Item No. 176

# AGENDA ITEM MEMORADUM

**Town Clerk**
Department

**June White**
Department Director

| COMMISSION MEETING DATE (*) - 7:00 PM | Deadline to Town Clerk |
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| ☒ Dec 13, 2011 | Dec 2nd |

*Subject to Change

☐ Presentation ☐ Reports ☐ Consent ☐ Ordinance
☐ Resolution ☐ Quasi-Judicial ☐ Old Business ☒ New Business

☐ **FY2011 DESIGNATED HIGH PRIORITY ITEM - PRIORITY TOPIC**

**SUBJECT TITLE:** Lauderdale-By-The-Sea Sister Cities Association

**EXPLANATION:** In 2004 the Peruvian town of San Isidro became the first Sister City (Resolution 2004-13) followed by Henley on Thames, England (Resolution 2007-01). Several visits were made between LBTS and our Sister Cities. Since 2007 local interest in implementing the mission of the Sister Cities Association has deteriorated, and therefore, the Board of Directors of the Sister Cities Association requests the Commission terminate the operation of the Sister Cities Association.

**EXPECTED OUTCOME:** Commission direction.

**EXHIBITS:** Letter – Lauderdale-By-The-Sea Sister Cities Association from Dr. Kenneth Most
Resolution 2004-13
Resolution 2007-01

Reviewed by Town Attorney
☐ Yes ☒ No

Town Manager Initials CH

Hand Delivered
11/29/11 pm.

LAUDERDALE BY THE SEA SISTER CITIES ASSOCIATION
4501 Ocean Drive, Lauderdale-By-The-Sea, FL 33308

**To: The Mayor and Commissioners of Lauderdale-By-The-Sea**
**From: Dr. Kenneth S. Most, Chairman, Lauderdale-By-The-Sea Sister Cities Association**

**Date: November 29, 2011**

**Subject: Termination**

At the end of May, 2003, on the initiative of Commissioner Ed Kennedy and with the support of Mayor Parker and Commissioner Clark, Dr. Kenneth S. Most applied to the Town Commission of Lauderdale-By-The-Sea to form a Sister Cities Association. Commissioner Kennedy was familiar with Sister Cities International through his past political activities in Fort Lauderdale, and Dr. Most had previously been involved with Sister Cities in Miami-Dade, Florida and Germantown, Tennessee. The application was approved.

The Association was incorporated in August 2003 and a Board of Directors selected. Commissioner Kennedy was appointed Honorary President and Dr. Most Chairman. The following Mission Statement was adopted:

**The Lauderdale-By-The-Sea Sister Cities Association is the institution approved by the Town of Lauderdale-By-The-Sea to implement the "people to people" component of United States international relations at the local level. Its objective is to foster and facilitate mutual understanding, international cooperation and communication, and thus contribute to global interrelationships.**

In 2004 the Peruvian town of San Isidro became our first Sister City. and the Mayor and several other citizens paid us an official visit in August and signed the Agreement. The following year a Lauderdale-By-The-Sea delegation led by Mayor Parker and Commissioner Clark visited San Isidro. We established a need for medical equipment and three shipments were made, one of them in collaboration with The Wheelchair Foundation. We also sent a consignment of relief supplies following an earthquake in Peru.Shortly thereafter there was a change of Mayor in San Isidro, and unfortunately contact between our two towns has

ceased.

We continued our activities as a social group while seeking another Sister City and through the good offices of Vincent Ragusa were able to secure the interest of Henley-on-Thames, England. In February 2007 the then Mayor, two past mayors and several others visited Lauderdale-By-The-Sea and we hosted a full,schedule of events for them As a consequence we were invited to send a delegation to Henley-on-Thames, to sign an Agreement and to plan joint activities. However we have been unable to put together an official delegation for the visit.

*In the circumstances* it would seem that there is little or no local interest in implementing the mission of our Sister Cities Association. The Board of Directors of the Association therefore requests authorization to liquidate and cease operations.

Kenneth S. Most

Dr. Kenneth S. Most, Chairman

**RESOLUTION NO. 2004-13**

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF LAUDERDALE-BY-THE-SEA, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND TOWN MANAGER TO ENTER ITNTO SUCH AGREEMENTS AS APPROPRIATE WITH THE CITY OF SAN ISIDRO, PERU, TO ACHIEVE THE GOALS OF SISTER CITIES.

***WHEREAS***, the Sister City Program was initiated by the President of the United States of America in 1956, to encourage greater understanding and friendship between the United States and other nations through direct personal contact; and

***WHEREAS***, in order to foster these goals, the people of Lauderdale-By-The-Sea, Florida, and San Isidro, Peru, in a gesture of friendship and goodwill, agree to collaborate for the mutual benefit of their communities by exploring social, economic, humanitarian, and cultural opportunities; and

***WHEREAS***, the Town of Lauderdale-By-The-Sea, Florida, agrees to support and encourage opportunities for mutually beneficial practical exchanges in the fields of tourism and other forms of business, the arts and other cultural activities, humanitarian programming, and a variety of mutual social events.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN OF LAUDERDALE-BY-THE-SEA, FLORIDA:

Section 1. That the Town of Lauderdale-By-The-Sea, Florida, is hereby authorized to enter into such agreements with the City of San Isidro, Peru, to further achieve these objectives

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Town of Lauderdale-By-The-Sea, Florida, this 22 day of June, 2004.

MAYOR OLIVER PARKER

Attest:

Alina Medina, Acting Town Clerk

**RESOLUTION NO. 2007-01**

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF LAUDERDALE-BY-THE-SEA, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND TOWN MANAGER TO ENTER INTO SUCH AGREEMENTS AS APPROPRIATE WITH THE CITY OF HENLEY-ON-THAMES, UNITED KINGDOM, TO ACHIEVE THE GOALS OF SISTER CITIES.

***WHEREAS***, the Sister City Program was initiated by the President of the United States of America in 1956, to encourage greater understanding and friendship between the United States and other nations through direct personal contact; and

***WHEREAS***, in order to foster these goals, the people of Lauderdale-By-The-Sea, Florida, and Henley-on-Thames, in a gesture of friendship and goodwill, agree to collaborate for the mutual benefit of their communities by exploring social, economic, humanitarian, and cultural opportunities; and

***WHEREAS***, the Town of Lauderdale-By-The-Sea, Florida, agrees to support and encourage opportunities for mutually beneficial practical exchanges in the fields of tourism and other forms of business, the arts and other cultural activities, humanitarian programming, and a variety of mutual social events.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN OF LAUDERDALE-BY-THE-SEA, FLORIDA:

Section 1. That the Town of Lauderdale-By-The-Sea, Florida, is hereby authorized to enter into such agreements with the Henley-on-Thames, United Kingdom, to further achieve these objectives

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Town of Lauderdale-By-The-Sea, Florida, this 13th day of February, 2007.

MAYOR OLIVER PARKER

Attest:

Alina Medina, Town Clerk