibilities and analyses of how the other public safety departments were funded... "

2H

080644 **Resolution** **Sen. Javier D. Souto**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING IN-KIND SERVICES FROM THE MIAMI DADE FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT AND THE MIAMI-DADE POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR THE MAY 3-4, 2008 ZIMMERMAN MS BIKE RIDE SPONSORED BY THE NATIONAL MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SOCIETY – SOUTH FLORIDA CHAPTER, A NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $46,520.00 TO BE FUNDED IN PART FROM THE COUNTYWIDE IN-KIND RESERVE FUND, AND IN PART FROM THE NON-AD VALOREM PORTION OF THE FIRE RESCUE DISTRICT IN-KIND RESERVE FUND

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

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

There being no questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote.

3 DEPARTMENT

3A

080555 **Resolution**

RESOLUTION RETROACTIVELY AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF THE INTER-LOCAL AGREEMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008 WITH THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS/LINDSEY HOPKINS TECHNICAL EDUCATIONAL CENTER FOR THE PROVISION OF ACADEMIC EDUCATION AND CAREER/TECHNICAL EDUCATION FOR INMATES IN THE MIAMI-DADE CORRECTIONS AND REHABILITATION DEPARTMENT; AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXERCISE THE RENEWAL AND CANCELLATION PROVISIONS CONTAINED THEREIN (Corrections & Rehabilitation Department)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Heyman
Seconder: Diaz
Vote: 5-0
Absent: Sosa

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

There being no questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote.

3B

080522 **Resolution**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A LEASE AGREEMENT AT JOSEPH H. DAVIS CENTER FOR FORENSIC PATHOLOGY, ONE BOB HOPE ROAD, SUITES 212, 213, 214, AND 215, MIAMI, WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI, SCHOOL OF MEDICINE, FOR PREMISES TO BE UTILIZED AS A HISTOPATHOLOGICAL LABORATORY AND STORAGE OF TISSUE; 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: Heyman
Seconder: Diaz
Vote: 6-0

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

There being no questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote.

3C

080538 **Resolution**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A RETROACTIVE SECOND AMENDMENT TO LEASE AGREEMENT AT 3300 N.W. 27 AVENUE, MIAMI, WITH STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE FOR PREMISES TO BE UTILIZED BY THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS FOR ITS JUVENILE AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS COURT; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR DESIGNEE TO EXERCISE ANY AND ALL OTHER RIGHTS CONFERRED THEREIN (General Services Administration Department)

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

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

There being no questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote.

3D

080539 **Resolution**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT FOR SALE AND PURCHASE IN THE AMOUNT OF $284,750 BETWEEN THE CITY OF WEST MIAMI, AS SELLER, AND MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, AS BUYER OF APPROXIMATELY 10,000 SQUARE FEET OF IMPROVED PROPERTY LOCATED AT 975 S. W. 62 AVENUE, WEST MIAMI, 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: Heyman
Seconder: Diaz
Vote: 6-0

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

There being no questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote.

3E

080542 **Resolution**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A LEASE AGREEMENT AT 7845-55 N.W. 148 STREET, MIAMI, WITH THE GRAHAM COMPANIES, A FLORIDA CORPORATION, FOR PREMISES TO BE UTILIZED BY THE MIAMI-DADE CORRECTIONS AND REHABILITATION DEPARTMENT, 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: Heyman
Seconder: Diaz
Vote: 6-0

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

There being no questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote.

3F

080603 **Resolution**

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND ADOPT ADDENDUM A TO THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND THE TOWN OF CUTLER BAY SUBSTANTIALLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FORMS ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE PART HEREOF; AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE SAME FOR AND ON BEHALF OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO FILE AND EXECUTE ANY NECESSARY ADDENDUMS TO THE AGREEMENT (Miami-Dade Police Department)

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

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

Commissioner Gimenez questioned the Town of Cutler Bay's rationale for wanting to purchase and maintain its own police vehicles, as opposed to the Miami-Dade Police Department providing the vehicles.

Mr. Steve Alexander, Town Manager, Town of Cutler Bay, appeared before the Committee and explained that, pursuant to a cost analysis, the purchase of a new vehicle with a three-year maintenance agreement was found to be less expensive than the amount MDPD charged per vehicle.

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

4 COUNTY MANAGER

5 COUNTY ATTORNEY

6 CLERK OF THE BOARD

6A

080580 **Report**

CLERK'S MINUTES SUMMARY OF THE HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING FOR FEBRUARY 14, 2008 (Clerk of the Board)

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

7 REPORTS

7A

080592 **Report**

ORAL REPORT ON THE STATUS OF CRIME IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY (Miami-Dade Police Department)

Report Received

Report: *Mr. Robert Parker, Director, Miami-Dade Police Department (MDPD), provided an oral report, aided by a PowerPoint presentation, which was presented at the Mayor's recent Crime Conference. He briefly described the department's efforts to include programs and enhance enforcement initiatives, and provided a brief overview of the robbery intervention detail and tactical narcotics team detail programs. Mr. Parker also provided statistical data pertaining to the ratio between the population growth rate and the increase in crime.*

Commissioner Diaz asked Director Parker to conduct research and provide Committee members with a statistical report identifying trends relating to criminal activity in the various municipalities within the County with respect to the types and number of occurrences, and whether the numbers had increased or decreased within a specific time period.

Commissioner Sosa asked Director Parker to provide Committee members with recommendations to assist them in developing policy to ensure that sufficient resources were available to respond to the increasing crime rate.

7B

080601 **Report**

SUNSET REVIEW OF COUNTY BOARDS FOR 2008 - FIRE PREVENTION AND SAFETY APPEALS BOARD

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

7C

080620 **Report**

REPORT ON THE MIAMI DADE COUNTY FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT CURRENT FINANCIAL CONDITIONS, FUTURE FISCAL CHALLENGES, AND IMPACT OF MUNICIPALITIES OPTING OUT OF THE FIRE DISTRICT (Miami-Dade Fire and Rescue Department)

Deferred to April 17, 2008
Mover: Sosa
Seconder: Diaz
Vote: 6-0

7C SUPPLEMENT

080767 **Supplement**

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION REGARDING MIAMI-DADE
COUNTY FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT CURRENT FINANCIAL CONDITIONS, FUTURE FISCAL CHALLENGES,
AMD IMPACT OF MUNICIPALITIES OPTING OUT OF THE
FIRE DISTRICT (ATTACHMENTS I-IV)

Deferred to April 17, 2008
Mover: Sosa
Seconder: Diaz
Vote: 6-0

7D

080690 **Report**

ORAL REPORT/STATUS UPDATE ON MIAMI-DADE CORRECTIONS AND REHABILITATION DEPARTMENT MASTER PLAN (GSA/Miami-Dade Corrections & Rehabilitation)

Report Received

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

Mr. Timothy Ryan, Director, Correction and Rehabilitation Department (C&R), noted local jails across America, have been increasing in inmate population for over 30 years. Local governments' attempts to anticipate the numbers and the needs for ever increasing inmate beds, and assess how to pay for them have been significant, he stated. Mr. Ryan noted the general increase in population and the ever increasing seriousness of the crimes committed, and the homeless and mentally ill, along with the public's demand for safety had dictated action. He advised the C&R Department presently operated five (5) jail facilities, having closed its sixth, the North Dade Facility. He noted the oldest training and treatment facility, called the Stockade, was 54 years old and built in 1953. The main jail/pre-detention center was opened in 1961 and was 47 years old, serving as the hub for bookings, processing, courts, and maximum security everyday, 24 hours-a-day, seven days-a-week, Mr. Ryan noted. He advised that the newest large facility was the Metro West Detention Center, which was designed for 2,234 inmates, but was used as overflow and could approach 3,000. Mr. Ryan indicated that during the past weekend, subsequent to several police sting operations, the total jail inmate count approached 7,200. He informed Committee members that last fall, the count reached just below 7,500 and that the current rate of capacity was 5,845; adding that on Sunday, there were nearly 1,400 inmates over capacity (24% over the crowded level and severely beyond the Constitutional limits). Mr. Ryan advised that operating the facilities at these levels presented risks, including general deterioration and the need for new facilities to meet the bed needs. He stated these circumstances were the basis for the Board's direction providing for the initiation of a master planning process. Mr. Ryan noted this contract was awarded in June 2007, and the firm, Spillis Candela (SC) began its work in late August. He advised that SC utilized

national experts, Pulitzer Bogart and Carter Global Association (phonetic), to conduct the critical work, and expressed his confidence in the firms' commitment to approaching this project with the concept necessary to meeting their challenge. Mr. Ryan highlighted the following points:

** The project was divided into four (4) major parts: 1) orientation, organization and survey, 2) inventory and data analysis; 3) definitions and evaluations; and 4) master plan recommendations.*
** The project's subcomponents would : 1) assess the detail programming analyses; 2) prepare conceptual designs; 3) assess the critical inmate population; and 4) assess space and standards analyses, along with site and infrastructure reviews.*

Mr. Ryan noted this report was considered the one road map for the next 20-30 years, and emphasized that it must produce the best correctional planning programs possible. Recognizing the possibility of having only one chance for this, he expressed his commitment to make this the optimum plan. Mr. Ryan noted the final report would be available around the end of April, however, he said he wanted to clarify, to the Board, what the report was showing. He noted the following issues:

** There would be a capacity shortfall because, at the present rate, there would be approximately 8,000 inmates by 2010;*
** The medical and mental health needs for the special housing was critical today, and more onsite space and services would continue being critically needed;*

** A centralized kitchen concept for food services would soon be needed, as well as an updated delivery system; and*
** Coordination with the Civic Center Master Plan and achievement of the Public Defender's transportation expectations, along with the understanding of the lifespan of only 30 years for jail facilities would be needed.*

Mr. Ryan noted cost was a significant area of concern and must be given serious review by the Board. He advised that the report was based on three preliminary recommendations which involved: the immediate construction at the Krome site, with critically needed infrastructure included; the rethinking of today's housing plans with

possible movement of inmates by classification and gender; the restructuring of the booking and processing operations; the razing and renovating of facilities and using technology to bring them all together; and, the planning of the rehabilitation/re-entry process and program space to help stem the tide of recidivate inmates.

Mr. Ryan noted he was optimistic that the plan would help Miami-Dade County, its Board and its citizens to come to grips with the most challenging of governmental issues. He stated Miami-Dade had the eighth largest jail system in America, and expressed his hope that this master plan would ensure it became the best. He noted he would present the final report before the Board in May 2008.

Commissioner Sosa noted she would soon request a date from Chairman Moss for the Corrections Blue Ribbon Committee to come before this Committee and make a presentation on its findings. She stated that the increasing number of inmates on a yearly basis indicated a failure to address the root of the problem, which was rehabilitation of youngsters. She asked Chairman Moss to set aside a date for a roundtable discussion with Mr. Ryan and other related department representatives concerning this issue. Commissioner Sosa noted at the time $90 million was allocated to build the Krome facility, that amount was sufficient; however, today the amount to accomplish this had increased to $500 million, which created a $410 million shortfall. She stated the Stockade was in a state of despair, and noted she had asked the director to ensure the inmates learned productive skills that would serve them when released. She questioned why every time the County needed to build something, the costs skyrocketed and the time to complete it was extensive; when in fact, some municipalities were able to get similar jobs done faster and for a lesser cost. Commissioner Sosa indicated that in an effort to have an open and honest process, it sometimes took the departments up to six months to review plans.

Having concluded discussion regarding this report, the Committee considered Chairman Moss' recommendation to defer Agenda Item 7E.

7E

080689 **Report**
DEPARTMENTAL BUGDET PRESENTATIONS ***Not presented***

(County Manager)

Report: *During consideration of Agenda Item 7D, Commissioner Moss asked Committee members whether the foregoing report should be deferred to allow time for a detailed discussion of the Correction and Rehabilitation's (C&R) and related departments' budgetary issues.*

Commissioner Diaz asked the directors of the departments under the jurisdiction of the Health and Public Safety Committee to schedule a meeting with him to discuss their individual budget issues and priorities.

Commissioner Sosa asked that each department director under the jurisdiction of the Health and Public Safety Committee prepare a detailed report listing the 2006-07 budget and number of employees versus 2007-08 proposed budget and number of employees, as well as the number of vacant positions and a rationale for any budget increases. She acknowledged Chairman Moss' request and noted she would provide him with the format in advance.

Commissioner Gimenez noted that, during discussion in the Budget & Finance Committee on Tuesday (4/11), he understood the County was facing a $60 million reduction in revenues; yet he was observing large increases. He asked that the numbers in the proposed budgets line up with what the actual revenue would be. In response to Assistant County Manager Hudak's comment that the report before the Committee today was the initial draft, Commissioner Gimenez asked that a more definitive document be brought back for review.

Commissioner Heyman asked the Corrections & Rehabilitation Director to include in the department's budget, costs for holding inmates pending hearings/trials, arrested individuals, pretrial expenses, and for processing juvenile offenders. She asked Assistant County Manager Hudak to also consult with representatives from JMH and other hospitals within the County to consider using the Medicare and Medicaid formulas, as opposed to private insurance rates,

when billing inmates. Commissioner Heyman also asked Ms. Hudak to reach out to representatives in the State legislature for Medicare funding for inmates terminated without insurance coverage.

Chairman Moss questioned whether it would be realistic to attempt development of priorities before April 8th, while the State Legislature was in session.

Commissioner Gimenez asked Assistant County Manager Hudak to prepare a report reflecting the number and the intent of initiatives to be placed on the ballot by the State Legislative Commission.

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081127 **Report**
NON-AGENDA ITEMS REPORT

Report: *1) DOWNTOWN EMPLOYEE MEDICAL OFFICE*

Commissioner Heyman referenced the oral report regarding the Downtown Employee Medical Office (DEMO), provided on February 14, 2008 by Jackson Memorial Hospital, and noted the report attributed the approximately $50,000 per month loss to a failure to market the facility. She expressed concern that the current physician and support staff were being replaced with new staff. She noted current patients were advised to retrieve their medical records from the downtown office because the current physician and staff would no longer facilitate this location.

It was moved by Commissioner Heyman to consider reorganizing the Downtown Employee Medical Office to include one additional employee or alternative measures to make it an economically sound service provider. She suggested Committee members, as well as JMH representatives, review the facility's lease (No. 159), dated May 16, 2001, which she noted prohibited a sublet assignment without the approval of the County. Commissioner Heyman noted the scope of services in the lease included general practice medicine for all employees here and everyone possessing a policy for JMH medical services. She pointed out that the intended occupant was Miami International Cardiology Consultants, which specialized in cardiac care. Commissioner Heyman stated she would like Mr. Marvin O'Quinn to make a presentation before the Committee, explaining the inconsistencies in the oral report.

Chairman Moss asked Mr. Marvin O'Quinn, Director, Jackson Health Systems, to prepare a report outlining the issues surrounding the Downtown Employee Medical Office for presentation at the upcoming April 17th Committee meeting. He also asked Mr. O'Quinn to meet with individual committee members to discuss those issues before this meeting.

Commissioner Diaz asked that the report requested by Chairman Moss be presented by Mr. O'Quinn or his designee, and that this report

include information explaining the differences between the status reported at the February 14th meeting and the current status.

Commissioner Heyman asked Mr. O'Quinn to also submit a report at the April 17th committee meeting on the status of Jackson's Rehabilitation Center and the feasibility of building a new facility, as opposed to renovating the old facility.

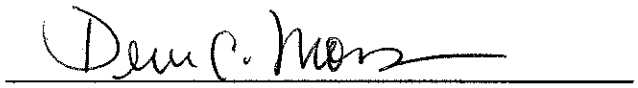
2) ANIMAL SERVICES

Commissioner Diaz advised of his intent to submit an in-kind service request for the Police Department to provide motorcycle units to participate in the April 6, 2008 event, in an effort to increase the level of safety.

Dr. Sara Pizano, Director, Animal Services Department, announced that on April 6, 2008, the department would host the "Cruise for Critters Motorcycle Ride" event. She noted this event would be opened to the public, as well. Dr. Pizano described how Miami-Dade County police officers and firefighters would ride motorcycles from the County's Northwest Animal Shelter to Coconut Grove, where live music, an auction, and an opportunity to adopt a pet would follow.

8 ADJOURNMENT

Report: *There being no further business to come before the Committee, the Health and Public Safety Committee meeting was adjourned at 4:05 p.m.*



Dennis C. Moss, Chair