



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

**SEPTEMBER 6, 2011**  
**BUDGET HEARING MINUTES**

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:12 p.m. Present at the meeting were Mayor George Vallejo, Vice Mayor Philippe Derosé and Council Members Barbara Kramer, Marlen Martell, Frantz Pierre, Phyllis S. Smith, and Beth E. Spiegel. Also present were City Manager Lyndon L. Bonner, City Attorney Darcee S. Siegel and City Clerk Pamela L. Latimore.

**PUBLIC COMMENT-** Mayor Vallejo advised the public of detailed procedures for the Public Comment section of the meeting. The Budget Hearing was opened for public comment.

1. Charles Loeb, 16800 N.E. 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue, North Miami Beach, FL, **made comments on the record.**
2. Bert Kehren, 3302 N.E. 171<sup>st</sup> Street, North Miami Beach, FL, **made comments on the record.**
3. Joe Romero, 16901 N.E. 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue, North Miami Beach, FL, **made comments on the record.**
4. Osline Pascal, 750 N.W. 179<sup>th</sup> Street, North Miami Beach, FL, **made comments on the record.**
5. Dennis Amoils, 18400 N.E. 186<sup>th</sup> Street, North Miami Beach, FL, **made comments on the record.**
6. Harvette Smith, 16901 N.E. 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue, North Miami Beach, FL, **made comments on the record.**
7. Jimmy Randazzo, 16901 N.E. 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue, North Miami Beach, FL, **made comments on the record.**
8. Michael Pons, 16901 N.E. 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue, North Miami Beach, FL, **made comments on the record.**
9. Elizabeth Tetreault, 3708 N.E. 167 Street, North Miami Beach, FL, **made comments on the record.**
10. John Gonzalez, City Employee, **made comments on the record.**
11. Rolland Villieux, 13730 Highland Drive, North Miami Beach, FL, **made comments on the record.**
12. Janice Coakley, President of AFSCME, **made comments on the record.**
13. Basil Hibbert, 1510 N.W. 176<sup>th</sup> Terrace, Miami Gardens, FL, **made comments on the record.**

## 2. LEGISLATION

**MOTION** by Vice Mayor Derosé, seconded by Councilwoman Smith, to introduce Resolution No. R2011-47. The Resolution was read into the record by City Attorney Siegel.

### **2.1 Resolution No. R2011-47**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE FISCAL YEAR 2012 BUDGET OF THE NORTH MIAMI BEACH COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**MOTION** by Vice Mayor Derosé, seconded by Councilman Pierre, to adopt Resolution No. R2011-47. **(Motion carried 6-1, with Councilwoman Smith voting in the negative.)**

Councilwoman Smith was recognized for discussion. Councilwoman Smith directed questions to the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Director Dan Wick concerning the CRA Budget. CRA Director Wick responded to Councilwoman Smith's inquiries.

### **2.2 Ordinance No. 2011-15 (First Reading by Title Only)**

**MOTION** by Vice Mayor Derosé, seconded by Councilman Pierre, to introduce Ordinance No. 2011-15. The Ordinance was read into the record by City Attorney Siegel.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, FREEZING AND/OR POSTPONING UNTIL FISCAL YEAR 2013 THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ORDINANCE NO. 2001-8, WHICH INCREASED WATER AND SEWER RATE FEES AND CHARGES; WHICH AUTHORIZED AN AUTOMATIC RATE INCREASE FOR FIVE FISCAL YEARS BEGINNING IN 2007 AND ENDING IN 2012; WHICH IMPLEMENTED A PSC ANNUAL INFLATION ADJUSTMENT; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING FOR THE CODIFICATION OF THIS ORDINANCE.

**MOTION** by Vice Mayor Derosé, seconded by Councilwoman Smith, to adopt Ordinance No. 2011-15 on First Reading by Title Only.

Councilwoman Spiegel was recognized for discussion on Ordinance 2011-15.

Councilwoman Spiegel suggested that the wording to Ordinance No. 2011-15 be amended. City Attorney Siegel stated that the language used in the Ordinance covered Councilwoman Spiegel's concerns but could be amended if council desired to do so.

**ROLL CALL: Kramer Yes, Martell Yes, Pierre Yes, Smith Yes, Spiegel Yes, Vice Mayor Derosé Yes, Mayor Vallejo Yes. (Ordinance 2011-15 adopted on first reading 7-0)**

### **2.3 Ordinance No. 2011 -13 (First Reading by Title Only)**

**MOTION** by Vice Mayor Derosé, seconded by Councilwoman Kramer, to introduce Ordinance No. 2011-13 on First Reading by Title Only.

AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE MILLAGE RATE FOR AD VALOREM TAXES ON REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA FOR THE PURPOSE OF MEETING THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF

THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2011 AND FIXING THE MILLAGE RATES FOR DEBT SERVICE ON THE GENERAL OBLIGATION SERIES 202A AND THE 2012 JP MORGAN CHASE LOAN.

Mayor Vallejo asked City Manager Bonner to confirm that the Council was adopting the exact same millage rate as last year. City Manager Bonner affirmed that the millage rate was the same and he was recommending that Council pass this budget.

Councilwoman Spiegel asked City Manager Bonner to confirm that the budget that he was presenting to Council was a balanced budget. The City Manager replied in the affirmative that he was presenting a balanced budget to council.

**MOTION** by Councilwoman Smith, seconded by Councilman Pierre, to adopt Ordinance No. 2011-13 on First Reading by Title Only.

**ROLL CALL: Kramer Yes, Martell Yes, Pierre Yes, Smith Yes, Spiegel Yes, Derose Yes, Vallejo Yes. Ordinance 2011-13 was passed on first reading 7-0.**

**2.4 Ordinance No. 2011-14 (First Reading By Title Only)**

**MOTION** by Vice Mayor Derose, seconded by Councilwoman Kramer, to introduce Ordinance No. 2011-14. The Ordinance was read into the record by City Attorney Siegel.

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2011.

**MOTION** by Vice Mayor Derose, seconded by Councilwoman Kramer, to adopt Ordinance No. 2011-14 by First Reading by Title Only.

Councilwoman Smith was recognized for discussion. Councilwoman Smith stated that she had asked City Manager Bonner about the salary payment arrangements of supervisors. Councilwoman Smith said that she advised the City Manager that change needed to be made; that the City is too top heavy. Councilwoman Smith stated that the salary of the top three paid employees in all departments needed to be looked at. She could not support this budget.

Vice Mayor Derose was recognized for discussion. Vice Mayor Derose stated that he had concerns with a budget that will lay off 17 police officers. Vice Mayor Derose stated that he is not comfortable with the department going below one hundred police officers. Therefore, he cannot support this budget. Vice Mayor Derose stated that he is also not comfortable with the closing of the Mayor and Council Office. The Vice Mayor stated that the closing of the office will leave the residents without direct contact to Council about any concerns they may have. The Vice Mayor suggested changing the employees if performance was a problem, but he did not support the closing of the office.

Councilman Pierre was recognized for discussion. Councilman Pierre stated that the budget had to be done once and it had to be done right. Councilman Pierre stated that he was totally against this budget.

Councilwoman Kramer was recognized for discussion. Councilwoman Kramer said that while this budget was not perfect that it was a budget that could continue to be worked on.

Mayor Vallejo stated that his belief that there are ten million dollars in operational efficiencies (not bloat in the budget) that can be found. Mayor Vallejo said that he did not believe that there has ever

been a perfect budget passed; this budget is a workable document. When the efficiencies are found the savings can be used to reinvest in the community for the things that the city needs, or used to rehire people as necessary to provide the services that people want. The Mayor emphasized that the Labor Agreements and Pension Reform were the two biggest issues with the budget.

Councilwoman Martell was recognized for discussion. Councilwoman Martell stated that while she has huge issues with layoffs she has not found supporting revenue in the budget to be able to save jobs. Councilwoman Martell recommends that next year we start with a zero based budget. She was uncomfortable with the budget because it is the same budget proposed last year and the budget did not work last year. Councilwoman Martell proposed that the new Human Resources Director do a detailed analysis on salaries and job functions. She reminded everyone that the budget could be amended throughout the year if needed.

Councilwoman Spiegel was recognized for discussion. Councilwoman Spiegel stated that there were inescapable facts about the budget, one being that revenues were declining. Councilwoman Spiegel commented that one of the first steps that needed to be taken was to recognize that the City was bloated (too many employees to residents) and that she had a discussion with the City Manager concerning demanding excellence from our employees. The residents should expect efficient service delivered regardless of the title of the person delivering the service. Councilwoman Spiegel added that the City Manager delivered a budget minus the two recommendations from her that the family healthcare be eliminated and by imposing a two percent salary cut across the board. She stated that she was voting yes on the budget trusting that this work in progress will get the city back on track.

After further discussion the vote was called.

**ROLL CALL: Kramer Yes, Martell Yes, Spiegel Yes, Vallejo Yes, Pierre No, Smith No, Derosé No. (The Ordinance was passed on first reading 4-3)**

**3. NEXT CITY COUNCIL / BUDGET HEARING**

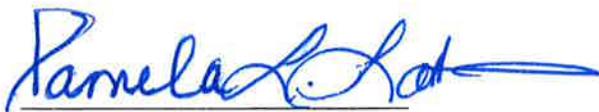
**Tuesday, September 20, 2011**

**4. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Pamela L. Latimore  
City Clerk