

ST. PETERSBURG CITY COUNCIL

Consent Agenda

July 9, 2009

TO: The Honorable Jeff Danner, Chair and Members of City Council

SUBJECT: A resolution appointing Robert L. Williams, III as the representative of the local "Financial/Insurance Business" category to the Board of Commissioners of the Enterprise Zone Development Agency ("EZDA") to fill the remainder of the unexpired term expiring on April 20, 2010; reappointing John Long, III as the representative of the local Chamber of Commerce and Leslie Curran, "Councilmember from the Zone (District 4)" category, to the Board of Commissioners of the EZDA to each serve a term of four years expiring April 20, 2013; Appointing William Bennett as the "Business Operating in the Zone" representative to the Board of Commissioners of the EZDA to serve a term of four years expiring April 20, 2013; Appointing Shrimatee Ojah-Maharaj and Claude Williams as alternates on the Board of Commissioners of the EZDA to each serve a term ending on April 20, 2011; Appointing Gregory Johnson as Chair and appointing Wengay Newton as Vice-Chair of the Board of Commissioners of the EZDA; and providing an effective date.

EXPLANATION: On April 20, 1995, pursuant to the Florida Enterprise Zone Act (Florida Statutes, Chapter 290), City Council adopted Ordinance 194-G, creating the Enterprise Zone Development Agency for the City of St. Petersburg ("EZDA") and appointing its initial Board of Commissioners. The EZDA is responsible for assisting in the marketing of the Enterprise Zone incentives; overseeing and monitoring the implementation of the Enterprise Zone incentives; identifying and recommending ways to remove regulatory barriers; and identifying the financial resources or assistance available to eligible businesses in the Enterprise Zone.

Florida Statutes require that the EZDA have between eight (8) and thirteen (13) Commissioners and include representation from the following: a chamber of commerce, a private industry council, a nonprofit community-based organization, residents of the area, businesses operating within the Enterprise Zone, a financial or insurance business, a local code enforcement agency, and a local law enforcement agency. In addition, members of the City Council may be included. Ordinance 194-G originally established an EZDA Board ("Board") consisting of eleven (11) members; however, on October 23, 1997, City Council approved Ordinance 299-G which expanded the Board to thirteen (13) members. EZDA Commissioners serve four (4) year staggered terms and in accordance with Ordinance 194-G must be appointed by resolution of the City Council. A vacancy occurring during a term shall be filled for the unexpired term. City Council is also required to designate a Chair and Vice-Chair from among the Commissioners. On January 22, 2009, Ordinance 299-G was amended to allow the EZDA to appoint two alternates to the board, to help ensure that a quorum will be present at future meetings.

At the January 14, 2009 EZDA meeting, Harold Winner, "local financial or insurance business representative" and current EZDA Chair, advised the board that he would retire effective March

2009. The EZDA then voted unanimously to recommend the appointment of Robert L. Williams, III to fill the remainder of Harold Winner's unexpired term, and Gregory Johnson and Wengay Newton as Chair and Vice-Chair, respectively.

At the April 15, 2009 meeting, in the absence of a quorum, the EZDA voted unanimously to: appoint William Bennett, owner of Dr. Frogue's Hair Salon Suites, 2535 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. St. S., to the vacant "Business from the Zone" seat for a four year term expiring April 20, 2013; appoint Shrimatee Ojah-Maharaj as an EZDA alternate for a two year term expiring April 20, 2011; appoint Claude Williams as an EZDA alternate for a two year term expiring April 20, 2011; reappoint Leslie Curran as "Councilmember from the Zone (District 4)" for a four year term expiring April 20, 2013; and reappoint John Long as the "Local Chamber of Commerce" representative for a four year term expiring April 20, 2013.

RECOMMENDATION: Administration recommends adoption of the attached resolution appointing Robert L. Williams, III as the representative of the local "Financial/Insurance Business" category to the Board of Commissioners of the Enterprise Zone Development Agency ("EZDA") to fill the remainder of the unexpired term expiring on April 20, 2010; reappointing John Long, III as the representative of the local Chamber of Commerce and Leslie Curran, "Councilmember from the Zone (District 4)" category, to the Board of Commissioners of the EZDA to each serve a term of four years expiring April 20, 2013; Appointing William Bennett as the "Business Operating in the Zone" representative to the Board of Commissioners of the EZDA to serve a term of four years expiring April 20, 2013; Appointing Shrimatee Ojah-Maharaj and Claude Williams as alternates on the Board of Commissioners of the EZDA to each serve a term ending on April 20, 2011; Appointing Gregory Johnson as Chair and appointing Wengay Newton as Vice-Chair of the Board of Commissioners of the EZDA; and providing an effective date.

COST/FUNDING/ASSESSMENT INFORMATION: N/A

ATTACHMENTS: Resolution

APPROVALS:

Administrative:

R. Muddett 6-11-09 *RM*

Budget:

N/A

Legal:

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RESOLUTION NO. 2009- _____

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING ROBERT L. WILLIAMS, III AS THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE LOCAL FINANCIAL/INSURANCE BUSINESS CATEGORY TO THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE ENTERPRISE ZONE DEVELOPMENT AGENCY ("EZDA") TO FILL THE REMAINDER OF THE UNEXPIRED TERM EXPIRING ON APRIL 20, 2010; RE-APPOINTING JOHN LONG, III AS THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE LOCAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND LESLIE CURRAN, COUNCIL MEMBER FOR THE ZONE (DISTRICT 4) CATEGORY TO THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE EZDA TO EACH SERVE A TERM OF FOUR YEARS EXPIRING ON APRIL 20, 2013; APPOINTING WILLIAM BENNETT AS THE BUSINESS OPERATING IN THE ZONE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE EZDA TO SERVE A TERM OF FOUR YEARS EXPIRING APRIL 20, 2013; APPOINTING SHRIMATEE OJAH-MAHARAJ AND CLAUDE WILLIAMS AS ALTERNATES TO THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE EZDA TO EACH SERVE A TERM EXPIRING ON APRIL 20, 2011; APPOINTING GREGORY JOHNSON AS CHAIR AND APPOINTING WENGAY NEWTON AS VICE-CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE EZDA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, on April 20, 1995, City Council adopted Ordinance 194-G, creating the Enterprise Zone Development Agency for the City of St. Petersburg ("EZDA");

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Florida Enterprise Zone Act provisions of Chapter 290, Florida Statutes, the Board of Commissioners of the EZDA must have between eight (8) and thirteen (13) members and must have an appointed Chair and Vice-Chair; and

WHEREAS, City Council has previously established a membership of thirteen (13); and

WHEREAS, there is one (1) vacancy (unexpired term) on the Board of Commissioners of the EZDA in the category of Local Financial/Insurance Business; and

WHEREAS, the EZDA has recommended appointment for the position to the Board of Commissioners of the EZDA in the category of Local Financial/Insurance Business; and

WHEREAS, there will be three (3) vacancies (expired terms) on the Board of Commissioners of the EZDA in the categories of Local Chamber of Commerce and Councilmember from the Zone (District 4) and Business Operating within the Area ; and

WHEREAS, City Administration has recommended reappointment for the two (2) positions to the Board of Commissioners of the EZDA in the categories of Local Chamber of Commerce and Councilmember from the Zone (District 4); and

WHEREAS, City Administration has recommended appointment for the position to the Board of Commissioners of the EZDA in the category of Business Operating within the Area; and

WHEREAS, there are two (2) vacancies for alternates to serve in the place of regular members of the Board of Commissioners of the EZDA; and

WHEREAS, City Administration has recommended appointment for the two (2) positions for alternates to the Board of Commissioners of the EZDA; and

WHEREAS, there are vacancies (unexpired terms) for the positions of Chair and Vice-Chair of the Board of Commissioners of the EZDA since the former Local Financial/Insurance Business representative was Chair and the current Vice-Chair desires to fill the Chair's unexpired term; and

WHEREAS, the EZDA has recommended designating a Chair and Vice-Chair of the Board of Commissioners of the EZDA; and

WHEREAS, Commissioners to the EZDA are appointed by resolution of the City Council and the positions of Chair and Vice-Chair of the Board of Commissioners of the EZDA are designated by resolution of the City Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of St. Petersburg, Florida, that Robert L. Williams, III, Local Financial/Insurance Business category, is appointed as Commissioner to the Board of Commissioners of the Enterprise Zone Development Agency for the City of St. Petersburg ("EZDA") to serve the remainder of an unexpired term ending 4/20/10; John Long, III, Chamber of Commerce Category, and Leslie Curran, Councilmember from the Zone (District 4) category, are reappointed as Commissioners to the Board of Commissioners of the EZDA to each serve a term of four (4) years ending 4/20/13; William Bennett, Business Operating in the Area category, is appointed as Commissioner to the Board of Commissioners of the EZDA for the City of St. Petersburg to serve a term of four (4) years ending on 4/20/13; Gregory Johnson, Member-at-Large category, is designated Chair of

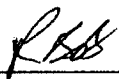
the Board of Commissioners of the EZDA for the City of St. Petersburg; Wengay Newton, Councilmember from the Zone (District 7) category, is designated Vice-Chair of the Board of Commissioners of the EZDA for the City of St. Petersburg; that Shrimatee Ojah-Maharaj and Claude Williams are hereby appointed as alternates to the Board of Commissioners of the EZDA for the City of St. Petersburg to each serve an initial term of two (2) years ending on 4/20/11 as set forth below:

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Expiration</u>
Financial/Insurance Business	Robert L. Williams, III Vice President Synovus Bank	04/21/09	04/20/10
Chamber of Commerce	John Long, III, President St. Petersburg Area Chamber of Commerce	04/21/09	04/20/13
Councilmember from the Zone (District 4)	Leslie Curran	04/21/09	04/20/13
Business Operating in the Zone	William Bennett	04/21/09	04/20/13
Alternate	Shrimatee Ojah-Maharaj	04/21/09	04/20/11
Alternate	Claude Williams	04/21/09	04/20/11


This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND CONTENT:

APPROVED BY:



 City Attorney (Designee)



 Dave Goodwin, Director
 Economic Development Department

By: RICHARD B. BADGLEY