



# **MIAMI-DADE COUNTY FINAL OFFICIAL MINUTES**

## **Board of County Commissioners Committee of the Whole**

Stephen P. Clark Government Center  
Commission Chambers  
111 N.W. First Street  
Miami, Florida 33128

September 16, 2014  
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**CLERK'S SUMMARY AND OFFICIAL MINUTES  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 16, 2014**

The Board of County Commissioners reconvened as a Committee of the Whole in the County Commission Chambers on the Second Floor of the Stephen P. Clark Government Center, 111 NW First Street, Miami, Florida at 1:45 p.m., September 16, 2014, there being present upon roll call: Commissioners Esteban Bovo, Sally Heyman, Barbara Jordan, Jean Monestime, Dennis Moss, Javier Souto, Juan Zapata and Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa; (Commissioners Bruno Barreiro, Lynda Bell, Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Audrey Edmonson, and Xavier Suarez were absent). Mayor Carlos Gimenez and the following staff members were also present: County Attorney Robert Cuevas; Deputy Mayor Alina Hudak; Budget Director Jennifer Moon; Deputy Mayor Russell Benford; and Deputy Clerks Christopher Agrippa and Judy Marsh.

Ms. Moon advised that information requested at the September 4, 2014 Budget Hearing and the September 11, 2014 Committee of the Whole meeting, regarding a list of the fees recommended in the proposed FY 2014-15 budget, were provided to the Board members. She noted information regarding further budget adjustments for the Second Budget Hearing was also provided to the Board members. Ms. Moon summarized the proposed budget adjustments for the Board's consideration:

- ~ reinstating the Boot Camp program for one year, and identifying recurring savings to maintain the program subsequent to one year;
- ~ restoring the enforcement-related positions in the Tax Collector Division of the Finance Department in order to expedite a Managed Competition process;
- ~ a recommendation that the Citizens Independent Transportation Trust (CITT) would support the one-year waiver of the Maintenance of Effort (MOE) for Miami-Dade Transit (MDT);
- ~ a recommendation that unbudgeted carryover in the People's Transportation Plan (PTP) be used to offset the proposed fare increase for one year. Ms. Moon noted this recommendation would be considered by the CITT tomorrow (9/17), and the Administration would report back to the Board at the September 18<sup>th</sup> Second Budget Hearing if it was successfully approved by the CITT; and a
- ~ a recommendation that the proposed adjustments to certain permitting and plans review fees for the Water and Sewer Department (WASD) be postponed until the analysis of the smaller scale plans review process; and the more comprehensive development review process, was completed.

Ms. Moon noted the community-based funding allocations for the cultural programs were included in the Mayor's September 18, 2014 memorandum.

Ms. Moon commented on capital adjustments that involved changing the timing of certain expenditures for some of the General Obligation Bond (GOB) programs. She noted staff had inadvertently combined the Building Better Communities Debt Service Schedule with the Public Health Trust (PHT) GOB Program Debt Service Schedule. Ms. Moon said the information was now separated in the Self-Supporting Ordinance in Item J, as well as adjusting the PHT's Capital Schedule to include those projects. She indicated that an adjustment was made to the Public Works and Waste Management's Causeway Bicycle Safety Project, to reflect an increase that would be funded by carryover causeway toll revenues.

Ms. Moon advised that the Administration had identified positions that could be restored once the bargaining units ratified the agreements and they were executed by the Board. She noted this represented approximately \$7 million and approximately 113 positions and the following services would be restored:

- ~ Police Department - 42 civilian positions supporting background investigations, crime analysis and central records;
- ~ Community Information and Outreach – 12 positions to restore the 311 hours, and keep the three outreach offices open;
- ~ Park and Recreations and Open Spaces – 42 positions to restore non-contracted grounds, custodial, and field maintenance programs;
- ~ Public Works and Waste Management – 15 positions to restore five NEAT Teams, a Traffic Signal and Sign response crew, and a Customer Service Clerk in the Mosquito Control division;
- ~ Community Action and Human Services – two positions to restore supervision of domestic violence protection and support services;
- ~ Correction and Rehabilitation – two ancillary positions in the Boot Camp program;
- ~ Human Services – four positions to support fair employment and human rights investigative services and processing, monitoring of worker's compensation claims, and payroll functions.

Ms. Moon said these positions were not being added back as part of the changes in this Budget Hearing but would be part of a mid-year budget amendment once the contracts had been approved by the Board and executed.

Commissioner Moss asked that the MOE increase to MDT be reflected as a deferral of this year's payment which would be made up over the next two years; rather than a waiver.

Ms. Moon noted she would ensure that the item presented to the CITT made reference to the deferral of the MOE increase as there would be substantial increases in future years.

In response to Commissioner Moss' inquiry regarding funding for cultural organizations, Ms. Moon said the General Fund subsidy had been decreased by ten percent; however, approximately half of the amount had been made up by an increase in bed tax dollars.

In response to Commissioner Jordan's inquiry as to whether the ShotSpotter gunshot detection technology had been used in the County, Deputy Mayor Russell Benford said a pilot project was conducted and the results were positive. He noted the Administration was exploring ways in which the City of Miami Police Department and Miami-Dade Police Department could work together to utilize that technology to cover larger areas of the County.

Commissioner Jordan stated for the record that the City of Miami Gardens Police Department had been very successful in identifying where shots were fired using the ShotSpotter technology, and were able to arrive at the scene before receiving the 911 call. She noted they were able to collect casings, identify and make arrests based on shootings that had occurred.

Commissioner Jordan asked Deputy Mayor Benford to explore the ShotSpotter technology in an effort to curtail gang violence.

Deputy Mayor Benford noted a discussion was held with the new Public Housing Director regarding the possibility of exploring the use of ShotSpotters to address gun violence in some public housing areas.

Commissioner Jordan asked that the Children's Museum be made whole.

Commissioner Jordan commented that the Board had requested a report regarding the Transport Workers Union and the number of employees out-stationed to various departments. She noted a number of departments also had 501(c)(3)s, or foundations; and requested a report on those departments that may have 501(c)(3)s; or foundations that may also have staff out-stationed or detailed, and were being paid for on the budget.

Commissioner Heyman thanked Mayor Gimenez for restoring the Boot Camp program for one year. She noted the public safety stakeholders would be holding a press conference tomorrow (9/17) regarding public safety.

Mayor Gimenez responded to questions from Commissioner Heyman regarding union contracts. He explained that the first scheduled negotiation session with the Police Benevolent Association (PBA) was October 18, 2014; the Administration was meeting with the Water and Sewer Department; and he was unaware of any scheduled negotiations with the Fire Department; or with the Transport Workers Union. Mayor Gimenez pointed out the savings to be achieved were from the health plan redesign, and if an agreement was not reached with these units, their members would not benefit from the new healthcare plan. He added that members with dependents would be affected; while members with single care coverage would not be affected as it was part of the contract.

In response to Commissioner Heyman's inquiry as to whether one department in the same union could be bifurcated from another, Mayor Gimenez said the Corrections Officers were represented by the Police Benevolent Association.

Concerning the fire boats, Mayor Gimenez informed Commissioner Heyman that Miami-Dade Fire Chief David Downey would be meeting today (9/16) with other fire chiefs from the City of Miami; the City of Miami Beach; and possibly, the City of Coral Gables; regarding a plan to provide coverage in the north, middle and south areas of the Bay. He noted it was anticipated that the County's fire boat would resume service in the 79<sup>th</sup> Street vicinity; and the cities would have their fire boats in service around the Port of Miami.

Commissioner Zapata commented on the Public Works and Waste Management (PWWM)'s Causeway Bicycle Safety Project, funded by carryover causeway toll revenues, and requested the amount for the causeway carryover. He mentioned the repairs made to the Key Biscayne Bridge, and inquired about the financing plan for replacing the bridge.

Mayor Gimenez noted the bridge repairs would last approximately 12 years; and the Administration would begin the engineering process for a new bridge. He indicated the financing could probably be accomplished through tolls on the Rickenbacker Causeway; however, currently, a toll increase on the Rickenbacker was not yet necessary.

Commissioner Zapata suggested the Administration begin the toll increase on the Rickenbacker sooner than later.

In response to Commissioner Zapata's inquiry regarding the 382 positions that were less than authorized in FY 2013-14, Ms. Moon said the majority of the positions were from the General Fund, and were mostly internal support functions. She noted she would provide a breakdown of the adjustments, based on the contract negotiations, which resulted in the final number.

Commissioner Zapata asked whether the graffiti remediation program, using first-time offenders, was included in the proposed budget, to which Deputy Mayor Alina Hudak responded that money for supervision of the program was available.

Commissioner Zapata commented on his experience with the Internal Services Department regarding a transmission for his pickup truck, and noted he believed efficiencies were needed in the department.

Mr. Lester Sola, Director, Internal Services Department, responded to Commissioner Zapata's comments, noting he had provided documentation regarding this incident.

Mayor Gimenez agreed with Commissioner Zapata; however, he noted if Commissioner Zapata was referring to privatization, it would require approval by the Board.

In response to Commissioner Monestime's inquiry, Ms. Moon explained how the five NEAT Teams that were eliminated in the proposed budget could be reinstated. She noted there were 11 employees, two for each team and a supervisor.

Mr. Antonio Cotarelo, Deputy Director and County Engineer, Public Works and Waste Management Department, explained the NEAT teams' deployment.

Commissioner Monestime asked whether there had been any change in bulk trash pickup, particularly, in the Biscayne Garden area of District 2.

Assistant County Manager Hudak noted there was an eight-day response time, and she would discuss this issue with the appropriate Deputy Mayor.

Commissioner Bovo said he was hopeful that, under the Mayor's leadership and the Transportation Committee, a discussion would be held regarding the footprint for the County's transportation system 10 to 15 years in the future. He noted he believed transportation issues could be addressed through other avenues, including the hotel tax. Commissioner Bovo concurred with the changes Mayor Gimenez made to the proposed budget and indicated his support.

Mayor Gimenez agreed with Commissioner Bovo's comments. He noted the County needed a Miami 2030 vision transportation plan, including input from the Miami-Dade Expressway Authority, the Miami Planning Organization, as well as his office; and decide what must be done to make this city livable and sustainable. Mayor Gimenez indicated that he looked forward to initiating this effort after the budget.

In response to Commissioner Jordan's comments regarding the NEAT Teams, Mayor Gimenez said additional things could be done if the PBA agreed to the new contract, which would represent an additional \$10 million in services from the Police Department and the Corrections Department. He noted if TWU agreed to negotiate, this would offset the fare increase for next year.

Commissioner Jordan agreed with Commissioner Bovo's comments regarding transportation; however, she noted the existing system must be incorporated.

In response to Chairwoman Sosa's question as to whether he had invited the five units to negotiate, Mayor Gimenez said sufficient notices were provided to the unions that the County wanted to negotiate with them. He noted some unions had decided they did not wish to negotiate. Mayor Gimenez advised that employees with dependent coverage may be affected if their unions did not reach an agreement.

Chairwoman Sosa expressed concern regarding employees with dependent coverage whose unions did not reach an agreement. She noted she was hopeful the Mayor would have answers at the September 18, 2014 Second Budget Hearing.

There being no other business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:42 p.m.

Note: These minutes were archived without the Chairwoman's signature because the Chairwoman's term of office expired before her signature was acquired.

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Rebeca Sosa, Chairwoman

ATTEST: HARVEY RUVIN, Clerk

By: \_\_\_\_\_



Christopher Agrippa, Deputy Clerk



Board of County Commissioners  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
September 16, 2014

Prepared by: Judy Marsh

**EXHIBITS LIST**

NO.	DATE	ITEM #	DESCRIPTION
1	09/16/2014		Order of the Day
2	09/16/2014		Memorandum Re: Absence from Commissioner Suarez
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## MIAMI-DADE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

### ORDER OF THE DAY & PULL LIST

Tuesday, September 16, 2014

#### **BCC Special Presentations**

**8:30 a.m.**

- 1D1 – Presentation of Certificates of Appreciation to the Students of Jesus Costa Karate School Hialeah for Their Efforts in Winning the Karate National Championship and Their Selection to the Pan American Games (Bovo)
- 1D2 – Presentation of a Certificate of Appreciation to WPLG Channel 10 for their Adoption of Gratigny Plateau Park as a “Making a Difference” Project, an Initiative of the Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces Department (Monestime)
- 1D3 – Presentation of a Proclamation to Amos Rojas, Jr., U.S. Marshal for the Southern District of Florida, Declaring September 2014 as “U.S. Marshals Month” (Sosa)
- 1D4 – Musical Performance by Ronald W. Reagan/Doral Sr. High’s Reagan Singers (Alejandro Quintero and Zhamira Zambrano) Performing “Ley De Newton” by Beatriz Luengo (Sosa)
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#### **Board of County Commissioners Meeting**

**9:30 a.m.**

**Invocation**

**Roll Call**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Setting of Agenda**

**West Perrine C.R.A.**

**11:00 a.m.**

**Allocations**

**Recess**

**Reconvene Second Budget Committee of the Whole upon conclusion of the Regular Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners**



MEMORANDUM  
COMMISSIONER XAVIER L. SUAREZ

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TO: Rebeca Sosa, Chairwoman  
Members, Board of County  
Commissioners

DATE: September 16, 2014

FROM: Xavier L. Suarez  
Commissioner, District 7

RE: Meeting of the Whole

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Good morning,

I will not be able to attend today's Meeting of the Whole.

I regret any inconvenience this may cause.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "XLS", written over the typed name and title of the sender.

Xavier L. Suarez  
Commissioner  
District 7

Cc: C. Agrippa