



## MEMORANDUM OFFICE OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

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**SUBJECT: LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL MONTHLY REPORT**

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In an on going effort to open and improve communications with the different governmental agencies and municipalities, the local governmental coordinator met with or attended the following meetings / events:

### Events

- **Miami Dade League of Cities (June)**

The MDCLC Board of Directors Meeting was Sponsored and hosted by Miccosukee Resort & Gaming.

- **Presentations**

- Florida International University: Dr. Mark Rosenberg, President, FIU made a presentation on the correlation between income and education attainment (This caparison was made on the education level of different sates and median income). Dr. Rosenberg similarly compared the education level to income within Florida's counties. The result demonstrated a direct correlation between the two.
- Half Cent Transportation Tax: Miami Dade Commissioner, Carlos Gimenez, detailed ongoing issues with the "Half Penny Transportation Tax". Among the issues discussed were the Citizens Independent Transportation Trust (CITT) and how budgetary information has been compiled and disseminated over the years. The Commissioner also described the discrepancies between the original intent of the tax and its actual use. Commissioner Gimenez's efforts to place an option to repeal the tax on the ballot is currently underway through a petition drive.
- Florida League of Cities: Rebecca O' Hara, Legislative Director, Florida League of Cities, gave a post session update on the major bills that passed. (Please see the report attached).
- Miami-Dade County Days: Robert Levy and Dianne Paulson gave a brief presentation on Miami-Dade County Days and expressed their appreciation for everyone's support.

- **Resolution (s)**

- MDCLC Resolution 2009 -4:

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY LEAGUE OF CITIES, INC., PROMOTING AMERICAN WITH DISABILITIES ACT ("ADA") AWARENESS; ENDORSING RELEVANT AND EFFECTIVE CRITERIA FOR RENEWAL OF ADA PARKING PERMITS, AND SUPPORTING STRICT SCRUTINY AND MONITORING OF HANDICAP ACCESSIBILITY PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION; DECLARING THE THIRD WEEK OF JULY ADA AWARENESS WEEK. (Please see attached copy).

- **Homestead**

Homestead recently installed traffic cameras in order to control red light violators.

The red-light safety cameras, in effect at Campbell Drive and U.S. 1, can capture five images every second and videos of vehicles speeding through the intersection.

The city will send out warnings to the registered owner of a car caught running a red light during a 90-day grace period. The city will then issue \$125 citations.

"This is a public safety program and our goal is to deter red-light runners and prevent accidents," said Mayor Lynda Bell.

American Traffic Solutions, through a contract with Homestead, plans to install the cameras at 10 other locations throughout the city over the next few months.

Violations will be reviewed by the Homestead Police Department before citations are issued, according to the city.

Citations will be treated as code violations.

If a fine is not paid, a collection agency will place a lien on the person's property.

Red-light-runners will receive a photo in the mail and will be able to go online to see a clip of the violation.

U.S. 1 and East Mowry Drive as well as North Krome Avenue and NE Eighth Street are among the sites being considered for camera installation.

- **Miami**

**Ordinance (s):** June 11, 2009 (Agenda)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MIAMI CITY COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING THE FINAL ORDER OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA GOVERNOR AND CABINET SITTING AS THE ADMINISTRATION COMMISSION ENTERED IN THE VIZCAYANS, INC. ET AL. VS THE CITY OF MIAMI AND TRG-MH VENTURE, LTD., AC CASE NO. ACC-08-004, DOAH CASE NOS. 07-2498 GM AND 07-2499 GM, DATED MARCH 31, 2009; RESCINDING ORDINANCE NO. 12911 ADOPTED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI; CONTAINING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Please see attached)

**Resolution (s):**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MIAMI CITY COMMISSION SUPPORTING AND CALLING FOR THE IMMEDIATE ENACTMENT OF THE ADMINISTRATION'S HEALTH CARE REFORM PRINCIPLES AND AGREEING THAT THIS COMPREHENSIVE REFORM SHOULD DO THE FOLLOWING: 1) REDUCE LONG-TERM GROWTH OF HEALTH CARE COSTS; 2) PROTECT FAMILIES FROM BANKRUPTCY OR DEBT BECAUSE OF HEALTHCARE COSTS; 3) GUARANTEE CHOICE OF DOCTORS AND HEALTH PLANS; 4) INVEST IN PREVENTION AND WELLNESS; 5) IMPROVE PATIENT SAFETY AND QUALITY OF CARE; 6) ASSURE AFFORDABLE, QUALITY OF HEALTH FOR ALL AMERICANS; 7) MAINTAIN COVERAGE WHEN SOMEONE CHANGES OR LOSES A JOB; AND 8) END BARRIERS TO COVERAGE FOR PEOPLE WITH PRE-EXISTING MEDICAL CONDITIONS; THE COMMISSION FURTHER URGES CONGRESS TO SUPPORT PUBLIC HOSPITALS AND OTHER PROVIDERS IN THE HEALTH CARE SAFETY NET SO THAT THOSE WHO FALL THROUGH THE CRACKS OF EXPANDED HEALTH COVERAGE: MAY STILL RECEIVE CARE; CAPACITY IS AVAILABLE IN CASE OF PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCIES; AND THE CULTURAL COMPETENCIES ACHIEVED BY PROVIDERS SERVING DIVERSE POPULATIONS ARE PRESERVED AND ENHANCED IN A REFORMED HEALTH CARE SYSTEM; DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO TRANSMIT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE DESIGNATED OFFICIALS HEREIN. (Please see attached copy)

## **Election Results**

Mayor: Andre D. Pierre 53% / Frank Wolland 46%

Councilperson District 2: Michael R. Blynn 51% Bonnie Schwartzbaum 49%

Councilperson District 3: Jean Rodrigue Marcellus 60% Michelle Garcia 41%

- **North Miami Beach**

July 2, 2009 Council Meeting

### **Resolution (s):**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE ACQUISITION BY THE CITY OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM; ACCEPTING AS THE CITY'S STATEMENT UNDER SECTION 180.301, FLORIDA STATUTES, THE PUBLIC BRIEFING DOCUMENT; DETERMINING THAT THE ACQUISITION OF THE GOLDEN BEACH WATER SYSTEM IS IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST; AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE ASSET PURCHASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH AND THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Please see attached).

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA REQUESTING GOVERNOR CHARLIE CHRIST TO VETO THE 2% PAY CUTS PASSED BY THE STATE LEGISLATURE FOR THE STATE ATTORNEY'S OFFICE. (Please see attached).

- **Palmetto Bay**

### **Election news**

On June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2009 Palmetto Bay will have a Special Election Ballot related to the payment of mitigation fees to Miami-Dade County as well as certain amendments to the charter. The four ballot questions will be as follows:

Question1: Modification of mitigation of charter provision relating to mitigation.  
Elimination of mitigation payments after fiscal year 2008-2009

Shall the charter of the village of Palmetto Bay be amended to eliminate mitigation due to the county after the fiscal year 2008-2009 payment, rather than requiring payment of mitigation in perpetuity, and delete "Favored Nation Status" provision relating to mitigation and certain other provisions relating to mitigation?

Shall the above be adopted?

Question 2: Modification of charter provision relating to eliminating requirement that Village pay for specialized police services.

Elimination of village's contractual obligation to pay Miami-Dade County for specialized polices services.

Shall the charter of the village of Palmetto Bay be amended to eliminate the obligation of the Village to contract for and pay for specialized police services with Miami-Dade County and eliminate the favored nation status for police services?

Shall the above described amendment be adopted?

Question 3: Expansion of private school student enrollment requires four-fifths (4/5) Village Council approval, and &% percent approval of electors residing within 2,000 foot radius.