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**MIAMI-DADE COUNTY
COMMISSION ON ETHICS & PUBLIC TRUST**

In re: MYRA TAYLOR
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C 11-16

PUBLIC REPORT AND FINAL ORDER

The ADVOCATE for the Commission on Ethics filed the above-referenced COMPLAINT against RESPONDENT Myra Taylor, former Vice Mayor (now current Mayor) of the City of Opa-Locka. The COMPLAINT alleged four counts of violations of the Miami-Dade County Ethics Code at Sec. 2-11.1 (d), which prohibits transacting business with one's city, and Sec. 2-11.1 (g), which prohibits exploitation of one's official position.

Specifically, Counts I and II charged RESPONDENT with sponsoring and voting on resolutions in 2009 and 2010 that resulted in a city check being issued in the amount of \$5,000 to a keynote speaker who appeared at an event *not* sponsored by the city. Rather, the event, held on February 27, 2010, was sponsored by a foundation within the total control of RESPONDENT. Counts III and IV charged RESPONDENT with other acts of exploitation related to expending city funds and city resources on behalf of the February 27th event.

The Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics has jurisdiction pursuant to Secs. 2-11.1 (a) and (y) and Sec. 2-1068 of the Miami-Dade County Code.

On July 26, 2011, in public session, the ADVOCATE reported that RESPONDENT pleaded no contest to allegations in the first two counts of the COMPLAINT, consented to paying a fine of \$1,500, and was willing to accept a public reprimand. In return, the Ethics Commission dismissed Counts III and IV of the COMPLAINT as part of the negotiated settlement.

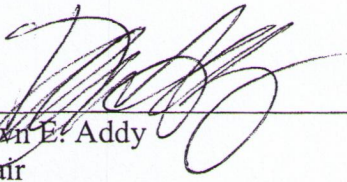
Therefore it is:

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED THAT COMPLAINT C 11-16 is hereby SETTLED.

DONE AND ORDERED by the Miami-Dade County Commission on Ethics & Public Trust in public session on July 26, 2011.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMISSION ON
ETHICS & PUBLIC TRUST

By:


Dawn E. Addy
Chair

Signed on this date: 07/29/2011