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Resolution Codesignating that Portion of SW 58th Street Between SW 79th Court and 79th Avenue “Rev. Alberto M. Delgado Way” by a Three-fifths Vote of Board Members Present

Prime Sponsor: Commissioner Kevin Marino Cabrera, District 6

Requester: None

Committee Action Date: None

RESEARCH FINDINGS

OCA completed the required background research on “Rev. Alberto M. Delgado” and noted no adverse findings. OCA determined that there are no prior Board of County Commissioners (BCC) codesignations for “Rev. Alberto M. Delgado.” Also, as required by rule 9.02(f)(1), OCA verified that “Rev. Alberto M. Delgado” is living. OCA is providing this report as a Supplement to BCC Agenda File Item No. 232139.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. Bulleted below is the relevant legislation relating to the background research process:
 - [Section 2-1](#) Rule 9.02(f) of the Code requires the Office of the Commission Auditor (OCA) to conduct background research on any person, organization, place, or thing that is the subject of a naming, renaming or codesignation item or an item approving the codesignation of state or municipal roads and prepare a report detailing the findings of said research prior to the Commission meeting during which the item is scheduled to be considered.

Resolution Codesignating that Portion of the Rickenbaker Causeway from Arthur Lamb Jr. Road to Virginia Beach Drive as “Tokitae Way”

Prime Sponsor: Commissioner Raquel A. Regalado, District 7

Requester: None

Committee Action Date: None

RESEARCH FINDINGS

OCA completed the required background research on “Tokitae” and noted no adverse findings. OCA determined that there are no prior Board of County Commissioners (BCC) codesignations for “Tokitae.” OCA is providing this report as a Supplement to BCC Agenda File Item No. 232123.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. Bulleted below is the relevant legislation relating to the background research process:
 - [Section 2-1](#) Rule 9.02(f) of the Code requires the Office of the Commission Auditor (OCA) to conduct background research on any person, organization, place, or thing that is the subject of a naming, renaming or codesignation item or an item approving the codesignation of state or municipal roads and prepare a report detailing the findings of said research prior to the Commission meeting during which the item is scheduled to be considered.

Ordinance Granting Petition of SK Parker Pointe, LLC., for Establishment of a Community Development District Generally Bounded on the North by Canal C-103 Right-Of-Way, on the East by SW 162 Avenue (NE 18 Avenue/Farm Life School Road), on the South by SW 320 Street (East Mowry Drive/Parker Pointe Drive), and on the West by Canal C-103 Right-Of-Way; Creating and Establishing Parker Pointe Community Development District; Providing for Name, Powers and Duties; Providing Description and Boundaries; Providing Initial Members of Board of Supervisors; Accepting Proffered Declaration of Restrictive Covenants; Providing Severability, Exclusion from the Code and an Effective Date

Prime Sponsor: None

Requester: Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces

Committee Action Date: None

RESEARCH FINDINGS

OCA completed the required background research regarding the appointment of Michael Caputo, Timothy Smith, Greg Meath, Candice Smith, and Jon Seifel to the Parker Pointe Community Development District. OCA background research yielded no adverse informational findings for the appointees. This report is being provided as a supplement to BCC File Item Number 231503.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. Bulleted below is the relevant legislation relating to the background research process:
 - [Resolution No. R-636-14](#), adopted on July 1, 2014, requires the Office of the Commission Auditor (OCA) to complete background research on applicants being considered to serve on County Boards and Trusts that require nominations or appointments by the Board of County Commissioners (BCC).

Ordinance Relating to For-Hire Motor Vehicles; Amending Sections 31-89 and 31-93 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida; Revising Vehicle Age and Inspection Requirements for Taxicabs Operating in Miami-Dade County; Extending Authorization On a Permanent Basis For Vehicles 15 Model Years or Less to Be Licensed and Operated as Taxicabs in this County; Amending Vehicle Age Requirements and Standards for Wheelchair Accessible Vehicles for the Ambassador Cabs Program to No Greater than 15 Model Years; Making Technical and Conforming Changes; Providing Severability, Inclusion in the Code, and an Effective Date.

Prime Sponsor: Commissioner Marleine Bastien, District 2

Requester: None

Committee Action Date: 10/12/2023

The Office of the Commission Auditor (OCA), in response to a request made by Miami-Dade County Commissioner Danielle Cohen Higgins, District 8, identified the vehicle model age limits for taxicabs of jurisdictions across the State of Florida and the country. OCA's methodology for this research consisted of identifying the regulations that govern taxicab requirements of the following jurisdictions: (1) comparable jurisdictions in the State of Florida, (2) the most populous counties in the United States (US) according to the 2022 US Census Bureau, and (3) additional metropolitan cities across the US. OCA identified regulations for a total of 20 jurisdictions.

Table 1 below summarizes the regulations on vehicle model age limits for the jurisdictions. Out of the 20 jurisdictions, two have age limits of 15 years for all taxicab vehicles, two have age limits of 15 years for qualifying vehicle types, four have age limits of 10 years or lower, and 12 have no age limits.

#	Jurisdiction	Vehicle Model Age Limit	Legislation Type	Reference
1	City of Houston	15	City Code of Ordinances	Section 46-20.
2	City of New Orleans	15	City Code of Ordinances	Section 162-613
3	Arlington County	12-15	County Code of Ordinances	Section 25-20
4	City of Chicago	10-15	City Code of Ordinances	Section 9-112- 070
5	City of Seattle*	10	City Code of Ordinances	Section 6-320
6	Portland	10	City Code of Ordinances	Section 16.40-450
7	Philadelphia	8	Philadelphia Parking Authority Regulation	Section 13.c.
8	New York City	7	City Code of Ordinances	Section 67-18
9	Broward County	None	County Code of Ordinances	Section 22½-9B.
10	Palm Beach County	None	County Code of Ordinances	Section 19-220.
11	City of Jacksonville	None	City Code of Ordinances	Chapter 220
12	City of Orlando	None	City Code of Ordinances	Chapter 55
13	Hillsborough County	None	County Code of Ordinances	Article XVI
14	Los Angeles County	None	County Code of Ordinances	Chapter 7.80
15	Cook County	None	County Code of Ordinances	Chapter 82
16	San Diego County	None	County Code of Ordinances	Chapter 3

#	Jurisdiction	Vehicle Model Age Limit	Legislation Type	Reference
17	Orange County	None	Regulations of the Orange County Taxi Administration Program	Regulations of the Orange County Taxi Administration Program
18	City of Dallas	None	City Code of Ordinances	Chapter 47A, Article II
19	Riverside County	None	County Code of Ordinances	Chapter 5.52
20	Fort Worth	None	Ordinance	Ordinance No. 22308-06-2016

**The City of Seattle Code of Ordinances stipulates that a taxicab vehicle model year can be no more than ten-years old. However, the city has temporarily suspended the ten-year vehicle age limitation while it works with King County on proposed legislation to extend the age limit for taxicabs to 15 years. According to the City of Seattle Medallion Renewal Process, the City and County aim to have the new age limit in place before December 31, 2023.*

Source: Office of the Commission Auditor

Resolution Approving Airline VIP Club Lease Agreement Between British Airways PLC Corporation and Miami-Dade County for the Lease and Construction of VIP Club Space at Miami International Airport's Central Terminal in Concourse E-Satellite for 10 Years with One Five Year Renewal Option and an Annual Rental Amount of \$1,747,463.10 in the Initial Year and Adjusted Each Year Thereafter in Accordance with Resolution No. R-1054-90, in Addition to a Utility Fee, a Concession Fee, and an Opportunity Fee; Authorizing the County Mayor or County Mayor's Designee to Execute Same and Exercise All Rights Conferred Therein, and to Perform All Acts Necessary to Effectuate Same; and Directing the County Mayor or County Mayor's Designee to Provide the County Property Appraiser a Copy of Said Lease

Prime Sponsor: Commissioner Kevin Marino Cabrera, District 6

Requester: Aviation Department

Committee Action Date: 10/12/2023

RESEARCH FINDINGS

Pursuant to [Resolution No. R-129-22](#), adopted on February 1, 2022, and the new requirements per Implementing Order (I.O.) 8-4, the Office of the Commission Auditor (OCA) is directed to independently and simultaneously review and comment on the proposed leasing and conveyance of County property prior to the submission of an agenda item to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC). The OCA is providing this report as a Supplement to BCC Agenda File Item No. 231851.

Commission Auditor's Observations:

The OCA completed a comprehensive review of the intended recipient of the lease agreement, "British Airways PLC Corporation." This review extended to the entity's shareholders, International Consolidated Airlines Group S.A. and Law Debenture Corporation PLC, and the key personnel of the lease recipient. The results yielded the following:

- A. Background research performed on British Airways PLC Corporation, the entity's shareholders, and key personnel yielded no material findings. The scope of this review was limited because the company and its key personnel reside in the United Kingdom. At this time, a comprehensive review of international records is not available. The OCA will continue identifying options to enhance our international background research capabilities.
- B. British Airways PLC Corporation, the entity's principals, and key personnel were not previously leased or conveyed County properties for Infill, Affordable, or Workforce Housing, as authorized through BCC resolution.

Scope of Review:

The OCA's review of the subject lease agreement is based on information provided by the Miami-Dade County Aviation Department (MDAD), which includes the documents listed under the *Source Documents* section below.

As part of OCA's due diligence procedures, OCA identifies all entities and persons having a disclosed or observed interest in the BCC approval of the lease, such as the recipient, principals, and key personnel of the recipient entity (see Exhibit 1).

Methodology:

OCA's review of the individuals and entities listed included the following procedures:

- A. A review of Board-approved conveyances to external parties for Infill, Affordable, and Workforce Housing as authorized through BCC resolution.

- B. A search of the Miami-Dade Property Appraiser's records to ascertain any evidence of risk factors, including entities with a history of previously conveyed or leased County-owned property that was later the subject of an involuntary reverter or lease termination by the County.
- C. A search of the Miami-Dade County Commission Legislation and Miami-Dade Clerk of the Courts (COC) database for previous leases and sales.
- D. A search of Miami-Dade County internal procurement applications and past County contracts for the lease recipient and principals.
- E. Background research into corporate records, business affiliations, and registrations.

Source Documents:

The documents listed below were used during our review:

1. August 22, 2023, Miami-Dade Aviation Department, *Airline VIP Club Lease Agreement for British Airways PLC Corporation Lease # X-10676*
2. Unknown Date, Mayoral Memorandum, *Resolution Approving an Airline VIP Club Lease Agreement Between Miami-Dade County and British Airways PLC Corporation for the Lease of VIP Club Space at Miami International Airport*

Exhibit 1: British Airways PLC Corporation Principals and Key Personnel

#	Entity/Individual Name	Relation to British Airways PLC Corporation
1	International Consolidated Airlines Group S.A.	Shareholder
2	Law Debenture Corporation PLC	Shareholder
3	Sean Doyle	Chief Executive Officer
4	Colm Lacy	Chief Commercial Officer
5	Rene De Groot	Chief Operating Officer
6	Rebecca Napier	Chief Financial Officer (Prior)
7	Jose Antonio Barrionuevo Urgel	Chief Financial Officer (Current)
8	Andrew Ian Flemming	General Counsel and Company Secretary
9	Richard Mendles	General Counsel, Americas
10	Dirk John	Chief Digital and Transformation Officer

Resolution Reappointing Ricardo Gonzalez to the Miami-Dade County Fire Prevention and Safety Appeals Board for a Four-year Term

Prime Sponsor: Senator René Garcia, District 13

Requester: None

Committee Action Date: 10/11/2023

RESEARCH FINDINGS

OCA completed the required background research regarding the appointment of Ricardo Gonzalez to the Miami-Dade County Fire Prevention and Safety Appeals Board. OCA background research yielded no additional findings for the appointee. This report is being provided as a supplement to BCC File Item Number 231825.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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These research notes, prepared in collaboration with the Miami-Dade County departments as subject matter experts, are substantially less detailed in scope than an audit in accordance with the Generally Accepted Auditing Standards (GAAS). The OCA plans and performs the review to obtain sufficient, appropriate evidence to provide a reasonable basis for its findings and conclusions based on its objectives; accordingly, the OCA does not express an opinion on the data gathered by the subject matter expert(s).