

# MINUTES

OF THE  
REGULAR  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING

FEBRUARY 3, 2009



PREPARED BY:  
SOLOMON ODENZ, CITY CLERK

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**MINUTES**

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

MAYOR	RAYMOND F. MARIN, PRESIDING
VICE MAYOR	PHILIPPE DEROSE
COUNCILWOMAN	PHYLLIS S. SMITH
COUNCILMAN	JAY R. CHERNOFF
COUNCILMAN	FRANTZ PIERRE
COUNCILMAN	JOHN PATRICK JULIEN (EXCUSED W/ CAUSE)
COUNCILMAN	MYRON ROSNER
CITY MANAGER	KELVIN L. BAKER
CITY ATTORNEY	DARCEE S. SIEGEL
CITY CLERK	SOLOMON ODENZ

**2. INVOCATION: RABBI RAPHAEL ROSENBERG  
SKYLAKE SYNAGOGUE**

**3. SALUTE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG.**

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

ADDITIONS - ITEM # 5(B)(1) – OPTIMIST CLUB PRESENTATION OF PLAQUE.

**5. APPOINTMENTS/PRESENTATIONS:**

**A. APPOINTMENTS:**

NONE

**B. PRESENTATIONS:**

**1. PRESENTATION BY THE NORTH MIAMI BEACH OPTIMIST CLUB.**

PRESENTATION OF PLAQUES WAS MADE BY AYANA HARRIS, CHEERLEADING COMMISSIONER, JOSE MARTI, PRESIDENT, AND GEORGE GABRIEL, NMB OPTIMIST COACH TO CHIEF RAPHAEL P. HERNANDEZ, PAULETTE MURPHY, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND RECREATION, AND THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JANUARY 20, 2009.

MOTION by COUNCILMAN CHERNOFF, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN SMITH, to APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 20, 2009. MOTION CARRIED.

7. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT - KELVIN L. BAKER:

- A. PRESENTATION OF THE PANZU PROGRAM BY LAURA KALLUS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.

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- B. PRESENTATION OF THE WEED AND SEED PROGRAM BY MICHAEL NOZILE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.

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8. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT – DARCEE S. SIEGEL:

- A. CITY ATTORNEY DARCEE S. SIEGEL UPDATED THE COUNCIL ON THE LOBBYIST ORDINANCE AND INFORMED THE COUNCIL THAT ORDINANCES REGARDING POLLING PLACES, EARLY VOTING, AND CHANGING THE DATE FOR RUN-OFFS WILL BE BROUGHT FORWARD DURING THE FEBRUARY 17<sup>TH</sup> COUNCIL MEETING. MRS. SIEGEL ALSO REMINDED THE COUNCIL OF THE SECOND CHARTER REVIEW WORKSHOP WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE ON FEBRUARY 9<sup>TH</sup> AT 6:30 P.M. ON THE 4<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR.

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AT THIS TIME, CITY CLERK SOL ODENZ REQUESTED A POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE AND TIME TO MAKE A STATEMENT. THE STATEMENT WAS ABOUT THE STEPPING DOWN AND RETIREMENT OF THE CITY CLERK (SEE ATTACHMENT TO THESE MINUTES FOR THE COMPLETE STATEMENT).

AFTER SOME DISCUSSION AND STATEMENTS MADE BY SOME CITY COUNCILMEMBERS THE FOLLOWING MOTION WAS MADE:

MOTION BY COUNCILMAN ROSNER, seconded by VICE MAYOR DEROSE, to ACCEPT MR. ODENZ RETIREMENT AS OF JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup> AS CLERK, TO APPOINT MR. ODENZ AS CITY HISTORIAN AND TO ANNOUNCE THE FORMATION OF A COMMITTEE TO ASSIST MR. ODENZ WITH THE HISTORY OF THE CITY AND IF MR. ODENZ DOES NOT COMPLETE THE PROJECT BY OCTOBER 31, 2009 THE COMMITTEE CHAIR AND THE COMMITTEE WILL CONTINUE THE PROJECT ON THEIR OWN, AND DURING THAT TIME MR. ODENZ WILL ASSIST A NEW CITY CLERK AT A TRANSITION. MOTION CARRIED.

by the following ROLL CALL VOTE:

VICE MAYOR DEROSE	YES	
COUNCILWOMAN SMITH	NO	
COUNCILMAN CHERNOFF	YES	(VOTE: 5 YES
COUNCILMAN PIERRE	YES	1 NO)
COUNCILMAN ROSNER	YES	
MAYOR MARIN	YES	

9. **SCHEDULED CITIZENS APPEARANCE:**

A. RICHARD RIESS  
23 N.W. 169 STREET  
NORTH MIAMI BEACH, FL.

RE: ACCOUNTABLE SERVANTS TO WHO?

10. **MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS:**

NONE

11. **WAIVER OF FEE:**

NONE

12. **BUSINESS TAX RECEIPT MATTERS - CITY CLERK:**

A. H2O DIVER, INC.  
d/b/a H2O DIVER  
14374 & 14382 BISCAYNE BOULEVARD  
NORTH MIAMI BEACH, FL.

ORLANDO RODRIGUEZ, PRESIDENT

RE: REQUEST APPROVAL OF A BUSINESS TAX RECEIPT FOR A PRIVATE  
SCHOOL (TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP).

MOTION by COUNCILMAN ROSNER, seconded by MAYOR MARIN to APPROVE the applicant's request. MOTION CARRIED.

13A. **ADMINISTRATION OF TESTIMONY OATH - CITY CLERK:**

**RECENT FLORIDA SUPREME COURT RULINGS REGARDING MUNICIPAL ZONING MATTERS REQUIRE ALL CITIZENS WHO WILL BE PRESENT BEFORE THE LEGISLATIVE BODY OR CITY COUNCIL TO FOLLOW THE RULE OF TESTIMONY OATH.**

13B. **LEGISLATION:**

**RESOLUTIONS (SERIATIM NO. R2009-10)**

**RESOLUTION NO. R2009-6**, entitled "A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A GRANT EXTENSION AGREEMENT WITH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND AN EXTENSION AGREEMENT WITH W.A.V. WEED AND SEED, INC., TO ENABLE THE EXPENDITURE OF REMAINING GRANT FUNDS AND CONTINUE THE WEED & SEED PROJECT", was introduced by MOTION OF COUNCILMAN CHERNOFF, seconded by COUNCILMAN ROSNER. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by COUNCILMAN ROSNER, seconded by COUNCILMAN PIERRE, to ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. R2009-6. MOTION CARRIED.

**13B . LEGISLATION - CONTINUED:**

**RESOLUTIONS – CONTINUED:**

**RESOLUTION NO. R2009-7**, entitled “A RESOLUTION THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH PANZOU PROJECT, INC. AND TO EXPEND REMAINING FEDERAL GRANT FUNDS TO CONTINUE THE “GANG REDUCTION PROJECT” THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2009”, was introduced by MOTION OF COUNCILMAN CHERNOFF, seconded by COUNCILMAN ROSNER. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by COUNCILMAN ROSNER, seconded by COUNCILMAN CHERNOFF , to ADOPT Resolution No. R2009-7. MOTION CARRIED.

**RESOLUTION NO. R2009-8**, entitled “A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, URGING THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO RENAME THE “OPA-LOCKA EXECUTIVE AIRPORT” THE “OPA-LOCKA-BARACK OBAMA EXECUTIVE AIRPORT” AND FURTHER DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO FORWARD THIS RESOLUTION TO THE CITY COMMISSION OF OPA-LOCKA AND TO EACH MUNICIPALITY WITHIN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY REQUESTING THE ADOPTION OF A SIMILAR RESOLUTION AND ENCOURAGING SUPPORT”, was introduced by MOTION OF COUNCILMAN CHERNOFF, seconded by COUNCILMAN PIERRE. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by COUNCILMAN CHERNOFF, seconded by COUNCILMAN PIERRE, to ADOPT Resolution No. R2009-8. MOTION CARRIED.

**RESOLUTION NO. R2009-9**, entitled “A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, COMMENDING AND SALUTING CAPTAIN CHESLEY B. (“SULLY”) SULLENBERGER III, OF U.S. AIRWAYS FLIGHT 1549, ITS CO-PILOT, AIRLINE ATTENDANTS AND CREW, PASSENGERS, AND ALL FIRST RESPONDERS, WHOSE COORDINATED PROFESSIONALISM AND ACTIONS AVERTED AN AIR TRAGEDY AND SAVED ALL LIVES”, was introduced by MOTION OF VICE MAYOR DEROSE, seconded by COUNCILMAN PIERRE. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by COUNCILWOMAN SMITH, seconded by VICE MAYOR DEROSE, to ADOPT Resolution No. R2009-9. MOTION CARRIED.

**ORDINANCES - FIRST READING, BY TITLE ONLY:**  
**(SERIATIM NO. 2009-4)**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2009-3**, entitled “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE POLICE OFFICERS AND FIREFIGHTERS RETIREMENT PLAN OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING SECTION 6.01(c) TO PROVIDE FOR THE USE OF PREMIUM TAX INCOME UNDER CHAPTER 175, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO FUND A SUPPLEMENTAL BENEFIT TO FIREFIGHTER MEMBERS OF THE RETIREMENT PLAN IN LIEU OF THE CONTINGENT COST OF LIVING BENEFITS PREVIOUSLY PROVIDED; 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”, was introduced by MOTION OF COUNCILMAN CHERNOFF, seconded by MAYOR MARIN ON ITS FIRST READING, BY TITLE ONLY. MOTION CARRIED.

**13B . LEGISLATION - CONTINUED:**

MOTION by COUNCILMAN CHERNOFF, seconded by MAYOR MARIN, to ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2009-3 ON ITS FIRST READING, BY TITLE ONLY. MOTION CARRIED.

**ORDINANCES - SECOND AND FINAL READING:**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2009-1**, entitled "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 14-12, RESIDENTIAL PERMITS AND INSPECTIONS, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, TO EXEMPT AND ELIMINATE SINGLE FAMILY AND DUPLEX UNITS FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE PROGRAM", was introduced BY MOTION OF COUNCILMAN CHERNOFF, seconded by COUNCILMAN PIERRE ON ITS SECOND AND FINAL READING. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by COUNCILMAN PIERRE, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN SMITH, to ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2009-1 ON ITS SECOND AND FINAL READING. MOTION CARRIED.  
By the following ROLL CALL VOTE:

VICE MAYOR DEROSE	YES	
COUNCILWOMAN SMITH	YES	
COUNCILMAN CHERNOFF	NO	(VOTE: 4 YES
COUNCILMAN PIERRE	YES	2 NO)
COUNCILMAN ROSNER	YES	
MAYOR MARIN	NO	

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Name of Party (ies) Appearing:

1. Frances Ricca  
1615 NE 174 Street  
North Miami Beach, FL

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**14. UNSCHEDULED CITIZENS APPEARANCES:**

A. MURIEL KEMP  
1479 NE 170 STREET  
NORTH MIAMI BEACH, FL

RE: WHERE DOES THE BUCK STOP.

B. GARY JEAN PHILIPPE  
1865 NE 167 STREET  
NORTH MIAMI BEACH, FL

RE: NMB GREAT PEOPLE.

C. FRANCES RICCA  
1615 NE 174 STREET  
NORTH MIAMI BEACH, FL

RE: BURGLARIES, PROGRAMS AND DOG TAGS FOR YOUTH.

14. **UNSCHEDULED CITIZENS APPEARANCES:**

D. CHARLES LOEB  
16800 NE 15 AVENUE  
NORTH MIAMI BEACH, FL

RE: COUNCIL CONFERENCE MEETINGS ON WEB IF POSSIBLE.

E. RICHARD REISS  
23 NW 169 STREET  
NORTH MIAMI BEACH, FL

RE: REPORTS

15. **CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

A. **VICE MAYOR DEROSE'S REPORT:**

1. VICE MAYOR DEROSE WISHED EVERYONE A GOOD NIGHT.

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B. **COUNCILWOMAN SMITH'S REPORT:**

1. COUNCILWOMAN SMITH STATED TO MR. ODENZ THAT NOW SHE KNOWS WHERE HE GETS HIS GOOD LOOKS FROM HIS SONS AND A HANDSOME FAMILY IT IS. COUNCILWOMAN SMITH INDICATED THAT AS THE LIAISON FOR THE LIBRARY THEY HAVE AN ENTIRE ROOM THAT IS DEDICATED TO ARTICLES AND PICTURES FOR THE HISTORIAN. THERE IS AN ENTIRE ROOM THAT THEY HANDLE EVERYTHING WITH GLOVES SO IF MR. ODENZ CAN TAKE HIMSELF OVER THERE AND GET FAMILIAR WITH WHAT THEY HAVE VERSES WHAT HE HAS SAVED AND ACCUMULATED. COUNCILWOMAN SMITH STATED THAT SHE HAS SAID SINCE DAY ONE THAT MR. ODENZ'S PERSONALITY WAS ALWAYS THE ONE THAT WOULD BE NERVOUS IF THE RECORDS WERE NOT THE WAY THE RECORDS WERE. COUNCILWOMAN SMITH INDICATED THAT SHE KNEW MR. ODENZ' PERSONALITY AND HE KNEW HERS, THAT IT WAS EATING HER. COUNCILWOMAN SMITH STATED THAT THEY SAT TOGETHER AND MR. ODENZ SAID THAT HE WOULD SERVE ALL SEVEN COUNCIL PEOPLE INCLUDING COUNCILWOMAN SMITH AS LONG AS HE WAS HERE. COUNCILWOMAN SMITH INDICATED THAT SHE APPRECIATED THE MUTUAL RESPECT AND THEY DO HAVE A MUTUAL RESPECT. COUNCILWOMAN SMITH STATED THAT IT IS FUNNY BECAUSE SHE HAS HAD A WHOLE WEEK OF BEING ON THE SIDE OF SOMETHING SHE IS NOT ACCUSTOMED FOR EVERYBODY NOT TO COME IN A ROOM AND END UP HAPPY. COUNCILWOMAN SMITH INDICATED THAT IS HER LIFE AND THAT HAS ALWAYS BEEN HER LIFE AND SHE DID NOT UNDERSTAND HOW THIS WAS ALL HITTING HER IN THE CITY. IT IS ONE ISSUE, IT IS OTHER ISSUES, IT IS OTHER THINGS THEY ARE WORKING ON AND HER DAUGHTER SAID TO HER, AS YOU ALL KNOW COUNCILWOMAN SMITH LOST HER BROTHER 7 MONTHS AGO AND SHE PROMISED HER BROTHER THAT SHE WOULD NEVER CHANGE AND HER DAUGHTER SAID TO HER YESTERDAY "MOM MAYBE IT IS UNCLE LENNY TESTING YOU TO SEE IF YOU WILL CHANGE". COUNCILWOMAN SMITH STATED THAT SHE IS SORRY SHE CANNOT CHANGE. COUNCILWOMAN SMITH INDICATED THAT WHAT SHE

15. **CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS - CONTINUED:**

B. **COUNCILWOMAN SMITH'S REPORT - CONTINUED:**

KNOWS YOU WILL KNOW AND THEY ARE GOING TO WORK TOGETHER AS THEY ALWAYS HAVE AND MAKE A BETTER CITY FOR EVERYONE OF THESE RESIDENTS.

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2. COUNCILWOMAN SMITH STATED THAT AS MR. LOEB SAID SHE WILL NOT BE HERE FOR THE CHARTER REVIEW. THERE ARE DATES THAT ARE INVOLVED WITH NOTIFYING THE PUBLIC, THERE ARE DATES INVOLVED BY THEM VOTING FOR THE RESOLUTION TO PUT IT ON THE BALLOT FOR MAY AND THERE ARE DATES. COUNCILWOMAN SMITH INDICATED THAT HER DATE IS MONDAY THE 9<sup>TH</sup> AND SHE WILL BE A GRANDMOTHER FOR THE FIRST TIME AND THAT IS NOT IN THIS STATE. IT IS OUT OF STATE. COUNCILWOMAN SMITH STATED THAT SHE HAS GIVEN A LOT TO THIS CITY IN HER TENURE AND SHE WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO BUT THIS IS ONE THING SHE HAS WAITED HER WHOLE LIFE FOR AND SHE WILL BE WITH HER SON AND DAUGHTER-IN-LAW AND NEW GRANDBABY. COUNCILWOMAN SMITH STATED THAT SHE WILL SPEND TIME WITH THE CITY ATTORNEY AND GIVE SOME THOUGHTS SHE HAS AND SHE WILL BE THERE AS MUCH AS SHE CAN WITHOUT PHYSICALLY BEING THERE. COUNCILWOMAN SMITH WISHED EVERYBODY A HAPPY VALENTINES DAY AND ENCOURAGED EVERYBODY TO TRY AND COME TO THE SOC. COUNCILWOMAN SMITH INDICATED THAT SHE HAS ALWAYS COME AND REMARRIED AND STOOD NEXT TO MAYOR MARIN AND HIS WIFE AND THEY HAVE ALWAYS EXCHANGED VOWS. COUNCILWOMAN SMITH INDICATED THAT SHE DID NOT MARRY MAYOR MARIN AND HER HUSBAND DID NOT MARRY MAYOR MARIN'S WIFE THEY MARRIED THEIR SPOUSES BUT THIS YEAR SHE WILL BE WITH HER NEW GRANDBABY SO EVERYBODY GO AND HAVE A GOOD TIME AND REPORT BACK TO HER. COUNCILWOMAN SMITH WISHED MRS. HARRIET ORR A HAPPY RETIREMENT AND WISHED EVERYBODY A GOODNIGHT.

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C. **COUNCIL CHERNOFF'S REPORT:**

1. COUNCILMAN CHERNOFF CONGRATULATED COUNCILWOMAN SMITH AND THE SMITH FAMILY AND INDICATED WHAT A BLESSED EVENT COUNCILMAN CHERNOFF HOPES IT ALL GOES WELL. COUNCILMAN CHERNOFF STATED TO MR. ODENZ THAT HE BEGRUDGINGLY VOTED FOR WHAT MR. ODENZ ASKED FOR. COUNCILMAN CHERNOFF INDICATED THAT HE IS NOT HAPPY ABOUT IT AND TO MR. ODENZ'S FAMILY, TO CHARLIE, TO PHILLIP, TO MR. ODENZ'S SISTER, AND TO MR. ODENZ'S GIRLFRIEND THEY ARE GOING TO BE SAD TO MISS MR. ODENZ. COUNCILMAN CHERNOFF STATED THAT MR. ODENZ HAS BEEN AN INTRICATE PART OF THIS FAMILY. COUNCILMAN CHERNOFF KNOWS MR. ODENZ'S SONS FOR 18 YEARS THAT HE HAS SERVED. THEY WERE A LOT LITTLER THAN THEY ARE NOW THEY ARE GROWN MEN NOW AND IT IS A BIG DEAL FOR THEM TO COME AND SEE THEIR FATHER RETIRE. IT IS A MILESTONE THAT WE ALL GET TO AND HOPE TO GET TO AT ONE POINT. COUNCILMAN CHERNOFF STATED THAT IF IT IS ON MR. ODENZ'S TERMS THEN HE IS HAPPY TO VOTE FOR IT, BUT IF IT IS NOT THEN HE IS NOT HAPPY TO VOTE FOR IT. COUNCILMAN

15. **CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS - CONTINUED:**

C. **COUNCIL CHERNOFF'S REPORT - CONTINUED:**

CHERNOFF INDICATED THAT MR. ODENZ IS A DEAR FRIEND AND COUNCILMAN CHERNOFF LOOKS FORWARD TO MR. ODENZ DOING HISTORY. COUNCILMAN CHERNOFF KNOWS THAT JEANETTE CAMPBELL WAS THE ONE WHO PROMISED TO DO THE HISTORY AND HE KNOWS THAT SHE DELIVERED IT TO MR. ODENZ IN A BOX AND IT WAS NOT VERY ORGANIZED BUT THEN YOU KNOW THOSE THINGS HAPPEN. COUNCILMAN CHERNOFF STATED THAT, AT LEAST, MR. ODENZ IS OFFERING TO DO IT WHILE HE IS CAPABLE OF DOING IT AND THEY ARE VERY HAPPY ABOUT THAT. COUNCILMAN CHERNOFF THANKED MR. ODENZ AGAIN FOR ALL THE YEARS, FOR THE 32 YEARS THAT HE HAS GIVEN TO THE CITY.

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2. COUNCILMAN CHERNOFF EXPRESSED HIS APOLOGIES TO MRS. HARRIET ORR FOR NOT BEING ABLE TO ATTEND HER RETIREMENT PARTY. COUNCILMAN CHERNOFF INDICATED THAT HE SITS ON THE SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL THAT HAD A HEARING FROM 9 O'CLOCK TO 3:30 IN THE AFTERNOON THEY NEVER LAST MORE THAN TILL 12 IN THE AFTERNOON AND HE PLANNED ON BEING HERE. UNFORTUNATELY IT WAS ON A PROPERTY CALLED THE DAVIE COMMONS WHICH IS TRYING TO GO ON A 152 ACRES OFF OF I-75 AND WESTON BOULEVARD OR ROYAL PALM BOULEVARD ON THE EAST SIDE WHICH IS IN DAVIE. THE DAVIE TOWN COUNCIL VOTED FOR IT, THE WESTERN TOWN COUNCIL VOTED AGAINST IT. THEY ARE SEPARATED BY I-75 WHICH FALLS IN DAVIE AND THE HEARING WENT FROM 9 TILL 12 AND ALL IT WAS A TRANSMITTAL SO IT DID NOT EVEN NEED TO BE A HEARING. COUNCILMAN CHERNOFF STATED TO MRS. ORR THAT SHE IS TRULY GOING TO BE MISSED. SHE DID A GREAT JOB FOR THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT AND THEY KNOW THAT SHE IS ALSO RETIRING AT A GREAT TIME WHEN SHE CAN ENJOY HER GRANDCHILDREN, AND PLEASE ENJOY THEM, GIVE THEM HUGS AND KISSES AND THEY ARE GOING TO MISS HER.

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3. COUNCILMAN CHERNOFF STATED THAT HE DOES PROUDLY PLAN ON REPRESENTING THE CITY AND RUNNING FOR RE-ELECTION. COUNCILMAN CHERNOFF INDICATED THAT ANYBODY WHO WOULD LIKE CALENDAR BY THE NORTH MIAMI BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT, AND NO THEY ARE NOT NAKED OR UNDRRESSED. THEY ARE GIVING THEM OUT. EACH COUNCIL PERSON GOT ABOUT 20 OF THEM AND HE THINKS THE POLICE DEPARTMENT HAS A LOT OF THEM SO IF YOU WOULD LIKE A 2009 CALENDAR OF THEIR POLICE DEPARTMENT TO DISPLAY PROUDLY PLEASE SEE ANY OF THEM.

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D. **COUNCILMAN PIERRE'S REPORT:**

1. COUNCILMAN PIERRE CONGRATULATED COUNCILWOMAN SMITH FOR BEING A GRANDMOTHER. COUNCILMAN PIERRE STATED THAT HE HAS GREAT RESPECT FOR GRANDMOTHER BECAUSE HE WAS RAISED FOR THE MOST PART BY A GRANDMOTHER SO HE KNOWS WHAT IT IS LIKE TO BE A GRANDMOTHER AND HE KNOWS THAT COUNCILWOMAN SMITH IS GOING TO BE A GREAT ONE.

15. **CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS - CONTINUED:**

D. **COUNCILMAN PIERRE'S REPORT - CONTINUED:**

COUNCILMAN PIERRE THANKED MR. ODENZ FOR EVERYTHING HE HAS DONE FOR THE CITY. AT THIRTY SOME YEARS IN SOMEBODY'S LIFE IT IS MORE THAN A JOB IT IS A LIFETIME COMMITMENT AND COUNCILMAN PIERRE THANKED HIM FOR EVERYTHING HE HAS DONE FOR THE CITY.

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2. COUNCILMAN PIERRE STATED TO THE CONSTITUENTS OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH THAT THIS COMING MONDAY AT 6:30 P.M. THEY HAVE A CHARTER REVIEW. COUNCILMAN PIERRE INDICATED THAT HE HAS SPOKEN WITH A LOT OF YOU AND YOU HAVE MADE SOME RECOMMENDATIONS AND HE SEES THAT MANY OF THEM COULD BE ON THE BALLOT SO IT IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO COME AND SHARE YOUR VIEW. WHATEVER YOU LIKE, YOU DO NOT LIKE, MAKE YOUR POINT THAT'S YOUR TIME. YOU HAVE 7 PEOPLE TO REPRESENT YOU AND THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO REPRESENT YOURSELF. MONDAY 6:30 UPSTAIRS THEY WILL BE WAITING FOR YOU AND COUNCILMAN PIERRE WISHED THAT GOD BLESS YOU AND HE LOVES YOU ALL.

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E. **COUNCILMAN ROSNER'S REPORT:**

1. COUNCILMAN ROSNER CONGRATULATED MR. ODENZ ON HIS DECISION TO RETIRE AND WISHED HIM ALL THE BEST. COUNCILMAN ROSNER STATED THAT HE KNOWS THAT THE CITY MANAGER'S C.A.R.E. PACKAGE IS WORKING ON A CAREFUL ASSESSMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENSES. COUNCILMAN ROSNER INDICATED THAT HE KNOWS THAT IT IS A CONTINUAL PROJECT AND THAT HE KNOWS THAT MR. BAKER IS GOING TO CONTINUE TO ANALYZE AND TAKE APART THE BUDGET AND MR. BAKER IS DEALING IN EACH DEPARTMENT AND SLOWLY DOING HIS WORK IN A METICULOUS MANNER. COUNCILMAN ROSNER STATED THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO ADD TO THE COUNCIL AGENDA FOR THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING A DISCUSSION WITH HIS COLLEAGUES ABOUT A FORENSIC AUDIT. COUNCILMAN ROSNER THINKS THAT THEY SHOULD DISCUSS IT UPSTAIRS AND SEE IF IT IS THE CASE THAT THEY NEED TO GO BACKWARDS TO GO FORWARD AND IF THEY CAN ADD IT TO THE AGENDA.

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2. COUNCILMAN ROSNER INDICATED TO COUNCILWOMAN SMITH A MAZALTOV FOR NEXT WEEK AND ENCOURAGED HER TO ENJOY. COUNCILMAN ROSNER STATED THAT DR. MARTHA BURKE FROM FULFORD CHURCH HAS TOLD HIM THAT THERE MIGHT STILL BE SOME RESIDENTS IN OUR CITY THAT WERE AFFECTED BY THE HURRICANES AND THEIR CHURCH STILL HELPS AND THEY ARE CLOSING OUT A PROJECT TO HELP SOME HURRICANE VICTIMS. THERE IS STILL SOME MONEY LEFT. COUNCILMAN ROSNER INDICATED THAT THE CARIBBEAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE HAS BEEN HEAVILY ENGAGED AND THEY HAVE SOMEBODY WHO HAS COME ON BOARD BY THE NAME OF PETER CARLIN PAUL WHO REALLY HAS DONE A WONDERFUL JOB OF GETTING THE COMMITTEES' 2009 AGENDA MOVING FORWARD. COUNCILMAN ROSNER STATED THAT JANUARY 28 THEY HELD A TAXES WORKSHOP AND BASICALLY IT

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E. COUNCILMAN ROSNER'S REPORT - CONTINUED:

WAS TO DISCUSS WITH RESIDENTS EXPLANATIONS ON HOW TO PREPARE FOR THEIR TAXES, WHERE THEY CAN GET THEIR TAXES DONE FOR FREE. COUNCILMAN ROSNER INDICATED THAT FEBRUARY 11 AT 6:30 P.M. AT THE MCDONALD CENTER THERE IS GOING TO BE A BLACK HISTORY MONTH DINNER AND EVERYBODY IS WELCOME. THERE IS A DINNER THAT IS DONE IN COLLABORATION WITH H.Y.O.T. WHICH IS THE HAITIAN YOUTH OF TOMORROW. THE DINNER IS BEING SPONSORED BY THEM AND IT IS FREE AND IT SHOULD BE QUITE ENJOYABLE. IT IS GOING TO BE FEBRUARY THE 11<sup>TH</sup> AT 6:30 P.M. COUNCILMAN ROSNER STATED THAT ON MARCH 25<sup>TH</sup> FROM 1 TILL 5 THEY ARE GOING TO DO SOMETHING A LITTLE DIFFERENT OTHER THAN A JOB FAIR THEY ARE GOING TO DO SOMETHING CALLED RETOOLING YOURSELF FOR TOMORROWS JOB MARKET. THEY WILL BE RECEIVING HELP FROM THEIR CITY MANAGER, THEIR HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT, THE PARKS AND RECREATION, THEY ARE PARTNERING WITH THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, AND THEY ARE ALSO WAITING FOR SALLY HEYMANS OFFICE TO SEE IF, HOPEFULLY, HER OFFICE WILL BE INVOLVED IN TRYING TO OFFER THEIR RESIDENTS THE OPPORTUNITY TO GET READY FOR TOMORROWS JOB MARKET. COUNCILMAN ROSNER STATED THAT TIMES ARE OBVIOUSLY NOT THE SAME AS THEY WERE AND EVERYBODY NEEDS TO PREPARE IN A DIFFERENT MANNER FOR TOMORROWS JOB MARKET. WHETHER IT IS THE FEDERAL JOBS THAT ARE COMING DOWN THE PIKE THAT ARE LEADING TO STATE JOBS TO LOCAL JOBS. COUNCILMAN ROSNER INDICATED THAT HE THINKS IT HAS TO DO WITH TRYING TO HELP OUR RESIDENTS HERE. COUNCILMAN ROSNER STATED THAT IN APRIL THEY ARE GOING TO HAVE A SENIOR DINNER AND WHAT THEY ARE TRYING TO DO THERE IS PUT TOGETHER A CANDIDATE'S FORUM EVENING AND THAT WILL BE AT 6:30 THE CANDIDATES FOR THE ELECTION COMING UP WILL BE INVITED. IN MAY, MAY 1<sup>ST</sup> IS HAITIAN HERITAGE DINNER, THE ENTIRE MONTH OF MAY IS REGARDING THE HAITIAN COMMUNITY AND THAT WILL BE AT 6:30. ON JUNE 17<sup>TH</sup> THEY ARE BASICALLY GOING TO HELP PEOPLE PREPARE FOR COLLEGE SO IT WILL BE A COLLEGE PREPARATION WORKSHOP.

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- 3 COUNCILMAN ROSNER STATED TO THE CITY MANAGER THAT THE SURVEY THAT THE CITY HAS DONE COUNCILMAN ROSNER HAS NOTICED THAT ONLINE THEY HAVE A CITIZENS SURVEY AND ASKED IF IT IS STILL GOING ON. COUNCILMAN ROSNER INDICATED THAT ANYONE THAT WAS NOT CALLED THERE IS A CITIZENS SURVEY ONLINE. YOU CAN CLICK ON IT RESPOND TO IT AND IT GETS TURNED IN. COUNCILMAN ROSNER STATED EVERYBODY THERE IS A CITIZENS SURVEY IT HAS THE SAME LIST OF QUESTIONS THAT FREDERICKS IS DOING AND ANYBODY WHO WANTS TO ANSWER IT IS ONLINE.

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15. **CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS - CONTINUED:**

E. **COUNCILMAN ROSNER'S REPORT - CONTINUED:**

- 4 COUNCILMAN ROSNER STATED THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO DIVERT A LITTLE BIT BECAUSE IT IS OBVIOUSLY A VERY HEAVY EVENING. COUNCILMAN ROSNER INDICATED THAT HIS WIFE GAVE HIM A COPY OF SOMETHING THAT HIS SON WROTE AND HE WOULD LIKE TO READ IT. COUNCILMAN ROSNER STATED THAT IT IS MA RAISON D'ETRE, MY REASON FOR BEING. COUNCILMAN ROSNER INDICATED THAT IT WAS WRITTEN BY HIS SON JEREMY WHO IS FOURTEEN YEARS OLD AND IT IS CALLED PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY. COUNCILMAN ROSNER THEN READ THE FOLLOWING: SOME PEOPLE SAY I AM A BRIGHT LITTLE BOY USUALLY BECAUSE I SAY BIG WORDS THAT IMPRESS ADULTS BECAUSE NOT THAT MANY ADOLESCENTS KNOW HUGE BIG WORDS THAT I KNOW. OTHERS SAY I AM SMART BECAUSE I CAN SOLVE A MATH PROBLEM IN A FLASH. I FEEL I AM SMART AND INTELLIGENT BECAUSE I WELL ROUNDED IN EDUCATION. IN WRITING I AM SITUATED WITH LITERARY TERMS. A LITERARY TERM KNOWN AS A SIMILE COMPARES TWO THINGS WITH LIKE OR AS. A SIMILE TO DESCRIBE MY INTELLIGENCE IS THAT GOOD GRADES AND I ARE LIKE PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY. NO MATTER WHAT ANYONE IN AMERICA OR MY FAMILY DOES I AM GOING TO FOLLOW MY OWN DESTINY. I AM PLANNING TO GO TO HARVARD AND BECOME A LAWYER. WHEN THE GOING GETS TOUGH THE TOUGH GETS GOING. THAT IS THE QUOTE THAT IS GOING TO KEEP ME GOING FOR MANY YEARS. I AM NOT DROPPING OUT OF SCHOOL EVEN WHEN THE WORK SEEMS IMPOSSIBLE. I WILL STRIVE FOR SUCCESS. I WILL NOT BE A DISGRACE TO MY CHILDREN AND MY FAMILY. I WANT THEM TO POINT AT ME IN SCHOOL AND SAY THAT IS MY FATHER IN A PROUD WAY. I HAVE A LOT TO LIVE UP TO. MY FATHER IS A CITY COUNCILMAN AND NOW RUNNING FOR MAYOR. ALSO HE HAS A BUSINESS HE HAS A CONSTRUCTION COMPANY. MY MOTHER IS A JUDGE. SHE IS SORT OF MY ROLE MODEL. MOMMY GAVE ME THE DREAM TO BE A LAWYER. YOU HAVE TO BE A LAWYER FOR AT LEAST FIVE YEARS TO BE A JUDGE. MY MOTHER AND FATHER SUCCESS IS MY GATEWAY TO MY SUCCESS. MOMMY AND DADDY ARE THE PEOPLE WHO ARE GOING TO ENCOURAGE ME TO PURSUE MY DREAMS. MY DREAMS ARE PEANUT BUTTER AND MY GOALS ARE JELLY THEY WILL STICK TOGETHER. COUNCILMAN ROSNER THANKED AND WISHED EVERYBODY A GOOD NIGHT.

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F. **MAYOR MARIN'S REPORT:**

1. MAYOR MARIN CONGRATULATED COUNCILWOMAN SMITH AND EXPRESSED TO HER THAT SHE IS REALLY GOING TO ENJOY THEM AND HE HOPES THAT SHE REALLY HAS A DEEP POCKETBOOK BECAUSE IT IS GOING TO COME OUT.

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2. MAYOR MARIN STATED TO MR. ODENZ THAT THEY HAVE HAD THE DISCUSSION QUITE A NUMBER OF TIMES AND MR. ODENZ KNOWS HOW MAYOR MARIN FEELS ABOUT HIM. HOW HE FEELS ABOUT MR. ODENZ RETIREMENT AND HE WISHED HIM THE BEST IN THE FUTURE.

15. CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS - CONTINUED:

F. MAYOR MARIN'S REPORT - CONTINUED:

MAYOR MARIN INDICATED THAT HE KNOWS WHAT MR. ODENZ IS GOING TO DO ON THE HISTORY OF THE CITY IS GOING TO BE TERRIFIC AND MAYOR MARIN KNOWS MR. ODENZ IS GOING TO FINISH IT ON TIME.

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3. MAYOR MARIN CONGRATULATED MRS. HARRIET ORR ON HER RETIREMENT AND INDICATED THAT SHE HAS DEDICATED 25 YEARS TO THE CITY. MAYOR MARIN STATED THAT MRS. ORR REALLY DID TAKE THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT TO A NEW LEVEL AND SHE HAS REALLY GREAT GRANDCHILDREN AND A NEW ONE ON THE WAY.

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4. MAYOR MARIN STATED THAT IT IS NOW THE POLITICAL SEASON AND EVERYONE IS RUNNING FOR OFFICE AND EVERYONE'S SIGNS ARE GOING UP. MAYOR MARIN INDICATED THAT HE NORMALLY DOES NOT COMPLAIN ABOUT THIS BUT HE NEEDS TO. MAYOR MARIN STATED THAT HE WANTS THE PUBLIC TO UNDERSTAND THAT A LOT OF THEM PUT SIGNS UP AROUND THE CITY TO ADVERTISE THEIR NAMES AND TO REMIND YOU THAT THERE IS AN ELECTION COMING UP AND FOR YOU TO VOTE FOR THE PERSON THAT YOU FEEL IS BEST. MAYOR MARIN STATED THAT A LOT OF PEOPLE THINK THAT WHEN PEOPLE PUT UP SIGNS THAT, BY TEARING THEM DOWN, THEY THINK THEY ARE BEING CUTE OR YOU THINK YOU ARE BEING WHATEVER BUT YOU KNOW WHAT YOU ARE DOING IS DESTROYING PERSONAL PROPERTY. MAYOR MARIN INDICATED THAT THEY ARE AWARE OF TWO PEOPLE THAT ARE JUMPING OUT OF A VAN. THE POLICE ARE AWARE OF IT. MAYOR MARIN STATED THAT THEY HAVE NOT CAUGHT YOU BUT YOU WILL BE CAUGHT AND YOU WILL BE PROSECUTED. MAYOR MARIN STATED THAT WHOEVER IS DOING IT IS DOING IT VERY MALICIOUSLY AND HE CAN ONLY SPEAK FOR HIMSELF. HIS CAR ON SATURDAY WAS KEYED AND HAD A SIGN ON IT AND UNFORTUNATELY HE HAS TO TAKE HIS CAR IN NOW AND GET IT PAINTED AT HIS EXPENSE PLUS THE INSURANCE COMPANY. MAYOR MARIN STATED THAT IS A SERIOUS MATTER AND WHOEVER IS DOING IT MAYOR MARIN HAS TO TELL YOU THAT YOU OUGHT TO THINK ABOUT IT TWICE. YOU ARE REALLY STOOPING TO A NEW LOW LIFE A NEW LEVEL IN LIFE AND IT IS REALLY LOW. MAYOR MARIN INDICATED THAT WHOEVER IS DOING IT YOU ARE GOING TO GET CAUGHT SO BE CAREFUL AND WHOEVER IS ENCOURAGING YOU TO DO IT WHEN YOU GET CAUGHT IS GOING TO BE LINKED.

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5. MAYOR MARIN STATED THAT FEBRUARY 14<sup>TH</sup> IS VALENTINES DAY AND HE INVITES YOU DOWNSTAIRS TO THE MCDONALD CENTER WERE A LOT OF THEM TAKE THEIR VOWS ALL OVER AGAIN THIS YEAR... MAYBE HE WILL GET IT REAFFIRMED, BUT IF NOT LIFE GOES ON. MAYOR MARIN STATED THAT THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING IS FEBRUARY 17.

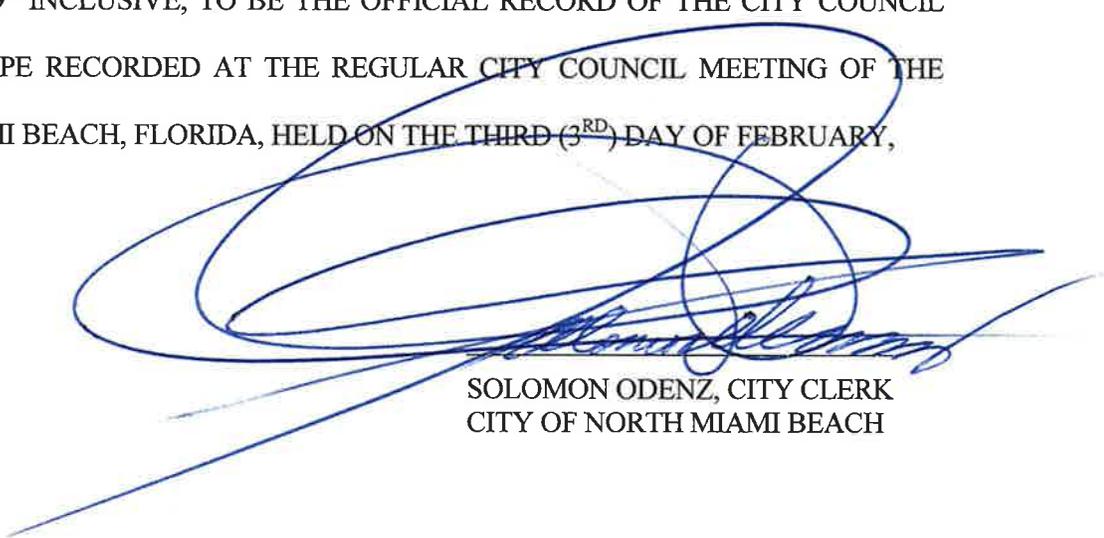
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THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH, THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH WAS ADJOURNED AT 10:23 PM.

CERTIFICATION

I, SOLOMON ODENZ, CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING MINUTES, PAGES ONE (1) THROUGH PAGE THIRTEEN (13) PLUS ONE ATTACHMENT CONSISTING OF SIX (6) PAGES ENTITLED "RETIREMENT STATEMENT: SOLOMON ODENZ, CITY CLERK, CMC, NORTH MIAMI BEACH, FL, FEBRUARY 3, 2009" 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 THIRD (3<sup>RD</sup>) DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2009.

(SEAL)



SOLOMON ODENZ, CITY CLERK  
CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH

**RETIREMENT STATEMENT:**

**SOLOMON ODENZ, CITY CLERK, CMC**

**NORTH MIAMI BEACH, FL**

**FEBRUARY 3, 2009**

**MR. MAYOR, MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE GREAT CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH. IT HAS BEEN SAID THAT THERE IS A TIME AND A PLACE FOR EVERYTHING IN THIS LIFE ON THIS PLANET. IT HAS ALSO BEEN SAID THAT THERE IS A TIME TO BE BORN, A TIME TO LIVE AND A TIME TO DIE. I HAVE BEEN LOOKING DEEPLY INTO MY SOUL AND HAVE INTERACTED WITH MY FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND MY LOVED ONE AND HAVE REACHED A DECISION ABOUT MY LIFE.**

**FOR THE PAST ALMOST 32 YEARS IN THIS LIFE, I HAVE BEEN A DEDICATED, RESPONSIBLE, LOYAL, TRUSTWORTHY, AND PROFICIENT, PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEE OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH AND I HAVE SERVED ALL MAYORS, CITY COUNCILS, CITY ATTORNEYS, AND CITY MANAGERS, CITY EMPLOYEES AND THOUSANDS OF RESIDENTS OF THE**

**ENTIRE COMMUNITY OF THE CNMB IN THE SAME MANNER. I HAVE SERVED 6 MAYORS, 22 CITY COUNCIL PERSONS, 7 CITY ATTORNEYS, 9 CITY MANAGERS AND COUNTLESS CITY EMPLOYEES AND RESIDENTS OF THE CNMB, AND I HAVE DEEPLY, DEEPLY APPRECIATED AND DERIVED MUCH LEARNING AND LIFE EXPERIENCES FROM ALL WITH WHOM I HAVE COME IN CONTACT.**

**I HAVE ALSO ADMINISTERED 32 ELECTIONS, INCLUSIVE OF THE PRESENT ELECTION, WHICH WE ARE IN THE MIDST OF CONDUCTING. MY ACHIEVEMENTS AS THE CITY CLERK OF THE CNMB SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES. THE CHALLENGES HAVE BEEN MANY AND THE CNMB AS A WHOLE WILL CONTINUE TO GROW AND EXPERIENCE MANY MORE CHALLENGES AS IT PROCEEDS THROUGH ITS RECORDED HISTORY THROUGHOUT THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY.**

**I HAVE BEEN PROUD TO SERVE THE GREAT CNMB WHOSE MOTTO IS "WHERE PEOPLE CARE". MANY OF US STARTED TOGETHER IN THE LATE 1970S AND ALL THE PEOPLE WHO CAME BEFORE US AND AFTER US HAVE WORKED VERY**

**HARD TO GET THE CITY TO WHERE IT IS TODAY. THEY, TOO, DEEPLY CARED AND CONTINUE TO CARE ABOUT THIS CITY AND THEY SHOULD ALWAYS BE ADMIRER, REMEMBERED, RESPECTED AND THANKED FOR WHAT THEY DID AND CONTINUE TO DO. EVERYONE MENTIONED HERE IS AND HAS BEEN PART OF ONE BIG TEAM.**

**AS THE CITY MANAGER RECENTLY STATED IN AUGUST 2008 THAT THIS FIELD OF ENDEAVOR IS HIS PROFESSIONAL CAREER, I, TOO, SHARE THE SAME PHILOSOPHY AS THIS HAS BEEN MY PROFESSIONAL CAREER WHICH I HAVE DEDICATED LOYALLY TO THE CNMB FOR APPROXIMATELY 32 YEARS.**

**DURING MY PUBLIC SERVICE AS THE CITY CLERK, ONE OF MY DUTIES HAS BEEN IN THE FIELD OF RECORDS MANAGEMENT. I HAVE ALWAYS BEEN VERY PROTECTIVE OF KEEPING DOCUMENTS OR RECORDS, WHICH HAVE HISTORICAL VALUE. THROUGHOUT MY 32 YEARS AS YOUR CITY CLERK I HAVE EXERTED MANY EFFORTS IN KEEPING AS MUCH OF OUR CITY'S HISTORY AS POSSIBLE, BUT HAVE**

**NOT HAD SUFFICIENT RESOURCES OR TIME NEEDED TO PRODUCE A COMPREHENSIVE AND COMPLETE HISTORY OF THE GREAT CNMB. IN ADDITION, I HAVE ALWAYS BEEN A STUDENT OF HISTORY.**

**I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS MOMENT IN MY LIFE TO THANK MY FAMILY, MY FRIENDS, MY STAFF, MY FELLOW EMPLOYEES, AND THE RESIDENTS AND CITIZENS IN THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE OF THE GREAT CNMB FOR ALL THEIR SUPPORT AND UNDERSTANDING THROUGHOUT MY LIFE IN THE CNMB, AND, IN PARTICULAR, ALL THE MAYORS, CITY COUNCILS WHICH I HAVE SERVED AND AM PRESENTLY SERVING.**

**I WANT TO ALSO THANK ALL THE CITY MANAGERS, CITY ATTORNEYS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS. A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO HOWARD B LENARD, WHO WAS ALWAYS TOUGH AND TRUTHFUL ON THE ISSUES, AND KIND AND CONSIDERATE IN HIS FRIENDSHIP. TO DARCEE SIEGEL, ANOTHER SPECIAL THANK YOU, FOR ALL THE HARD, HARD WORK, WHICH I HAVE ALWAYS KNOWN HER TO PERFORM**

**AND THE WONDERFUL RESULTS SHE HAS PRODUCED FOR  
OUR CITY AND WHICH SHE CONTINUES TO DO SO. I WISH  
HER AND HER FAMILY ALL THAT THEY WISH FOR  
THEMSELVES.**

**THEREFORE, BASED UPON THE STATEMENTS THAT I HAVE  
MADE I WISH TO ANNOUNCE MY INTENTION TO RETIRE AND  
STEP DOWN AS THE CITY CLERK EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2009.**

**THEREAFTER, I RESPECTFULLY REQUEST TO BE APPOINTED  
AS THE CITY HISTORIAN SO THAT I MAY PRODUCE THE  
HISTORY OF THE CNMB IN DIGITIZED FORM AND THUS BE  
TRANSPARENT TO THE CNMB, AND EFFECTIVELY LEAVE ON  
OCTOBER 31, 2009.**

**IN ORDER TO HAVE A SMOOTH AND ORDERLY TRANSITION  
AFTER I STEP DOWN AS THE CITY CLERK, I STAND READY,  
WILLING AND ABLE TO BE AVAILABLE AND  
COOPERATIVELY ASSIST THE NEW CITY CLERK.**

**SO MAYOR MARIN, COUNCILMAN JULIEN, C/ROSNER,  
C/CHERNOFF, VICE MAYOR DEROSE, C/SMITH, AND**

**C/PIERRE I THANK YOU VERY MUCH, I THANK THE  
RESIDENTS AND CITIZENS OF CNMB FOR GIVING ME THE  
OPPORTUNITY OF PUBLICLY SERVING YOUR COMMUNITY.  
I THANK YOU FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY PASSIONATE,  
SINCERE, AND HONEST HEART. THEREFORE I WOULD  
APPRECIATE IF YOU WOULD HONOR ME BY MAKING A  
MOTION TO APPROVE MY REQUEST TO 1) INTEND TO RETIRE  
AND STEP DOWN AS THE CITY CLERK JUNE 1, 2009 AND 2) BE  
APPOINTED BY RESOLUTION AS CITY HISTORIAN UNTIL MY  
LAST DAY OF OCTOBER 31, 2009.**

**GOD BLESS THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND GOD  
BLESS THE CNMB FOR ALL THAT IT HAS DONE FOR MY LIFE,  
MY FAMILY AND MY WORK.**

**THANK YOU!**