

PALM BEACH COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date: May 15, 2007

Consent Regular
 Public Hearing

Department:

Submitted By: ADMINISTRATION

I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to receive and file:

A) Resolution No. 24-2007 of the City of Lake Worth, Florida, urging members of the Florida Legislature to support House Bill 1363 entitled "Organized Criminal Activity" to create additional penalties for gang members; and

B) Resolution No. 26-07 of the City Commission of the City of Delray Beach, Florida, in support of the Florida Department of Transportation and its affiliated regional transportation agencies to recommend strategic investment in the Florida East Coast Corridor areas to expand local and regional passenger service.

Summary: N/A

Background and Justification: N/A

Attachments: Original Documents

Recommended By: Patty Hndle 4/30/07
Agenda Coordinator Date

Approved By: N/A
Assistant County Administrator Date

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April 5, 2007

Mr. Robert Weisman
County Administrator
301 North Olive Avenue
West Palm Beach, FL 33401

Dear Mr. Weisman:

On April 3, 2007, the City Commission of the City of Lake Worth approved the enclosed resolution urging the members of the Florida Legislature to support House Bill 1363 regarding Organized Criminal Activity to create additional penalties for gang members. The Commission also wished to inform the members of the Florida Legislature that they were concerned with protecting the civil rights of everyone.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pamela J. Lopez".

Pamela J. Lopez, MMC
City Clerk

enclosure

24-2007

RESOLUTION NO. 24-2007 OF THE CITY OF LAKE WORTH, FLORIDA, URGING MEMBERS OF THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO SUPPORT HOUSE BILL 1363 ENTITLED "ORGANIZED CRIMINAL ACTIVITY," WHICH RENAMES AND AMENDS THE "CRIMINAL STREET GANG PREVENTION ACT OF 1996" AS THE "ORGANIZED CRIME GROUP PREVENTION ACT OF 2007;" URGING THE SUPPORT OF FLORIDA GOVERNOR CRIST, THE PALM BEACH COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION, THE MAYOR OF EACH MUNICIPALITY IN PALM BEACH COUNTY, THE LEADERSHIP OF THE PALM BEACH COUNTY LEAGUE OF CITIES, THE LEADERSHIP OF THE FLOIRDA LEAGUE OF CITIES AND EACH MEMBER OF THE PALM BEACH COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS; PROVIDING THAT THIS RESOLUTION BE FORWARDED TO FLORIDA GOVERNOR CRIST, THE PALM BEACH COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION, THE MAYOR OF EACH MUNICIPALITY IN PALM BEACH COUNTY, THE LEADERSHIP OF THE PALM BEACH COUNTY LEAGUE OF CITIES, THE LEADERSHIP OF THE FLOIRDA LEAGUE OF CITIES AND EACH MEMBER OF THE PALM BEACH COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS; PROVING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Florida House Representative Gonzalez and others have introduced HB 1363 entitled "Organized Crime Activity;" and

WHEREAS, the bill renames the "Criminal Street Gang Prevention Act of 1996" as the "Organized Crime Group Prevention Act of 2007" and replaces the term "criminal street gang" with "organized crime group" throughout the Act and other referencing statutes; and

WHEREAS, the bill authorizes the Florida Department of Law Enforcement ("FDLE") to compile and retain additional information regarding organized crime groups for law enforcement purposes and authorizes local law enforcement agencies to compile crime group information and to notify prosecutors of an arrested individual's organized crime group membership status; and

WHEREAS, the bill creates a term and condition of community supervision, that prohibits organized crime group members from communicating with any other organized crime group member through any means, except as authorized by certain entities for the purpose of aiding in the investigation of organized criminal activity; and

WHEREAS, the bill makes it a third degree felony for any person to use electronic communication to further any criminal purpose, to intimidate or harass other persons, or to advertise his or her presence in the community, and

WHEREAS, the bill makes it a second degree felony for any person to possess or manufacture any blank, forged, stolen, fictitious, fraudulent, counterfeit, or otherwise unlawfully issued identification document in furtherance of a criminal activity; and

WHEREAS, the bill requires FDLE to administer organized crime prevention and enforcement grants; and

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WHEREAS, for these reasons, the City Commission urges Florida Governor Crist, and the Florida Legislature to support HB 1363 and also urges the Palm Beach County Legislative Delegation, the mayor of each municipality in Palm Beach County, the leadership of the Palm Beach County League of Cities, the leadership of the Florida League of Cities, and each member of the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners to support of HB 1363; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds that this resolution should be forwarded to Florida Governor Crist, the Palm Beach County Legislative Delegation, the mayor of each municipality in Palm Beach County, the leadership of the Palm Beach County League of Cities, the leadership of the Florida League of Cities, and each member of the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAKE WORTH, FLORIDA, that:

Section 1. The foregoing recitals are hereby ratified and confirmed.

Section 2. For the reasons stated herein above, the City Commission of the City of Lake Worth, Florida, urges Florida Governor Crist and the Florida Legislature to support HB 1363 and also urges the Palm Beach County Legislative Delegation, the mayor of each municipality in Palm Beach County, the leadership of the Palm Beach County League of Cities, the leadership of the Florida League of Cities, and each member of the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners to support HB 1363.

Section 3. The City Commission hereby directs that this resolution be forwarded immediately to Florida Governor Crist, the Pam Beach County Legislative Delegation, the mayor of each municipality in Palm Beach County, the leadership of the Palm Beach County League of Cities, the leadership of the Florida League of Cities, and each member of the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners.

Section 4. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage.

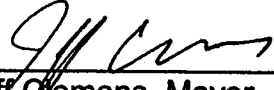
The passage of this Resolution was moved by Commissioner Golden, seconded by Vice Mayor Lowe, and upon being put to vote, the vote was as follows:

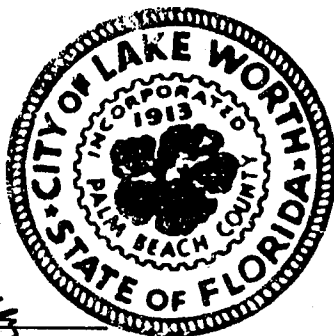
Mayor Jeff Clemens	AYE
Vice Mayor Retha Lowe	AYE
Commissioner Cara Jennings	NAY
Commissioner Jo-Ann Golden	AYE
Commissioner Dave Vespo	AYE

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The Mayor thereupon declared this Resolution duly passed and adopted on the 3rd day of April 2007.

LAKE WORTH CITY COMMISSION

By: 
Jeff Clemens, Mayor



ATTEST:


Pamela J. Lopez, City Clerk

CITY OF DELRAY BEACH



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April 10, 2007

Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners
Attn: Commissioner Addie Greene – District 7
301 North Olive Avenue
West Palm Beach, Florida 33401

Dear Commissioner Greene:

Please find attached **Resolution No. 26-07** supporting the Florida Department of Transportation and its affiliated regional transportation agencies to recommend strategic investment in the Florida East Coast (FEC) Corridor areas to expand local and regional passenger service in that area to meet the growth transit needs and complement freight industry growth in the Southeast Florida area. The City Commission passed and adopted Resolution No. 26-07 at their Regular Commission Meeting of April 3, 2007.

If I can be of any assistance to you, please call the office between the hours of 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday at (561) 243-7059.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Chevelle D. Nubin".

Chevelle D. Nubin, CMC
City Clerk

CDN/lg

Attachment

CITY OF DELRAY BEACH



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CERTIFICATION

I, CHEVELLE D. NUBIN, City Clerk of the City of Delray Beach, do hereby certify that the attached document is a true and correct copy of **Resolution No. 26-07**, as the same was passed and adopted by the Delray Beach City Commission in regular session on the 3rd day of April, 2007.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the official seal of the City of Delray Beach, Florida, on this the 10th day of April, 2007.

Chevelle D. Nubin

Chevelle D. Nubin
City Clerk
City of Delray Beach, Florida

(SEAL)

RESOLUTION NO. 26-07

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DELRAY BEACH, IN SUPPORT OF THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND ITS AFFILIATED REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCIES TO RECOMMEND STRATEGIC INVESTMENT IN THE FLORIDA EAST COAST CORRIDOR AREAS TO EXPAND LOCAL AND REGIONAL PASSENGER SERVICE IN THAT AREA TO MEET THE GROWING TRANSIT NEEDS AND COMPLEMENT FREIGHT INDUSTRY GROWTH IN THE SOUTHEAST FLORIDA AREA.

WHEREAS, in 1995, a collaboration of freight operators and the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) completed the "Rail Rationalization Study" and recommended long-term planning for both the South Florida Rail Corridor (SFRC) and Florida East Coast (FEC) Corridor, including double tracking of the SFRC and the concurrent, public investment in the FEC Corridor, and to consider implementation of passenger service within the FEC Corridor; and

WHEREAS, in 1997 and 1998, cities and counties in the Southeast Florida region began to meet on a continuing basis to approve resolutions asking state and federal transportation agencies to negotiate with the Florida East Coast Industries, Inc., (FEI) for inclusion of passenger service within its corridor; and

WHEREAS, the FDOT 2020 and 2025 Mission Statements call for safe, interconnected statewide transportation systems that ensure mobility of people and goods for Florida's citizens and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the FDOT and its affiliated regional offices are required to expand and enhance rail systems in Florida to respond to statewide mobility needs; and

WHEREAS, the FEC Corridor right-of-way represents an important and strategic transportation corridor that provides vital freight and transportation rail services to and from South Florida; and

WHEREAS, the trend in economic growth along the FEC Corridor continues to increase, resulting in the building of compact residential and commercial development, including the accommodation of tens of thousands of new residents and hundreds of thousands of square feet of office space within walking distance of the corridor.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DELRAY BEACH:

Section 1: That FDOT and its affiliated agencies involved with the Regional Transit Authority (RTA) are strongly encouraged to define specific and detailed baseline local and regional passenger services needed for cities and unincorporated areas along the FEC Corridor area where tremendous compact growth is underway.

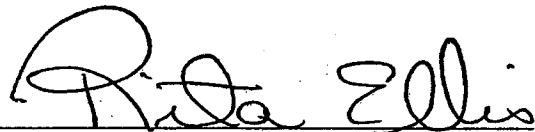
Section 2: That FDOT is encouraged to recommend the full funding of the needed transit service expansion within and along the FEC Corridor areas to the extent that passenger services can be added without negatively affecting current or future freight operations.

Section 3: That FDOT is encouraged to work with local governments to develop financing mechanisms that benefit eastern communities and advance near-term development of the necessary transit services in the FEC Corridor.

Section 4: That FDOT is encouraged to work with local governments to develop complementary land use plans and local development regulations to develop communities that are best served by transit.

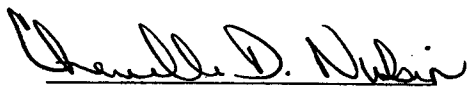
Section 5: That the City Clerk is directed to forward a copy of this Resolution to all government agencies involved, including County Commissions and officials involved in regional transit planning, the RTA and its membership, the Florida League of Cities, municipalities and Chambers of Commerce within the South Florida area, SFRC and FECCI and their affiliates at the air and sea ports.

PASSED AND ADOPTED in regular session on this 3rd day of April, 2007.



MAYOR

ATTEST:



City Clerk