MIAMI-DADE COUNTY
FINAL OFFICIAL MEETING MINUTES
Airport and Tourism Committee (ATC)

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Jose "Pepe" Diaz (12) Chair; Sally A. Heyman (4) Vice Chair; Commissioners Carlos A. Gimenez (7), Joe A. Martinez (11), Dorrin D. Rolle (2), and Rebeca Sosa (6)

Thursday, July 10, 2008 | **9:30 AM** | **COMMISSION CHAMBERS**

Members Present: Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Carlos A. Gimenez, Dorrin Rolle.

Members Absent: Joe A. Martinez, Rebeca Sosa.

Members Late: None.

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent County Business: Sally A. Heyman

MINUTES PREPARED BY:

Report: *Judy Marsh, Commission Reporter, (305) 375-1967*

1A INVOCATION

1B PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1C ROLL CALL

Report: *The following staff members were present: Assistant County Manager Ysela LLort; Assistant County Attorneys David Murray and Cynji Lee; and Deputy Clerk Judy Marsh.*

County Commission Vice-Chairwoman Barbara Jordan was also present.

Chairman Diaz noted a quorum would not be present as Commissioners Heyman, Martinez and Sosa would not be attending today's meeting.

In response to Chairman Diaz, Assistant County Attorney David Murray noted the Committee members could hear the reports on today's (7/10) agenda, but could not take action.

Due to lack of a quorum, Chairman Diaz indicated he would consider asking staff to prepare the appropriate memorandum to County Commission Chairman Bruno Barreiro requesting that the Board's Rules and Procedures be waived as there were several items that might need to be heard at the July 17, 2008 Commission meeting.

1D SPECIAL PRESENTATION(S)

1D1

082076 **Report**

ORAL REPORT: GREATER MIAMI CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU (County Manager)

Report Received

Report: *Mr. Bill Talbert, President and Chief Executive Officer, Greater Miami Convention & Visitors Bureau (GMCVB), provided an oral report on the activities of the GMCVB. He noted in two days the GALA Chorus meeting would occur in downtown Miami. Mr. Talbert expressed appreciation to Cultural Affairs Director Michael Spring for partnering in this meeting and noted the GMCVB could not have facilitated this meeting in Miami without the Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts. He noted the GALA Chorus was headquartered in Pittsburgh and would be in Miami for eight days, beginning Saturday, July 12, 2008. Mr. Talbert said approximately 6,000 people were expected to attend and the economic impact was projected to be approximately $7.6 million for the eight days. He welcomed GALA delegates who may be watching today's proceedings, to Greater Miami and the Beaches, on behalf of Miami-Dade County and the GMCVB. Mr. Talbert said delegates included representatives from Germany, Ireland, Australia, Canada, England and every state within the United States.*

Mr. Talbert said Miami ranked second in hotel rates and occupancy among the top 25 destinations in the United States throughout May 2008. He noted Miami Spa Month would be held during the month of July in preparation for Miami Spice, which would be held August through September 2008. Mr. Talbert said the GMCVB was cautiously optimistic about the future and noted GMCVB'S customers were not so much affected by gasoline prices as they were by jet fuel prices. He referenced Senior Vice-President of American Airlines Peter Dolara's assurance that American would be adding service to its Miami hub.

Mr. Talbert said the GMCVB was partnering with American Airlines, the Beacon Council, the Miami-Dade Aviation Department and the Port of Miami regarding a "Live, Work and Play Program." He noted this was a cash investment not only by the GMCVB but by American Airlines who was bringing marketing dollars to the table to promote Miami as a destination.

Mr. Talbert noted Pow Wow, the number one tourism show within the United States, would be held in Miami-Dade County in May 2009 and the GMCVB looked forward to working with the Committee regarding its assistance for this show.

Chairman Diaz noted he would ask Senior Vice-President of American Airlines Peter Dolara to repeat the presentation he made at the June 12, 2008 Committee meeting at Miami International Airport (MIA) regarding American Airlines' commitment to MIA, at the Committee meeting scheduled for September 11, 2008.

In response to Commissioner Gimenez' inquiry whether Miami had the convention facilities to be a Class 1 tourist destination, Mr. Talbert said the GMCVB had engaged world-class consultants to submit a project proposal for the Miami Beach Convention Center to be a competitive facility. He noted this proposal would be presented to the County Commission. Mr. Talbert said Miami-Dade County Mayor Carlos Alvarez and City of Miami Beach Mayor Matti Bower had pledged to make the Convention Center competitive for meetings and conventions. He noted the GMCVB was excited about the commitment from the political leaders of the City of Miami Beach as the City owned and managed the Center. Mr. Talbert pointed out the City had an agreement with the County for funding the Center with allocations from the Convention Development Tax. He noted one of the most critical elements of a convention center was the availability of adjacent hotels.

Mr. Talbert noted discussions had previously occurred regarding expanding the parking lot on the west side of the Convention Center ("P" Lot) to provide approximately 300,000 additional square feet of exhibit space, however, he pointed out the boat show was held at that site and he was not sure if both lots could be paved.

Commissioner Gimenez said the focus should be on utilizing Convention Development Tax (CDT) proceeds for convention development. He noted he felt Miami-Dade County needed to take advantage of the fact that the American dollar was weak while the Euro was strong and Europeans liked to visit Miami.

Commissioner Gimenez asked Mr. Talbert to provide the Committee with a report regarding the

amount of business that was lost because large conventions could not be accommodated within the Convention Center.

Mr. Talbert noted the last time a significant change was made to the Convention Center was during George H. Bush's tenure as president. He concurred with Commissioner Gimenez that the CDT should be used to support convention development facilities; however, he noted the top two elected officials had pledged to make the Center competitive.

Chairman Diaz referenced an ordinance recently adopted by the Board that provided a process for unsolicited proposals for construction of public infrastructure, where people who had the foresight and companies that were global companies that saw the need Commissioner Gimenez had addressed could come up with ventures. He noted once that information was made available he felt there would be a lot of interest from the industry regarding the Convention Center.

2 COUNTY COMMISSION

2A

081520 **Resolution** **Dorrin D. Rolle**

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR DESIGNEE TO REPORT WITHIN THIRTY DAYS ON THE FEASIBILITY OF MIAMI DADE COUNTY DESIGNING AND BUILDING A KIDPORT IN THE MIAMI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT OR ALTERNATIVELY PARTNERING WITH THE CHILDREN'S TRUST OR ANOTHER SIMILARLY ORIENTED CHILD ADVOCACY GROUP TO DO SAME

Deferred due to lack of a quorum

2B

081446 **Ordinance** **Rebeca Sosa**

ORDINANCE CREATING AIRCRAFT NOISE ABATEMENT ADVISORY BOARD FOR MIAMI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT; PROVIDING MEMBERSHIP, PURPOSE, PROCEDURES, POWERS AND DUTIES; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN THE CODE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Deferred due to lack of a quorum

2C

081447 **Ordinance** **Rebeca Sosa, Jose "Pepe" Diaz**

ORDINANCE CREATING MIAMI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT NEIGHBORHOOD RELATIONS COMMITTEE; PROVIDING PURPOSE, MEMBERSHIP, PROCEDURE, POWERS AND DUTIES, STAFF; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN THE CODE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Deferred due to lack of a quorum

3 DEPARTMENT

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081976 **Resolution**

RESOLUTION APPROVING AWARD OF THE CONTRACT FOR PAVEMENT REPAIRS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AIRPORTS, MDAD PROJECT NO. RM-6-07/09, TO H & R PAVING, INC., IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $10,525,000, AUTHORIZING COUNTY MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE SAME, AND TO EXERCISE RENEWAL AND TERMINATION PROVISIONS THEREOF (Aviation Department)

Forwarded to the BCC by BCC Chairperson due to lack of a quorum

3B

082039 **Resolution**

RESOLUTION APPROVING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND JACOBS CONSULTANCY, INC., FOR FINANCIAL FEASIBILITY CONSULTANT SERVICES FOR THE MIAMI-DADE AVIATION DEPARTMENT, RFQ NO. MDAD-07-01; IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $4,500,000; AND AUTHORIZING COUNTY MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT AND TO EXERCISE THE CANCELLATION PROVISIONS CONTAINED THEREIN (Aviation Department)

Forwarded to the BCC by BCC Chairperson due to lack of a quorum

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082044 **Resolution**

RESOLUTION APPROVING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND RICONDO & ASSOCIATES, INC., FOR AVIATION PLANNING CONSULTANT SERVICES FOR THE COUNTY'S SYSTEM OF PUBLIC USE AIRPORTS, PROJECT NO. E07-MDAD-01; IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $750,000; AND AUTHORIZING COUNTY MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT AND TO EXERCISE THE TERMINATION PROVISIONS CONTAINED THEREIN (Aviation Department)

Forwarded to the BCC by BCC Chairperson due to lack of a quorum

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082045 **Resolution**

RESOLUTION APPROVING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND URS CORPORATION SOUTHERN, FOR AVIATION PLANNING CONSULTANT SERVICES FOR THE COUNTY'S SYSTEM OF PUBLIC USE AIRPORTS, PROJECT NO. E07-MDAD-01; IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $750,000; AND AUTHORIZING COUNTY MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT AND TO EXERCISE THE TERMINATION PROVISIONS CONTAINED THEREIN (Aviation Department)

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082055 **Resolution**

RESOLUTION RELATING TO MIAMI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DESIGNEE TO ADVERTISE A SOLICITATION FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FROM INVESTORS AND DEVELOPERS FOR CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, AND USE OF FACILITIES IN THE FOUR SITES MAKING UP PHASE II OF THE COUNTY'S PUBLIC PRIVATE INVESTOR PROJECT FOR THE AIRPORT SYSTEM; FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT EACH OF SUCH SITES AND THE FACILITIES CURRENTLY THEREON AND THOSE TO BE CONSTRUCTED THEREON CONSTITUTE AIRPORT FACILITIES; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DESIGNEE TO DETERMINE FROM THE EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST WHICH INVESTORS OR DEVELOPERS THE AVIATION DEPARTMENT SHOULD COMMENCE NEGOTIATIONS WITH IN ORDER FOR A DEVELOPMENT LEASE AGREEMENT FOR THE PHASE II SITES TO BE NEGOTIATED THAT IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE COUNTY AND TO RETURN SUCH AGREEMENT TO THIS BOARD FOR APPROVAL
(Aviation Department)

Forwarded to the BCC by BCC Chairperson due to lack of a quorum

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082056 **Resolution**

RESOLUTION RELATING TO MIAMI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT; RATIFYING COUNTY MANAGER'S EXECUTION, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 2-285(6) OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY'S CODE, OF A JOINT PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT WITH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION UNDER FINANCIAL PROJECT NUMBER 42203819401 IN THE AMOUNT OF $6,993,000 TO PARTIALLY FUND THE COSTS OF INSTALLATION OF LIFE-SAFETY EQUIPMENT IN CONCOURSES D-H AT THE AIRPORT
(Aviation Department)

Forwarded to the BCC by BCC Chairperson due to lack of a quorum

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082059 **Resolution**

RESOLUTION RATIFYING ACCEPTANCE AND EXECUTION OF THE NINTH GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION (FAA) APPLICABLE TO THE PARTIAL RELEASE IN THE AMOUNT OF $4,000,000 OF A TOTAL FUNDING OF $104,040,000 PREVIOUSLY APPROVED BY THE FAA UNDER A LETTER OF INTENT TO PROVIDE GRANT FUNDS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW NORTHSIDE RUNWAY AT MIAMI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (Aviation Department)

Forwarded to the BCC by BCC Chairperson due to lack of a quorum

3H

082063 **Resolution**

RESOLUTION RELATING TO OPA-LOCKA EXECUTIVE AIRPORT; RATIFYING COUNTY MANAGER'S EXECUTION, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 2-285(6) OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY'S CODE, OF A JOINT PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT WITH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION UNDER FINANCIAL PROJECT NUMBER 41814819401 IN THE AMOUNT OF $3,871,000 TO OFFSET COSTS OF DEMOLITION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF A NEW AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL TOWER AT THE AIRPORT (Aviation Department)

Forwarded to the BCC by BCC Chairperson due to lack of a quorum

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082085 **Resolution**

RESOLUTION APPROVING IMPLEMENTING ORDER 3-48 INSTITUTING PROCEDURES TO EXPEDITE ADMINISTRATION OF CONTRACTS FOR THE DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, AND INSTALLATION OF GOODS AND MATERIALS RELATED TO THE NORTH TERMINAL PROGRAM AT MIAMI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (Aviation Department)

Forwarded to the BCC by BCC Chairperson due to lack of a quorum

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082087 **Resolution** **Bruno A. Barreiro, Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Audrey M. Edmonson, Carlos A. Gimenez, Sally A. Heyman, Barbara J. Jordan, Joe A. Martinez, Dennis C. Moss, Dorrin D. Rolle, Natacha Seijas, Katy Sorenson, Rebeca Sosa, Sen. Javier D. Souto**

RESOLUTION APPROVING DEVELOPMENT LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND THE CARRIE MEEK FOUNDATION FOR DEVELOPMENT OF THAT PORTION OF OPA-LOCKA EXECUTIVE AIRPORT FORMERLY UNDER LEASE TO THE OPA-LOCKA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION; AUTHORIZING MAYOR OR DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE THE DEVELOPMENT LEASE AGREEMENT AND TO EXERCISE TERMINATION PROVISIONS THEREOF (Aviation Department)

Forwarded to the BCC by BCC Chairperson due to lack of a quorum

Report: *Commissioner Jordan requested Chairman Diaz consider asking County Commission Chairman Bruno Barreiro to waive the Board's Rules and Procedures to allow the foregoing proposed resolution to be heard at the July 17, 2008 Commission meeting.*

3K

081901 **Resolution**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FUNDING OF FOURTEEN (14) GRANTS FROM THE FY2007-2008 FOURTH QUARTER TOURIST DEVELOPMENT ROOM TAX PLAN AND SURTAX CATEGORY TO PROMOTE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY TOURISM WITH: AMERICAN PUBLIC MEDIA / CLASSICAL SOUTH FLORIDA; CITY OF SUNNY ISLES BEACH; DADE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION F/A ORCHESTRA MIAMI; FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF MUSEUMS FOUNDATION, INC.; INTERNATIONAL RARA FEST, INC.; IRREVERSIBLE MAGAZINE, INC.; JEWISH MUSEUM OF FLORIDA, INC.; JULIA E. BROWN THEATRICAL ASSOCIATION, INC.; KEY BISCAYNE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE; MIAMI HISPANIC BALLET CORPORATION; MIAMI NORTHWEST EXPRESS TRACK AND FIELD CLUB, INC.; MIAMI-DADE OFFICE OF FILM & ENTERTAINMENT; NEW THEATRE, INC.; TEATRO AVANTE, INC. AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE GRANT AGREEMENTS FOLLOWING COUNTY ATTORNEY APPROVAL OF FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY AND TO EXERCISE THE CANCELLATION PROVISIONS CONTAINED THEREIN (Cultural Affairs Council)

Forwarded to the BCC by BCC Chairperson due to lack of a quorum

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081908 **Resolution**

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF TWO (2) MEMBERS TO THE TOURIST DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

(Cultural Affairs Council)

Forwarded to the BCC by BCC Chairperson due to lack of a quorum

4 COUNTY MANAGER

5 COUNTY ATTORNEY

6 CLERK OF THE BOARD

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082033 **Report**

CLERK'S SUMMARY OF JUNE 12, 2008 AIRPORT AND TOURISM COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES (Clerk of the Board)

Deferred due to lack of a quorum

7 REPORTS

7A

082077 **Report**

MONTHLY REPORT FROM THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ON THE MIAMI INTERMODAL CENTER (County Manager)

Deferred due to lack of a quorum

7B

082078 **Report**

MIAMI-DADE AVIATION DEPARTMENT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM REPORT (County Manager)

Deferred due to lack of a quorum

7C

082086 **Report**
PET HOTELS AT MIAMI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (County Manager) ***Deferred due to lack of a quorum***

8 ADJOURNMENT

Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Chair