



MEMORANDUM

CPC
Agenda Item No. 6(A)

TO: Honorable Chairwoman Audrey M. Edmonson
and Members, Chairwoman's Policy Council (CPC)

DATE: April 20, 2020

FROM: Honorable Harvey Ruvin, Clerk
Circuit and County Courts

SUBJECT: Approval of Commission
Committee Minutes

Linda L. Cave, Director
Clerk of the Board Division

The Clerk of the Board's office is submitting the following Clerk's Summary of Minutes for approval by the Chairwoman's Policy Council:

1. October 18, 2019

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Attachment



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CLERK'S SUMMARY OF Meeting Minutes Chairwomans Policy Council

Audrey M. Edmonson (3), Chairwoman; Rebeca Sosa (6), Vice Chairwoman;
Commissioners Esteban L. Bovo (13), Sally A. Heyman (4), Barbara J. Jordan (1), Joe
A. Martinez (11), Dennis C. Moss (9), and Senator Javier D. Souto (10)

Friday, October 18, 2019

12:00 PM

Commission Chambers

Members Present: Esteban L. Bovo, Jr., Audrey M. Edmonson, Sally A. Heyman, Barbara J. Jordan, Dennis C. Moss, Rebeca Sosa, Javier D. Souto.

Members Absent: None.

Members Late: None.

Members Excused: Joe A. Martinez.

Members Absent County Business: None.

1 MINUTES PREPARED BY:

Report: *Flora Real, Commission Reporter
(305) 375-4906*

**1A INVOCATION AS PROVIDED IN RULE 5.05
(H)**

Report: *Chairwoman Edmonson asked Sergeant-At-Arms Mike Roan to conduct the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.*

1B **ROLL CALL**

Report: *Upon roll call, the following Council members were present: Commissioners Bovo, Heyman, Moss, Souto, Vice Chairwoman Sosa, and Chairwoman Edmonson (Commissioner Martinez was excused). Commissioner Jordan arrived after roll call.*

In addition to the members of the council, the following staff members were also present: Deputy Mayor Maurice Kemp, Assistant County Attorneys Shanika Graves and Terrence Smith, and Deputy Clerks Flora Real and Rolando Perez.

Chairwoman Edmonson convened the meeting at 12:11 p.m.

MOTION TO SET THE AGENDA:

Assistant County Attorney Shanika Graves advised Agenda Item 2D had been added to today's (10/18) agenda pursuant to the Chairwoman's memorandum dated October 18, 2019, entitled "Requested Changes to the Chairwoman's Policy Council (CPC) agenda.

It was moved by Vice Chairwoman Sosa that the members of the Chairwoman's Policy Council (CPC) adopt today's (10/18) agenda including the change mentioned by Assistant County Attorney Graves. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Heyman; and upon being put to a vote, the motion passed by a vote of 7-0 (Commissioner Martinez was excused).

Chairwoman Edmonson asked Deputy Mayor Maurice Kemp to have the County's flags flown at half-mast starting today in recognition of Congressman Elijah Cummings' passing.

1C **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

1D **REASONABLE OPPORTUNITY FOR THE
PUBLIC TO BE HEARD AS PROVIDED IN
RULE 6.06**

Report: *Chairwoman Edmonson opened the reasonable opportunity for the public to speak on non-public hearing items, and the following persons appeared before the Chairwoman Policy Council (CPC):*

1. Madam Renita Holmes, Executive Director of Women's Alliance Against Violence for Empowerment (WAAIVE), 350 NW 4 Street, Miami, Florida

2. Ms. Ola Rumph, 780 NW 13 Court, Miami, Florida

Hearing no other members of the public wishing to speak, the reasonable opportunity to speak was closed.

1E **SPECIAL PRESENTATION(S)**

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192259 Presentation Audrey M. Edmonson Presented
PRESENTATION REGARDING THE STATUS OF OUR
GUN-VIOLENCE INITIATIVE

Report: *Chairwoman Edmonson recognized State of Florida Representative Dotie Joseph, noting she was part of the audience at today's (10/18) meeting.*

Representative Dotie Joseph offered her assistance at the state level in matters relating to gun violence and thanked the members of the Council for their support for gun violence reduction and all they were doing.

Commissioner Moss congratulated Chairwoman Edmonson for her leadership and noted the Foundation for Democracy in Africa had awarded her an award to recognize her efforts to help make Miami-Dade County the gateway to Africa. He noted she had been very well represented at the event.

Chairwoman Edmonson noted she was unable to personally receive the award due to a trip to Washington D.C. for the Fly-In event, noting it had been a very successful and productive trip. She stated that she hoped all of her colleagues would join her on the next scheduled Washington D.C. Fly-In trip as it had been noted by our representatives and senators in Washington D.C.

Commissioner Souto also congratulated Chairwoman Edmonson for having received the award.

Mr. Wayne Rawlins, Miami-Dade County Gun Violence Initiative (GVI), Juvenile Services Department (JSD), appeared before the Chairwoman's Policy Council (CPC) to provide a status report on the GVI program. He thanked Chairwoman Edmonson for her leadership and all county commissioners for their contributions in this effort. He stated that, on July 10, 2018, under the Chairwoman's leadership, the Mayor or designee was directed to identify a funding source to support a violence reduction program; and on February 20, 2019, the Board awarded a sole source contract to his organization to service project managers on the new anti-violence initiative. He noted the anti-violence initiative was the same as the original anti-gang initiative; but it added a missing element called the Group Violence Intervention (GVI)

Model, which had been previously called "Operation Ceasefire." He stated the program targeted the Miami-Dade Police Department (MDPD) Northside District where a disproportionate amount of shootings and homicides existed.

Mr. Rawlins explained the scope of the GVI Model and noted it was designed to reduce homicides and gun violence, minimize harm to communities by replacing enforcement with deterrence, and build a stronger relationship between law enforcement and the people being served. He stated the GVI Model had been repeatedly successful in reducing gun violence in cities around the country and across the globe; and it focused on street groups and those people most likely to shoot or at risk of being shot within those groups. He noted it communicated a moral message against violence, provided prior notice of consequences if the violent behavior continued, and offered genuine assistance to those willing to accept help. He pointed out that it was hoped the GVI Model would impact the peer dynamics within the group in order to force internal pressure within those groups to help deter violence and establish a clear community standard against violence.

Mr. Rawlins advised that, during the reporting period of July 1, 2019, through September 30, 2019, the National Network for Safer Communities, the developers of the strategy, performed a comprehensive problem analysis on serious violence in Miami-Dade County's Northside District. He explained the criteria used and how the analysis was done. He stated law enforcement reviewed on a weekly basis every shooting similar to how the problem analysis was done; and additionally, shootings and homicides were also analyzed on a weekly basis by case managers from the social and economic perspectives since many shootings were directly economically related. He noted the GVI program had some success stories in that respect.

Mr. Rawlins advised the first Call-In meeting was tentatively scheduled for December 11, 2019; and he explained the purpose of the Call-In meetings and the process. He invited all county commissioners to attend the Call-In meetings when scheduled to happen. He noted that violence reduction and capacity building training was provided with the assistance of the Melissa Institute, who were experts in the delivering of these types of trainings, at no cost to the County.

In response to Commissioner Jordan's inquiry regarding whether the direct-file statutes remained in effect, Mr. Rawlins advised that the Public Defender was still advocating for the abolishment of the direct-file system; but the State Attorney was obligated to uphold the statute. He noted that he believed direct filing was wrong and we needed to advocate for our children in that regard.

Mr. Morris Copeland, Director of Miami-Dade County Juvenile Services Department (JSD), advised there were numerous stories of juveniles making wrong decisions causing them to face the adult court system and adult facility; and they all disagreed with that. He explained the current direct-file process had a multi-disciplinary process involving the State Attorney, Public Defender, parents, and any person who had performed a psychological and/or psychiatric evaluation of the juvenile; and all of these parties met to discuss and identify the best alternative for the offending juvenile in lieu of utilizing the adult court system. He stated the current direct-file process did not need judge approval or disapproval since the State Attorney made the final decision after the juvenile's file was reviewed, and the adult court judge had the prerogative to return the case back to juvenile court under juvenile sanctions. He noted that, in the past, the decision was made by the State Attorney and the judge after a waiver hearing was held.

In connection with Mr. Copeland's comments on the improvement of statistics on gun offenses after the GVI program was implemented and the program's success, Commissioner Jordan asked reporters to also report on good news.

Chairwoman Edmonson thanked everyone who was part of this gun violence intervention program.

Commissioner Moss thanked everyone involved in this gun violence intervention program and for their great work.

Commissioner Moss asked the County Attorney's Office to apprise him on current State legislation targeting ex-felons caught with fire arms and/or bullets, which required a three-year mandatory sentence, whether this particular legislation was being enforced, and could be applied to juveniles. He also asked the County Attorney's Office to prepare a legislative item that would allow for a study to be conducted to determine if this particular State legislation was being enforced and could be applied to juveniles.

2B

192449 Resolution

Jean Monestime,

Barbara J. Jordan

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO PROVIDE INFORMATION RELATED TO THE GUN VIOLENCE EPIDEMIC IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, EVALUATE WHETHER A GUN VIOLENCE EMERGENCY EXISTS, RECOMMEND A PLAN TO ERADICATE SUCH VIOLENCE, ADDRESS THE FEASIBILITY OF A COUNTY-CREATED TASK FORCE THAT OFFERS SOLUTIONS AND ASSISTANCE TO FAMILIES AFFECTED BY GUN VIOLENCE AND PROVIDE A REPORT

Deferred to no date certain

Mover: Bovo, Jr.

Seconder: Sosa

Vote: 7-0

Excused: Martinez

Report: *The foregoing resolution was deferred to the November 2019 Chairwoman's Policy Council (CPC) meeting.*

2C

191788 Resolution

Dennis C. Moss

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR THE COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO PARTNER WITH THE BEACON COUNCIL TO SUPPORT THE BEACON COUNCIL AS MIAMI-DADE COUNTY'S POINT OF CONTACT ON ACCESS TO OPPORTUNITY ZONE BENEFITS

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Sosa

Seconder: Edmonson

Vote: 7-0

Excused: Martinez

Report: *Commissioner Bovo requested that Commissioner Moss define better the issue of the County's point of contact on access to opportunity zone benefits and provide some direction before this resolution was considered by the Board.*

2D

192539 Resolution

Barbara J. Jordan,

Audrey M. Edmonson

RESOLUTION APPROVING FORM OF A TENANT RELOCATION AGREEMENT; DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR THE COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE SUCH TENANT RELOCATION AGREEMENTS WITH PUBLIC RESIDENTS IMPACTED BY THE PROPOSED CLOSURE OF HARRY CAIN AND ANNIE COLEMAN 14 PUBLIC HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS, THE FUTURE CLOSURE OF ANY ADDITIONAL PUBLIC HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS, OR THE REDEVELOPMENT OF A PUBLIC HOUSING DEVELOPMENT CONVERTED TO SECTION 8 PROJECT-BASED HOUSING THROUGH RENTAL ASSISTANCE DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM; AND DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR THE COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO DEVELOP A TENANT RELOCATION OFFICER PROGRAM TO ASSIST TENANTS WITH THE RELOCATION PROCESS

Deferred to no date certain

Mover: Jordan

Seconder: Sosa

Vote: 7-0

Excused: Martinez

Report: *Commissioner Moss asked the County Attorney's Office to prepare a legislative item that would allow for the review of the Rental Assistance (RAD) Program to ensure the program was aligned to address Commissioner Jordan's and his concerns.*

Commissioner Moss requested that Deputy Mayor Maurice Kemp coordinate a visit to Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) Program facilities located in other areas of the State of Florida, comprised of representatives from each of the facilities that would participate in the County's RAD Program, to have them observe and review what happened during the transformation process and have a model unit setup to allow prospective residents the opportunity to see what the completed units would look like, to increase the amount of communications and ensure the entire community understood how the program would operate.

The foregoing resolution was deferred to the November 2019 Chairwoman's Policy Council (CPC) meeting due to need to await for the Legal Services Department's feedback in order to be able to prepare and present amendments.

3 DEPARTMENT(S)

4 COUNTY MAYOR

5 COUNTY ATTORNEY

6 CLERK OF THE BOARD

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192432 Report

APPROVAL OF THE CLERK'S SUMMARY OF MINUTES
FOR THE APRIL 16, 2019 CHAIRWOMAN'S POLICY
COUNCIL MEETING (Clerk of the Board)

Approved
Mover: Sosa
Seconder: Edmonson
Vote: 7-0
Excused: Martinez

7 REPORT(S)

8 ADJOURNMENT

Report: *There being no other business to come before the
Chairwoman's Policy Council (CPC), the meeting
adjourned at 1:12 p.m.*