



MIAMI BEACH

City Commission Workshop

City Hall, Commission Chambers, 3rd Floor, 1700 Convention Center Drive
September 21, 2009

Mayor Matti Herrera Bower	
Vice-Mayor Victor M. Diaz, Jr.	
Commissioner Saul Gross	
Commissioner Jerry Libbin	
Commissioner Edward L. Tobin	Absent
Commissioner Deede Weithorn	
Commissioner Jonah Wolfson	Absent

City Manager Jorge M. Gonzalez
City Attorney Jose Smith
City Clerk Robert E. Parcher

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Meeting called to order at 5:57:13 p.m.

SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA

Updated charts of: "Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Pension Liability and OPEB Liability", "Annual Employer Required Contribution – Scenario 3", and the top 100 retired Fire and Police retirees.

AGENDA

- 1) Discussion Regarding Pension / Convention Development Taxes (CDT) Resort Taxes and Other Sources of Revenue.

Jorge Gonzalez, City Manager, stated that this Workshop is primarily to talk about the pension and to give an opportunity to the City's unions to comment and present any information they believe is important and secondly, to review the Convention Development Taxes (CDT), Resort Taxes and other sources of revenue as requested in the July meeting. He added that there will be a short presentation.

Vice-Mayor Diaz introduced the item and gave background information regarding the City's unfunded pension liability, employee salaries and benefits for the public. He stated that he believes the public should be educated on the issues. He stressed that this is not just a City of Miami Beach issue but one that is impacting most governments in South Florida. He pointed out that the City of Miami Beach is in better shape than most other communities. This is because the City Commission believes in good government. He stated that he believes these are issues that the public deserves to know about and affects the long term fiscal health of the City. He added that these issues if

discussed in a fair and reasonable manner can result in a jointly acceptable resolution and his intent is to educate, and elevate and to plan, and to avoid unintended and undesirable consequences.

Vice-Mayor Diaz presented three slides with the updated information provided by the feedback from the union: "Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Pension Liability and OPEB Liability", "Annual Employer Required Contribution – Scenario 3", and the top 100 retired Fire and Police retirees.

Mark Richard, Attorney for the Fire/Police Union, spoke on behalf of the Police and Fire unions.

Adonis Garcia, IAFF Local 1510 President, spoke.

Vice-Mayor Diaz responded to Mr. Richard's vocalizations.

Discussion held.

Benita Argos spoke.

Sherry Roberts spoke.

Jorge Gonzalez, City Manager, stated that the City has had a hiring freeze since the beginning of the fiscal year but there are occasions when critical positions need to be filled for several reasons. They are single positions that need to be done or positions that if not filled will incur overtime or other expenses that make it not appropriate to keep vacant. Other examples of positions filled are the CIP Director, Police Officers Dispatchers, etc.

Mayor Bower stated that she understands this but she would like an explanation to the situation explained by Benita in the Building Department.

Jorge Gonzalez, City Manager, stated that he will send an LTC. **Ramiro Inguanzo to handle.**

Mayor Bower stated that she will give Benita an answer.

Jorge Gonzalez, City Manager, introduced the item and stated that the Administration was requested to give an overview of the Convention Development Taxes, Resort Tax and the sources of funds that constitute the General Fund and how the dollars are spent. He gave a PowerPoint presentation and explained the Convention Development Tax, Resort Tax, and General Fund Major Revenues.

Meeting adjourned at 7:48:51p.m.