

PUBLIC HEARING OF DECEMBER 22, 1997

(The meeting convened at 2:13 p.m. and adjourned at 5:45 p.m.)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - led by Mr. Carl Mayes, Carpenters Fringe Benefit Trust Fund of South Florida

CALL TO ORDER

1. MOTION TO APPROVE lease agreement between Broward County and Peebles Atlantic Development Company for the development and construction of a Convention Center hotel. (This is the third of three public hearings. The first public hearing was held on Tuesday, December 9, 1997 at 2:00 p.m. and the second public hearing was held on Tuesday, December 16, 1997 at 10:00 a.m.)

ACTION: (B-110) Approved as amended. (The amendments will be outlined in the minutes.)

GOOD AND WELFARE

2. HOMELESS GRANT: On behalf of Vice President Al Gore and United States Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Secretary Andrew Cuomo, Mr. Angelo Castillo, HUD, presented a check for \$3,333,000 as an investment in partnership towards the work that Broward County is currently implementing in helping the homeless.

ACTION: (B-1250) The Board thanked Mr. Castillo and accepted the check. Ms. Kathy Harris, Human Services Department, and the Chair acknowledged and extended appreciation to the private partners, various organizations, the Homeless Initiative Partnership Advisory Board, the federal government, and staff involved.

OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

3. DISCUSSION: Unisys Contract for the Integrated Justice Information System. (IJIS)

ACTION: (A-1475 & C-138) This item was continued from the 10:00 a.m. meeting. Acting County Administrator Phillip C. Allen reported on the status of the contract negotiations. The Board took no action on the item; however, the Selection/Negotiation Committee will continue to negotiate the terms, conditions and specific pricing of the agreement and staff will present the final agreement to the Board at a future meeting.

NON AGENDA

4. MOTION TO APPOINT Commissioner Scott I. Cowan to the serve on the Selection/Negotiation Committee for financial advisor services and financial underwriting for the issuance of refunding bonds/certificates. Commissioner Cowan will replace Commissioner Lori Nance Parrish who has resigned. (Commissioner Cowan)

ACTION: (C-696) Approved by unanimous consent.

5. MOTION TO DIRECT the County Attorney's Office to draft a resolution to amend the Board's Rules and Order of Business to limit the time when a Board member can hold the floor upon being recognized to ten (10) minutes (designating the Chair as timekeeper); subsequently an additional five (5) minutes could be garnered by a majority vote of the Board to extend, and any other block of five (5) minutes after that would be made by an extraordinary majority vote of the Board. (Commissioner Cowan)

ACTION: (C-738) The commissioners will consider the item at its future meeting.

6. COMMISSIONERS REQUESTS Commissioner Gunzburger referred to the Board's direction to Mr. Norman Thabit, Commission Auditor, at the 10:00 a.m. meeting, Regular Agenda Item 85 A&B. She reiterated her request that he review the accounting and auditing on the medical billings, collections and accounts receivable services to determine if any figures have been overlooked.

Commissioner Lieberman additionally requested that Mr. Thabit review the information presented to the Board on the 17.90 percent figure on the percentage of collections paid to Medics Ambulance Service Inc.; validate same, and find out whether there is a method of waiving the percentage of gross collectables.

ACTION: (C-1042 & C-1234) The Board had no objections to the requests.

7. DISCUSSION Commissioner Poitier referred to a letter dated December 8, 1997 from Mr. and Mrs. Steven Presson, Boy Scouts of America, regarding their son, Christopher Steven, who completed his advancement in Boys Scouts of America to the highest rank of Eagle Scout.

ACTION: (C-1211) Commissioner Poitier addressed her intent to present a proclamation congratulating Stephen on his accomplishments at the forthcoming Eagle Court of Honor where he would be presented with a medal and certificate honoring this achievement.

8. MOTION TO APPOINT Commissioner Ilene Lieberman to the serve on the Selection/Negotiation Committee for medical billings, collections and accounts receivable management for ambulance services for the Fire Rescue Division. Commissioner Lieberman will replace Commissioner Lori Nance Parrish. (Commissioners Lieberman and Parrish)

ACTION: (C-1225 & C-1334) Approved by unanimous consent.

9. MOTION TO DIRECT the County Attorney's Office to draft an ordinance amending Chapter 4, Animals and Fowl, of the Broward County Zoning Code (Household Pet Ordinance 1997-25). (Commissioner Lieberman)

ACTION: (C-1250) Approved by unanimous consent.

10. DISCUSSION In response to Commissioner Cowan's question on the County Administrator's reappointment of existing department heads under the Charter, County Attorney John J. Copelan Jr. addressed his intent to review the provisions.

ACTION: (C-1334) No action was taken.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

11. MOTION TO DIRECT the County Attorney's Office to proceed with the defense of Adult Entertainment Establishments in the Unincorporated Areas of Broward County Ordinance 93-18 and Adult-Oriented Uses Ordinance 93-3 against the adult bookstore plaintiffs who are challenging same.

ACTION: (C-1390) Approved by unanimous consent.

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