



CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH
Council Chambers, 2nd Floor
City Hall, 17011 NE 19th Avenue
City of North Miami Beach, FL 33162

MARCH 15, 2011
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
(CNMB-CC MINUTES TAPE #466)

1. ROLL CALL OF THE CITY OFFICIALS

The meeting was called to order at 7:49 p.m. Present at the meeting were Mayor Myron Rosner, Vice Mayor Barbara Kramer, and Council Members Philippe Derose, McKenzie Fleurimond, Frantz Pierre, Phyllis S. Smith, and Beth E. Spiegel. Also present were Acting City Manager Roslyn Weisblum, Assistant City Manager Mac Serda, City Attorney Darcee S. Siegel and City Clerk Pamela L. Latimore.

2. INVOCATION

Reverend Dr. Jonas Georges, All Nations Presbyterian Church

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Rosner led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. REQUESTS FOR WITHDRAWALS, DEFERMENTS AND ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

City Clerk Latimore noted the following addition to Item #5. Presentations/Discussions: Financial Support for Teacher's Luncheon – Presented by Jerry Lazar, President and Joyce Carrington, First Vice President, NMB Senior High School PTA. Mayor Rosner noted that Councilwoman Spiegel had an item to add.

5. PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSIONS

Councilwoman Spiegel announced that the Commission on the Status of Women and the North Miami Beach Senior PTSA was hosting a “Women and Girls Health and Nutrition Expo” on March 26th 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the McDonald Center, free to the Public. She recognized all of the sponsors for the event.

5.1 Just Some Miracle Designs Fundraising for Families of Fallen Police Officers - Presented by John Otero, CEO

5.2 Plaque presentation to the Special Response Team and Police Explorers - Presented by Councilwoman Phyllis S. Smith

5.3 Recognition of Detective Denise Love and Captain Joseph Gamerl for Their Work on the Martin King Case - Presented by Chief of Police Rafael P. Hernandez, Jr.

5.4 Financial Support for Teacher's Luncheon – Presented by Jerry Lazar, President and Joyce Carrington, First Vice President, NMB Senior High School PTA

6. APPOINTMENTS - None

7. CONSENT AGENDA - None

8. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Acting City Manager Weisblum noted that this week, North Miami Beach would receive the 2010 Census results. She reminded everyone about the Community Festival on Sunday, April 10th from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. - food, fun, entertainment, and admission was free. She encouraged businesses in the community to join in the event. Acting City Manager Weisblum noted on Thursday, March 17th the Skylake Wall was being repainted with the help from "Hands on Miami" volunteers. She noted that the Council would have a table.

8.1 Forfeiture (LETF) Appropriation Request (*moved to under Item #9*)

9. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

9.1 Litigation List - *No Discussion*

City Attorney Siegel spoke about the following items presented at a recent Planning & Zoning Board Meeting: 1) a new home in Eastern Shores; 2) two-story classroom located at the old Beth Torah property; and 3) a new dormitory on Miami Gardens Drive. She further noted that the pill mill ordinance, as passed by the Planning & Zoning Board, was being presented to the Council on April 5th. City Attorney Siegel spoke briefly of the ordinance. She noted that the check received from the Marty King case was deposited and that she would report back when any additional payments were received. In response to Councilwoman Smith's inquiry regarding the inspection on the sale of Marty King's property, City Attorney Siegel noted that the contract had fallen through, but that there was a new potential buyer.

Councilwoman Spiegel asked for a recommendation to Counsel to have either inside counsel or that an outside counsel be hired to look at any negligence of any prior city managers and/or public works directors that enabled this to go on as long as it did, that enabled checks to be cut to a company that was neither licensed nor bonded, to perform the work it was or was not performing, and to report back to the Council if there were grounds to pursue negligence claims. City Attorney Siegel noted that Councilman Pierre, after the last meeting, had asked her to look into this as well and that she would report back to Council by the second meeting in April. Mayor Rosner inquired if this would include an auditing firm analysis. City Attorney Siegel said she would make an inquiry with the Finance Director to contact the outside auditor. She noted that in her experience and involvement with the State Attorney's Office and Police Department, Marty King's actions would not have been picked up through an auditing type of measure. Councilwoman Spiegel requested to include the finance staff in Public Works as well.

Councilman Fleurimond recognized the City Attorney, Public Services and Planning & Zoning regarding their work with the pill mill ordinance.

In response to Mayor Rosner's inquiry regarding presenting protective finance measures, Acting City Manager Weisblum noted that representatives from the National Institute of Government Procurement (NIGP) a final report with additional recommendations was due to Staff on April 15th, but that some protective measures had already been implemented. City Attorney Siegel noted that the report would be presented to Council on April 26th.

8.1 Forfeiture (LETF) Appropriation Request (*moved to Item 9.2*)

In the backup to this item, it was noted that the asset forfeiture program was a process to deprive the criminals from the proceeds of their crime, and offset any investigative expenses of law enforcement. Police departments were allowed to utilize the proceeds from these investigations to offset the costs of certain allowed expenses as provided by federal guidelines and State Statutes. Usually the investigations were long-term and were conducted as part of a task force operation. These task forces may be entirely comprised of NMB Police Officers or they may have included other local, state and federal agencies. The Police Department was requesting appropriation approval of \$838,000 from the Federal (Justice) LETF and \$130,000.00 from the State/Local LETF. Chief Rafael Hernandez provided a brief overview of the request and answered various questions posed by the Council.

In response to Councilwoman Smith's inquiry if funds could be used for lighting in City areas that crimes took place as preventative measure and requested a study be performed of the streets and alleyways relating to lighting in Uleta and Sunray, Chief Rafael Hernandez noted that he would need to make that determination. He said he would meet with the City Attorney to make an assessment.

Mayor Rosner congratulated Chief Hernandez for the use of the funds in action at an event at the amphitheater. Chief Hernandez noted that there were no incidents during that event with over 2500 people in attendance. He also reported an arrest with the FBI Fugitive Squad out of Minnesota of a predator that took the life of a mother.

Motion made by Councilman Pierre, seconded by Councilman Pierre, to approve the appropriation approval of \$838,000 from the Federal (Justice) LETF and \$130,000.00 from the State/Local LETF. By consensus, all voted in favor of the motion. (**Motion carried 7-0**).

Miscellaneous

Councilman Fleurimond expressed that the Multi-Cultural Committee was going to host an event that was to take place on May 1st. He recommended that Staff move quickly with the Council to set policy on how committees use City funds for full transparency.

Motion made by Councilman Derose, seconded by Councilwoman Smith, to extend Acting City Manager Weisblum's contract until the new City Manager was hired up to three (3) months. By consensus, all voted in favor of the motion. (**Motion carried 7-0**).

10. MAYOR'S DISCUSSION - *Waived*

11. PUBLIC COMMENT

City Clerk Latimore read the rules for Public Comment.

Robert Taylor, 1951 NE 157 Terrace, North Miami Beach, FL, spoke about transparency and questioned why there was a police officer on his block with a radar gun for a two (2) block area for four (4) hours.

Bert Kehren, 3302 NE 171 Street, North Miami Beach, FL, spoke about Mayor Rosner's actions regarding waste of City money, his disrespect for City ordinance regarding signs and his abuse of power.

Charles Loeb, 16800 NE 15 Avenue #112, North Miami Beach, FL, spoke about water use comparables and the cost for voting. He recognized various people for different reasons, requested the Library to be open Tuesday and Thursday evenings and spoke about Japan's earthquake.

Muriel Kemp, 1479 NE 178 Street, North Miami Beach, FL, spoke about the upcoming election and campaign sign violations.

Volney Nerette, 16121 NE 19 Place, North Miami Beach, FL, congratulated the Police Department for their service and spoke about the large number of campaigns posted around the City.

George E. Vallejo, 2940 NE 164 Street, North Miami Beach, FL, recognized Chief Hernandez for being elected as the next incoming president for the Miami-Dade Police Chiefs Associations.

Allison Robie, 2131 NE 179 Street, North Miami Beach, FL, recommended giving recognition to the Staff that came forward regarding the Marty King embezzlement. She spoke about an ethics commission complaint (not filling out a box on a form) filled out by Mayor Rosner, but filed by his campaign worker.

Hans Mardy, 16558 NE 26 Avenue, #6I, North Miami Beach, FL, spoke about his educational background, involvement in the City, and leadership.

Mubarak Kazan, 15564 NE 12 Avenue, North Miami Beach, FL, expressed condolences to the people of Japan, suggested no music around the Council's booth at the Community Festival, and spoke about the Marty King embezzlement.

Richard Riess, President of the Civic Association, 23 NW 169 Street, North Miami Beach, FL, spoke about the campaign information that he had been passing out regarding the financial condition of the City.

Bruce Lamberto, 3420 NE 165 Street, North Miami Beach, FL, congratulated the Council on hiring a new City Manager and suggested no contract.

12. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS – *None*

13. WAIVER OF FEE – *None*

14. BUSINESS TAX RECEIPTS – *None*

14.1 Douglas Gardens Community Mental Health Center of Miami Beach, Inc. d/b/a Douglas Gardens A.C.L.F.

Assistant City Clerk Joanne Callahan provided a brief overview of this item.

Motion made by Councilman Derose, seconded by Councilman Fleurimond, to approve the annual renewal of a Business Tax Receipt for Douglas Gardens Community Mental Health Center of Miami Beach, Inc. d/b/a Douglas Gardens A.C.L.F. By consensus, all voted in favor of the motion. **(Motion carried 7-0).**

15. LEGISLATION

When City Attorney Siegel asked if any of the Council Members had communication with individual parties relating to this particular project, no Council Members responded.

Motion made by Councilman Derose, seconded by Councilman Fleurimond, to introduce Resolution No. R2011-12. By consensus, all voted in favor of the motion. **(Motion carried 7-0).**

15.1 Resolution No. R2011-12

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 ELEVEN FOOT (11') HIGH, 100 SQUARE FOOT FOUNTAIN LOCATED IN THE FRONT YARD OF A SINGLE-FAMILY HOUSE, AS PROPOSED; AND

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA GRANTING A VARIANCE FROM SECTION 24-41(D)(3) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH TO WAIVE TWENTY-ONE FOOT FIVE INCHES (21'5") OF THE MINIMUM REQUIRED FRONT YARD SETBACK OF TWENTY-FIVE FEET (25'), WHERE FRONT YARD SETBACK OF THREE FEET SEVEN INCHES (3'7") IS PROPOSED; AND

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA GRANTING A VARIANCE FROM SECTION 24-41(D)(8) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH TO WAIVE TEN PERCENT (10%) (259 SQUARE FEET) OF THE MINIMUM REQUIRED FRONT YARD PERVIOUS AREA OF SEVENTY PERCENT (70%) (1,813 SQUARE FEET), WHERE FRONT YARD PERVIOUS AREA OF SIXTY PERCENT (60%) (1, 554 SQUARE FEET) IS PROPOSED, ON PROPERTY LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS: LOT 18, BLOCK 6, EASTERN SHORES 1ST ADDITION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 65, PAGE 39 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF MIAMI-DADECOUNTY,FLORIDA. A/K/A, 3140 N.E. 165 Street, North Miami Beach, Florida (P&Z Item No. 11-496 of February 14, 2011)

Motion made by Councilman Derose, seconded by Councilman Fleurimond, to adopt Resolution No. R2011-12.

Applicant Michael Spison, 1801 South Ocean Drive, Hallandale Beach, FL, provided a brief overview of the request and answered questions posed by the Council. City Planner Chris Heid added to the overview and answered questions posed by the Council.

Councilwoman Spiegel expressed concern that the fountain was huge, located right up against the street with no greenery fronting the street.

Councilwoman Smith questioned as to why there was poured concrete on the site. City Planner Chris Heid noted that the applicant had a foundation permit, but it was not reviewed or seen by Zoning. He further noted that the structure itself was the subject of the variance, so it was determined to be a non after- the-fact variance.

Motion made by Councilwoman Smith, seconded by Councilman Derose, to adopt Resolution No. R2011-12 as amended, adding Condition #5 (fence). In a roll call vote, all voted in favor of the motion with the exception of Councilwoman Spiegel. (**Motion carried 6-1**).

Motion made by Councilman Derose, seconded by Councilman Fleurimond, to introduce Ordinance No. 2011-4 on Second and Final Reading. By consensus, all voted in favor of the motion. (**Motion carried 7-0**).

15.2 Ordinance No. 2011-4 (Second and Final Reading)

AN ORDINANCE REZONING PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH LOCATED AT 1558 NE 162nd STREET FROM A CLASSIFICATION OF RO, RESIDENTIAL OFFICE DISTRICT TO A CLASSIFICATION OF B-2, GENERAL BUSINESS DISTRICT, AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF THE PUBLIC SERVICES DEPARTMENT 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; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Motion made by Councilman Derose, seconded by Councilman Fleurimond, to adopt Ordinance No. 2011-4 on Second and Final Reading.

When City Attorney Siegel asked if any of the Council Members had communication with individual parties relating to this particular project, Councilwoman Smith, Mayor Rosner, Councilman Fleurimond and Councilman Pierre all responded in the affirmative.

Attorney Michael Snyder, 4000 Hollywood Blvd, Suite 455 South, representing the applicant, was present to answer questions. For discussion purposes, Mayor Rosner allowed Attorney Snyder to combine his presentations for Ordinance No. 2011-4 and Resolution No. R2011-13. Attorney Snyder, along with several professional colleagues, provided details on credentials, security, licensing, the detox process, approvals and background checks.

Public Comment

Christine Gibson Norris, 1661 NE 161 Street, North Miami Beach, FL, spoke against the detox center and expressed concern for the children in the community.

Dr. Stanford Kane, Miami Beach, FL, spoke in favor of the detox center.

Robert Taylor, 1951 NE 157 Terrace, North Miami Beach, FL, spoke against the location for the detox center.

Lorenzo Whitehead, 400 NW 2nd Avenue, North Miami Beach, FL, spoke of his background, his career and spoke in favor of the detox center.

Volney Nerette, 16121 NE 19 Place, North Miami Beach, FL, spoke about people in the community not wanting the detox center.

Jean Cherubin, 1510 NE 162 Street, North Miami Beach, FL, spoke about the applicants being good business neighbors and no negative experience having one of the detox centers right next door.

Richard Riess, President of the Civic Association, 23 NW 169 Street, North Miami Beach, FL, noted that Mr. Snyder was the president of the North Miami Beach Chamber of Commerce and was not a resident of North Miami Beach. He also noted that some of the Council Members received campaign donations from him. He said to look at what this property was really zoned for and suggested for those Council Members to recuse themselves if they took money.

Shivon Norris, 970 NE 127 Street, employee of G & G, spoke about a research study in 2006 from Cambridge University that concluded that treatment centers in communities had less crime. She also provided her credentials.

Allison Robie, 2131 NE 179 Street, North Miami Beach, FL, inquired about the campaign donations. City Attorney Siegel noted that campaign contributions need to be reported per state statute; they have no bearing on the Jennings issue. She noted that this project was all about money and did not feel there was a human aspect to it. She said she spoke on behalf of a number of concerned residents who came to her.

Michael Stahl, 1993 Collins Avenue, Sunny Isles Beach, FL, spoke positively about the program.

Mubarak Kazan, 15564 NE 12 Avenue, North Miami Beach, FL, spoke about giving the applicant restrictions on running the facility and scholarships for people that would like to get off drugs.

John Bedencourt, 3615 NE 207, Aventura, FL, spoke positively about the program.

Peter Cicale, 164 South Island, Golden Beach, FL, owner of Olympia Gym in Aventura, spoke positively of the program and of the patients coming to work out in his gym.

George St. Louis, 3536 NE 168, #402, North Miami Beach, FL, spoke positively about the program.

Attorney Snyder, along with other professional colleagues, answered various questions posed by the Council.

Councilwoman Smith spoke about a campaign donation received from Attorney Snyder and that she knew him and his family for years. She requested the following conditions: 1) No signage on the building. 2) The ingress and egress was only to be through the front door. 3) An annual review for Business Tax Receipt. 4) Dividing the garden area with landscaping or a wall. 5) Addressing Security. 6) Backdoor for emergency use only.

Motion made by Councilman Derose, seconded by Councilwoman Smith, to continue the meeting after 12 o'clock midnight. By consensus, all voted in favor of the motion. **(Motion carried 6-0)**. Councilman Fleurimond was not present for this vote.

Councilwoman Spiegel spoke about playing tennis with Attorney Snyder since 1978 and that even when she voted in the negative on first reading of the ordinance, he had given her a campaign donation that she accepted. She expressed concern for the residential neighborhood located behind the detox center and noted speaking with several residents.

Mayor Rosner called for a ten (10) minute recess at this time. The meeting was reconvened at 12:02 p.m.

Councilwoman Spiegel questioned the number of fulltime and part-time staff, parking accommodations, the amended letter of intent, location of blood work pick-up box and delivery trucks. She said she agreed with Councilwoman Smith's condition of having an annual review for the business tax receipt.

Councilman Fleurimond questioned if sexual offenders were being received for treatment to which Attorney Snyder responded in the negative.

Vote: In a roll call vote, all voted in favor of adopting the ordinance with the exception of Councilwoman Spiegel who voted in the negative. **(Motion carried 6-1).**

Motion made by Councilman Derose, seconded by Councilman Fleurimond, to introduce Resolution No. R2011-13. By consensus, all voted in favor of the motion. **(Motion carried 7-0).**

15.3 Resolution No. R2011-13

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, GRANTING CONDITIONAL USE APPROVAL IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 24-52(C)(6) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH, CONTINGENT UPON THE REZONING OF THE PROPERTY, AS PROPOSED, IN ORDER TO OPERATE A RESIDENTIAL DRUG AND ALCOHOLIC DETOXIFICATION SERVICE IN AN EXISTING 5,072 SQUARE FOOT OFFICE BUILDING; AND

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, GRANTING A VARIANCE FROM SECTION 24-93(K) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH, TO WAIVE THE PROHIBITION ON BACK-OUT PARKING, WHERE PROVISION ON BACK-OUT PARKING INTO A PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY IS PROPOSED; AND

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, GRANTING A VARIANCE FROM SECTION 24-122(B)(1)(a) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH, TO WAIVE FIVE FEET (5') OF THE MINIMUM REQUIRED TERMINAL ISLAND WIDTH OF TEN FEET (10'), WHERE TERMINAL ISLAND WIDTH OF FIVE FEET (5') IS PROPOSED, ON PROPERTY LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS: LOT 6-7, BLOCK 97, OF FULFORD BY THE SEA AMENDED PLAT OF SECTION "H" ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 14, PAGE 40, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA. A/K/A 1558 N.E. 162 Street North Miami Beach, Florida (P&Z Item No. 10-486 of February 14, 2011)

Motion made by Councilman Derose, seconded by Councilman Fleurimond, to adopt Resolution No. R2011-13.

Motion made by Councilwoman Spiegel, seconded by Councilwoman Smith, to amend the resolution to include the following: Applicant shall appear before the City Council for renewal of the Business Tax Receipt every year on its anniversary, and Staff shall do its due diligence to determine through the Police Department as to any calls for service that have been made at that location. By consensus, all voted in favor of the motion. **(Motion carried 7-0).**

Motion made by Councilwoman Smith, seconded by Councilman Fleurimond, to amend the resolution to include the following: no signage on the building. By consensus, all voted in favor of the motion. **(Motion carried 7-0).**

Motion made by Councilwoman Smith, seconded by Vice Mayor Kramer, to amend the resolution to include the following: entrance by front only with the back door for services and emergency use only. In a roll call vote, Vice Mayor Kramer and Councilwoman Smith, voted in the affirmative while Councilman Derose, Councilwoman Spiegel, Councilman Pierre, and Mayor Rosner all voted in the negative. **(Motion failed 4-2)**. Councilman Fleurimond was not present for this vote.

Motion made by Councilwoman Spiegel, seconded by Vice Mayor Kramer, to amend the resolution to include the following: no more than ten (10) days intended for detox short-term stays. In a roll call vote, all voted in favor of the amendment. **(Motion carried 6-0)**. Councilman Fleurimond was not present for this vote.

Motion made by Councilwoman Spiegel, seconded by Vice Mayor Kramer, to amend the resolution to include the following: applicant agrees to a security analysis and to implement recommendations from the Police Department. By consensus, all voted in favor of the motion. **(Motion carried 6-0)**. Councilman Fleurimond was not present for this vote.

Motion made by Councilwoman Smith, seconded by Vice Mayor Kramer to reconsider the amendment regarding the Business Tax Receipt renewal. By consensus, all voted in favor of the motion. **(Motion carried 7-0)**.

Motion made by Councilwoman Smith, seconded by Councilwoman Spiegel to amend the amendment of the annual review to include a transfer. By consensus, all voted in favor of the motion. **(Motion carried 7-0)**.

Motion made by Councilman Pierre, seconded by Councilman Fleurimond, to adopt Resolution No. R2011-13 as amended. In a roll call vote, Councilwoman Smith and Councilman Fleurimond voted in the affirmative while Vice Mayor Kramer, Councilwoman Spiegel, Councilman Derose, Councilman Pierre and Mayor Rosner all voted in the negative. **(Motion failed 5-2)**.

Following this vote, Attorney Snyder respectfully requested that the Council reverse the change of zoning back to residential/office (RO). He explained that since the use was denied, we no longer have a desire to have the zoning change.

In response to Councilwoman Smith's inquiry as to why Attorney Snyder wanted the reverse the change of zoning, he responded that they have no use for it.

Reconsideration of Ordinance No. 2011-4 (Second and Final Reading)

Motion made by Councilwoman Smith, seconded by Councilman Derose, to reconsider Ordinance No. 2011-4 on Second and Final Reading. In a roll call vote, all voted in favor of the motion. **(Motion carried 7-0)**.

Attorney Snyder noted that the intended use for that location was for a detox center and was denied the use, so he and his client were requesting the zoning back to RO.

Motion made by Councilwoman Smith, seconded by Councilman Derose, to rezone from an RO to a B2 regarding Ordinance No. 2011-4 on Second and Final Reading. In a roll call vote, all voted in against the motion. **(Motion failed 7-0)**.

16. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Vice Mayor Kramer reminded everyone about the Community Festival and Water Fest on Sunday, April 10th with children's rides and activities. She thanked the Police Department for contributing the funds to the children's activities. She also noted that the Greater North Miami Beach Chamber of Commerce was hosting "Leads Over Lunch" on March 16th at 12 noon at the Chai Wok Restaurant. Vice Mayor Kramer spoke about bringing up the issue of transparency in spending residents' tax dollars at the Council Conference. She suggested that a policy be created, for everyone to contribute ideas, and to work together to discuss at the next Council Conference.

Councilwoman Spiegel noted that, through discussions with Acting City Manager Weisblum and the Finance Manager Andrew Fierman, pension contributions were now being paid on the 1st day of the payment period, which will save \$102,000 by the end of the year. She thanked them and the actuary for the information. She expressed condolences to the Magill Family, an employee who lost her husband and who was the brother to an old friend of hers. Councilwoman Spiegel reminded everyone about the Commission on the Status of Women and that the North Miami Beach Senior PTSA was hosting a "Women and Girls Health and Nutrition Expo" on March 26th 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the McDonald Center, free. She also reminded everyone about recycling.

Councilwoman Smith thanked the City Clerk Latimore for her presence at the meeting and Council Conference. She also thanked Acting City Weisblum for her efforts. She congratulated Chief Hernandez the next incoming president for the Miami-Dade Police Chiefs Associations. Councilwoman Smith announced the following: 1) Seniors' Meeting on Wednesday, March 16th at 9:00 a.m. 2) Vote in the upcoming election. 3) Meeting for Improving Building and Permitting on Wednesday, March 16th at 7:00 p.m. 4) South Florida Career Expo on March 25th at the Hilton Garden Inn, Miami Airport – www.miami.jobsdirectusa.com. 5) Business Expo and Networking Display Table at the New Port Honoring the Military on March 24th from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. She spoke of the following quote when she knocked on somebody's door - "You really know the value of water when the pail is empty." Prayers and thoughts to the Japanese.

Councilman Fleurimond noted appreciation to those who stayed for the meeting and those who were watching. He also noted that he had breakfast at Roasters and Toasters last week and spoke about meeting neighbors and getting involved. Councilman Fleurimond expressed condolences to those who lost family in Japan and encouraged volunteering and spending time with your family.

Councilman Derosé expressed heartfelt sympathy to the people of Japan and may god bless the country. He congratulated Chief Hernandez with his new position.

Councilman Pierre recognized those still in attendance of the meeting and watching. He reminded everyone of the Community Festival on Sunday, April 10th. He spoke about the Marty King case and wanting to find out who else was involved and to get every single penny back. He also encouraged everyone to visit the Library.

17. NEXT REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING – Tuesday, April 5, 2011

18. ADJOURNMENT - There being no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was adjourned at 1:32 a.m. on a motion made by Councilman Derosé and seconded by Councilman Pierre. By consensus, all voted in favor. (**Motion carried 7-0**).

ATTEST:

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Pamela L. Latimore
City Clerk