




MEMORANDUM
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

DATE: January 17, 2006

TO: Commissioner Natacha Seijas, Chairperson
Infrastructure and Land Use Committee

FROM: 
Carlos Alvarez, Mayor
Miami-Dade County

SUBJECT: Resolution relating to permitting & inspection process
Infrastructure and Land Use Committee Agenda Item No. 3(G) January 17, 2006

At the very inception of my tenure as Miami-Dade County Mayor there were several key initiatives that were delineated and prioritized for my administration. Among the most important of those initiatives was a review and overhaul of the building permitting process. As a matter of fact, the issue was of such great importance to me that on December 7, 2004 (less than one month into my tenure as Mayor) I issued a memo to the County Manager asking that recommendations be made to help address shortcomings of the Building Department's permitting process. (Please see attached).

Since that time, there have been important advances in the quest to streamline the permitting process through the best efforts of staff at the County and the invaluable insights provided by the private sector via the Development Process Advisory Committee (DPAC). Unfortunately, those advances have taken longer than I would have liked; however, to ensure that the most appropriate reforms occur, a thorough and extensive review was necessary. With the information we have and will continue to gather, we are taking much needed steps toward facilitating development within Miami-Dade County and helping to safeguard one of our most important economic engines.

Given the importance of this endeavor and the cooperation that will be required to achieve complete success, I am pleased to see that you have taken a leadership role on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners. In addition to the many administrative reforms that will be required, it is reassuring to know that any legislative measures necessary will be met with support from the Board. As my office and the County Manager's office continue to strive for the required remedies to the problems in the permitting process in the Building Department, I am grateful for the kind attention and support you have voiced on behalf of the Board.

Whenever it is possible to align the efforts and resources of our offices for the benefit of the residents of Miami-Dade County, it is within all of our best interests to do so. I look forward to working with you on the completion of this vital task.

Attachment

c: Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez and Members,
Board of County Commissioners
George Burgess, County Manager
Murray A. Greenberg, County Attorney
Kay Sullivan, Director, Clerk of the Board



MEMORANDUM
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

TO: George M. Burgess
County Manger

DATE: December 7, 2004

FROM: 
Carlos Alvarez, Mayor
Miami-Dade County

SUBJECT: Building Department Report
Due: March 8, 2005

As per our discussion during the ACM'S meeting of December 1, 2004, please convene a working group of professionals both from the private/public sector to address the problems in the Building Department.

There should be recommendations made regarding on improving the very real problems facing the Building Department specifically in the permitting process.

Plan of action on what is going to be happening should be submitted within the next sixty (60) days. Due Date: March 8, 2005.

As you know this is a very high priority not only for me, but for our local economy.

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