Memorandum

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

Date: March 28, 2014

To: Honorable Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa,
and Members of the Board of County Commissioners

From: Carlos A. Gimenez
Mayor

Subject: Mayoral Appointment
Director – Miami-Dade Water and Sewer Department

Pursuant to the authority vested in me under the provisions of Section 2.02-C of the Miami-Dade County Home Rule Charter, effective April 30, 2014, I hereby appoint Bill Johnson to the position of Director of the Miami-Dade Water and Sewer Department (WASD). In order to provide for an orderly transition following the retirement of John Renfrow, Bill Johnson will transfer to WASD as of April 1, 2014 as Director-designate.

Over the last 34 years, Bill Johnson has held a number of executive level positions within Miami-Dade County government including oversight of the County's airports and several major infrastructure projects. Among his many accomplishments are the implementation of the Criminal Justice Bond Program and the development of both the Performing Arts Center and the American Airlines Arena. Since 2006, he has served as Director of Port*Miami*, Miami-Dade County's number two economic engine. During his eight-year tenure, Mr. Johnson launched one of the most ambitious capital development programs at Port*Miami*, including construction of the Port tunnel in conjunction with the Florida State Department of Transportation; the re-introduction of on-dock freight rail with Florida East Coast Railway; and the deepening of the Port's channel to -50 feet to accommodate the new generation of larger, container cargo vessels.

A native of Akron, Ohio, Mr. Johnson holds a Master's Degree in Public Administration from the University of Tennessee and has served in numerous leadership roles in a number of maritime, business and economic development organizations at the national and international levels.

Attached for your information is Mr. Johnson's resume.

Attachments

c: Honorable Harvey Ruvin, Clerk of the Courts
R. A. Cuevas, Jr., County Attorney
Office of the Mayor Senior Staff
Department Directors

BILL JOHNSON

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EXPERIENCE

June 2006 — Present
Port Director
Port*Miami*

Responsible for direction of one of America's busiest ports recognized throughout the world with the dual distinction of being the Cruise Capital of the World and the Cargo Gateway of the Americas and contributing over 225,000 jobs and $30 billion annually to the South Florida economy.

- July 2001 — June 2006
  Assistant County Manager
  Office of the County Manager
  Miami-Dade County, Florida

Oversight Responsibilities:

Building Department
Building Code Compliance
Building Better Communities Bond Program
Planning and Zoning
Capital Improvements Construction Coordination
Performing Arts Center
International Trade Consortium
The Beacon Council
Military Affairs
Miami-Dade Public Schools
American Airlines Arena
Development Impact Committee, Chair
Empowerment Trust /Zone
Consumer Services
Miami-Dade Transit Agency
Metropolitan Planning Organization
Miami-Dade Aviation Department
Port of Miami
Procurement Management
Business Development
Community & Economic Development
Metro Miami Action Plan (MMAP)
Urban Revitalization Task Force
Greater Miami Convention & Visitors Bureau
Chambers of Commerce

- February 2001 — June 2001
  Senior Advisor
  Office of the County Manager, Miami-Dade County, Florida

Responsible for economic development initiatives involving the Miami-Dade Aviation Department and the Port of Miami. Involved working closely with The Beacon Council, Greater Miami Convention & Visitors Bureau, the Coalition of Chambers, Black Business Association, CAMACOL and the World Trade Center Miami.

- October 1997 — January 2001
  Senior Assistant
  Office of the County Manager, Miami-Dade County, Florida

Responsible for oversight of the Port of Miami and the Miami-Dade Aviation Department including Miami International Airport, two key government departments that generate more than $30 billion annually to the local economy. Included participation in all management aspects of the seaport and aviation operations, including an on-going $5.4 billion Capital Improvement Program at Miami International Airport. Also served as the County Manager's representative to The Performing Arts Center Trust and The Beacon Council.

- January 1997 — September 1997 <u>Special Assistant to the County Manager for Capital Development</u>
  Office of the County Manager, Miami-Dade County, Florida

  Served as the County Manager's representative to the Performing Arts Center Trust. Responsible for the Performing Arts Center project and the County's Maritime Park master planning activities. Worked closely with the Miami Heat's Basketball team, and their development company, in overseeing the development of the $250 million American Airlines Arena project.

- August 1994 — August 1998 <u>Chairperson</u> (concurrent activity)
  Dade County Review Committee, Miami-Dade County, Florida

  As chairperson, responsible for reviewing requests for professional services, procurement of goods and construction services for the inclusion of possible race, gender and small business measures. On an annual basis, this committee reviews several hundreds of millions of dollars in requests.

- October 1995 — December 1996 <u>Director</u>
  Performing Arts Center Project, Miami-Dade County, Florida

  County's representative for the state-of-the-art Performing Arts Center (PAC) development including assembling and supervising a team of internationally recognized designers as well as overseeing the development of an urban development action plan for properties surrounding the PAC.

- July 1993 — September 1995 <u>Director</u>
  Contract Coordination Office, Miami-Dade County, Florida

  Held responsibility for assisting County departments with the implementation of their capital development programs. Included serving as the County's liaison to construction-related trade organizations and for ensuring that the County's developmental process was in accordance with the policies established by the County Commission as well as with federal and state requirements. Supervised a staff of professionals responsible for all architectural, engineering and design-build selections, as well as contract negotiations. Also assisted departments with the resolution of contract disputes and provided litigation support as required. Served as the County Manager's assistant on development issues.

  Additionally, from May 1994 to May 1995, served as the County Manager's point person to Miami International Airport (MIA) on capital issues. In this capacity, was responsible for helping to restructure MIA's Capital Program.

- November 1989 — June 1993 <u>Assistant Director</u>
  Development and Facilities Management, Miami-Dade County, Florida

  Served as Director in the absence of the Department Director. Responsible for agenda items for consideration by the Board of County Commissioners, as well as state and federal legislative items and grant requests. Supervised the work of several divisions of the department, including planning, real estate management, facilities development and facilities management.

- July 1981 — October 1989 <u>Senior Project Administrator</u>
  Capital Improvements and Development, Miami-Dade County, Florida

  Responsibilities included helping to develop and successfully implement the $200 million Criminal Justice Bond Program and coordinating the development plans for other major capital construction projects. This encompassed the preparation of financial plans, schedules and budgets for these projects.

- July 1980 — June 1981 — Management Intern
  Office of the County Manager, Miami-Dade County, Florida

  One-year internship with the County Manager's Office. Performed various duties in areas pertaining to budgeting, finance, and personnel. Department rotations included: Office of Management and Budget, Department of Human Resources, Metro-Dade Police Department, Park and Recreation Department, and the Seaport Department.

- September 1980 — August 1993 — Adjunct Professor
  University of Miami
  Florida International University
  Dade County Public Schools

  Lectured on American Government, Government and History, Organizational Theory, Federalism, and Business Ethics.

- 1979 - 1980 — Legislative Aide / Assistant to State Senator
  Tennessee General Assembly
  Nashville, Tennessee

  Responsibilities included supervision of office staff, scheduling of appointments, issuing press releases, coordination of correspondence, legislative research and preparing legislative proposals.

- 1977 – 1978 — High School Teacher
  Barberton Public Schools
  Barberton, Ohio

  Taught American History, American Government, and Problems of Democracy. Served as faculty advisor to several student organizations.

EDUCATION

1980 — University of Tennessee (Knoxville, Tennessee)
M.P.A. Graduated with 3.9 GPA

1977 — University of Akron (Akron, Ohio)
B.A. in History, Political Science
Graduated with 3.8 GPA

CIVIC, PROFESSIONAL AND SCHOLASTIC ASSOCIATIONS (CURRENT AND FORMER)

- International Association of Ports and Harbors, Vice President
- United States Chamber of Commerce, Member – Let's Rebuild America Committee and International Policy Committee
- Coalition for America's Gateways and Trade Corridors, Board of Directors
- Federal Reserve Bank Trade and Transportation Advisory Council
- Florida District Export Council
- Florida Chamber of Commerce, Board of Directors
- Florida Ports Council, Chairman
- World Trade Center Miami, Chairman
- Beacon Council – Board of Directors
- Greater Miami Convention and Visitors Bureau, Board of Governors
- Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce – Chairman's Circle
- Miami Beach Latin Chamber of Commerce, Chairman
- United Way Mayor's Ball Leadership Committee
- Leadership Miami Board of Directors
- Rediscover Miami Beach Quality of Life Committee
- 5000 Role Models
- Big Brothers / Big Sisters of Greater Miami
- Coral Gables Jaycees
- 1984 Leadership Miami Class – Sponsored by the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce
- Urban Land Institute (ULI)
- Public Technology Inc. / Urban Consortium – Energy Task Force Committee Member
- International City Management Association (ICMA)
- American Society for Public Administration
- National Association of County Information Officers (NACIO)
- Florida City and County Management Association (FCCMA)
- FCCMA Committee on Recruitment and Membership

HONORS

- Governor's Business Ambassador Award 2013
- Beacon Council Chairman's Award
- First Recipient of International Achievement Award from Doral Business Council
- ASPA Public Administrator of the Year, 2012
- Miami Beach Chamber of Commerce Excellence in Tourism Award 2010
- Outstanding Public Administrator Of The Year by the Hispanic-American Builders Association
- Florida Customs Brokers and Forwarders Person of the Year 2011, Hall of Fame Award 2012
- Outstanding Young Men of America Award
- Selected as a 1981 ICMA Conference Scholarship Winner
- Recipient of Health Education and Welfare Fellowship for 2 years of graduate studies
- Honored by Former Tennessee Governor Alexander, and the Tennessee General Assembly for Outstanding Service

REFERENCES

Available upon request.