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Agenda Item No. 5(A)

**TO:** Honorable Chairwoman Audrey M. Edmonson  
and Members, Economic Development &  
Human Services Committee

**DATE:** October 10, 2007

**FROM:** Kay M. Sullivan  
Director, Clerk of the Board Division

**SUBJECT:** Approval of Commission  
Committee Minutes

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kay M. Sullivan".

The Clerk of the Board's office is submitting the following Clerk's Summary of Minutes for approval by the Economic Development and Human Services Committee:

May 1, 2007 (Budget Workshop)  
September 12, 2007

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**CLERK'S SUMMARY OF  
Meeting Minutes  
Economic Development and Human Services  
Committee**

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

**BUDGET WORKSHOP**

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**Tuesday, May 1, 2007**

**2:00 PM**

**Commission Chambers**

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**Members Present:** Audrey M. Edmonson, Dennis C. Moss, Katy Sorenson.

**Members Absent:** Barbara J. Jordan, Javier D. Souto.

**Members Late:** None.

**Members Excused:** None.

**Members Absent County Business:** None.

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**1 MINUTES PREPARED BY:**

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

**1A INVOCATION**

**1B PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**1C ROLL CALL**

**Report:** *The following staff members were present: Senior Advisor Cynthia Curry; Assistant County Attorney Cynthia Johnson-Stacks; and Deputy Clerk Jovel Shaw.*

*Chairwoman Edmonson called the meeting to order at 2:15 p.m.*

**1D BUDGET WORKSHOP**

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**071076 Report**

DEPARTMENTAL BUDGET PRESENTATIONS (County Manager)

**Report Received**

**Report:** *Chairwoman Edmonson noted the Office of the Agricultural Manager (OAM) gave their presentation at the April 11, 2007, Committee meeting. She stated at the conclusion of the other Departmental Budget presentations Committee members may present questions for the OAM.*

*Commissioner Moss stated clearly the issues in Tallahassee, particularly property tax reform, and the potential impact on County Departmental budgets. He noted the departments under this Committee's jurisdiction may be dramatically impacted.*

*Following Commissioner Moss' comments, Senior Advisor Cynthia Curry noted several legislative proposals on the State level would have a significant impact. She noted efforts made to contact the Office of Strategic Business Management to appear before the Committee to address Commissioner Moss' comments. She indicated the departments were not prepared to discuss the potential impact to the respective department, but it would clearly have an impact on many of the agencies present today.*

*Commissioner Jordan asked for the general direction given by the County Manager on how the departments were to prepare their County departmental budgets. She also asked if a certain percentage was based on attrition factor and to present alternative departmental budgets.*

*Ms. Curry noted the County departments under her oversight were asked to present a budget with service level reductions and the reduction of job positions which entail removal of any job vacancies from the budget.*

*In response to Commissioner Jordan's question, Ms. Curry noted for today's Departmental Budget presentation she had asked departments to address and highlight the following items in their presentation:*

*1. The current budget and what the base budget would be for fiscal year (FY) 2007-08 as currently prepared by the OSBM and the County Manager's*

Office?

2. The requested service improvement(s) included in the department's budget along with the fiscal impact of those service improvements?
3. The current staffing level and how many positions were associated with each service improvement, and if service improvements were recommended for FY 2007-08?
4. The Federal and State legislative changes that may affect the budget in the current or next fiscal year, and if so, identify the cost of those impacts and what services may be effected based on any Federal and State legislative changes including the number of job positions?
5. The outstanding issues or policy matters not mentioned in previous presentations to the County Commission?

The Committee received the following County Departmental Budget presentations that were under the Committee's jurisdiction:

- (1) Community Action Agency
- (2) Consumer Services
- (3) Empowerment Trust
- (4) Homeless Trust
- (5) Housing Finance Authority
- (6) Human Services
- (7) Metro-Miami Action Plan
- (8) International Trade Consortium
- (9) Urban Revitalization Task Force
- (10) Office of Community Relations

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY

Ms. Julie Edwards, Interim Executive Director, Office of Community Action Agency (CAA), presented the CAA's budget. She noted a decrease in Federal funding and an increase in State funding. Ms. Edwards stated the decrease in the Federal funding was a result of Federal Emergency Management Agency funding that was not realized in FY 2007 as anticipated in FY 2006-07 by the department. The State funding decrease was a result of My Safe Florida Home Program which the department anticipated receiving. She further noted the State rescinded and had not awarded those funds. Ms. Edwards provided an overview of the CAA FY 2007-08 Proposed Enhancements, the cost of the enhancements and the number of job positions.

Responding to Commissioner Sorenson's inquiry regarding the accomplishments of the neighborhood advisory committees, Ms. Edwards

*noted the groups would ensure that the community needs were being addressed. She further noted staffs' intent to define their goals.*

*Commissioner Sorenson stated this priority for the CAA should be reviewed holistically for the County and not just for this department.*

*Ms. Edwards noted the department currently had 681 job positions and this would remain the same for FY 2007-08. She indicated the reauthorization of the CAA Early Head Start Program that could potentially impact departments with regard to additional funding being required to support the increase which the County may have to give to teachers due to the requirement for teachers to have a bachelor's degree by the year 2011.*

*Responding to Chairwoman Edmonson's inquiry regarding the \$5.9 million cost for the Arcola Lakes Early Head Start facility, Ms. Edwards explained that the CAA was working with the General Services Administration to revisit the cost for construction. She noted the cost included the purchase of the land which was \$1.5 million.*

*Ms. Edwards informed Chairwoman Edwards that 69 out of 681 positions were vacant positions. She noted 19 of them were vacant for a long time and the department had been working diligently to reduce the number of vacant positions. Ms. Edwards emphasized the need for adequate staffing at the CAA centers.*

*Responding to Commissioner Jordan's comments regarding the amount of the CAA budget that was federally funded, Ms. Edwards stated approximately \$64 million of the CAA budget was federally funded.*

*A discussion ensued between Commissioner Jordan and Ms. Edwards regarding the vacant positions for the Head Start Program and need to remain in compliance with the Federal regulations.*

*Ms. Edwards informed the Committee that the County General Fund funded approximately \$11 million of the CAA budget.*

*Commissioner Sorenson asked that the County Manager identify the funding sources as staff discussed the program description for the CAA.*

*Commissioner Sorenson asked Ms. Edwards if*

staff was seeking matching State funds for the CAA Energy Programs.

Mr. Deborah Cleymen, Weatherization Maintenance Supervisor, CAA, Energy Programs, informed the Committee that the State made an amendment to the CAA's Weatherization Contract which allowed the Agency to spend \$50,000 out of the Weatherization contract towards solar installation on weatherization households.

Commissioner Jordan expressed appreciation to Ms. Edwards for her acceptance of the CAA Interim Executive Director's position and the work she has done since her appointment.

Responding to Commissioner Moss' comments regarding the future of the CAA Head Start Program, the reauthorization process and the possibility of privatizing this program, Ms. Edwards referred to a proposed House/Senate Bill that addressed the authority of the Head Start Policy Council and the degree requirement for the teachers. She pointed out she was not aware of any discussion to privatize the Head Start Program.

#### CONSUMER SERVICES

Ms. Cathy Peel, Director, Consumer Services Department (CSD), presented the CSD's budget. She noted the current budget was approximately \$12 million versus a 6% increase for FY 2007-08. Ms. Peel noted, however, staff had recalculated an attrition savings for this year and had the ability to reduce the proposed base budget for FY 2007-08 by 4%. She informed the Committee of the administration issues to hire a Network Manager because the department was undergoing a database improvement. Ms. Peel stated this improvement would replace the antiquated database in the department in order to implement a new database system for integration into the department's current operations. Therefore, the CSD Enforcement Officers could be equipped with devices in the field with the ability to obtain real-time information and input inspection information as well. She continued to provide an overview of the requested job positions for FY 2007-08 which included an Administrative Officer, Investigative Analyst, Enforcement Officers and Collection Clerk.

Ms. Peel noted staff was concerned with the State legislative issues for cable television regulations.

*She indicated staff was in the process of evaluating the impact of the State's cable television regulation to the department. Ms. Peel stated the department was pre-empted from licensing cable television companies going forward and non-renewal of the current licenses would not be permitted. She further stated that the consumer services standards would be pre-empted by Federal standards which did not protect consumers. Ms. Peel concluded by stating that currently the County collected \$1.00 per subscriber per year of the franchise fee based upon the franchise agreement with cable television operators. She noted this funding source was used to pay for the capital support needs of Miami-Dade Television and Cable. Ms. Peel noted some of the State provisions would allow for cable television services to governmental administrative offices, but no longer to schools, or libraries. She noted potential impacts to fire stations, etcetera and staff was still evaluating the impacts which may include impact to the cable television access channels.*

*Ms. Peel further noted other potential impacts due to State and Federal regulations for moving companies and towing legislation.*

*Responding to Commissioner Jordan's inquiry whether the cable television legislation would impact municipalities, Ms. Peel stated the legislation would impact municipalities. She provided an overview of how the franchise fees for cable television would be distributed by the State.*

*Discussion ensued between Commissioner Moss and Ms. Peel regarding the removal of local control of regulatory industries such as towing and moving companies.*

#### **MIAMI-DADE EMPOWERMENT TRUST**

*Mr. Aundra Wallace, Vice President and Managing Director, Miami-Dade Empowerment Trust (MDET), presented the MDET's budget. He noted no service improvements were requested for this current fiscal year. Mr. Wallace pointed out the MDET program was an initiative targeted for funding at \$10 million per year over a 10 year lifespan. To date, he indicated the County had received approximately \$26 million of an \$80 million commitment.*

*Responding to Commissioner Sorenson's inquiry regarding the difference in the amount of Federal*

*Grants for FY 2006-07 versus FY 2007-08, Mr. Wallace noted this amount reflected the funding for the actual Empowerment Zone Program. He further noted in the last two years, due to the shift in legislative power and the ability to introduce new legislation, the appropriation process had been favorable. Mr. Wallace pointed out the County had introduced legislation for an additional FY 2007-08 appropriation in the amount for \$5 million. He concluded by explaining the use of those funds for economic development activities.*

*Responding to Commissioner Sorenson's comments on how the MDET interface with the Office of Metro-Miami Action Plan and the Office of Community and Economic Development, Mr. Wallace noted the empowerment zone was a targeted 13.1 square mile area in which MDET managed within that particular area with the Federal resources received. He pointed out that MDET worked together collectively with MMAP and OCED for housing and economic development activities. Mr. Wallace informed the Committee that approximately 75% of the empowerment zone was located within the City of Miami. Therefore, all parties involved worked together.*

*Responding to Commissioner Sorenson's comments, Ms. Curry noted staff had been in discussions with MDET administration, Mr. Wallace and the advisory board, to discuss the closure of the program. The MDET was in its 8th year. She stated from the County's perspective the recommendation after the 10th year was that this function would shift to OCED. She noted the Empowerment Trust was a 501(c) organization and it was not only the City of Miami which comprised a majority, but it also addressed issues in the Cities of Homestead, Florida City and Opa-locka.*

*Responding to Commissioner Jordan's inquiry regarding the two programs which MDET would no longer administer, Mr. Wallace noted the two programs as follows: (1) a park located in the City of Homestead and (2) the Drug Court program. He noted the OCED would administer these programs.*

*Commissioner Jordan asked that the Alliance for Human Services be informed of those two programs which provided services to the community.*

*OFFICE OF HOMELESS TRUST*

*Mr. David Raymond, Executive Director, Office of Homeless Trust (OHT), presented the OHT's budget. He informed the Committee that OHT does not receive any General Fund dollars and the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and State revenue provided funding. Mr. Raymond provided an overview of the OHT's Support Services, Permanent Housing, Emergency Housing and Administration issues.*

*Responding to Chairwoman Edmonson's comments regarding the chronic homeless, Mr. Raymond noted several efforts used to identify and provide assistance to these homeless individuals. He provided an overview of the Specialized Outreach Team who focus on the chronically homeless population and the tracking of those clients.*

*Responding to Commissioner Moss' request to explain the difference between supportive versus permanent housing, Mr. Raymond explained that permanent supportive housing was for someone who met HUD's definition of being homeless. Therefore, they would come from the street, an emergency shelter or transitional shelter and have some form of disability such as health or substance abuse, physical developmental or HIV Aids that would require support services.*

*Commissioner Moss recommended Mr. Raymond reach out to the community as the Homeless Trust moved forward with acceptance of the Homestead Air Force Base (HAFB) as a contribution for addressing the homeless issues in the County. He noted everyone throughout the County should participate in addressing the homeless problem in this community, thereby reducing the burden on the HAFB.*

*Mr. Raymond noted over 20 community meetings were held in connection with the HAFB's zoning to allow 200 transitional housing units along with the Homeless Assistance Centers.*

*Commissioner Sorenson expressed her appreciation to Mr. Raymond for his work and dedication. She stressed homelessness was a sensitive issue and indicated she was not aware of the community meetings held regarding the HAFB.*

*Following Commissioners Moss and Sorenson's*

comments, Mr. Raymond stated that he would meet with both commissioners to discuss the potential use of the HAFB.

Commissioner Jordan asked Assistant County Manager Mae Bryant to keep her informed on the status of the implementation of the new management information system for client tracking and referrals that would integrate the Homeless Trust, the Department of Human Services, and the Community Action Agency.

Assistant County Manager Bryant noted an allocation made this year in the amount of \$1.2 million for the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS). She further noted a team comprised of representatives from all of the social services departments including Homeless Trust and Juvenile Service Division had conducted a series of meetings with the departments to gather input on the functionality of the HMIS. Subsequently, Ms. Bryant stated the HMIS project had been given to the Enterprise Technology Services Department (ETSD) to provide their input on design of the project. She indicated the target date for implementation was December 2007, and the second phase of the project would allow all of the County-funded community-based organizations to have ability to link into the HMIS.

Commissioner Jordan discussed the cost savings to the County to utilize a system and to avoid duplication of services without having the ability to provide information that may be confidential or to change information in various fields.

Assistant County Manager Bryant noted a request to ETSD not to design and build a new system, but to review an existing system which the County could use; and to identify a system that required minor adjustments to meet the County's needs.

#### HOUSING FINANCE AUTHORITY

Ms. Patricia Braynon, Director, Housing Finance Authority (HFA), presented the HFA's budget. She noted the department did not receive any County General Fund dollars.

Commissioner Moss asked Ms. Braynon to provide a record of the issues experienced by the HFA with previous clients who were seeking loans to pay for their property insurance. He expressed his intent to share that information with Florida State Legislators to merit further review of the property

insurance legislation. Therefore, the legislature could continue reviewing the property insurance legislation for future changes.

Following Commissioner Moss' comments regarding the transition of the process for mortgages from the Miami-Dade Housing Agency to HFA, Ms. Braynon stated that the department had closed approximately 168 mortgage loans. She noted HFA had a staff of eight (8), of which five (5) of the eight (8) processed mortgage origination and the remaining staff processed the rehab loans. Ms. Braynon noted a dramatic increase over the number of loans processed in the past.

Responding to Commissioner Moss' comments regarding the impact to the HFA's budget, Ms. Curry noted the fiscal impact for the transition or the transfer of job positions that were not reflected in the current budget proposal. She noted discussions occurred regarding the transfer of the job positions, the funding sources for the MDHA and HFA, and the reimbursement to the HFA for performing the task on MDHA's behalf which were administering the Surtax portion of the rehab and SHIP programs.

Following further discussion between Commissioner Sorenson and Ms. Braynon regarding the implementation of a new computer system to assist staff in processing mortgage loans, Commissioner Sorenson suggested an interim solution of providing temporary staffing until the implementation of the new system.

Following further comments by Commissioner Jordan regarding the MDHA staff on loan to the HFA, Ms. Kris Warren, Director, Miami-Dade Housing Agency, stated the MDHA staff was paid through Surtax funds.

Commissioner Jordan stated if the County was placed in a receivership status by USHUD, those individuals paid for by Federal funding would be at the will of HUD.

Discussion ensued between Commissioner Jordan and Ms. Warren regarding those employees who are paid by USHUD funding.

Responding to Commissioner Jordan's comments regarding safeguards for "flipping" of affordable housing units, Ms. Braynon explained that as a part of the mortgage loan, the seller of the

*affordable housing unit would repay the loan in its entirety. Additionally, a notification was provided to HFA when a housing unit was up for sale. Furthermore, she noted a formula that was used where a proportion of the proceeds were paid to the County.*

*Commissioner Jordan asked Ms. Braynon to meet with her to discuss the recapture clause provision for those persons who have purchased a home through the HFA Home Buyer Bond Program.*

*Ms. Warren informed the Committee that the MDHA made provision for a budgeted job position in its budget to ensure that between Ms. Braynon and Mr. Cintron that the management information system software and the oversight for the upgrades were in place.*

#### DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

*Ms. Phyllis Tynes-Saunders, Director, Department of Human Services (DHS), presented the DHS' budget. She noted a majority of DHS budget was State and Federal grant funding. Ms. Tynes-Saunders informed the Committee of a decrease in the State funding for the Refugee Services which resulted in a total award of \$1.1 million. She noted the proposed enhancements for FY 2007-08 for elderly services.*

*A discussion ensued between Commissioner Moss and Ms. Tynes-Saunders regarding the Request for Proposals (RFP) and the formula used to determine the amount of State funding to be awarded based on the number of refugees.*

*Assistant County Manager Bryant discussed the potential overall impact for the County due to the decrease in State funding for the Refugee Services.*

*Ms. Tynes-Saunders noted it was a policy decision by the State of Florida to conduct a RFP versus a direct funding allocation that was done in the past.*

*Responding Commissioner Sorenson's inquiry regarding the property tax portion of the DHS budget, Ms. Tynes-Saunders noted a total of 482 job positions were funded through the County's General Fund.*

*Responding Commissioner Moss' comments regarding the consistency of the General Fund Countywide revenue from FY 2001 to present, Ms. Tynes-Saunders noted the DHS staff was aware*

*that the department must be efficient with less funding.*

*Ms. Tynes-Saunders informed the Committee of the Psychological Services issues in which Medicaid would no longer reimburse psychological services for children with severe emotional behavioral problems. She noted staff's recommendation that Miami-Dade County Public Schools assume the responsibility for the delivery of these services.*

*Following comments made by Commissioner Moss regarding the monitoring of contracts maintained by DHS, Ms. Tynes-Saunders noted approval of last year's four contract officer positions who were hired in anticipation of receiving additional contracts.*

*Commissioner Edmonson asked Ms. Tynes-Saunders to meet with her to discuss the Meals-on-Wheels, the Elderly Meals-on-Wheels Programs and other client based services provided by the DHS and the Community Action Agency.*

#### *METRO-MIAMI ACTION PLAN*

*Mr. Milton Vickers, Executive Director, Metro-Miami Action Plan (MMAP), presented MMAP's budget to the Committee. He indicated that the MMAP Board of Trustees report directly to the County Commission. Mr. Vickers highlighted the department was seeking additional General Fund for economic development in the amount of \$350,000 and criminal justice in the amount of \$150,000.*

*Commissioner Moss stated that a number of alternative schools were experiencing the same fiscal impact as the MMAP Trust was experiencing with the Martin Luther King, Jr. Leadership Academy.*

*Mr. Vickers informed the Committee that MMAP was seeking to broaden the Florida statutes pertaining to the Occupational License Surtax to expand and to retain existing businesses, and to recruit new businesses and to increase the percentage of the dedicated funding source to MMAP. He noted a collaborative effort with the Cities of Miami Gardens, Florida City and Homestead in terms of developing marketing collaborative to attract technical companies to relocate into those areas to provide technical assistance to existing businesses. He urged the*

*Committee to support additional General Fund dollars for certain programs to be administered by MMAP that would promote small business growth and development.*

*JAY MALINA INTERNATIONAL TRADE CONSORTIUM*

*Mr. Tony Ojeda, Executive Director, Jay Malina International Trade Consortium (ITC), presented the ITC's budget. He provided an overview of the department-wide issues.*

*Commissioner Moss noted that 60% of the ITC's budget came from the County's General Fund. He questioned if there were any possibilities of State support because ITC was promoting the entire County that would benefit the entire State of Florida.*

*Mr. Ojeda noted in the past the County Administration was successful in receiving a State appropriation, but currently there were no programs that the County would qualify for. He noted a number of years ago the County received funding support from the Sister Cities Program.*

*Responding to Commissioner Moss' comments regarding a direct allocation from the State of Florida Governor in the near future for ITC, Mr. Ojeda noted a meeting with the Congressional Delegation and the Department of Commerce who were interested in funding the County due to its efforts with Africa.*

*Commissioner Moss strongly encouraged Mr. Ojeda to contact the Governor's Office to seek State funding in the near future for the ITC.*

*Mr. Ojeda noted he would work with the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs Director to initiate those efforts recommended by Commissioner Moss.*

*Chairwoman Edmonson noted her recent visit to South Africa and the potential countywide and economic impact to this County. She expressed her appreciation to Mr. Ojeda on his efforts during her visit.*

*Responding to Commissioner Sorenson's comments regarding how staff measured the economic impact, Mr. Ojeda noted staff would attempt to measure the success by indicating the volume of sales that were accomplished during the various missions. He stated staff could actually*

measure the results of the information from the United States Customs Service to see the amount in the increase in the volume of trade between Miami and other parts of the world. He noted the amount of trade that went through Customs Service District 52 in the year 2006 was approximately \$72 billion and that information was available through the United States Customs Service.

Mr. Ojeda informed the Committee of presentation made to South African Airways in an attempt for them to consider having direct flights from Miami to Johannesburg, Africa. He indicated if the County was successful in having direct air flights it would not only bring more tourists but it would also increase international trade. Therefore, the trade would also create jobs. Mr. Ojeda noted ITC staff would present the appropriate memorandum to create a Sister Cities Agreement with City Cape Town, South Africa. He also noted a Memorandum of Understanding between the Greater Miami Convention and Visitors Bureau the Convention and Visitors Bureau of Johannesburg and Cape Town to try to increase tourism between the two cities. Mr. Ojeda pointed out the Johnson and Wales University entered into an agreement with the University of Cape Town to have an exchange of professors and students.

#### TASK FORCE ON URBAN ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION

Ms. Karen Moore, Executive Director, Urban Economic Revitalization Task Force (UERTF), presented the UERTF's budget. She informed the Committee of the department-wide and the UERTF's issues. She also noted that the Office of UERTF was funded solely through the County's General Fund and the Task Force did not receive any State or Federal grants. Ms. Moore noted the service improvements being requested and the potential impact to the number of job positions for the Task Force. She informed the Committee of an unresolved issue regarding the Building Better Communities General Obligation Bonds (GOB) role in terms of a \$15 million allocation to target urban areas. Ms. Moore noted UERTF staff was currently working with the County Manager's Office on this issue.

Following the UERTF Departmental Budget presentation, Ms. Curry stated the Office of Community and Economic Development (OCED) and the Miami-Dade Housing Agency (MDHA)

*had lengthy departmental budget presentations. She recommended to Chairwoman Edmonson if the OCED and the MDHA could make their departmental budget presentations at the next Committee meeting scheduled for May 16, 2007, at 9:30 a.m.*

*Responding to Ms. Curry's request, Chairwoman Edmonson announced that the OCED and the MDHA departmental budget presentations would occur at the next Committee meeting, as recommended by Ms. Curry.*

*The Committee proceeded with receiving the following Department Budget Presentations:*

#### *OFFICE OF COMMUNITY RELATIONS*

*Mr. Larry Capp, Executive Director, Office of Community Relations (OCR), presented the OCR's budget. He provided an overview of the department-wide, administration, Advocacy Initiatives, Community Building/Pride Enhancement Initiatives, outreach, and Public Safety Initiatives.*

*Commissioner Sorenson expressed her appreciation to Mr. Capp for his leadership and the OCR staff for their work in this community.*

*Commissioner Moss questioned whether the Goodwill Ambassadors on Miami Beach for the Memorial Day weekend celebrations would be continued for this year.*

*Mr. Capp noted staff was in the process of preparing the Goodwill Ambassadors for the Memorial Day weekend celebrations.*

*Commissioner Sorenson discussed the availability of grants for Community Relations Board (CRB) and inquired if Mr. Capp had reviewed CRBs across the country to see how they are funded.*

*Responding to Commissioner Sorenson's comments, Mr. Capp noted staff was constantly putting forth efforts in reviewing the availability of grants for CRBs. He indicated that most of the grants that were available were limited to community-based organizations and non-profit organizations. Mr. Capp pointed out staff was working with the Office of Strategic Business Management to address this issue.*

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Report:** *There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 4:58 p.m.*



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**CLERK'S SUMMARY OF**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Economic Development and Human Services**  
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**Wednesday, September 12, 2007**

**9:30 AM**

**COMMISSION CHAMBERS**

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**Members Present:** Audrey M. Edmonson, Barbara J. Jordan, Dennis C. Moss, Katy Sorenson, Javier D. Souto.

**Members Absent:** None.

**Members Late:** None.

**Members Excused:** None.

**Members Absent County Business:** None.

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**1 MINUTES PREPARED BY:**

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

**INVOCATION**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**1A**      **ROLL CALL**

**Report:** *The following staff members were present: Senior Advisor to the County Manager Cynthia Curry, Assistant County Attorney Shannon Summerset; and Deputy Clerks Doris Dickens and Jovel Shaw.*

*Assistant County Attorney Shannon Summerset informed the Committee of the requested changes outlined in the September 12, 2007, County Manager's memorandum entitled, "Requested Changes to the Economic Development and Human Services Committee Agenda."*

*Hearing no objection, it was moved by Commissioner Moss that the changes to today's Committee agenda, be approved. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Jordan, and upon being put to a vote, passed by a vote of 4-0, (Commissioner Souto was absent).*

**1B**      **OPENING REMARKS CHAIRPERSON  
EDMONSON****1C**      **SPECIAL PRESENTATION(S)****1D**      **PUBLIC HEARING(S)**

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**072545 Resolution Barbara J. Jordan**

RESOLUTION RENAMING THE OPA-LOCKA NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES CENTER AT 16405 NW 25TH AVENUE AS THE MIAMI GARDENS NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES CENTER

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation  
Mover: Jordan  
Secunder: Moss  
Vote: 4-0  
Absent: Souto*

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

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

*Commissioner Jordan explained the intent of the foregoing proposed resolution.*

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

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**072427 Resolution**

RESOLUTION APPROVING APPLICATION FOR ONE CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO RAPID MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION, INC. TO PROVIDE COMBINATION WHEELCHAIR AND STRETCHER NONEMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION SERVICE (NE CONTROL NO. 146A) (Consumer Services Department)

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation  
Mover: Moss  
Secunder: Sorenson  
Vote: 4-0  
Absent: Souto*

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

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

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

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**072428 Resolution**

RESOLUTION APPROVING APPLICATION FOR ONE CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO RAPID MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION, INC. TO PROVIDE COMBINATION WHEELCHAIR AND STRETCHER NONEMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION SERVICE (NE CONTROL NO. 146B) (Consumer Services Department)

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation*

*Mover: Moss*

*Seconder: Sorenson*

*Vote: 4-0*

*Absent: Souto*

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

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

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

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**072429 Resolution**

RESOLUTION APPROVING APPLICATION FOR ONE CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO RAPID MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION, INC. TO PROVIDE COMBINATION WHEELCHAIR AND STRETCHER NONEMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION SERVICE (NE CONTROL NO. 146C) (Consumer Services Department)

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation*

*Mover: Moss*

*Seconder: Sorenson*

*Vote: 4-0*

*Absent: Souto*

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

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

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

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**071665 Ordinance**

ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE II, SECTIONS 17-11 THROUGH 17-13, 17-15 , 17-17, 17-30 AND 17-30.1; REPEALING SECTION 17-18; CREATING SECTION 17-18A OF THE CODE CONCERNING THE MINIMUM HOUSING STANDARDS; ESTABLISHING A HEARING OFFICER; AMENDING ARTICLE III, SECTIONS 17-46, 17-49, 17-51 THROUGH 17-53, 17-55, 17-57, 17-66 AND 17-67 OF THE CODE; REPEALING SECTION 17-58 OF THE CODE; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN THE CODE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE (Team Metro)

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation*

*Mover: Sorenson*

*Secunder: Jordan*

*Vote: 4-0*

*Absent: Souto*

**Report:** *Assistant County Attorney Shannon Summerset read the foregoing proposed ordinance into the record.*

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

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

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**072467 Ordinance Economic Development and Human Services Committee**

ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE XLVII OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RELATING TO METRO-MIAMI ACTION PLAN TRUST, PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN THE CODE AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

*Deferred to next committee meeting*

*Mover: Moss*

*Seconder: Sorenson*

*Vote: 5-0*

**Report:** *Assistant County Attorney Shannon Summerset read the foregoing proposed ordinance into the record.*

*Commissioner Jordan asked that the foregoing proposed ordinance be bifurcated due to the proposed County Manager's recommendation for administrative structural changes to Metro-Miami Action Plan (MMAP) prior to making any changes to the composition of the MMAP Trust. She requested the scheduling of a Committee Sunshine meeting to discuss MMAP.*

*Following Commissioner Jordan's comments, Ms. Cynthia Curry, Senior Advisor to the County Manager, informed the Committee at its last meeting staff was asked to provide input and a recommendation in consultation with the County Attorney to prepare an ordinance under Commissioner Jordan's sponsorship regarding MMAP. She noted staff was prepared to place its suggestion on the record for inclusion in the foregoing proposed ordinance. Ms. Curry stated the suggestions were administrative and managerial in nature, but if the Committee needed to move forward with a separate ordinance, staff would proceed in that manner.*

*Further discussion ensued between Commissioner Jordan and Ms. Curry regarding the recommendation being made to MMAP and the MMAP Trust.*

*Commissioner Sorenson indicated that she would like to hear staff's recommendations and the Committee could decide whether action should be taken at today's meeting.*

*Responding to Commissioner Moss' inquiry whether the MMAP Trust had an opportunity to review the foregoing proposed ordinance, Ms. Curry noted Mr. Milton Vickers, Executive Director, MMAP was aware of the changes for MMAP, but he may not be aware of the*

*recommended changes for the MMAP Trust. She indicated staff had not met with the MMAP Trust. Ms. Curry referenced a memorandum dated August 30, 2007, distributed to each commissioner entitled, "Ordinance amending Miami-Dade County Code relating to Metro-Miami Action Plan." She noted this proposal would provide more oversight by the County Mayor and the County Manager.*

*Commissioner Moss expressed concern with the recommended changes outlined in this proposed ordinance and the County Manager's recommendation for MMAP.*

*Commissioner Sorenson suggested both issues pertaining to MMAP be deferred and Mr. Vickers and the MMAP Trust Board are invited to appear before the Committee at its next meeting scheduled for October 10, 2007. She emphasized that she preferred a full discussion with all parties involved.*

*Chairwoman Edmonson supported Commissioner Sorenson's comments and questioned whether this item was time sensitive.*

*Responding to Chairwoman Edmonson's inquiry, Ms. Curry indicated it was time sensitive and staff would like to have these changes as soon as possible to coincide with the beginning of the fiscal year.*

*Commissioner Jordan explained that she was independently making changes to the MMAP Trust Board. She noted concerns by Committee members and a Sunshine meeting held to discuss the proposed changes to the MMAP Trust Board. Commissioner Jordan advised the proposal before the Committee was the result of the Sunshine meeting. She respectfully requested that the Committee recommendation move forward without staff's recommendation to the MMAP administration. She concluded by speaking in support of Commissioner Moss' recommendation to notify the MMAP Trust Board to seek input from the Trust on this issue.*

*Chairwoman Edmonson noted collectively the Committee discussed the foregoing proposed ordinance.*

*Following extensive discussion among the Committee members regarding the proposed recommendations to the MMAP Trust Board and the MMAP administration, the Committee*

*proceeded to vote for the deferral of the ordinance with an instruction that Ms. Curry meet with the Metro-Miami Action Plan (MMAP) Trust to discuss the foregoing ordinance and the proposed administrative changes recommended by the County Manager. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Sorenson, and upon being put to a vote, passed by a vote of 5-0.*

*Chairwoman Edmonson noted a Sunshine Meeting would be scheduled to discuss the outcome of the meeting with the MMAP Trust before the October 10, 2007, Committee meeting as recommended by Commissioner Jordan.*

1D6 SUPPL.

**072650 Report**

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT TO ORDINANCE  
AMENDING ARTICLE XLVII OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-  
DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RELATING TO METRO-  
MIAMI ACTION PLAN TRUST

*Deferred to next committee meeting*

*Mover: Moss*

*Secunder: Sorenson*

*Vote: 5-0*

**Report:** *See Report under Agenda Item 1D6, Legislative File No. 072467.*

**2 COUNTY COMMISSION**

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2A

**072238 Resolution****Joe A. Martinez**

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO REVIEW ALL AFFORDABLE HOUSING INITIATIVES THAT HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED BY RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES AND HAVE BEEN IMPLEMENTED BY THE COUNTY MANAGER AND/OR MAYOR WITHIN THE LAST TEN (10) YEARS TO ASCERTAIN THEIR EFFECTIVENESS; DIRECTING COUNTY MANAGER TO IDENTIFY ANY BARRIERS TO ACCESSING AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND THE METHODOLOGY FOR REMOVING THESE BARRIERS; REQUIRING REPORT

*Forwarded to BCC without a recommendation*

*Mover: Sorenson*

*Seconded: Edmonson*

*Vote: 5-0*

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

*Following comments from Committee members regarding the County Administration review and implementation of various recommendations regarding housing, Mr. Jose Cintron, Director, Office of Community and Economic Development, noted at the next Committee meeting a report regarding the County's affordable housing initiatives implemented over the last five (5) years would be presented and this discussion would be more relevant for that report.*

*Chairwoman Edmonson offered an amendment to the foregoing proposed resolution to state that the review be for five years in lieu of 10 years.*

*It was moved by Commissioner Jordan that the foregoing proposed resolution be deferred. Commissioner Sorenson seconded this motion for discussion.*

*Commissioner Moss suggested that the foregoing proposed resolution be forwarded to the full Board of County Commissioners for discussion.*

*Commissioner Sorenson withdrew her second to the motion made by Commissioner Jordan and made a motion to forward the foregoing proposed resolution without a recommendation by the Committee. Chairwoman Edmonson seconded this motion.*

*Hearing no further questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote to forward the foregoing proposed resolution to the County Commission without a recommendation as*

*presented.*

**3 DEPARTMENTS**

3A

**072544 Resolution**

RESOLUTION RETROACTIVELY AUTHORIZING MIAMI-DADE HOUSING AGENCY'S APPLICATION FOR (1) HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER FAMILY SELF-SUFFICIENCY (HCV FSS) PROGRAM COORDINATORS GRANT FOR UP TO \$195,266, (2) PUBLIC HOUSING FAMILY SELF-SUFFICIENCY (PH FSS) PROGRAM COORDINATORS UNDER ROSS PROGRAM GRANT FOR UP TO \$64,890, (3) SERVICE COORDINATORS IN MULTIFAMILY HOUSING GRANT FOR UP TO \$225,850, (4) ROSS FAMILY AND HOMEOWNERSHIP GRANT FOR UP TO \$944,081, AND (5) ROSS ELDERLY/PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES GRANT FOR UP TO \$450,000 TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO RECEIVE AND EXPEND FUNDS AND EXECUTE SUCH AGREEMENTS AS REQUIRED (Miami-Dade Housing Agency)

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

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

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

3B

**072546 Resolution**

RESOLUTION APPROVING CONFIDENTIAL PROJECT NO. 07-00235 AS A QUALIFIED TARGET INDUSTRY BUSINESS PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTES S-288.106, CONFIRMING THAT THE COMMITMENTS OF LOCAL FINANCIAL SUPPORT NECESSARY FOR CONFIDENTIAL PROJECT #07-00235 EXIST; AND PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION OF UP TO \$180,000 FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUNDS AS LOCAL PARTICIPATION IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA QUALIFIED TARGET INDUSTRY TAX REFUND PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEARS 2008 THROUGH 2013, INCLUSIVE, OR OVER A TIME PERIOD AS DETERMINED BY THE STATE OF FLORIDA IN ITS APPROVAL OF CONFIDENTIAL PROJECT #07-00235 APPLICATION WITH THE PROVISIO THAT ANY TAX ABATEMENT GRANTED TO CONFIDENTIAL PROJECT #07-00235 UNDER FLORIDA STATUTE 196.1995 REDUCES ANY QUALIFIED TARGET INDUSTRY TAX REFUND TO CONFIDENTIAL PROJECT #07-00235 BY THE AMOUNT OF ANY SUCH TAX ABATEMENT GRANTED, IN COMPLIANCE WITH FLORIDA STATUTE 288.106(5)9; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (Office of Community and Economic Development)

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation*

*Mover: Sorenson*

*Seconder: Jordan*

*Vote: 5-0*

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

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

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**072550 Resolution**

RESOLUTION APPROVING CONFIDENTIAL PROJECT NO. 07-00235 AS A TARGETED JOBS INCENTIVE FUND PROGRAM BUSINESS PURSUANT TO THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE LXXXVI, AS MODIFIED BY ORDINANCE NO. 02-251; CONFIRMING THAT THE COMMITMENT OF INCENTIVE AWARDS FOR CONFIDENTIAL PROJECT NO. 07-00235 EXISTS; AND PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION OF UP TO \$101,953 FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEARS 2008 THROUGH 2013 WITH THE PROVISIO THAT ANY TAX ABATEMENT GRANTED TO CONFIDENTIAL PROJECT NO. 07-00235, UNDER FLORIDA STATUTE 196.1995, REDUCES ANY TARGETED JOBS INCENTIVE FUNDS AWARD TO CONFIDENTIAL PROJECT NO. 07-00235 BY THE AMOUNT OF ANY SUCH TAX ABATEMENT GRANTED, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (Office of Community and Economic Development)

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

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

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

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**072611 Resolution**

RESOLUTION APPROVING CONFIDENTIAL PROJECT NO. 08-00002 AS A TARGETED JOBS INCENTIVE FUND PROGRAM BUSINESS PURSUANT TO THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE LXXXVI, AS MODIFIED BY ORDINANCE NO. 02-251; CONFIRMING THAT THE COMMITMENT OF INCENTIVE AWARDS FOR CONFIDENTIAL PROJECT NO. 08-00002 EXISTS; AND PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION OF UP TO \$696,352 FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEARS 2008 THROUGH 2013 WITH THE PROVISION THAT ANY TAX ABATEMENT GRANTED TO CONFIDENTIAL PROJECT NO. 08-00002, UNDER FLORIDA STATUTE 196.1995, REDUCES ANY TARGETED JOBS INCENTIVE FUNDS AWARD TO CONFIDENTIAL PROJECT NO. 08-00002 BY THE AMOUNT OF ANY SUCH TAX ABATEMENT GRANTED, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (Office of Community and Economic Development)

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

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

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

**4 COUNTY MANAGER**

**5 CLERK OF THE BOARD**

5A

**072113 Report**

CLERK'S SUMMARY MEETING MINUTES FOR JUNE 19, 2007 (Clerk of the Board)

*Approved  
Mover: Moss  
Seconder: Jordan  
Vote: 5-0*

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

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

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**072613 Report**

CLERK'S SUMMARY MEETING MINUTES FOR JULY 18, 2007 (Clerk of the Board)

**Approved**  
**Mover: Moss**  
**Secunder: Jordan**  
**Vote: 5-0**

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

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

**6 REPORTS**

6A

**071932 Report**

REPORT ON FEASIBILITY OF USING 311 TO RECEIVE TAXICAB COMPLAINTS (County Manager)

**Report Received**  
**Mover: Moss**  
**Secunder: Sorenson**  
**Vote: 5-0**

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

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

6B

**072112 Report****STATUS REPORT ON OPA-LOCKA PUBLIC HOUSING  
DEVELOPMENT DISPOSITION (County Manager)****Report Received****Mover: Moss****Seconder: Sorenson****Vote: 5-0**

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

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

*Later in the meeting, Commissioner Jordan requested Ms. Kris Warren, Director, Miami-Dade Housing Agency (MDHA), for the record, to present an update on the foregoing report and stated approximately 26 public housing units located in the City of Opa-locka were being considered for conversion to homeownership. She noted the County received preliminary permission from United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (US HUD) to allow the conversion. She informed the Committee that the US HUD advised MDHA that the executed agreement could not be located; therefore, MDHA had to repeat the filing process for conversion of these units.*

*Ms. Warren provided the Committee with an update on the disposition of the 26 public housing units located within the Opa-locka Public Housing Development site.*

*Commissioner Jordan suggested the Magnolia North community receive a direct allocation with the involvement of Habitat of Humanity for the development of the Opa-locka Triangle Area.*

*Following Ms. Warren's comments pertaining to the nine (9) families in the subject area, Commissioner Jordan suggested that if the families did not wish to relocate to this area, the County should consider rehabbing those units, which the families occupied. Therefore, those units would meet the current standards in terms of appearance in the subject area.*

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**072612 Report**

SECOND ROUND OF CDBG 2005 DISASTER RECOVERY  
FUNDING (County Manager)

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

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

*Commissioner Moss questioned the Humanity for Habitat site in Commission District 9 particularly in the Goulds area that experienced tremendous flooding and damage to homes.*

*Responding to Commissioner Moss' comments, Mr. Dan Wall, Assistant Director, Office of Strategic Business Management, informed the Committee the first round of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Disaster Recovery Program funding in the amount of \$750,000 were allocated for projects and one of the projects targeted the Goulds area for approximately 20 homes that experienced flood damage.*

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

**7 OPEN DISCUSSION(S)**

7A

072627 Discussion Item Audrey M. Edmonson  
COMMUNICATION BETWEEN HOUSING ADVISORY GROUPS *Deferred to no date certain*

**Report:** *Assistant County Attorney Shannon Summerset read the foregoing discussion item into the record.*

*Chairwoman Edmonson noted at the last County Commission meeting held on September 4, 2007, the foregoing issue was raised that required further discussion regarding communication between housing advisory groups by this Committee.*

*Commissioner Moss suggested that the foregoing issue be addressed during the entire discussion regarding housing.*

*Hearing no further questions or comments, the Committee deferred the foregoing discussion item.*

7B

**072628 Discussion Item****SURTAX/SHIP HOMEOWNERSHIP AND RENTAL DEVELOPMENT (County Manager)***Deferred to next committee meeting**Mover: Jordan**Seconder: Edmonson**Vote: 5-0*

**Report:** *Assistant County Attorney Shannon Summerset read the foregoing discussion item into the record.*

*Ms. Cynthia Curry, Senior Advisor to the County Manager, noted staff was presenting this report based on the last Committee meeting in which concern was raised in the different housing communities particularly the lending community and the developers. Those concerns related to the amount of the Documentary Stamp Surtax and State Housing Initiative Partnership (SHIP) funds that should be set-aside for homeownership versus development of affordable housing that was primarily for rental housing units. Therefore, Ms. Curry said, staff prepared the foregoing report for the Committee in order to establish policy on how to administer the SHIP and Surtax funds for homeownership by staff.*

*Mr. Jose Cintron, Director, Office of Community and Economic Development (OCED), provided an overview of the SHIP and Surtax allocation recommended for homeownership mortgage assistance. He presented and distributed a document entitled, "Miami-Dade County SHIP/Surtax Housing Programs." Mr. Cintron noted under the SHIP and Surtax Programs, Miami-Dade County provides assistance towards both the development and purchase of homeownership units and development of rental housing.*

*Following Commissioner Moss' request to meet with Mr. Cintron to discuss the Homeownership Unit Construction, Mr. Cintron stated he would meet with Commissioner Moss to discuss this component further and the entire program.*

*Following Commissioner Jordan's comments regarding retainage of the 8% of the Surtax for Metro-Miami Action Plan (MMAP), Mr. Cintron informed the Committee that MMAP's 8% would be maintained.*

*Ms. Patricia Braynon, Executive Director, Housing Finance Authority (HFA), noted her*

*discussion with MMAP and recommended that they continue their advocacy for certain communities that were not successful with homeownership. Therefore, MMAP's focus and target remained with those targeted communities.*

*Discussion ensued among Commissioner Jordan, Mr. Cintron and Ms. Braynon regarding how MMAP utilized its 8% of the Surtax funds designated for down payment and closing cost for homeownership assistance.*

*Commissioner Jordan asked Ms. Curry to prepare an addendum to this report outlining strategies to encourage developers to construct more rental housing units to strengthen the rental component of the County's affordable housing units, and to meet with each commissioner to discuss the addendum prior to the October 10, 2007, Committee meeting.*

*Commissioner Sorenson noted a newspaper article featured in today's New York Times regarding how housing costs were increasingly consuming more of society incomes including property insurance costs and taxes. Therefore, homeownership may not be for everyone. She also noted a study indicated building wealth in general may be better for consumers versus homeownership.*

*Commissioner Souto concurred with Commissioner Sorenson regarding the American Dream and that homeownership may not be for everyone. He noted the County's consideration of providing rental housing units due to the influx of people from many places in Miami-Dade County.*

*A discussion ensued among Committee members in connection with MMAP's dedicated 8% of the Surtax funding.*

*Assistant County Attorney Shannon Summerset noted the MMAP allocation of Surtax funds was not limited to homeownership and/or rental housing assistance only.*

*Discussion ensued among Committee members, Ms. Curry, Mr. Cintron and Ms. Braynon regarding the American Dream of homeownership, the County's consideration of both homeownership and rental housing units, and the County becoming innovative in addressing housing in this community due to the current changes in the housing market.*

*Ms. Curry and Ms. Braynon informed the Committee that the lending community had contacted staff regarding the 8% of the Surtax funding for MMAP and the non-availability of those funds in order to close loans on approximately 300 loans, and the need to identify a funding source in order to close those loans for homeownership through the MMAP process.*

*Commissioner Moss noted the need to review development of housing projects which initially may be rental property and then converted in the future to homeownership.*

*Ms. Braynon noted discussions and letters received from members of the homeownership community that desired more subsidies.*

*Mr. Cintron informed the Committee there was no established policy before today's proposal for the Surtax and SHIP funds towards housing activities.*

*Commissioner Jordan noted no discussion had occurred with MMAP regarding its policy direction on homeownership for the 8% Surtax dedicated funding source to MMAP. She supported Chairwoman Edmonson in regard to the 8% set-aside of Surtax funding for MMAP and the remaining balance (92%) of Surtax funds be used by the OCED and HFA. Commissioner Jordan expressed that MMAP should be given an opportunity to present a plan.*

*Commissioner Souto stressed the need for a pool of affordable rental units and the availability of these units for the community.*

*Responding to Commissioner Jordan's comments regarding the MMAP process for distributing its Surtax funds for homeownership and if it would change as a result of this proposal, Assistant County Attorney Summerset noted that currently the County Commission through its budget ordinance had set-aside 8% of the total Surtax dollars for MMAP, which they currently used for rental and/or homeownership or any eligible use of Surtax funds under Florida Statutes. She indicated if the 8% of the MMAP portion of the Surtax funds was identified for homeownership then it would be limited to only homeownership and not rental, but currently MMAP had that option to use its portion for rental.*

*Commissioner Jordan stressed the need for the*

*Sunshine meeting with MMAP noting she did not wish to limit MMAP use of the Surtax funds.*

*Commissioner Sorenson noted the need to have a meeting to discuss this issue further.*

*Ms. Yvonne Stratford, appeared before the Committee, and supported the need for rental housing assistance in this community.*

*Mr. Milton Vickers, Executive Director, MMAP, informed the Committee that the 8% out of the 100% for the County Surtax funds was dedicated for MMAP. He noted currently the needs exceeded the dedicated funding source and the homeownership exceeded MMAP resources. Mr. Vickers referred to the Florida International University Study regarding the African-American community that addressed black flight in Miami-Dade County. He noted housing costs contributed to this flight. Mr. Vickers noted an effort by MMAP for a pilot program initiative in Commission District 3 whereby MMAP funds would provide down payment and closing cost assistance to attract and commit teachers to teach in identified zoned schools for five (5) years in this Commission District such as Miami Jackson, Miami Northwestern, and others. Mr. Vickers noted the need for rental housing in the neighborhoods not located along transit corridors and in middle income areas. He concluded his comments by stating that MMAP would be looking to leverage its dollars in terms of workforce housing.*

*Responding to Commissioner Jordan's comments regarding whether homeownership was a priority by MMAP, Mr. Vickers stated the MMAP Trust had not taken a position although the vast majority of MMAP's Surtax funds had been for homeownership. He noted in the future he would be prepared to recommend to the MMAP Trust that based upon the need the concentration should be on homeownership.*

*Commissioner Jordan moved that the Committee separate the 8% of Surtax funds for MMAP, and adopt the foregoing report with a 60/40 split on the remaining portion of the Surtax funds. Chairwoman Edmonson seconded this motion for discussion.*

*Responding to Commissioner Sorenson's question regarding the effect of this motion, Ms. Curry stated it would only shift more to the*

*homeownership versus rental.*

*Commissioner Sorenson felt that was not the way to go for public housing and expressed support for MMAP as it currently administered its Surtax fund for homeownership.*

*Commissioner Jordan noted another alternative would be if staff recommended a different formula in terms of the 60/40 split on the remaining portion of the County's Surtax funds. She stressed until the MMAP Trust present a policy recommendation their flexibility should be maintained unless they determined a need to use their funds for rental housing.*

*Commissioner Sorenson suggested that the Committee accept the foregoing report as presented.*

*Ms. Curry noted the submittal of this report was for informational purposes only.*

*Commissioner Jordan suggested staff come back after meeting with each commissioner with a follow-up report to this item. She made a motion for deferral of the foregoing report and withdrew her previous motion for acceptance of this report. Chairwoman Edmonson seconded this motion.*

*Hearing no further questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote for the deferral of the foregoing discussion item and report.*

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072695 Discussion Item Audrey M. Edmonson  
DISCUSSION OF COMMITTEE BUDGET PRIORITIES

*Presented*  
*Mover: Moss*  
*Seconder: Jordan*  
*Vote: 5-0*

**Report:** *Assistant County Attorney Shannon Summerset read the foregoing discussion item into the record.*

*Commissioner Moss stressed the importance of identifying and specifying all of the Committee's budget priorities. He recommended that \$0 dollars be allocated to the newly proposed Department of Community Action, that the dedicated 8% of the Documentary Surtax funding for MMAP be maintained, that \$300,000 be identified to address the shortfall for the recommended budget for MMAP, and that funding be identified for funding the Community-based organization (CBO) funding process for a full year, and then during the interim have the County Administration conduct a Request for Proposal (RFP) allowing full availability of these funds and monitoring of this CBO process. He proceeded to inform the Committee of the Budget Conference Committee's intent to review the committees' priorities and give the County Administration an opportunity to assist the County Commission to achieve its priorities with the least impact on services and the ability to deliver County services.*

*Commissioner Jordan spoke in connection with the Equal Opportunity Board and noted the County Manager's recommendation for elimination of 10 positions for the staff support for this advisory board. She asked that this Committee support restoration of at least 6 of those positions for allocation out of the County Service Reserves, and to add this as of the one of the Committee's budget priorities.*

*Chairwoman Edmonson proceeded to provide an overview of the Committee's budget priorities previously identified by the Committee.*

*Discussion ensued among the Committee members regarding Committee budget priorities along with the other Committee priorities and the role of the Budget Conference Committee in its deliberation of all Committee priorities.*

*Commissioner Sorenson noted a concern with*

*Equal Opportunity Board quorum issue. She noted the need for an adjustment in the quorum requirements and recommended the Committee address this issue at a later date.*

*Chairwoman Edmonson noted in addition to the priorities identified in the exhibit entitled, "Discussion-EDHS Budget Priorities," the Committee by motion duly made, seconded, and carried, amended this document as follows:*

*1. to add that \$0 dollars be allocated to the newly proposed Department of Community Action and Social Services as recommended by Commissioner Moss;*

*2. to add that the dedicated 8% of the Documentary Surtax funding for MMAP be maintained, and that all of its programs recommended for transfer by the County Manager be restored as recommended by Commissioners Moss and Jordan;*

*3. to add and specify that Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding be used to restore and maintain the current level of funding for the Greater Miami Service Corps as recommended by Commissioner Jordan;*

*4. to add and specify that 2 staff positions be added back to the Urban Economic Revitalization Task Force (UERTF) for a total of 3 positions at the approximate amount of \$150,000 as recommended by Commissioner Jordan;*

*5. to add that the County's Equal Opportunity Board be restored and maintained at a funding level of \$437,000 as recommended by Commissioner Jordan; and*

*6. to add that at least 2 of the 4 job positions in the Office of Community Relations staff be restored and maintained, specifically the Assistant's position in the amount of \$181,000 as recommended by Commissioner Jordan.*

*Following Commissioner Moss' inquiry regarding legal standing in setting the Committee priorities, Assistant County Attorney Summerset indicated that the Committee had clearly stated its priorities and the recommended funding amount for approval as of part of the County's budget.*

*Commissioner Jordan noted the restoration and maintenance of the boot camp and the Miami-*

*Dade television was a priority of hers, which was not under the Committee's purview. She concluded her comments by agreeing with Commissioner Moss that whatever becomes a priority would be a part of the framework of each Committee's recommendation for its priorities.*

*A brief discussion ensued among the Committee members in connection with other budget priorities that were not under this Committee's purview.*

*Following Commissioner Moss' request for a final motion to incorporate all of the Committee budget priorities with the amendments made at today's meeting, he moved that the Committee approve all of the Committee Budget priorities with the amendments made at today's meeting. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Jordan, and upon being put to a vote, passed by a vote of 5-0.*

**8 ADJOURNMENT**

**Report:** *There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 12:51 p.m.*