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Second Budget Hearing

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**SPECIAL MEETING
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The Second Budget hearing of the North Miami City Council was held in the Council Chambers of City Hall on Tuesday, September 24, 2012, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

(Phonetic spelling of each speaker's name may be used throughout the minutes unless correct spelling is known.)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pierre: Good evening. Welcome to the City of North Miami, sitting at the North Miami Council Chambers, 776 N.E. 125th Street on the second floor. This is our Special Meeting, Second Budget Hearing. Today is Monday, September 24th, 2012. A little bit past 6 P.M.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE / INVOCATION

Mayor Pierre: To begin the meeting this evening please rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Pierre: Thank you. You may be seated. Mr. City Clerk, Roll Call.

Vice-Mayor Steril	Here
Councilman Galvin	Here
Mayor Pierre	Here
Councilman Blynn	Here
Councilman Marcellus	Here

3. ORDER OF BUSINESS

Mayor Pierre: Mr. City Manager, any changes, amendments to the Agenda?

Mr. Johnson: Good evening Mayor and Council. There are no changes to this Budget. Just to bring a minor part up but it does not affect the bottom line. We will be moving one of...because of the outsourcing of our Sanitation Department. We initially we were going to leave four people there. I'm sorry Building Department. We

do...we probably will leave three there. But during the course of the year one person will be...at least one will be moved out in the neighborhood of \$39,000.00. So we'll leave that to the discretion of the Council as to how you want to handle that.

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

TAB A

Mayor Pierre: Okay no problem. Thank you. Mr. City Clerk, Tab A.

Mr. Etienne: (reads resolution by title only)

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA, ADOPTING A REVISED CLASSIFICATION AND PAY PLAN FOR CLASSIFIED AND UNCLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY FOR THE 2012-2013 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND FOR ALL OTHER PURPOSES

Councilman Blynn: Move the resolution.

Mayor Pierre: It has been moved.

Vice Mayor Steril: Second.

Mayor Pierre: It has been seconded. Anyone wishes to be heard on Tab A? Hearing none, any additional discussions about this resolution? This is the second reading. Okay, anyone wishes to record a no? Hearing none, Tab A passed.

TAB B

Mayor Pierre: Tab B.

Mr. Etienne: I'm sorry Mayor. Who second that? Was it you Mayor? I second it. I'm sorry the Vice-Mayor seconded that motion. We both second it so made by Councilman Blynn seconded by Vice-Mayor. Now with regard to Tab B and C, I was told that I have to read it by the entire...in its entirety. So please bear with me.

Mr. Etienne: (reads resolution by title only)

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA, ADOPTING A

FINAL MILLAGE RATE OF 8.1000 MILLS FOR FISCAL YEAR
2012-2013; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND ALL
OTHER PURPOSES.

Mr. Etienne: Whereas, the Budget of the City of North Miami, Florida for the Fiscal Year commencing October 1, 2012 and ending September 30, 2013 attached hereto as Exhibit 1 was considered at public hearings held on September 10th, 2012 and SEPTEMBER 22nd, 2012 as required by Chapter 200 Florida Statutes, and whereas the Mayor and City Council wish to approve and adopt the Budget of the City for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2012 and ending September 30, 2013; and to authorize that this amount be raised by taxation for the operation of the City for the 2012-2013 Fiscal Year; now therefore be it ordained by the Mayor and the City Council of the city of North Miami, Florida that Section 1, Budget approved and adopted the Budget of the City of North Miami for Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Fiscal Year; attached hereto as Exhibit one is approved and adopted; Section 2, implement Budget amendments; the City Manager of the City of North Miami is hereby authorized to implement Budget amendments, revenue and/or expenditures by resolution to appropriate or unappropriate funds as required during the Fiscal Year and to amend the prior Fiscal Year Budget by resolution to facilitate the year end closing process; Section 3, expenditure of funds appropriated in the authorized Budget; funds appropriated to the various departments in the budget may be expended by the directors of each department by and with the approval of the City Manager in accordance with the provisions of the City Charter and applicable ordinance; expenditures of funds including but not limited to Enterprise Funds, Internal Service Funds and Expendable Trust Funds under circumstances in which additional revenues are generated by user fees or charges to offset the cost of supplying a service to residents or other City departments shall not be limited by estimated appropriations but rather by actual revenue and to that extent; the actual revenue received shall be deemed to be appropriated; Section, return on investment of water and sewer fund assets; the Budget includes a transfer from the water and sewer operations and maintenance fund to the General Fund representing the return on investment that taxpayers would receive if the utility were to be sold; the transfer for the 2012-2013 Fiscal Year is calculated at 5.0% of fixed assets as of September 30, 2011; this transfer may be made annually but not to exceed 7.5% of utilities net fixed assets; Section 5, checks; all checks on City bank accounts shall be signed by any member of the City Council and Finance Director; Section 6, amount of taxes; the approximate amount of \$16,710,351.00 shall be the amount of gross taxes to be raised by the operating ad valorem tax levy authorized by resolution of the City Council; Section 7, authority of Manager; the City Manager is authorized and directed to execute and deliver any and all documents and instruments and to do and cause to be done any and all acts and things necessary or proper for carrying out the transactions contemplated by this ordinance; Section 8; repeal; all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict or inconsistent are repealed; Section 9, severability, if any word, clause, phrase, sentence, paragraph or section of this ordinance is held to be invalid by a court of confident jurisdiction, such declaration of invalidity shall not affect any

other word, clause, phrase, sentence, paragraph or section of this ordinance; Section 10, effective date; this ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption on Section Reading, passed and adopted by a 4-1 vote of the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami on First Reading this 10th day of September, 2012.

Mr. Johnson: Mr. Mayor if I could just bring out one probably a typo. But in the second or last statement it should be, the Budget of the City of the City for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1st, 2012 and ending September the 30th, 2013.

Mr. Etienne: What page is that Mr. Manager?

Mr. Johnson: One of three.

Mayor Pierre: Okay, that's it?

Mr. Johnson: Yes.

Mayor Pierre: Okay.

Councilman Blynn: Move it

Mayor Pierre: Okay it has been moved by Councilman Blynn.

Vice-Mayor Steril: Second.

Mayor Pierre: Seconded by Vice-Mayor. Mr. City Manager, anything you need to add? Any additional comments we need to be made about this Budget? Anything else?

Mr. Johnson: Mr. Mayor and Council just as I indicated it first. Other than that this is a very workable document. I have to say that our Budget Office and all of Staff have gone through this. I think it's a Budget that does put us in a position that we can work effectively and efficient into the new coming year. Keeping in mind that wherever we can also save money, it will also be our every attempt to do so as well.

Mayor Pierre: Okay, thank you. Public hearing is open on Tab C. Anyone wishes to be heard on Tab C? Okay, public hearing is now closed on Tab C. I mean you know at the last Budget Hearing which was scheduled for September 10th, 2012 there were a few things that I said. And a few of them must be said again. Let me say again, thank you to the City Manager, Stephen Johnson for a job well done. He continues to prove to us that he is knowledgeable and capable of getting the job done with efficiency, while putting the North Miami residents first. And also to the Budget Staff Duke Sorey Jr. and Kay Grant coming in at times and basically have been able to show to us that they

are capable of balancing our Budget here in the City of North Miami. We had several workshops on this Budget. In addition to that this Budget was presented to several congregations in North Miami, reaching about 1,800 people. On this Budget we received their comments, their input. And again basically throughout the community we have continued to get their feedback. This is a Budget that was balanced with no fuzzy numbers. Just a balanced Budget taken into consideration and the needs and desires of the people. As I said before the City's grossed property tax revenues is calculated at 95%. To me that is a very, very conservative way of calculating this Budget. It just seems to me that 80% of the people do not usually take that what I call you know the early payment option. So if they don't the City of North Miami will see an additional close to \$700,000.00 if the people don't take advantage of the early payment option that you usually get from Miami-Dade County. So this is additional funding that I think you know as we go through probably in March the City Manager will come back here and say, hey you know we get an additional five, six, \$700,000.00 because people didn't take that payment option. So again thank you Mr. Manager for stepping out from your comfort zone and working to give us this balanced Budget that is inclusive of the needs and opinion of the people of North Miami. Councilman Marcellus your comments.

Councilman Marcellus: I think at this time we have to acknowledge when we make good progress. And this is the way to encourage our Staff and to let them know we're proud of the work they've done in the City. And I think Mr. City Manager, personally I thank you for the great job. And the Budget Staff and all the Staff members that participated and make this thing a reality. Like I said, last year it was very bad and everybody was anxious in knowing how we were going to balance our Budget. And I was very...I was taking part on it. And it was (inaudible). And I remember when I went to Kay and Sorey and Mr. Stephen and Dr. Claude that was very tense last year. But this year we understand we balance our Budget, we decreasing the taxes without touching the Biscayne Landing money and we still have a surplus. I think this is something that we have to acknowledge and make the...on behalf of the people of North Miami and to be proud of the work that you do. Please continue to do so and encourage your Staff and to work together with you and to use our head. And I think like we said, our better days is ahead of us. And we'll make sure in the City of North Miami (inaudible) compared to other cities. And once again thank you very much.

Mayor Pierre: Thank you Vice-Mayor...I mean thank Councilman Marcellus. I think before you mentioned that there is a \$39,000.00 that is there. I know we budgeted \$115,000.00 for the North Miami Foundation. And I know we cut Nanay maybe two straight years or you know last year. Can we allocate that \$39,000.00 to Nanay Foundation which is here in the City of North Miami? I'll make a motion to give that \$39,000.00 to that not for-profit organization. That all of you have been there and seen the services that they are providing for our North Miami residents.

Councilman Blynn: I'll second it.

Mayor Pierre: Okay it has been seconded by Councilman Blynn. Anyone wishes to record a no?

Councilman Galvin: I've got questions.

Mayor Pierre: Yeah when we get to the Budget. I'm just talking about that \$39,000.00.

Councilman Galvin: I have questions on the \$39,000.00.

Mayor Pierre: Oh sure go ahead.

Councilman Galvin: Where is that coming from?

Mr. Johnson: We have four positions in our Building Department. As you know we're bringing in another company to run that. When we met with them over the past week, they could only use about three...two to three people. So those four individuals were in there. To be on the safe side, I just dropped the one being the lowest position denotes the individual that has the least seniority. Of course that would be absorbed in another department which leaves the \$39,000.00 in that particular department. So it's going from four to three employees.

Councilman Galvin: Thank you. And Mr. Mayor you were the maker of the motion?

Mayor Pierre: Yes.

Councilman Galvin: The \$39,000.00 do you want it to go totally to Nanay or did you want it to be in a fund or did you want it to be dispersed to others? I wasn't clear on...

Mayor Pierre: Totally to Nanay to provide services for our North Miami residents.

Councilman Galvin: Okay thank you.

Mayor Pierre: Okay, motion was made. It was seconded. Anyone wishes to record a no? Hearing none, motion passes 5-0. Continuing on with the Budget, Councilman Galvin.

Councilman Galvin: Sure, thank you. I know it's not in this Budget...well it is in this Budget. But when are we going to talk about how we're going to spend the Biscayne Landing money?

Mayor Pierre: Good question. You want to make a motion, let's do it the first meeting in October or the second meeting in October? It's up to...I guess we could put it on the agenda for the next meeting in October. I have no problem with that. Anyone have a problem putting this discussion on how we're going to spend the Biscayne Landing money?

Councilman Blynn: Or not spend it.

Mayor Pierre: Or not spend it in the first meeting in October. Well not discuss it because we may take action there. So I just want to make sure...

Councilman Galvin: Can we do that the second meeting of October at least to give everybody a chance to their ducks in a row? Cause I just see them whispering to each other. That's like two weeks from now or whatever.

Mayor Pierre: It doesn't matter to me. I mean it's up to this Council whether we do the first meeting or the second meeting in October.

Councilman Blynn: A motion for the second meeting.

Mayor Pierre: Not just a discussion. Actions may...will be taken there. So whatever, whether it's not to spend it or to spend it, where to spend it; action will be taken at that meeting.

Councilman Galvin: I'm cool with the second meeting. I guess that gives everybody a little bit more time.

Mr. Johnson: Mayor and Council, we just wanted clarity on that. What your expectations were in that meeting?

Councilman Blynn: Second meeting.

Mayor Pierre: Its \$12.5 million dollars and action will be taken at that meeting. So it's up to the Staff to do that resolution right now. This Council needs to determine whether they want the first meeting or the second meeting.

Councilman Blynn: Second meeting.

Councilman Galvin: I'll second the motion for the second meeting of October.

Mayor Pierre: Okay is there any problem with the...I mean it doesn't matter to me the first or the second meeting in October.

Councilman Marcellus: I have no problem with the second.

Mayor Pierre: Okay the second meeting in October. Add that agenda item...

Ms. Monestime: Just so that I'm clear. Do you want a resolution or do you just want it as a discussion item?

Mayor Pierre: Whichever way that would allow us to make decisions on whether to spend it or not to spend it and how to spend it. So a decision action will be taken at that meeting.

Councilman Galvin: It might have to be like Budget amendments or something like that. I'm thinking cause right now it's in the Budget just sort of allocated and then we're amending the Budget. That's the thought off of the top of my head.

Mr. Johnson: That is correct through the Mayor and Councilman; it would be a Budget amendment. The funds are now placed over into a particular allocation. So if there's going to be any proposals that's what we would be doing. But we would do that during the year anyway. So I think what the Mayor is saying at that meeting he would like to discuss how the utilization of those funds.

Mayor Pierre: That is correct.

Mr. Johnson: So we can't really come up with a resolution of how because it's going to be discussed. And at that point and time we could come up with subsequent meetings as its allocated to move those funds accordingly.

Councilman Blynn: It's a discussion.

Mayor Pierre: Well whether is a resolution there or not, whichever way that you want to advertise it, all I'm asking you to do is to make sure whichever you advertise it, make sure that we can take action at that meeting. If we say that we're going to put the \$12.5 million dollars into a trust account for 10 years interest, I want to make sure that I'm able to do that. Let's say that I want to spend \$12.5 million dollars into making sure that the City employees are compensated for the work that they have done. That I want to enter into a contract with them, I want to make sure that I'm able to do that at that

meeting. Let's say that I want...for example you know we know initially Biscayne Landing was supposed to rehab the homes that we have on the west side. Let's say that's what I want to do. I want to make sure that I'm able to do that. For example Biscayne Landing was supposed to build us a new Library with empty promises. So at that meeting if I want to refurbish our old Library, I want to make sure that I'm able to do that. So whichever way that Staff wants to do it, wants to publish it, it's up to you. But I don't want to be here making that decision then I'm hearing well you cannot make decisions here, it's only for discussion.

Mr. Johnson: I would have to defer to counsel.

Councilman Galvin: That's why we give you a month to figure it out.

Ms. Monestime: Okay we'll be ready.

Mayor Pierre: Go ahead Councilman.

Councilman Galvin: Thank you. On page 74 and I'm looking at the hard bound copy of the Budget because the soft bound one that's online is a little bit different. So I'm looking at that one, I refer to page numbers. On page 74 there's a Public Information Specialist for \$46,000.00. That's a new position as I understand it. What would that Public Information Specialist do?

Mr. Johnson: They would be carrying out the current position or the tasks that are being done now Pam Solomon. Pam Solomon's position would be enhanced. I think we have Public Information Officer but the Specialist basically would be assisting here and those responsibilities, other areas that we would like to get involved into. Utilization of Channel 77 in a way that we've never used it before, the internet in a way that we've never used it before. Getting a lot of material out timely in a way that we've never been able to do before. So Pam Solomon has really been using other Staff people. But more importantly Channel 77 and the internet is not reaching its full utilization and we would like to do that with an additional person.

Councilman Galvin: Thank you; page 200 Maintenance Contract on Biscayne Landing. I'd like to if the Council's inclined, either zero fund that and move the money elsewhere or significantly reduce this. I brought this up at the last Council meeting or excuse me, the last Budget meeting. And we talked about why we need to fund that much for this position. And the Mayor made a good point that...a very good point that we should have somebody that represents the City's interest out at that sight. But I've since learned there's an additional \$125,000.00 in the Biscayne Landing contract which basically brings this position to a quarter of a million dollars. That's more than you get paid and more than she gets paid. That makes that person the highest paid employee of the City; a quarter of a million dollars a year. I think that needs to be

significantly lowered. I questioned whether or not we need the position but even if we do, the fact that he's getting paid...he or she might be getting paid by both Biscayne Landing and the City even though Biscayne Landing would give the money to the City and the City...I don't think that person then becomes any more of an independent voice for the citizens of North Miami. I mean you're already getting paid from two places. It's hard not to sort of do the wishes of both places. So is there preference among the Council to reduce that Biscayne Landing maintenance to either zero or \$50,000.00; somewhere in that neighborhood.

Mr. Johnson: Through the Mayor, Councilman if I could shed some light prior to you all making that decision and however you all decide. That price or that amount was...we derived that only because of the existing contract that's out there now, which is more than this amount along with the amount that we were getting from the developer. I'm sorry...

Vice-Mayor Steril: I don't understand. What do you mean far more than the contract that's already out there.

Mr. Johnson: Well currently the contract out there now is about \$25,000.00 a month. So that's \$300,000.00 a year. However at the time that we were doing the Budget and during the contract with Biscayne Landing we had based it upon the services moving forward of about \$250,000.00. My goal in negotiating and the City was paying all of that. My attempt then was to lower what the City pays by putting it on the developer during contract negotiations. So I can tell you that I have directly Staff for the next Council meeting to look at the work that's being out there now. And to look at what additional services that are going to be regulatory required so that you can have a better assessment in making your decision, so that we would know what is the scope of work that is being done out there. But keeping in mind that the prior contract was in line with that amount, the existing contract is in line with that amount. So that's how we came up to this number of around \$250,000.00. But again my goal was to get the developer to share the cost. And that individual...the developer would pay the City and this person will work for the City. So this is just information for you all to have while you making your decision.

Councilman Galvin: Thank you. I still stay in the same place. Obviously that's a lot of money for any individual or company to make off of the City of North Miami. So I would like to make a motion to reduce that amount in our Budget and make some other projects.

Councilman Marcellus: Mr. Mayor?

Mayor Pierre: Just one second. As I said before to me the issue has to be decided. And a Budget amendment will be made if necessary. So at this moment to me

the funds must be allocated. Then if we find a lowest bidder or the best company or the best girl to do the work, it's much lower than what it is then we'll just the Budget amendment. That's the way I see it. I don't really want to just take that out from the Budget then for me to come back again and say hey you know what it's going to cost us 150 or 175. Let's go and find the money for that. So you know to me I think it must stay there. Then when the City Council make that decision on what to do with whomever it is, the consultant is, then we could always make that change.

Councilman Blynn: I concur with you.

Mayor Pierre: So I mean that's just the way I see it. I'm not sure if...I mean you make the motion. You made that in a motion to take Item #311 out of the Budget, is that the motion?

Councilman Galvin: Sure.

Mayor Pierre: Okay.

Councilman Blynn: No second.

Mayor Pierre: Anyone wishes to second the motion? Okay hearing none, motion fail.

Councilman Galvin: All right, thank you. On page 202 just some clarification. Object 820 North Miami peer tutoring, that sounds familiar to me but what specifically is that going to be?

Mr. Johnson: Through the Mayor, Councilman this is a program...this is similar to the program that was given to the Police Athletic League about two years ago. This is where the students in the high school tutor each other and it's been known to be very effective in addressing students who are entered into the program based upon their academic level, based upon their need. And they will be placed into this program with a goal of raising their overall grades. As you know at the time that this was done North Miami Senior was a D or D-. The year of that program that it did work, I would have to say that the peer tutoring took the majority of that credit. The grade level came to a C. Last year this item was not budgeted, the grade level came out to still be a C. So that's information for you all to have and to consider when you're looking at this item. It proved to be very effective by raising the overall grade level of the school.

Councilman Galvin: When was the last year we funded this one?

Mr. Johnson: This was in 2010-2011 Budget.

Councilman Galvin: And what was the amount that we budgeted it for?

Mr. Johnson: \$100,000.00.

Councilman Galvin: And who oversaw the administration of the program? I mean it that...is there a company that we hire or how does that work?

Mr. Johnson: Through the Mayor, Councilman we utilize school staff. We work with the principal. They've got a coordinator which was someone from the School Board. School staff who oversaw the program, they got their best students to be the tutors. And this was all facilitated through the Police Athletic League.

Councilman Galvin: But this would be facilitated in a different manner this time or still through the Police Athletic League?

Mr. Johnson: Through...it would be facilitated through the Police Athletic League and it would be run by...in conjunction with the School Board. They're the ones that get the teachers to oversee the program, identify the students and they are the ones that look at the profile of the students as to who goes into this program. So it's all North Miami Senior students.

Councilman Galvin: Thank you. And then the adult continuing education. I know I asked questions about the last time but then I guess it didn't register. Can you explain that for me again please?

Mr. Johnson: Yes.

Councilman Galvin: Who is...what is this program?

Mr. Johnson: Through the Mayor to Councilman, this School Board for...has changed their policy. At night time North Miami Senior has probably the largest adult program, adult continuing education program in the County. We have over about 5,000. Many of those are North Miami residents. So the spirit of this grant is to those that are going to be attending that school, they're now charging \$35.00. So basically it would be a \$35.00 fee. This grant would pay for North Miami residents to attend that program to continue the...to ensure that their program continues. So we would have to work with Mr. Redure (phonetic spelling) to look at the applications to ensure that they're North Miami residents. Inform them that there is a grant that would pay that \$35.00 or \$50.00 fee, whichever it is so that they can continue in that program.

Mayor Pierre: Right. In addition to that admission has been reduced because of that fee that our residents and non-residents cannot pay to go to school there.

Councilman Galvin: So we're going to make grants available for people who are...yes they're City residents but is there some income level that's going to be established? Or is established that they'd have to fall under to qualify? How does that work?

Mr. Johnson: I would say that basically if there's anyone going to school as an adult, I think that enough of itself would explain that there is already a need or a condition, where there's a need for this person to be there getting that education. So basically the criteria should be basically if they're North Miami residents and if they're an adult and if they want to attend school to enhance themselves.

Councilman Galvin: So residency is going to be the only standard that we take into play.

Mr. Johnson: Correct.

Councilman Galvin: When we're writing the check it's going to straight to Dade County Public Schools not to the residents.

Mr. Johnson: Straight to Dade County Public Schools.

Councilman Galvin: All right, thank you. Page 248, the Jasper Cup, again that's a for-profit organization who tends to jump up at us at the last meeting to say by the way we're having an event this weekend. We need you to underwrite all sorts of cost. I have issues with underwriting costs, Staff hours and such for a for-profit organizations event. Have we heard anything from them now eight weeks out from that event, two weeks removed from our first Budget hearing? Are they having the event, are they making any plans or are they going to wait until the last minute?

Mr. Johnson: The reason why it's in the Budget is because we have...this is for Staff because we do anticipate them having the event. They've had the event for the past several years. In speaking to them last year they have committed themselves to having the event again this year. But this only covers the City's cost for Staff. And yes from the last conversation that they would like to do this annually. So anticipating that this is going to take place, its here in the Budget.

Councilman Galvin: Again I have an issue that it's a for-profit business. It's one thing if we're underwriting some costs for the American Cancer Society a non-profit, for the students who need to go to North Miami High you know because they can't afford to go to. I do have an issue with Jasper Cup. Not the event itself but the fact that they're a for-profit. And I have to ask but if we haven't made direct contact with them about their 2012 event, then we please do so. So that it's not coming to us in an emergency rush November 15th for the November 22nd event. And people are angry that

this...we've gone through that same dance at least four times with them. And you know I'm just pointing it out now because I don't like the precedent of paying for for-profit companies out of the City's Budget even though it is for our Staff time. They should be paying for that. That should be built into their cost like when you rent the Margolis Center or something like that. The cost of the Staff is written into the fee that they pay. Normally their procedure is to jump forward at the last minute and ask everything be waived and we're not only eating that cost but now we're paying lots of Staff members here 60 hours a Staff for one event, 24 hours to Staff another event. All total \$1,600.00 or so \$1,700.00, so I'd like to remove that. Is there anybody else on the Council that's interested?

Mayor Pierre: What are going to do when they come to us and they hey we're going to do Jasper Cup? Because I know they're going to come, whether you like it or not. They're going to come in either way. This is something that they do every single year. Coach Roland, he's always late. He always shows up and he'll stand there and say he apologizes. I mean he remember he did it in 2009, did it in 2010. Came back again 2011 and he's going to do it again this year. So you know...

Councilman Marcellus: Mr. Mayor. Even though this organization is a for-profit organization but I've been to this event year after year. I really do not understand we (inaudible), because it's a lost for him. I think he always get a loss from that event. But I think that's where he get his...that's a fantasy for him. Get the people there and they have fun and that's the only thing he get from it. It's the joy of doing it but not because he make any money out of it. And by saying that, just by providing this thing to help the people come out in that event, I think this is a good thing. Because he does...I don't know because I went to that event for many years. And I don't think he make any money, any profit off doing that event. I don't know Councilman Galvin if you've never stopped by there and see. And this year I encourage you to stop by...

Mayor Pierre: Even Councilman Blynn came by to play soccer one day right?

Councilman Blynn: Yeah I was there for four hours.

Mayor Pierre: Yeah he tried to play soccer with the guy.

Councilman Marcellus: So it's fun but it's not the money.

Councilman Galvin: I understand....

Councilman Blynn: It's a nice event.

Councilman Galvin: I could say this, have I been by the event, yes. Did I recognize that there's hardly anybody there, yes. Am I making a big point that we're spending a lot of taxpayer money for this man to have a fantasy as you just called it, no? I was trying to be gentle in addressing the subject. But since you've brought it up, it's a bunch of...it's a small bunch of folks who get together to play a little soccer. It's cute, it's nice but we're giving them a free facility and now we're underwriting off our Staff. And that's one thing if it's a non-profit organization. It's a totally separate thing if it's a for-profit organization and that's my issue. Is that we are underwriting a fantasy for a for-profit organization at the taxpayers expense. I'd like to remove it. If there's...

Councilman Marcellus: But I just don't want (inaudible) because two, 300 people come out and they have fun. I think they live in the City of North Miami. And so I think...(inaudible – simultaneous discussion).

Councilman Galvin: Then we should do the event...

Mayor Pierre: The motion was made. Anyone wishes to second the motion. Hearing none, motion fails.

Councilman Galvin: All right, thank you. My last question is just a general overall one. When we make donations, like we're buying a table at an event or other donations that we make through the year. You know this year we made a few of them. Where does that money come from in this Budget?

Mr. Johnson: What we plan to do is look at donations that are coming into the City. Some of those events that come before the Council, some of them are public relations related. So the funding could come out of my office. And it just depends on the nature of the event. If it's...for instance the Miami-Dade County Chamber of Commerce. They may have a table. It might be advantageous for the City to participate in that. So it really depends on what type of event it is as to the revenue source. One of the things that I am attempting to do this year is to get participation from vendors to give back so that the City could have a funding source for those events of that type. So it does not come out of the Budget. That's my goal.

Councilman Galvin: So your hope is to ask some of our people...not just Biscayne Landing. Everybody always ask Biscayne Landing. But you're going to ask some of the other people who do work for the City, Country Bill's or I don't know. I can't name anybody else off the top of my head. But you're going to ask those folks to donate into a fund and then that fund is going to be used for us buying a table for that. Like we gave \$10,000.00 to the We Are Foundation this year, a wonderfully deserving, that's where you'd fund those type of requests.

Mr. Johnson: That came from...something at that expense comes from unexpected revenue. That's where something like that would come from. But when you're getting into a small area like tables, that's what our goal is. That's what our strategy is this year. If we get a contract, as long as it's in the contract that they give to community related events that would be the revenue source. But large events that come before the Mayor and Council that you all have voted on, a \$5,000.00 or \$10,000.00 then that comes from unexpected revenue that we have. And then we go back as Staff to see if we have it. We look at the Budget. We look at areas that we have and we say we can take it from this because if you direct us we would try to find it.

Councilman Galvin: So as it stands right now is there a line in there that provides for that?

Mr. Johnson: Like what the Budget Director is pointing out. Like in your...on page 174 Miami-Dade County League of City Gala. It's in the Budget.

Councilman Galvin: Right, there are some that I see are in there. It's not the specified ones. I was thinking more of the lines of the unexpected ones. I think there was one night that we did We Are Foundation and \$10,000.00 to the family of a trooper in the same night. And I don't see anything in there for that sum. So my first question was, if that comes up next week and somebody's asking us for \$10,000.00 for their foundation...

Vice-Mayor Steril: We don't have it.

Councilman Galvin: Right. Do you tell us that we don't have it until such time as you get this unexpected revenue or are you going to grab it from somewhere else and do it anyway?

Mr. Johnson: No. We would try to find the revenue. And if it's not there we'll tell you that it's not there. But it's not in the Budget because every line item here is what we have. And if we come to that road and we could then say we don't have it or if we do have it, we will say we have it. Last...at the end of the year or toward the end of the year, there were several things that came in that was unanticipated revenue. Some of it is revenue that we projected that we did better than what we thought that we were going to do. That's one area of what we call unanticipated revenue. We...I'll give you another example. We entered into a settlement with Bank of America for \$100,000.00, so that came in. At the same time there are other areas where we may not have done as well as we thought that we were going to do. So those funds get absorbed into those areas as well. Last year we had a lot of measures in place. I mean we put a lot of emphasis on budgeting, a lot of policies in place. We went back to vendors. We asked vendors to change their contracts. We went after contracts that we had not gone after before that owed the City money such as The Oaks. So we had a lot of areas that we did

very well in, which we did because we did not want to count on Biscayne Landing. So that's how we were able to do last years Budget without using Biscayne Landing and this year without using Biscayne Landing.

Councilman Galvin: Do we know off the top of our head, I mean they have a little spreadsheet right there, how many donations did we make last year, in the last Fiscal Year?

Mr. Johnson: She's looking but it's roughly about 50 or more. We're looking but I can give you an example. If you're going to do an event in your district, Councilman Marcellus might say, I want to do a health fair. These are things that catches Staff off guard. So basically we look into areas where we would get donations and that is what helps absorb some of that cost to do events like that.

Councilman Galvin: So I guess now I have two questions. We have donations going out. How many of...you say 50 of those donations going out?

Mr. Johnson: You're asking for donations coming in or donations going out?

Councilman Galvin: Well now I was going to ask about coming in, that would be my second one. But my first question is about donations going out. How many have we made of those?

Mr. Johnson: Well when you...the way the revenue works, if it's going out...

Councilman Galvin: You said it's coming from unexpected revenue. I mean I get that. But I'm just curious how many we have going out?

Mr. Johnson: This year we have \$80,000.00 in donations/revenues coming in.

Councilman Galvin: Okay and those...that \$80,000.00 came from whom?

Mr. Johnson: It was the Haitian Heritage Donation and the Arts and Education Donation, the Back pack program...

Councilman Galvin: We made those going out though.

Mayor Pierre: Those are donations coming in.

Mr. Johnson: Donations coming in.

Councilwoman Steril: Fundraising.

Councilman Galvin: So I don't know take...what was the first one you mentioned there, Haitian Heritage Museum?

Vice-Mayor Steril: Month.

Mr. Johnson: Haitian Heritage Month.

Councilman Galvin: Okay so those are donations we made out? You've lost me.

Mr. Johnson: Coming in.

Vice-Mayor Steril: Fundraising.

Councilman Galvin: So we solicited that money from somebody?

Mr. Johnson: Yes and then they go out. So basically...

Councilman Galvin: So we have \$80,000.00 in and \$80,000.00 out?

Mr. Johnson: Yeah because they're specific for different functions.

Mayor Pierre: For example, National Hispanic Heritage Month. One book sponsors that money. He sent a check for \$2,500.00 so that's donations coming in to support what we do during the month and there are other checks that may come in. But at the same time we have to write those checks back out. For example when we...what's the young ladies Felipe...the grand fiesta. You know we have to pay for her performance. So we take money out from that \$2,500.00. We pay for performance whether that be four or \$500.00. Then we have the Key to the City...not the Key to the City. The induction, the Hall of Fame. You know we take money from that and cut the check. So it just pretty much balance itself out.

Councilman Galvin: I see she was able to pull that up pretty quickly on the little spreadsheet. It is too much to ask for a print off of the spreadsheet both incoming and outgoing?

Mr. Johnson: No, we can provide that.

Councilman Galvin: All right, tonight maybe?

Mr. Johnson: Yes.

Councilman Galvin: All right, thank you. Those are all the questions I had Mr. Mayor. Thank you.

Mayor Pierre: Councilman Blynn?

Councilman Blynn: I still have a high priority which you preceded to tell me in the last meeting that you'll make an effort to meet. And that's something that's very important to the citizens of this City; is to keep the Library open on Sunday from 6 to 10 o'clock. The Library gets a good number of people on Sunday and they complain that they have to leave early. I really wish we could find some way of funding that. It'll be a great benefit to the citizens of this City. I mean we are here for their general welfare. This is their education which is their general welfare. And I would appreciate if you could adjust the Budget to reflect some monies to pay for the Library to be open eight hours on Sunday or more for that matter.

Mr. Johnson: Through the Mayor, Councilman Blynn we are seeking grant money. We just did an application that's going on tomorrow. So once that grant money comes in based upon the amount we can take that into consideration, the request that you're making.

Councilman Blynn: And have we gotten Swerdlow's \$50,000.00 (inaudible)?

Mr. Johnson: No. Is this for the Gwen Margolis Center?

Councilman Blynn: Yeah for the renovation of the Gwen Margolis Center?

Mr. Johnson: Not as of yet. We do anticipate getting those funds in the month of October.

Councilman Blynn: Any other monies we anticipate getting?

Mr. Johnson: I mean that's it right now. If there is a sale for the Biscayne Landing Oaks, we're in the process of discussing that right now and into negotiations. Its two areas that we're looking at.

Councilman Blynn: That would be a considerable sum of money.

Mr. Johnson: That would be considerable. However like I said we're discussing that with the seller, I Star. And the way that works is, is does the City get the money on the back end or the front end. So we are in discussions of that right now.

Councilman Blynn: All right, thank you.

Mayor Pierre: We'll get the money on the front end. Vice-Mayor?

Councilman Galvin: Oh wait, that's you.

Vice-Mayor Steril: I see that he really want to say something.

Councilman Galvin: I forgot it moved from one to the other.

Vice-Mayor Steril: No. I don't have any questions Mr. Mayor because all my concerns were already addressed from the last hearing.

Mayor Pierre: All right no problem. Mr. City Clerk, roll call.

ROLL CALL

Councilman Marcellus	Yes
Councilman Blynn	Yes
Vice-Mayor Steril	Yes
Councilman Galvin	No
Mayor Pierre	Yes

Mr. Etienne: Item passed at 7:06.

Mayor Pierre: Okay, thank you. Mister...I'm sorry Ms. City Attorney, any items to be considered? Anything we need to do to legalize this Budget?

Ms. Monestime: No, we're done.

5. *ADJOURNMENT*

Mayor Pierre: Okay hearing none, can I get a motion to adjourn?

Councilman Blynn: Motion to adjourn.

Vice-Mayor Steril: Move to adjourn.

Mayor Pierre: Okay it was seconded. All in favor say Aye. AYE. Opposed? None. Thank you so much.

Councilman Blynn: Thank you Staff for being here. Thank you Carol. Thank you citizens. We have a new Budget for 2012-2013 completed.