



**FEBRUARY 15, 2011**  
**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
*(CNMB-CC MINUTES TAPE #464)*

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. Present at the meeting were Mayor Myron Rosner, Vice Mayor Barbara Kramer, and Council Members Philippe Derosé, McKenzie Fleurimond, Councilman Frantz Pierre, Phyllis S. Smith, and Councilwoman Beth E. Spiegel. Also present were Assistant City Manager Mac Serda, City Attorney Darcee S. Siegel and Interim City Clerk Joanne M. Callahan. Acting City Manager Roslyn Weisblum was absent.

**2. INVOCATION**

Rabbi Noam Grossman, Yeshiva Toras Chaim, led the invocation.

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Rosner led the Pledge of Allegiance. He asked for a moment of silence for Acting City Manager Roslyn Weisblum who recently lost her daughter.

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

Interim City Clerk Callahan reported the following correction to the minutes of January 4, 2011: "Adjournment" should reflect a vote of 5-0.

**5. PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSIONS**

- 5.1** Certificate of Recognition Presented to Brian Cam, Student at NMB Senior High School – Councilwoman Smith
- 5.2** Certificate of Recognition Presented to Douglas Tisdahl, Teacher at NMB Senior High School – Councilwoman Smith
- 5.3** December 2010 Employee of the Month, Yvon Dabel, Motor Equipment Operator, Public Works – Sanitation Division – Presented by Vice Mayor Kramer
- 5.4** 2010 Employee of the Year – Victor Espinal, Utility Worker II, Public Works Division – Presented by Councilman Pierre

- 5.5 Certificate of Achievement to Debra Widlan, Account Clerk, Leisure Services – Library Division, for Obtaining a Master’s Degree in Accountancy, University of Phoenix – Presented by Councilman Pierre

6. **APPOINTMENTS** – *None*

7. **CONSENT AGENDA**

7.1 December 21, 2010 Regular Meeting Minutes

7.2 January 4, 2011 Regular Meeting Minutes

7.3 **Resolution No. R2011-10**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA DESIGNATING POLLING PLACES FOR THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH CITY ELECTION TO BE HELD ON MAY 3, 2011, AND RUN-OFF ELECTION, IF REQUIRED, ON MAY 17, 2011.

City Attorney Siegel made a note of several Scrivener’s Errors relating to her last name and Councilwoman Spiegel’s last name in the December 21, 2010 minutes. **Motion** made by Councilman Derose, seconded by Councilman Pierre, to approve the Consent Agenda. By consensus, all voted in favor of the motion. (**Motion carried 7-0**).

8. **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

Assistant City Manager Serda spoke of Acting City Manager Weisblum’s loss and noted support and sympathy from the City and Staff. He then recited several lines from an Emily Dickinson poem in her daughter’s memory and her family. Assistant City Manager Serda noted that the Friends of the Library, as a part of Black History Month, were sponsoring an exciting evening recognizing Langston Hughes, a poet during the Harlem Renaissance. The event was taking place on Friday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. in the Silver Auditorium. He also announced that the Procurement Review and Audit was underway. Assistant City Manager Serda further noted that all of the City’s bids and contracts were now available on the City’s website and that Staff was moving forward with posting all accounts payable checks online next month.

8.1 Approval of a Two (2) Year Contract Renewal with the International Union of Police Association (IUPA)

Assistant City Manager Serda explained that there were no cost of living adjustments, no salary increases, and no step increases. He noted that IUPA conceded in paying for take-home cars based on the distance from the City, the calculations of worked hours computed as it related to overtime had been revised, and there were no cash-in of leave hours. Assistant City Manager Serda added that the agreement was ratified 74-33. In response to Mayor Rosner inquiry about the estimated savings to the City, Assistant City Manager Serda explained that the estimated “hard” savings for the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 were close to \$250,000 and \$500,000 for the Fiscal Year 2011-2012, and did not include any future pension reductions.

**Motion** made by Councilman Derose, seconded by Councilman Fleurimond, to approve the Two (2) Year Contract Renewal with the International Union of Police Association (IUPA) as presented. By consensus, all voted in favor of the motion. (**Motion carried 7-0**).

## **9. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

### **9.1 Litigation List - *No Discussion***

City Attorney Siegel personally extended her condolences to Ms. Weisblum and her family. She noted that Pills were addresses at the last Planning and Zoning Board Meeting and that she hoped that the issue would be presented to the Council at the first meeting in April. She announced a tentative Pension Reform Workshop on February 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. City Attorney Siegel noted and provided a brief overview of the Planning and Zoning's approved amendments to the Land Development Regulations. City Attorney Siegel also announced that \$1,757,267.00 was cleared in Police Department forfeiture funds in a matter of six (6) weeks. Councilwoman Smith referred to a prior set minutes regarding the request for a "Whistleblower" phone line being presented on February 15<sup>th</sup>. City Attorney Siegel explained that she would meet with the City Manager and bring a program for consideration to the Pre-Council meeting on the March 1<sup>st</sup>.

## **10. MAYOR'S DISCUSSION**

Mayor Rosner noted that the "Love-In" event, hosted by Leisure Services, was amazing and very successful. He announced a "Town Hall Meeting" scheduled for Thursday, February 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the McDonald Center featuring the Mayor State of the City Address, Staff Reports, and a Question and Answer Session. Mayor Rosner then congratulated the Management Staff for placing the bids, contracts and checkbook online. He also announced that the Council had hired a new City Clerk, Pamela Luckie-Latimore, who would be sworn in at the next Council meeting, and also thanked Interim City Clerk Callahan for her support when the City needed her. Mayor Rosner mentioned that he had spent many days going through his files and pictures to compile a list of the City's accomplishments and posted it on his website: [myronrosner.com](http://myronrosner.com).

## **11. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Interim City Clerk Callahan read the rules for Public Comment.

James Campbell, 1592 NE 151 Terrace, North Miami Beach, FL, spoke about a notice received from the Code Compliance Division.

Charles Loeb, 16800 NE 15 Avenue #112, North Miami Beach, FL, spoke about the Founders of our Nation and the world we live in today.

Marilyn Baumoehl, 18635 NE 20 Court, North Miami Beach, FL, expressed her condolences to the Weisblum Family and spoke about being questioned her attendance as a citizen at the recent Planning and Zoning Board Meeting.

Bert Kehren, 3302 NE 171 Street, North Miami Beach, FL, expressed his condolences to the Weisblum Family. He spoke about police screening and public participation as observed as a recent City of Coral Springs Council Meeting. He also made various suggestions. Mr. Kehren also spoke about hiring the new City Manager.

Robert Taylor, 1951 NE 150 Street, North Miami Beach, FL, spoke positively about the Acting City

Manager and Interim City Clerk. He also spoke about the Act of Civility.

Volney Nerette, 16121 NE 19 Place, North Miami Beach, FL, spoke about not being appointed to a City Board and the lack of response to his submitted application.

Richard Riess, 23 NW 169 Street, North Miami Beach, FL, spoke about 151 Street and negatively about an absentee ballot mailer. Mayor Rosner noted that information on them was public record and that the mailer was safe to return.

Bruce Lamberto, 3420 NE 165 Street, North Miami Beach, FL, expressed his condolences to the Weisblum Family. Mr. Lamberto spoke about a comment made by the Mayor at a previous meeting regarding an 8 million dollar budget savings and that he had written to the Mayor, but received no response. Mr. Lamberto spoke about the list of accomplishments posted on the Mayor's website.

Valerie Jeune, 550 NE 171 Terrace, North Miami Beach, FL, made various procurement suggestions effecting small local businesses. She also spoke about solar lighting and energy to reduce dollars in the budget and selling the City's water to local businesses to increase revenue.

Allison Robie, 2131 NE 179 Street, North Miami Beach, FL, expressed her condolences to the Weisblum Family. She announced that a Candidate Forum would be taking place on Thursday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the McDonald Center. She spoke about respect to the North Miami Beach Explorers, who were high school students doing body searches for the Police Department. She noted that everyone should be searched included Council Members. At the request of Councilman Fleurimond request for clarification regarding liability, City Attorney Siegel noted that she was not aware of any liability, and Chief Hernandez noted that the students were being closely supervised and were being properly trained to be police officers. Vice Mayor Kramer noted that she was searched. Mayor Rosner commended the students and the program.

Mubarak Kazan, 15564 NE 12 Avenue, North Miami Beach, FL, expressed his condolences to the Weisblum Family. He spoke positively about the City's police officers, but noted that the City was suffering from low morality because of poor leadership. Mr. Kazan also spoke about the car and cell phone allowances as pensionable items.

## 12. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

### 13. WAIVER OF FEE – *None*

### 14. BUSINESS TAX RECEIPTS – *None*

## 15. LEGISLATION

When Interim City Clerk Callahan asked if any of the Council Members had communication with individual parties relating to the site plan applications, Mayor Rosner said he did not remember specifics, but responded in the affirmative. Councilwoman Smith said that she had discussions with all of the projects and she too did not remember specifics.

**Motion** made by Councilman Derosé, seconded by Councilwoman Smith, to introduce Resolution No. R2011-7. By consensus, all voted in favor of the motion. (**Motion carried 5-0**).

### 15.1 Resolution No. R2011-7

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH

MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA GRANTING SITE PLAN APPROVAL, IN ORDER TO CONSTRUCT A 2,997 SQUARE FOOT ONE-STORY BANK WITH DRIVE-THROUGH ON A 41,220 SQUARE FOOT (0.95 ACRE) PARCEL OF LAND, AS PROPOSED, ON PROPERTY LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS: (LENGTHY LEGAL - SEE ATTACHED EXHIBIT "A") A/K/A 1190 North Miami Beach Boulevard North Miami Beach, Florida (P&Z Item No. 10-492 of January 10, 2011).

Councilwoman Spiegel and Councilman Fleurimond were not present for the above motion, but returned shortly after. At this time, City Attorney Siegel asked if either of them had communication with individual parties relating to the Jennings project, to which Councilman Fleurimond responded in the negative and Councilwoman Spiegel responded in the affirmative. Councilman Pierre and Councilwoman Smith were not present at this time, but returned shortly after.

City Planner Chris Heid was present to provide a detailed overview of the application and to answer questions. Erik Wilczek, civil engineer and agent for TD Bank, 5200 NW 33 Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL, was present to answer questions about the project.

### **Public Comment**

Joseph Paglino, 1270 NE 162 Street, North Miami Beach, FL, spoke about an egress/ingress issue in his residential neighborhood.

There was discussion, questions, and answers relating to traffic concerns, the omission of the shareholders names on the application, the later development of the other parcel, and the landscaping and setback of the trash receptacle.

**Motion** made by Vice Mayor Kramer, seconded by Councilman Fleurimond, to adopt Resolution No. R2011-7. In a roll call vote, all voted in the favor of the motion. (**Motion carried 7-0**).

**Motion** made by Councilman Derose, seconded by Councilman Fleurimond, to introduce Resolution No. R2011-8. By consensus, all voted in favor of the motion. (**Motion carried 7-0**).

### **15.2 Resolution No. R2011-8**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, GRANTING SITE PLAN APPROVAL, IN ORDER TO CONSTRUCT AN 11,829 SQUARE FOOT FOUR-STORY OFFICE BUILDING ON A 15,182 SQUARE FOOT (0.35 ACRE) PARCEL OF LAND, AS PROPOSED; AND

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, GRANTING A VARIANCE FROM SECTION 24-52(D)(1) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH TO WAIVE 2.65 ACRES OF THE MINIMUM REQUIRED LOT SIZE OF THREE (3) ACRES, WHERE DEVELOPMENT OF A 0.35 ACRE PARCEL IS PROPOSED; AND

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, GRANTING A VARIANCE FROM SECTION 24-52(D)(3) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH TO WAIVE SIXTEEN FEET SIX INCHES (16'6") OF THE MINIMUM REQUIRED FRONT YARD SETBACK OF TWENTY-FIVE FEET (25'), WHERE FRONT YARD SETBACK OF EIGHT FEET SIX INCHES (8'6") IS PROPOSED; AND

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, GRANTING A VARIANCE FROM SECTION 24-52(D)(3) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH TO WAIVE TWENTY FEET (20') OF THE MINIMUM REQUIRED REAR YARD SETBACK OF TWENTY FEET (20'), WHERE REAR YARD SETBACK OF ZERO FEET (0') IS PROPOSED; AND

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, GRANTING A VARIANCE FROM SECTION 24-95(B) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH TO WAIVE FIVE (5) OF THE MINIMUM REQUIRED THIRTY-FIVE (35) VEHICULAR PARKING RESOLUTION R2011-8 2 SPACES, WHERE THIRTY (30) VEHICULAR PARKING SPACES ARE PROPOSED; AND

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, GRANTING A VARIANCE FROM SECTION 24-95(D) TABLE IX-2 TO WAIVE TWO FEET THREE INCHES (2'3") OF THE MINIMUM REQUIRED AISLE WIDTH OF TWENTY-THREE FEET (23') FOR BACK-OUT PARKING, WHERE AISLE WIDTH OF TWENTY FEET NINE INCHES (20'9") IS PROPOSED, ON PROPERTY LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS: (LENGTHY LEGAL - SEE ATTACHED EXHIBIT "A") A/K/A 13890 Biscayne Boulevard North Miami Beach, Florida (P&Z Item No. 09-446 of January 10, 2011).

**Motion** made by Councilman Derose, seconded by Councilman Fleurimond, to adopt Resolution No. R2011-8.

Vice Mayor Kramer held possession of the gavel at this time. City Planner Chris Heid was present to provide a detailed overview of the application and to answer questions.

#### **Public Comment**

Rolland Veilleux, 13730 Highland Drive, North Miami Beach, FL, spoke in favor of the application.

Q. Gordon von Nehring, Ph. D., 13750 NE 20 Lane, North Miami Beach, FL – It was noted that Mayor Rosner received a letter from this resident who spoke in favor of the resolution. Vice Mayor Kramer read the letter into the record.

Bruce Lamberto, 3420 NE 168 Street, North Miami Beach, FL, spoke in favor of the application.

Mayor Rosner returned to the meeting and took possession of the gavel at this time. Each Council Member made individual positive comments and spoke in favor of the project.

Gustavo Bolado, architect, and Nestor Kovalivker, NKG Group partner, were present and introduced themselves.

**Vote:** In a roll call vote, all voted in the favor of the motion. (**Motion carried 7-0**).

**Motion** made by Councilman Derose, seconded by Councilman Fleurimond, to introduce Resolution No. R2011-9. By consensus, all voted in favor of the motion. (**Motion carried 7-0**).

**15.3 Resolution No. R2011-9**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, GRANTING SITE PLAN APPROVAL, IN ORDER TO CONSTRUCT A TWO-STORY SINGLE FAMILY HOUSE ON A VACANT PARCEL OF LAND, AS PROPOSED; AND

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, GRANTING A VARIANCE FROM SECTION 21-41(D)(3) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH TO WAIVE THREE FEET (3') OF THE MINIMUM REQUIRED FRONT YARD SETBACK OF TWENTY-FIVE FEET (25'), WHERE FRONT YARD SETBACK OF TWENTY-TWO FEET (22') IS PROPOSED FOR A PORTION OF THE STRUCTURE; AND

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, GRANTING A VARIANCE FROM SECTION 21-41(D)(7) TO EXCEED BY FOUR PERCENT (4%) (373 SQUARE FEET) THE MAXIMUM PERMITTED LOT COVERAGE OF FORTY PERCENT (40%) (3,680 SQUARE FEET), WHERE LOT COVERAGE OF FORTY-FOUR PERCENT (44%) (4,053 SQUARE FEET) IS PROPOSED; AND

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, GRANTING A VARIANCE FROM SECTION 21-41(D)(8) TO WAIVE FOUR PERCENT (4%) (374 SQUARE FEET) OF THE MINIMUM REQUIRED PERVIOUS AREA OF THIRTY-FIVE PERCENT (35%) (3,220 SQUARE FEET), WHERE PERVIOUS AREA OF THIRTY-ONE PERCENT (31%) (2,846 SQUARE FEET) IS PROPOSED; AND

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, GRANTING A VARIANCE FROM SECTION 21-41(D)(8) TO WAIVE TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT (25%) (474 SQUARE FEET) OF THE MINIMUM REQUIRED FRONT YARD PERVIOUS AREA OF SEVENTY PERCENT (70%) (1,400 SQUARE FEET), WHERE FRONT YARD PREVIOUS AREA OF FORTY-FIVE PERCENT (45%) (926 SQUARE FEET) IS PROPOSED; AND

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, GRANTING A VARIANCE FROM SECTION 24-81 TO WAIVE THE PROHIBITION ON THE LOCATION OF MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT IN THE SIDE YARD, WHERE PLACEMENT OF MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT IN THE SIDE YARD IS PROPOSED, ON PROPERTY LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS: Lot 12, Block 8, Eastern Shores 1st Addition, According to the Plat Thereof, as Recorded in Plat Book 65, Page 39, of the Public Records of Miami-Dade County, Florida. A/K/A 3264 N.E. 167 Street North Miami Beach, Florida (P&Z Item No. 10-493 of January 10, 2011).

**Motion** made by Councilman Derose, seconded by Councilman Fleurimond, to adopt Resolution No. R2011-9.

Antonio Ospiria, applicant, 3332 NE 190 Street, Aventura, FL, provided an overview of the application. City Planner Chris Heid was present to answer questions.

**Public Comment** – *None*

**Vote:** In a roll call vote, all voted in the favor of the motion. (**Motion carried 7-0**).

**Motion** made by Councilman Derose, seconded by Councilman Pierre, to introduce Ordinance No. 2011-2 on Second and Final Reading. By consensus, all voted in favor of the motion. (**Motion carried 7-0**).

**15.4 Ordinance No. 2011-2 (Second and Final Reading)**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, RELATING TO MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS; CHANGING THE DATE FOR THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH MUNICIPAL RUNOFF ELECTION NOW SCHEDULED FOR MAY 10, 2011 TO MAY 17, 2011 AND TO ADJUST THE TERMS OF OFFICE OF SITTING COUNCILPERSONS NECESSITATED BY SUCH CHANGE OF DATE, AS REQUESTED BY THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS AND AS AUTHORIZED BY FLORIDA STATUTES §166.021(4) AND 100.3605(2); PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING FOR THE CODIFICATION OF THIS ORDINANCE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**Motion** made by Councilman Derose, seconded by Councilman Fleurimond, to adopt Ordinance No. 2011-2 on Second and Final Reading. In a roll call vote, all voted in the favor of the motion. (**Motion carried 7-0**).

**Motion** made by Councilman Derose, seconded by Councilman Pierre, to introduce Ordinance No. 2011-3 on Second and Final Reading. By consensus, all voted in favor of the motion. (**Motion carried 7-0**).

**15.5 Ordinance No. 2011-3 (Second and Final Reading)**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER VII, SECTION 7-14(b), OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR “EARLY VOTING” FOR MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS TO BE HELD IN MAY, 2011; DELETING SECTION 7-14(c); PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION OF THIS ORDINANCE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**Motion** made by Councilman Derose, seconded by Councilman Pierre, to adopt Ordinance No. 2011-3 on Second and Final Reading. Councilwoman Smith requested the cost of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Fulford Presbyterian Church voting precinct that previously had 24 votes. Interim City Clerk Callahan said that she would check if the two (2) precincts could be combined. Councilman Fleurimond expressed concern for only four (4) days of early voting.

In a roll call vote, all voted in the favor of the motion. (**Motion carried 7-0**).

**16. CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Vice Mayor Kramer** expressed her condolences to Acting City Manager Weisblum and her family. She spoke about the “Love-In” event and commended the Leisure Services Staff. She encouraged everyone to attend and participate in the “Town Hall Meeting” scheduled for Thursday, February 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the McDonald Center.

**Councilwoman Spiegel** expressed her condolences to Acting City Manager Weisblum and her family. She announced that the Commission on the Status of Women was hosting a “Women of Color” information session on Saturday, February 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am – 12 noon at the McDonald Center and urged everyone to attend. Councilwoman Spiegel encouraged everyone to attend the event sponsored by the Friends of the Library, as a part of Black History Month, recognizing Langston Hughes on Friday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. in the Silver Auditorium. She also encouraged everyone to recycle and announced that the next pick-up was scheduled for February 23<sup>rd</sup>. Councilwoman Spiegel noted that for the next Council Meeting, she was going to ask the four (4) other Council Members to override the agenda and preclude the “Mayor’s Discussion” from occurring in the middle of the meeting. She then asked City Attorney Siegel to look into whether or not the Mayor had overstepped his grounds with his self-promoting comments during election time.

**Councilwoman Smith** expressed her condolences to Acting City Manager Weisblum and her family. On behalf of Black History Month, she spoke about Dr. Charles Drew, an African-American physician, surgeon and medical researcher, who discovered a way of preserving blood for transfusions to save people. She noted that he questioned if blood could be transfused from a black person to a white person at his hospital, and they fired him. Councilwoman Smith announced the following upcoming meetings: Economic Development at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 16<sup>th</sup>; CRA at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>; Bid Application Workshop at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 16<sup>th</sup>; free Business Expo at 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 24<sup>th</sup> honoring our Military; and Humane Society Walk for Animals on Saturday, February 19<sup>th</sup> in the a.m. at Bayfront Park.

**Councilman Fleurimond** expressed his condolences to Acting City Manager Weisblum and her family. He wished everyone a Happy Black History Month and spoke about the Langston Hughes event on Friday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. in the Silver Auditorium. Councilman Fleurimond thanked the Haitian-American Chamber of Commerce for its recent “meet and greet” event held last week and said he would be pushing for the City to become a member. He also thanked the NMB Chamber of Commerce for all of its work within the City. He also spoke positively of attending the “Love-In.” Councilman Fleurimond spoke about attending the recent Florida Pension Plan Trustees Association “School on Pensions” held in St. Augustine. He encouraged the Uleta Community to vote in the Senate District 33 General Election next month and reminded everyone about the “Town Hall Meeting” scheduled for Thursday, February 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the McDonald Center.

**Councilman Derosé** expressed his condolences to Acting City Manager Weisblum and her family. He also spoke positively of attending the “Love-In” and complimented Leisure Services.

**Councilwoman Smith** announced that a Public Meeting will soon be held at City Hall to address issues in order to make the Building Department better. She said to contact the Mayor & Council’s office with your name and contact information and that there will be a panel with representatives from Miami-Dade County. Mayor Rosner noted that the meeting included Zoning Department and discussion included other agencies involved.

**Councilman Pierre** expressed his condolences to Acting City Manager Weisblum and her family. He encouraged everyone to attend the Friends of the Library event recognizing Langston Hughes on Friday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. in the Silver Auditorium and the “Town Hall Meeting” scheduled for Thursday, February 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the McDonald Center.

**17. NEXT REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING – Tuesday, March 1, 2011**

18. **ADJOURNMENT** - There being no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 p.m. on a motion made by Councilman Pierre and seconded by Councilman Fleurimond. By consensus, all voted in favor. (**Motion carried 7-0**).

ATTEST:

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Pamela L. Latimore  
City Clerk