# APRIL 6, 2010 MEETING MINUTES

*(CNMB-CC MINUTES TAPE #438)*

## 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 Derose, 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 Dr. Greg Mansfield, St. Bernard DeClairvaux Episcopal Church.

## 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Rosner led the City Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

The City Clerk announced that item #7.1 was being pulled from the Consent Agenda for two corrections.

## 5. PRESENTATIONS

**5.1** Presentation of Proclamation by Mayor Myron Rosner, accepted by Karl Thompson, Assistant Director of Public Services, proclaiming April as *Water Conservation Month*

Presentation was made by Mayor Rosner.

**5.2** Update of Weed & Seed Program by Michael Nozell, Executive Director

Mr. Michael Nozell was not able to attend, so the presentation was deferred.

**5.3** Recognition of the North Miami Beach Police Department Police Explorers for their performance in the recent regional competition.

Presentation given by Police Chief Raphael P. Hernandez.

## 6. APPOINTMENTS

**6.1 Economic Development Commission**

Francis Francois (Vice Mayor Smith)

**Motion** made by Vice Mayor Smith, seconded by Councilwoman Spiegel, to appoint Francis Francois to the Economic Development Commission. In a voice vote, all voted in favor. **(Motion carried 7-0)**

**6.2 Economic Development Commission**
Frank Lawrence (Vice Mayor Smith)

**Motion** made by Vice Mayor Smith, seconded by Councilman Derose, to appoint Frank Lawrence to the Economic Development Commission. In a voice vote, all voted in favor. **(Motion carried 7-0)**

**6.3 Multi-Cultural Committee**
Mario Apollon, *Ex-Officio* (Councilman Julien)

**Motion** made by Councilman Julien, seconded by Councilman Pierre, to appoint Mario Apollon as Ex-Officio Member to the Multi-Cultural Committee. In a voice vote, all voted in favor. **(Motion carried 7-0)**

## 7. CONSENT AGENDA

**Motion** made by Councilman Julien, seconded by Councilman Pierre, to introduce the Consent Agenda, as amended (see Item #4 above). In a voice vote, all voted in favor. **(Motion carried 7-0)**

**7.1** March 16, 2010 Meeting Minutes- *Item pulled from Consent Agenda (see Item #4 above).*

**7.2** Resolution No. R2010-26

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH HIGH COTTON USA, INC., AS THE PRIMARY VENDOR, AND PINNACLE DATA SYSTEMS, AS BACK-UP AND THE SECONDARY VENDOR, FOR UTILITY BILL PRINTING AND MAILING.

**7.3** Resolution No. R2010-27

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH DOWNTOWN TOWING COMPANY, KAUFF'S TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS AND MIDTOWN OF MIAMI, INC. TO PROVIDE TOWING SERVICES FOR AND WITHIN THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH.

**Motion** made by Councilman Julien, seconded by Vice Mayor Smith, to approve the Consent Agenda as amended (see Item #4 above). In a voice vote, all voted in favor. **(Motion carried 7-0)**

**7.1** March 16, 2010 Meeting Minutes

City Clerk Owens announced that there were two minor changes to the minutes of March 16, 2010:

1. Page 1, Item #2 (Invocation): the spelling of the last name of Shirley Kienzle should read **Tenzel**.
2. Page 1, Item #5.4 (Multi-Cultural Committee Report): the 2nd sentence should read, "The Multi-Cultural Committee unanimously **recommended** that the City of North Miami Beach should publically recognize religious holidays…".

**Motion** made by Vice Mayor Smith, seconded by Councilman Julien, to approve the above changes to the March 16, Meeting Minutes. In a voice vote, all voted in favor. **(Motion carried 7-0)**

**Motion** made by Vice Mayor Smith, seconded by Councilwoman Spiegel, to approve the March 16, 2010 Meeting Minutes as amended. In a voice vote, all voted in favor. **(Motion carried 7-0)**

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

**8.1** Request approval for expenditure of $1,038,500.00 from the Federal (Justice) Law Enforcement Fund and $297,000.00 from the State/Local Law Enforcement Trust Fund

**Motion** made by Councilman Derose, seconded by Vice Mayor Smith, to approve the expenditures of $1,038,500.00 from the Federal (Justice) Law Enforcement Fund and $297,000.00 from the State/Local Law Enforcement Trust Fund. In a voice vote, all voted in favor. **(Motion carried 7-0)**

**8.2 Update of Miscellaneous Items**

City Manager Baker reported that the City is currently in the second week of the Census. Tonight we are unveiling a special program as part of our Census initiatives; it's entitled, "I've Been Counted." He encouraged each Council Member to wear the "I've Been Counted" pins and to encourage residents to also wear these pins, in an effort to encourage the rest of the community to join us.

City Manager Baker reported that the percentages of the communities counted to date are:

- Eastern Shores – 49%
- Highland Village – 42%
- Sunray East – 40%
- Sunray West – 53%
- Windward and Pickwick – 47%
- Uleta – 48%
- Oak Grove – 45%
- Allen Park and Fleeman Height – 45%
- Washington Park – 45%
- Skylake – 60%

The overall average is 47.4%. Our goal is reach the 60% percentile by the end of the week. In 2000 we only had a 60% response rate. The City has begun going door-to-door and urging the communities to turn in their reports. He stated that one thing that is unique about North Miami Beach is that over 50% of the North Miami Beach community is foreign born, which makes these efforts more challenging than in other communities; but, the City is confident that we will reach the 60% goal by the end of this week and urged the community to join in the City's efforts.

City Manager Baker reported on the soccer program that was discussed at the last Council meeting, stating that the City has had a couple of meetings with them and we are working on something that will ultimately be very favorable for the community. Once that plan is completed, he stated that he will report back to the Council. So far, they are pleased with the route we are taking.

City Manager Baker reported that about a week and a half ago he had gone to Tallahassee to drop off numerous grant proposals. This afternoon he received a phone call indicating that

several of the proposals are being considered. Once the official reports are received he will report back to the Council.

City Manager Baker introduced the new Code Enforcement Manager, Mr. Ken Pieslak. Mr. Pieslak addressed the City Council and expressed his gratitude to be able to serve and to be able to work with the City team and with the citizens of North Miami Beach.

Mayor Rosner asked the City Manager to address the second Census mailer that residents have been receiving and to clarify who can be counted in a residence.

On behalf of the City Manger, Assistant City Manager Bernard McGriff responded that if residents happen to get a second Census mailer, they should not send the form in if they have already done so. If residents forget to put someone on their Census form, then they can add the person to the second form and mail it back.

Councilwoman Kramer asked for an update on the Homeless Trust Meter.

City Manager Baker responded that he had been on the phone with Ron Book earlier today, and that Mr. Book is assisting the City in expediting the process. The meter has been ordered and is in the process of being manufactured, which takes about two months.

Councilman Julien stated that the Census's practice of not allowing people to count children who are away at college is wrong. Vice Mayor Smith pointed out that they will be counted wherever their college is. Councilwoman Spiegel stated that doesn't help us; that is one more person counted for another city, and one less person counted for our city.

City Manager Baker responded that his guess is that if they are not being counted where they are, they need to be counted here.

Councilman Julien stated that this is something that needs to be addressed.

City Manager Baker responded that we will address that with the Census representatives.

Vice Mayor Smith indicated that she is putting her Census shirt on because she wants to volunteer on April 10th when they are going to start walking door-to-door.

City Manager Baker spoke regarding the proposed schedule for the 2010 groundbreaking and ribbon cutting events. He stated that for each event there will be a specific theme. He announced that one event has been added, per the Council's directive; this is the Children's Room at the North Miami Beach Library which we are dedicating to former Councilwoman Jacqueline Smith.

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

City Attorney Siegel reported that since the Council had received their litigation lists, a new litigation case has been received for a police shooting that occurred on November 30, 2008. The City, the Police Department, the Police Chief – in both his official and individual capacities, and Sergeant Nelson Reyes are being sued. She stated that she will be providing periodic updates on the

case.

City Attorney Siegel gave an overview of the ordinances which are up for first reading this evening. The first item involves the rezoning of 1590 NE 162nd Street, which is currently occupied by G & G Holistic Group. They have been occupying and conducting business at that location for approximately five years. The rezoning is being requested because the business at that location is not a permitted or a conditional permitted use. The Planning and Zoning Board is unanimously recommending approval of this rezoning. If this ordinance is passed on April 20th, then a resolution to approve a conditional permitted use with certain conditions will be submitted to the City Council. The Planning and Zoning Board is also recommending approval of this conditional permitted use and its conditions.

The second ordinance is in reference to the hours of sale of alcoholic beverages. The current ordinance makes no mention of sales on Saturdays; this was inadvertently left out years ago. This ordinance cleans things up and gives Saturday the same status as a weekday. The current ordinance states that package stores are not allowed to sell any alcoholic beverages between 4:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M., that will stay the same. The current ordinance also left out any mention of wine. Tonight's ordinance will also allow for the sale of beer and wine for businesses whose primary business is not the sale of alcohol. The Planning and Zoning Board is unanimously recommending approval of this ordinance.

The third ordinance allows for residential home businesses in Eastern Shores. Every other zone in the City allows residential businesses, except for RM-19 and RS-1. The Planning and Zoning Board is unanimously recommending approval of this ordinance also.

City Attorney Siegel announced that she will be bringing before the City Council an amendment to the Code Enforcement Ordinance allowing a Special Magistrate, not just the Code Enforcement Board, to hear matters regarding those conducting business in the City who are delinquent and do not have a Business Tax Receipt.

## 10. MAYOR'S DISCUSSION

Mayor Rosner reported that the City hosted their First Wheelchair Tennis Tournament this last weekend. There were six out of towners that attended the tournament, one of them is on the United States Tennis Association Board. They were very impressed the way we handled our tournament and are looking forward to telling people about it next year. The Mayor gave a special thanks to Leisure Services, Paulette Murphy, Mr. Finney, and the entire staff. The same thanks was extended for yesterday's ribbon dropping of the Barry Schreiber Park. This is the first boundless playground in the Northern Quadrant of Miami-Dade County. Mayor Rosner reported that all day people in the community had stopped him to say thank you.

## 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 reduced library newspaper subscriptions and articles regarding saving money on surgeries, Jackson Memorial Hospital, Haiti, the Census, Lake Okeechobee, and cyber bullying.

**Richard Riess**, 23 NW 169 ST, North Miami Beach, FL, spoke regarding transparencies, Council

salaries, qualifying fees, and budget shortfalls.

**Mubarak Kazan,** 15564 NE 12 AVE, North Miami Beach, FL, spoke regarding Council salaries and adult entertainment clubs.

**Gail Dixon Johnson,** 8203 South Palm DR, Pembroke Pines, FL, spoke regarding the Census Walk on April 10th.

**Bruce Lamberto,** 3420 NE 165 ST, North Miami Beach, FL, spoke regarding qualifying fees and the Council Salary Workshop.

Councilwoman Kramer asked the City Council to set a date for the Council Salary Workshop. Councilwoman Spiegel stated that she had suggested that, since the Council will already be together for the Community Redevelopment Agency Meeting from 5:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M. on April 27th, that the Salary Workshop be scheduled for 7:00 – 9:00 P.M. that same evening. Councilman Julien stated that he was under the impression that a resolution was going to be brought before the City Council. Councilwoman Kramer stated that she doesn't see that happening and that she preferred to hold a workshop before April 27th. Vice Mayor Smith suggested that a resolution be prepared and that the Council can still hold a workshop to take the salary to $10,000.00 and the rest of the money to be expense. Councilwoman Kramer stated that Councilwoman Spiegel had already proposed that, and none of us voted for it. She further stated that the Council Members all have different opinions on this matter, and that's why we need a workshop. There were unintended consequences with the qualifying fees and the Florida Retirement System contributions that we need to address; and, I think the public should be involved in this. Councilwoman Kramer reiterated Councilwoman Spiegel's suggestion that the workshop be held after the April 27th Community Redevelopment Agency Meeting. Mayor Rosner stated that that meeting's agenda is already very heavy and that he thought it would be difficult to hold the meetings on the same night. He suggested holding it on one of the off Council Meeting Tuesdays in May, either May 11th or May 25th. After further discussion, a tentative date of Tuesday, May 11th was set.

**Robert Taylor,** 1951 NE 157 TER, North Miami Beach, FL, spoke regarding historical pictures of the City in local businesses, City history book, roundabouts on 19th Avenue, Arbor Day, and the Census.

**12. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS** – *None*

**13. WAIVER OF FEE** – *None*

**14. BUSINESS TAX RECEIPTS**

**14.1** Blue Light District Entertainment, LLC d/b/a Diamond's Gentleman's Club
Leonard J. Moore, Managing Member
337-349 NW 170 ST, North Miami Beach, FL

Applicant is requesting approval of a 4:00 A.M. to 6:00 A.M. Extension of Hours Business Tax Receipt for an Adult Entertainment establishment.

**Motion** made by Councilman Derose, seconded by Councilman Julien, to approve issuance of a 4:00 A.M. – 6:00 A.M. Extension of Hours Business Tax Receipt for an Adult Entertainment establishment which shall expire on September 30, 2010 and be subject to final approval by the City's Building Department, Miami-Dade County Fire Department, the City's Police Department, and payment of any outstanding fees, if any. In a voice vote, with Councilman Pierre dissenting, all voted in favor. (**Motion carried 6-1**)

**14.2** SMG Entertainment, Inc. d/b/a Encore Gentlemen's Club
Michael Goldfarb, President
17450 Biscayne Boulevard, North Miami Beach, FL

Applicant is requesting approval of a 4:00 A.M. to 6:00 A.M. Extension of Hours Business Tax Receipt for an Adult Entertainment establishment.

**Motion** made by Councilman Derose, seconded by Councilman Julien, to approve issuance of a 4:00 A.M. – 6:00 A.M. Extension of Hours Business Tax Receipt for an Adult Entertainment establishment which shall expire on September 30, 2010. In a voice vote, with Councilman Pierre dissenting, all voted in favor. (**Motion carried 6-1**)

## 15. LEGISLATION

**Motion** made by Councilman Julien, seconded by Councilman Derose, to introduce Ordinance No. 2010-4 on First Reading, by title only. In a voice vote, all voted in favor. (**Motion carried 7-0**)

**15.1** Ordinance No. 2010-4 (First Reading, by Title Only)

AN ORDINANCE REZONING PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH LOCATED AT 1590 N.E. 162 STREET; FROM A CLASSIFICATION OF RO, RESIDENTIAL OFFICE DISTRICT TO A CLASSIFICATION OF B-2, GENERAL BUSINESS ZONING DISTRICT, AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TO MAKE ALL NECESSARY CHANGES IN THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH TO CARRY OUT THE INTENT OF THIS ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING FOR THE CODIFICATION OF THIS ORDINANCE.

*JENNINGS DISCLAIMER(S)*

Mayor Rosner, Councilwoman Spiegel, Councilman Julien, Councilwoman Kramer, and Councilman Pierre all disclosed that they had spoken with the applicant's registered lobbyist, Michael J. Snyder on this subject.

The following individuals provided testimony to the City Council:

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

**Michael J. Snyder, Esquire,** Registered Lobbyist for G & G Holistics, 4000 Hollywood BLVD, Suite 455S, Hollywood, FL 33026

**Motion** made by Councilman Julien, seconded by Vice Mayor Smith, to adopt Ordinance No. 2010-4, on First Reading, by title only. In a roll call vote, all voted in favor. (**Motion carried 7-0**)

**Motion** made by Councilman Julien, seconded by Vice Mayor Smith to introduce Ordinance No. 2010-5 on First Reading, by title only. In a voice vote, all voted in favor. (**Motion carried 7-0**)

**15.2** Ordinance No. 2010-5

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, CLARIFYING THE HOURS OF SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR PACKAGE STORES ON SATURDAYS; CLARIFYING THE HOURS OF SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR VENDORS OPERATING STORES PRIMARILY FOR THE SALE OF PRODUCTS OTHER THAN ALCOHOLIC

BEVERAGES; ADDING WINE TO THE LIST OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES THAT MAY BE SOLD BY VENDORS OPERATING STORES PRIMARILY FOR THE SALE OF PRODUCTS OTHER THAN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES; 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 provided testimony to the City Council:

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

**Motion** made by Councilman Derose, seconded by Councilman Julien to adopt Ordinance No. 2010-5 on First Reading, by title only. In a roll call vote, all voted in favor. (**Motion carried 7-0**)

**Motion** made by Councilman Derose, seconded by Councilman Julien, to introduce Ordinance No. 2010-6 on First Reading, by title only. In a voice vote, all voted in favor. (**Motion carried 7-0**)

**15.3** Ordinance No. 2010-6

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER XII OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, ENTITLED LOCAL BUSINESS TAX RECEIPT AND REGULATIONS; DELETING SECTION 12-1.20(7)(d) ENTITLED OCCUPATIONAL USE OF RESIDENCE; AMENDING CHAPTER XXIV OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, ENTITLED ZONING & LAND DEVELOPMENT; DELETING SECTION 24-47(D)(9)(j) ENTITLED RM-19 RESIDENTIAL LOW-RISE MULTIFAMILY (MEDIUM DENSITY DISTRICT) TO ALLOW OCCUPATIONAL USES OF RESIDENCES IN THE RS-1 AND RM-19 ZONING DISTRICTS (EASTERN SHORES); 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 provided testimony to the City Council:

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

**Motion** made by Councilman Julien, seconded by Councilman Derose to adopt Ordinance No. 2010-6 on First Reading, by title only. In a roll call vote, all voted in favor. (**Motion carried 7-0**)

## 16. CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

### VICE MAYOR SMITH

***Explorers.*** I would like to first congratulate the Explorers. I can tell you I am not surprised, under Tom Carney and the head of the Explorers, everything I have seen them do and I have seen them all over this City many, many, many times. From the beginning till the end, they are not at a top-notch, they are not on a scale of one to ten, they are always a fifteen to twenty and I thank them for their time and their diligence to be expert.

***Ribbon Dropping.*** I also want to apologize. I was told something that the heat must have got me yesterday, I went to a lot of functions the last two weeks and one of them was the Ribbon Dropping over in the Windward area of our beautiful new park. Not only do I thank the management for

doing a good job of it, but I did not stand up, certainly with no ill-intent, during the Star-Spangled Banner and if anybody was upset about that, I wish they would have come and reminded me. It must have been the heat. An hour in that hot sun, I just want to apologize for that.

***Tennis Tournament.*** Let me just say this, Paulette Murphy, all the credit we give her it's not enough. Her and her staff, everything I went to was top-notch, was a tremendous amount of work, she is there from morning to night and I had an opportunity to go to the Tennis Tournament and those men that were playing, and women that were playing, and those people that were there, I saw nothing but appreciation. They can't wait till next year. They came from California, they came from New York. I think somebody came from Texas and Utah. I just can tell you, they were smart enough not to let me hit a ball, but they let me run out and pick up a ball.

***Current Events and Issues.*** I tell you, everything we are doing in this City is top-notch. I wish we had a means, and we are working on that behind the scenes, to get the word out even more to people, to the general public, to our residents that what are the events coming up and what are the issues. We are trying to work on something for instantaneous as I have given direction to our attorney to start that process and to make sure that we can put that under the Security Act as they do with your Social Security number and she is working on that.

***Thank You.*** I want to thank Reverend Mansfield who stayed here throughout the whole evening. He just started, he is only in our city ten days and I can only say to you, thank you for staying throughout the whole evening. Thank you for participating and now that you are here, we're not letting you go. You will be participating I hope in many of our City functions.

***City Progress.*** Everything that I have seen that our City is doing, I can't thank you enough for putting us in a direction when there is an issue, I am here to say that we are working behind the scenes, in front of the scenes, and doing everything we can to straighten it out. To work not only in our budget, but with our public and to make it the best City that anybody would be envious of to live in. That's our goal every single day.

**COUNCILWOMAN SPIEGEL**

***Happy Holidays.*** No committee reports. I hope everyone had great holidays, if they were celebrating holidays. Go out and enjoy my favorite time of the year. See you in two weeks.

**COUNCILMAN JULIEN**

***Forgiveness.*** I would like to say that I do not know about anyone else, but the God that I serve preaches tolerance, forgiveness and above all else, forgiveness. If anybody is perfect, I wish I had a pocket full of stones so I could give that person and let them throw the first stone.

***Council Members.*** When did we lose the third Haitian on this Council? I don't know who the third Haitian was that got lost; but, oh well, there are three Haitians on this Council.

***Save 509.*** There is an organization called Save 509. For those of you who don't know, 509 is the area code for Haiti. Save 509, you can go to their website at www.save509.org, they are having a 7K Run/Walk for those who cannot run. It's going to be held this Saturday April 10th, they're asking anybody that wants to sign up to please go to the website. After every kilometer they will recognize one city. And the seven cities that they will be recognizing and all of the money that they

raise will go 100% to Haiti. The first kilometer will go to Jacmel, the second kilometer will go to Leogane, the third kilometer will go to Petit Goave, the fourth kilometer will go to Grand Goave, the fifth kilometer will go to Centre Ville, the sixth kilometer will go to Carrefour, and the seventh and last kilometer will go to Port au Prince. The starting point will be at the Little Haiti Park at 6301 NE 2nd Avenue and the start time is 7:00 A.M. Anyone who is interested, I believe the City of Miami will have 200 uniformed officers participating, they will be donating their time and obviously this is something that they feel very proud of and we encourage everybody to participate.

***Eastern Shores.*** I would like to, Mr. Manager and Madam Clerk, ask that at our next Council Meeting that we invite Mr. Kehren to address the community, primarily because of the situation that has been taking place in Eastern Shores. I know that Mr. Kehren has had meetings with you, Mr. Manager, and possibly the Chief and a few other people in the community and I would like for him to address us.

***Haiti Donations.*** Madam Attorney, at the next Council Meeting, I would like for you to indulge me and just help me with the report and understanding as to the situation with donations for Haiti. I don't want to put you on the spot, but if you could do that for me at the next meeting, I would appreciate it.

***Miss North Miami Beach.*** Last, but not least, Councilman Pierre, if I may make a suggestion, because obviously I will not be able to implement it, so it's just an idea that I would like to float out there. Since you are in charge of the Youth Committee, perhaps possibly having a Miss North Miami Beach Pageant and whoever Miss North Miami Beach would be, should you and your committee decide to do that, that young person would represent North Miami Beach in a quasi-official capacity at every event that we have. I think it would be a great idea, but I just float it out there for whatever.

**COUNCILMAN DEROSE**

***Arbor Day Celebration.*** I would like to inform our citizens that this year, our Arbor Day celebration will take place on April 19th, at 10:00 A.M. at Taylor Park. We will give away some trees and all citizens are invited.

***Health Care Bill.*** I want to take this opportunity to thank President Obama and all the Democrats who voted to pass the health care bill. Personally, I believe this is a nice piece of legislation and it will tremendously benefit our country, particularly the millions of people who currently live now without healthcare insurance. I hope the citizens of this great country will understand, will believe, or agree that this is the right decision that the House and Senate made to pass this bill.

***Meeting with Vice President.*** I had the privilege to participate in a meeting with Vice President, Joe Biden. We were discussing some of the problems that the Republic of Haiti is facing, what the United States government has done so far to help the country since January 12th, after the earthquake. It was a nice meeting, very successful. After the meeting I went to the ribbon dropping at Barry Schreiber Tot Lot with some of my colleagues and I was very happy to see so many of the citizens in the area. I hope they enjoy this great facility.

**COUNCILWOMAN KRAMER**

***Recreation Committee.*** I don't have any committee reports, but a few comments that I would like to make. One is that I am the liaison to the Recreation Committee and I have asked times before that we are looking for members, we have plenty of spaces open. So, any citizen, resident, community member that might have a knack for recreation activities, we have a lot of interesting events coming up and these are all formed through our Leisure Services Department. We would love some extra help and great ideas. I must say that they do a fabulous job, Paulette Murphy, Glenn Finney and their staff. Really, all the events turn out well. There are a lot of people that attend and I really ask the citizens, even if you can only show up for an hour, which perhaps you thought you only had an hour, but you'll have a really good time and stay longer, but that you should come out and meet your neighbors and see what your community is doing for you because there is a lot of wonderful things and we have a lot of great events and things to celebrate, as you heard earlier in our Manager's report. We would like you to be a part of it. So, I really encourage everyone; this is a great community and let's all get together on these great occasions and enjoy our City.

**COUNCILMAN PIERRE**

***Welcome.*** First and foremost, let me welcome the new Reverend Doctor from St. Bernard DeClairvaux Church: "Welcome to our City!" Just like Reverend Fox, I know you are going to be a great asset; you've been a great asset already. So, we will continue dwelling on your expertise and on your love and your knowledge; and, welcome to our City.

***Explorers.*** I would like to congratulate the Chief and the Explorers on a job well done. Like many of my colleagues, I am not surprised because I have seen them in action and I know the best is yet to come. Second is not good enough. That's great, but we know we can reach first place. Congratulations once again.

***Salary Workshop.*** For the residents who requested a Salary Workshop, I am pleased to announce that it will be coming. We do not have a date, but it will be coming.

***Census.*** Last, but not least, I have been on the Census Trail, even before I knew there would be a walk. So, if you have not done so, please return your form and make sure you list every single one of them. You do not want to wait another ten years, that will be too long. The time to do it is now. If you have not done so, make sure you do it. As you can see, I have returned mine and I have my button to prove it.

Mayor Rosner granted the floor to Vice Mayor Smith for a moment to recognize Gail Johnson. Vice Mayor Smith congratulated Ms. Johnson again and reminded everybody that those books are on sale; and, if anyone comes to the City and mentions they heard about the book from the City Council, they will receive the book for a discounted price of $15.00 instead of $20.00.

**MAYOR ROSNER**

***Positive Attitude.*** I would like to read the Quote of the Week of the Procurement News which says, "Choosing to be positive and having a grateful attitude is going to determine how you are going to live your life."

17. **NEXT REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING** – Mayor Rosner announced that the next Regular City Council meeting will be Tuesday, April 20, 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 9:27 P.M. on a motion by Councilman Pierre and seconded by Councilman Derose. 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 TWELVE (12) INCLUSIVE, TO BE THE OFFICIAL RECORD OF THE CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS AS RECORDED AT THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, HELD ON THE 6TH DAY OF APRIL, 2010.

Joann M Callahan

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

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