

# MINUTES

OF THE  
REGULAR  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING

FEBRUARY 2, 2010



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**FEBRUARY 2, 2010 MEETING MINUTES**  
*(CNMB-CC MINUTES TAPE #434)*

**1. ROLL CALL OF THE CITY OFFICIALS**

The meeting was called to order at 7:37 P.M. Present at the meeting were Mayor Myron Rosner, Vice Mayor Phyllis S. Smith, and Council Members Beth E. Spiegel, Philippe Derosé, Barbara Kramer, Frantz Pierre, and John Patrick Julien. Also present were City Manager Kelvin L. Baker, City Attorney Darcee S. Siegel, and City Clerk Susan A. Owens.

**2. INVOCATION**

The invocation was given by Reverend Marta Burke of Fulford United Methodist Church.

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Rosner requested a moment of silence for the victims in Haiti, then proceeded to lead the City Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**4. REQUESTS FOR WITHDRAWALS, DEFERMENTS AND ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**

The City Clerk announced that a presentation by Reverend Burke regarding Haiti Relief Efforts will be added to the beginning of Item #5, a presentation and song by Tiffany Claire will be added to the end of Item #5, and that Items #8.1 and #8.2 will be withdrawn from the City Manager's Report.

**5. PRESENTATIONS**

**Addition #1** (See Above): Presentation by Reverend Burke regarding Haiti Relief Efforts.

Reverend Marta Burke highlighted various charities and organizations that are collecting donations and facilitating communication to Haiti, as well as offering service referrals and grief counseling for those who have been affected by the tragedy.

**5.1** Community Presentation by Vice Mayor Smith and Mayor Rosner

Vice Mayor Smith and Mayor Rosner presented the Community Presentation Award to Reverend Marta Burke.

**5.2** Presentation of the December 2009 C.A.R.E. Suggestion Award. by Vice Mayor Phyllis S. Smith and City Manager Kelvin L. Baker. to Brian O'Connor. Chief Procurement Officer, for his suggestion to reduce energy costs and consumption by installing a solar heating system at Victory Pool in lieu of the existing heat pump that consumes electricity.

Presentation was made by Vice Mayor Smith and the City Manager.

- 5.3 Presentation of Certificate of Appreciation to Mary McFarley for her years of service as a member of the Planning and Zoning Board, by Mayor Myron Rosner.

Presentation was made by Mayor Rosner.

**Addition #2** (See Page 1): Presentation and song by Tiffany Claire

Certificate of Recognition was presented by Vice Mayor Smith.

## 6. APPOINTMENTS

- 6.1 Commission on Aging-Senior Citizens Advisory Board  
Iris Blumenau (Vice Mayor Smith)

**Motion** made by Vice Mayor Smith seconded by Councilman Pierre, to appoint Iris Blumenau to the Commission on Aging-Senior Citizens Advisory Board. In a voice vote, all voted in favor. (**Motion carried 7-0**)

## 7. CONSENT AGENDA

- 7.1 January 5, 2010 Meeting Minutes  
7.2 January 19, 2010 Meeting Minutes

**Motion** made by Councilman Julien, seconded by Councilman Derose, to approve the Consent Agenda. In a roll call vote, all voted in favor. (**Motion carried 7-0**)

## 8. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT – Kelvin L. Baker

- 8.1 Requesting a motion to authorize the execution of Amendment #10 to the Master Lease Agreement with SUNTRUST Equipment Finance and Leasing Corp.

Item was withdrawn. (See Page 1)

- 8.2 Requesting a motion to approve a Waiver of Bid Request #2010-01 and to authorize the execution of a contract with Communications International, Inc.

Item was withdrawn. (See Page 1)

Mayor Rosner requested that the City Manager provide a small presentation regarding what the City is doing for Haiti.

The City Manager stated that he would like to report tonight and say thanks to all the residents and the businesses and the community as a whole. There has just been a massive outpouring of benevolence to our brothers and sisters in Haiti and it is something that I think we should all be quite proud of. Just our employees alone, have put together roughly about \$2,500.00 as a cash contribution that will be transmitted to Food for the Poor sometime this week. We have, just last week, led a large convoy of non-perishable items, from bottled water to Pampers, to paper towels and medical supplies. We were successful at getting all of those items dropped off to Food for the Poor. At this point we are putting together several relief efforts to further support our brothers and sisters over there. We have a Gospel Relief concert that is scheduled for February the 13<sup>th</sup>. We have worked with a group that is actually pulling off this event. We are looking at roughly \$10,000.00 in

proceeds that will be raised from that event. One-hundred percent of those proceeds will be earmarked to Food for the Poor. In addition to that, we have several other concerts that we are working on. As all the details are worked out, we will be promoting those on our internet, Channel 77, and materials will be made available to you through City Hall and various outreach centers in the community. In addition to hearing it on the radios, we have a few festivals coming up. We have one big festival coming up, our City Festival, which is next month. At that event we will have a booth set-up. Again, making it available for those coming into our city, and those in our city, to continue this effort. We think that we are going to be at this for a tremendous amount of time, so we want to encourage you to continue to be as benevolent as you can because the needs are great over there. Certainly, our Council has instructed me to keep the interest level up as we continue to show love and support to our brothers and sisters over there.

Mayor Rosner took a moment to inform everyone about the Panzou project, where local Haitian youth created Hearts 4 Haiti t-shirts to help Haiti's earthquake victims. Local Haitian youth are putting their skills to work to benefit the victims of Haiti's 7.0 magnitude earthquake. The Panzou Project's youth felt the need to contribute to the effort to help the people of Haiti and express their love for their family's homeland. The group designed and printed the Hearts 4 Haiti shirts as their contribution with a \$20 donation made at [www.panzouproject.org](http://www.panzouproject.org). Donors receive a Hearts 4 Haiti t-shirt, with the knowledge that their funds are going towards helping youth in Haiti and in Miami.

**9. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT – Darcee S. Siegel**

The City Attorney reported that on a sour note, we have five new mortgage foreclosure cases in the past two weeks. On a positive note, I want to let the Council know that on February 16<sup>th</sup>, we will be bringing forward two new projects for consideration. Development is slowly starting up again. That's a good thing; and, hopefully in the future we will have even more. You'll have two resolutions to consider that have already gone through, and past, the Planning and Zoning Board.

**10. MAYOR'S DISCUSSION**

I received a letter from the Department of Management Services, Governor Charlie Crist. This is the Office of Inspector General, the audit section. It says: "Dear Mayor Rosner, the audit section of the Department of Management Services, Office of Inspector General has completed a desk audit of the City of North Miami Beach to determine if the operations related to retirement coverage comply with the Florida Statute and associated rules. During the review, the assistance of Susan Gooding-Liburd was appreciated. No concerns were noted during my review of your agency's retirement records." The Mayor stated that we got a good report and he just wanted to report that to everybody.

There was a letter that we received from a resident, a former Councilmember, Julius Littman; and, if I could, I'd just like to take a minute to read it: "It is my pleasure to write to you today and inform you of my concern with the Dade County Rescue Service taking over Eastern Shores Rescue Service. On December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009 they responded to my home, where I collapsed and broke my left shoulder. They took me to Aventura Medical, where they inserted a pacemaker in my heart. A week ago I collapsed between my bed and the wall and could not get myself untangled. The Rescue Service was called upon and I must tell you that all my fears as to the competence service of the Dade County Rescue has led me to write this letter. They gave me great service, the personnel were so kind and their consideration was excellent." The Mayor thanked the City Manager for bringing

this to our City.

The Mayor announced the Super Celebrity Signing, which is going to occur tomorrow. This is an initiative through the Community Redevelopment Agency and it's getting the word out about North Miami Beach. The Mayor asked the Community Redevelopment Director, Mr. Dan Wick, to make a presentation about the Super Celebrity Signing. Mr. Wick stated that we are trying to advertise the city and bring people back in and show them what we have to offer. Several NFL players will be giving autographs tomorrow at various locations around the city.

## 11. PUBLIC COMMENT

The following individuals appeared before the City Council to express their opinions and concerns:

**Charles Loeb**, 16800 NE 15 AVE. #112, North Miami Beach, FL, spoke regarding police overtime, legal advertisements, the Census, and Haiti Relief.

**Isaac Jaroslawicz**, 16740 NE 9 AVE, North Miami Beach, FL, spoke regarding Hatzalah of Miami-Dade, Inc. a non-profit organization that provides volunteer emergency medical response.

**Richard Riess**, 23 NW 169 ST, North Miami Beach, FL, spoke regarding Council salaries and benefits.

**Muriel Kemp**, 1479 NE 178 ST, North Miami Beach, FL, spoke regarding Council salaries and benefits.

**Joseph Paglino**, 1270 NE 162 ST, North Miami Beach, FL, spoke regarding Bamboo Gardens and off-duty police.

**Mubarak Kazan**, 15564 NE 12 AVE, North Miami Beach, FL, spoke regarding public comment, Eastern Shores Fire Rescue, Council salaries, electronic netbooks, and city beautification.

Mayor Rosner asked the Council if they would be interested in considering a resolution urging the Florida Legislature to encourage other governmental entities to go green by utilizing technological devices. Council concurred.

**Marilyn Baumohl**, 18635 NE 20 CT, North Miami Beach, FL, thanked the Police Department and spoke regarding Council salaries, qualifying fees, and ordinances.

**Jesus Alvarez**, 1455 NE 177 ST, North Miami Beach, FL spoke regarding an emergency hurricane fund, the roundabout at 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue, and helping citizens avoid foreclosure.

**Allison Robie**, 2131 NE 179 ST, North Miami Beach, FL, spoke regarding freedom of speech, Council salaries, ABC Committee meeting for Eastern Shores, and the Census.

**Bruce Lamberto**, 3420 NE 165 ST, North Miami Beach, FL, spoke regarding Hatzalah, volunteerism, fiscal crisis, reviewing contracts and expenses, and having a Reserve Fund.

**George Vallejo**, 2940 NE 164 ST, North Miami Beach, FL, spoke regarding Hatzalah, civics, corruption, fiscal crisis, and sustainable budgets, and he thanked the Council members who attended the ABC Meeting.

**Hans Mardy**, 16558 NE 26 AVE, North Miami Beach, FL spoke about his experiences in Haiti after the earthquake, working together, and serving constituents.

## 12. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS – *None*

## 13. WAIVER OF FEE – *None*

#### 14. BUSINESS TAX RECEIPTS

- 14.1 Arts Ballet Theatre of Florida, Inc.  
d/b/a Arts Ballet Theatre of Florida  
15939 Biscayne Boulevard  
North Miami Beach, FL

Vladimir Issaev, President

RE: Applicant is requesting approval of a Business Tax Receipt for a Private School.  
(Initial Approval)

**Motion** made by Councilman Julien, seconded by Councilman Pierre, to approve issuance of a Business Tax Receipt for a Private School to Arts Ballet Theatre of Florida, Inc. d/b/a Arts Ballet Theater of Florida. In a voice vote, all voted in favor. (**Motion carried 7-0**)

#### 15. LEGISLATION

**Motion** made by Councilman Julien, seconded by Councilman Derose, to introduce Resolution No. R2010-7. In a voice vote, all voted in favor. (**Motion carried 7-0**)

- 15.1 Resolution No. R2010-7

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, MODIFYING COUNCIL COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS; CHANGING HOW COMPENSATION IS STRUCTURED AND HOW BENEFITS ARE STRUCTURED; PROVIDING FOR OUT OF POCKET EXPENSES; PROVIDING FOR COUNCIL MEMBERS TO PARTICIPATE IN CITY HEALTH AND DENTAL INSURANCE PLANS.

The following individuals appeared before the City Council to express their opinions and concerns:

**Joseph Paglino**, 1270 NE 167 ST, North Miami Beach, FL

**Mubarak Kazan**, 15564 NE 12 AVE. North Miami Beach, FL

**Allison Robie**, 2131 NE 179 ST, North Miami Beach, FL

**Bruce Lamberto**, 3420 NE 165 ST, North Miami Beach, FL

**Motion** made by Councilman Julien, seconded by Councilman Derose, to adopt Resolution No. R2010-7. In a roll call vote, with Vice Mayor Smith, Councilman Julien, Councilman Derose, Councilwoman Kramer, Councilman Pierre and Mayor Rosner dissenting, the item failed. (**Motion failed 1-6**)

**Motion** made by Councilwoman Kramer, seconded by Councilman Julien, to hold a Salary Workshop. In a roll call vote, with Vice Mayor Smith and Councilman Derose dissenting, the item passed. (**Motion carried 5-2**)

**Motion** made by Councilman Pierre, seconded by Councilman Derose, to introduce Resolution No. R2010-8. In a voice vote, all voted in favor. (**Motion carried 7-0**)

**15.2** Resolution No. R2010-8

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, URGING PRESIDENT OBAMA AND THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO AUTOMATICALLY WAIVE ALL APPLICATION FEES FOR HAITIANS APPLYING FOR TEMPORARY PROTECTED STATUS IN THE UNITED STATES; DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO TRANSMIT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE OFFICIALS AS STATED HEREIN.

**Motion** made by Councilman Derosé, seconded by Vice Mayor Smith, to adopt Resolution No. 2010-8. In a roll call vote, all voted in favor. (**Motion carried 7-0**)

**Motion** made by Councilman Julien, seconded by Councilman Derosé to introduce Ordinance No. 2010-2 on Second and Final Reading. In a voice vote, all voted in favor. (**Motion carried 7-0**)

**15.3** Ordinance No. 2010-2 (Second and Final Reading)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER IX OFFENSES AND MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA BY THE ADOPTION AND ADDITION OF SECTION 9-30 RIGHT-OF-WAY VENDORS, PEDDLERS AND SOLICITORS; AND SECTION 9-31 AGGRESSIVE OR OBSTRUCTIVE PANHANDLING PROHIBITED; LIMITING RIGHT-OF-WAY VENDORS AND SOLICITORS ON CERTAIN CITY ROADWAYS AND INTERSECTIONS; PROHIBITING AGGRESSIVE PANHANDLING CITYWIDE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING FOR THE CODIFICATION OF THIS ORDINANCE. PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The following individuals appeared before the City Council to express their opinions and concerns:

**Charles Loeb**, 16800 NE 15 AVE, #112, North Miami Beach, FL

**Ronald Gauthier**, 550 NW 66 TER, Hollywood, FL

**Robert T. Henshaw**, 2750 NE 183 ST, Aventura, FL

**Sean Conone**, 7508 Grand CT, Hollywood, FL

**John David**, 10 S New River DR East, Suite #202, Fort Lauderdale, FL

**Joseph Paglino**, 1270 NE 162 ST, North Miami Beach, FL

**Fortuna Smuckler**, 3270 NE 168 ST, North Miami Beach, FL

**Mubarak Kazan**, 15564 NE 12 AVE, North Miami Beach, FL

**Allison Robie**, 2131 NE 179 ST, North Miami Beach, FL

**Bruce Lamberto**, 3420 NE 165 ST, North Miami Beach, FL

**Norman Edwards**, 1640 NE 175 ST, North Miami Beach, FL

**Robert Taylor**, 1951 NE 157 TER, North Miami Beach, FL

**Motion** made by Councilman Derosé, seconded by Councilman Julien to adopt Ordinance No. 2010-2 on Second and Final Reading.

[Mayor Rosner passed the gavel to Vice Mayor Smith to make the following friendly amendment]

**Motion** made by Mayor Rosner, seconded by Councilwoman Kramer to make a friendly amendment to Ordinance No. 2010-2 by changing the penalty from a fine "and" imprisonment, to a fine "and/or" imprisonment for each violation. In a voice vote, with Councilman Julien dissenting, the friendly amendment passed. (**Motion carried 6-1**)

[Mayor Rosner then took back the gavel]

**Motion** made by Vice Mayor Smith, seconded by Councilman Pierre to make a friendly amendment to Ordinance No. 2010-2, by redefining "Aggressively beg" as "to beg to intimidate another person into giving money or goods". In a voice vote with Councilwoman Spiegel dissenting, the friendly amendment passed. (**Motion carried 6-1**)

After further discussion, Vice Mayor Smith removed her previous motion and Councilman Pierre removed his second. In a voice vote, all voted in favor of removing the previous amendment from the motion. (**Motion carried 7-0**)

**Motion** made by Vice Mayor Smith, seconded by Councilman Pierre to adopt Ordinance No. 2010-2, as amended, on Second and Final Reading. In a roll call vote, all voted in favor. (**Motion carried 7-0**)

Additional direction provided by Council consensus was to have signage erected in the prohibited areas and to initiate a six-month warning period before penalties will be assessed on violators.

## 16. CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

### VICE MAYOR SMITH

***Congratulations.*** At this late hour I have a lot to say, so I hope you get out a pen. I will say first, congratulations to our Assistant Manager, Roslyn Weisblum, on the birth of Jake Michael, who is her first grandson. May they enjoy every second of it. I want to thank Tiffany; I think that's just a wonderful showcase for North Miami Beach talent. And, as the manager has permitted, we will bring that forth often.

***Haiti Relief Efforts.*** I want to mention to Charles Loeb, who did say quickly that he came to my focus group, and what he was trying to say is he had a coupon for a dollar and the soap was \$1.07 and he got three bars of soap for 7 cents and he said if we think outside of the box, crayons for children and coloring books, so that children that are suffering besides all the things that Haiti needs, that's what we need to do. And, if we use a little more effort we can get a lot more for a lot less money.

***Salary Workshop.*** I want to hope that this Council and that our workshop for Councilwoman Kramer that will be everything that we want it to be. That our residents will come forth and we can have a very good compromise and put this behind us and take 2010 into a whole new working together Council.

***Navigating Tough Issues Workshop.*** I want to remind everybody that North Miami Beach, from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. on February 4<sup>th</sup> at the North Miami Beach High School, has a workshop for

parents regarding teenagers for cyber-safety and bullying and adolescent mental health, etc. It's called Navigating Tough Issues, it was put out by the county and it's absolutely free. 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. at North Miami Beach High on February 4<sup>th</sup>.

***Walk for Animals Carwash.*** I want to remind everybody that the Police Department, the Explorers, on February 13<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. will be washing cars at 2101 NE 159<sup>th</sup> Street for \$5.00, and that is for Walk for Animals for the Humane Society. As much as we have so many charities that need our funds, The Humane Society and those animals still need us to help them and the Explorers are going to be doing that. The Walk is in Bayfront Park on Saturday February 20<sup>th</sup>. If your car is clean as a whistle, if you take the bus, but you'd like to send \$5.00 to the City, please do so for Walk for Animals. You could put it attention to the Manager and he will make sure it gets in the right hands.

***Highland Village Family Day/Census.*** I had the pleasure of going down to Highland Village for Family Day last Saturday. My nephew was getting married and I couldn't stay a long time, but there was a beautiful turnout. Even though a majority of the people speak French, I'm sure that they were really pushing for the Census. I went to the Aging Luncheon and in that Aging Luncheon there's billions of dollars here involved. Billions of dollars. It's exactly what one of our residents said tonight. You don't understand that those funds go towards our roads, our hospitals, our programs, and the only way we're going to get it is to make sure that that Census is where it should be. Not something that we're trying to achieve that's not already there, it is there, and we just want the people to be stood up and be counted. That will be coming in the beginning of March to your mailboxes; so, please fill out every single person that lives there and make sure your neighbors and friends do the same.

***Teen Book Talk.*** There is a Teen Book Talk tomorrow night at 4:30 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. that the North Miami Beach Library is having. A Teen Program, just for the teenagers.

***Valentine's Day Love In.*** And I'd like to wish each and every one of you a Happy Valentine's Day and don't forget to come to North Miami Beach's Love In. You can actually bring your significant other and you could marry them again; or, you could bring them and when everybody is standing up and getting married, you could say to him or her, I'm having second doubts. So, I just want to tell everybody to come and I want to thank the people that came before us that everybody is saying we took so much time for, but the fact that you give so much back to your City, I think we're all very grateful for that.

## **COUNCILWOMAN SPIEGEL**

***ABC Boundary Committee.*** Last Friday we went before the ABC Boundary Committee for the schools. We didn't quite succeed, but the project is not over. I want to thank publicly, on behalf of the City and the residents, yeoman's work done by Susie Smith, also by Sandy Vallejo and George Vallejo. Sandy got the e-mail blast out there. And, I want to thank all the residents who came down. There were people who came down who talked to me over the weekend that I didn't even see there. Thank you. Know that it's not over. I know that Susie Smith is communicating with Paul Greenfield. I'm meeting with Martin Karp on Monday and we're going to keep trying.

***North Miami Beach Senior High.*** I just want to compliment North Miami Beach Senior High School and residents, the parents of those children, who gave possibly the best rendition of the Star

Spangled Banner I've ever heard at the dedication at Uleta. We've got amazing talent in this city and maybe we should invite them to come and sing the Star Spangled Banner here one day so the residents who didn't get to hear them could hear them.

**Highland Village Family Day.** Highland Village Family Day was a lot of fun. I spent a lot of time talking to people about the Census. I want to compliment the Leisure Services staff who, when there was an emergency situation, were unflappable and dealt with it terrifically. I want to compliment and thank all of the men who coached the football leagues. I also got to see Chief, not in his uniform, but in a sport jacket handing out awards. After he left I actually helped hand out some awards for awhile. There is an amazing cadre of men who have given lots of time and helped shape young men and I thank them.

**Good Wishes.** I want to wish everybody a Happy Valentine's Day. I want to remind everybody that it will be Presidents' Day before we see them again and so, in this great country, we should give thanks for people like Presidents Washington and Lincoln and aspire to those.

### **COUNCILMAN JULIEN**

**Employee Discounts.** I'd like to say that I thought I had a good idea, and I bounced it off of the City Attorney and the City Manager. The City Manager thought it was a good idea, the City Attorney thought it was a lousy idea. Actually, the City Attorney suggested that perhaps it would not be wise that a Councilperson do it, but rather turn it over to a different organization. And I'll share the idea with you. I came up with the concept that perhaps in these tough economic times, it would probably be wise if we were to approach the businesses within North Miami Beach to see if perhaps they would give a discount to our employees if they patronize the stores within the City. While I believe it's a good concept and I believe it would benefit both our employees and give them an incentive to spend their dollars here in the City. It would also be an economic boom for the businesses because if they provide a discount, granted they are probably taking in a little bit less revenue, but as a loss leader, it would also be keeping our employees in the City spending money. So, I will give that idea to you Councilwoman Kramer, since you are the Council liaison to the Chamber of Commerce and if you agree that it's a good idea, hopefully you'll run with it and you'll do something positive with it. If not, oh well. I've figured I needed to share.

**Haiti Relief Efforts.** Earlier I turned over a series of checks to the City Manager and the only reason I'm saying that I turned over a series of checks to the City Manager is because my 89 year-old neighbors really touched my heart. They don't have a lot of money, but they were able to reach deep into their hearts and provide a contribution to the City of North Miami Beach for Haitian Relief. And, if an 89 year-old couple can find it in their heart to give something, then I truly believe that everybody can do something as well. So that's the reason why I bring it up. We've been bringing lots of stuff to the City. Our son brought in a truck full of stuff which I'm still trying to bring to the City. Yesterday I couldn't do it because of the rain and everything else, but today we dropped off one shipment and tomorrow I'm hoping to get the rest of the stuff out of my house. The outpouring of love has been tremendous. We discussed upstairs what other municipalities are doing. Basically, it's just fanfare. There are so many different municipalities out there that are just pounding on their chest and they're doing what I call show business. The City of North Miami Beach does not engage in show business, we just roll up our sleeves and we go to work. I'm very proud of the citizens. I'm very proud of the employees. I'm proud of this Manager and I'm proud to say that I am a part of this team, albeit, it's going to be a very short tenure from this point on. This

has been a very humbling experience, to have witnessed the truckloads of supplies that we have sent – water, food, clothes, shoes, medical supplies that we've sent to Haiti. To know the satisfaction that I get in knowing that it all came from us. So, without the fanfare, without the TV's rolling, we did a lot. And we've got a lot to be proud of. I know that within the years to come, when people have forgotten that there was an earthquake of a magnitude of 7.0 with daily aftershocks of 5.0 or higher hitting that island, that the City of North Miami Beach will continue to care. That is something that hopefully I will never forget. God Bless the citizens of North Miami Beach and, Mr. Baker, God bless you.

#### **COUNCILMAN DEROSE**

*Sympathies/Haiti Relief Efforts.* I would like to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt sympathy, my thoughts, my prayers, to all our employees who lost a loved one as a result of the earthquake in the Republic of Haiti. I also want to thank all our business, our citizens who donated food, water and certainly their donations are greatly appreciated and we are grateful for that. I had the opportunity to drive through the Republic of Haiti. I must say it is very difficult to leave there. I mean most of the people are traumatized by the earthquake. Any little noise people heard, they were running thinking they were going to be hit by another earthquake, or an aftershock. I mean it's really, really bad there. Some of the people prefer to sleep in the backyard, or in the street, than live in the home. They're scared that something might happen. And, I would say most of the picture image you see on TV look less than what I actually saw with my own eyes there. The country is completely destroyed, most of the parts in Port au Prince. It's going to be a long road to recovery; but, I believe, with the assistance from everyone and the assistance of most of the country all over the world, I believe Haiti will rebuild again and please continue to make your donation to the City of North Miami Beach. Most of our facilities outside are open for food. If you have a check, you can come to the City Hall. Write a check and it will help a lot of people there.

#### **COUNCILWOMAN KRAMER**

*Sympathies.* I would just also like to also express my sympathies to the employees of the City and residents that have lost loved ones in Haiti.

*Chamber of Commerce.* Councilman Julien, that was a great idea as you were mentioning about the businesses and the coupons. All I kept thinking is I'll take care of it, I'll take care of it. I do want to let everyone know that the North Miami Beach Chamber of Commerce is under brand new management. We had a wonderful kick-off luncheon at City Hall to introduce the new team to all its members. We had about 50 members at the luncheon, most of them were brand new. And, I would tell you that whether you're a business within North Miami Beach or around North Miami Beach, you definitely want to check out the Chamber. We have fabulous memberships for people who are self-employed, who are very small business, up to very large corporations. We have something for everyone at the Chamber. We are really going to do our due diligence, this team will, to get your businesses going even in this tough economy.

#### **COUNCILMAN PIERRE**

*Haiti Relief Efforts.* First and foremost I want to say thank you to the residents, to the businesses, and to the employees who contributed to the cause of Haiti Relief. I just want to remind everyone that the relief effort is not a one-time shot; it is an on-going effort. And, I thank you in advance.

*2010 Census.* Also, I want to remind everyone 2010 is Census year. Make sure you get counted. That includes those of you who qualify for TPS.

*Good Wishes.* Finally, Happy Valentine's Day and, remember, I love you all.

**MAYOR ROSNER**

*Good Wishes.* On February 14<sup>th</sup> is Chinese New Year. So, to all of our Chinese residents, Happy Chinese New Year.

17. **NEXT REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING** – Mayor Rosner announced that the next Regular City Council meeting will be Tuesday, February 16, 2010.
18. **ADJOURNMENT** – There being no further business to come before the City Council of the City of North Miami Beach, the Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of North Miami Beach was adjourned at 11:55 P.M. on a motion by Councilman Derose, seconded by Vice Mayor Smith. In a voice vote, all voted in favor. (**Motion carried 7-0**)

CERTIFICATION

I, SUSAN A. OWENS, CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING MINUTES, PAGES ONE (1) THROUGH PAGE ELEVEN (11) INCLUSIVE, TO BE THE OFFICIAL RECORD OF THE CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS AS TAPE RECORDED AT THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, HELD ON THE 2<sup>nd</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2010.

  
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SUSAN A. OWENS, CMC  
CITY CLERK  
CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH

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