

RESOLUTION No.15-242

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DORAL, FLORIDA, APPROVING A RELATIONSHIP WITH DIGITAL ALLIANCE TO DONATE SURPLUS AND/OR OUT-OF-DATE COMPUTER EQUIPMENT TO SCHOOLS AND NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS WITHIN THE CITY; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH DIGITAL ALLIANCE, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE CITY ATTORNEY AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY, AND TO DONATE SURPLUS EQUIPMENT IN FURTHERANCE HEREOF; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the City of Doral (the “City”) regularly disposes of itself of computer and other electronic equipment as such equipment reaches end-of-life or end of usefulness, is replaced with modern or updated technology, and/or become too costly or inefficient to maintain (“Surplus Stock Assets”); and

WHEREAS, Surplus Stock Assets are typically sold at public auction for minimal value given that the Surplus Stock Assets are released in “as is” condition, are typically in antiquated condition, and are cleared of all means of operating the computer; and

WHEREAS, it has become known to the City Council that Parent Teacher Association Boards have expressed an on-going need for additional computers within their respective schools; and

WHEREAS, research by the City’s Information Technology Department revealed that a non-profit organization, the South Florida Digital Alliance (“SFDA”), operates a community program, through which the SFDA receives donations of Surplus Stock Assets from businesses, municipalities, and organizations, refurbishes said Surplus

Stock Assets via volunteers, and distributes the now-functioning Surplus Stock Assets to community schools, parks, senior/adult centers, and non-for-profit organizations; and

WHEREAS, in order to ensure that Doral schools have the opportunity to access additional equipment needed to educate the children of the community, the City Council desires to partner with the SFDA, so that the City's Surplus Stock Assets may be reinvested into the community; and

WHEREAS, the City Council believes that such a relationship and the ensuing donations to schools and community organizations will be in the best interest of the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DORAL, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Recitals. The above recitals are confirmed, adopted, and incorporated herein and made a part hereof by this reference.

Section 2. Approval. A relationship with the South Florida Digital Alliance, as specified herein, and as further explained in the attached memorandum found in Exhibit "A", to donate surplus and/or out- of-date computer equipment to schools and non-profit organizations within the City is hereby approved, subject to the formalizing of the relationship by the City Manager.

Section 3. Authorization. The City Manager is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement and other contractual documents, subject to approval as to form and legal sufficiency by the City Attorney, as may be necessary to formalize the City's relationship with the SFDA, on the conditions specified herein and may be deemed necessary to protect and further the interests of the City. The City Manager is further authorized to donate Surplus Stock Assets to the SFDA.

Section 4. Implementation. The City Manager and City Attorney are hereby authorized to take such further action as may be necessary to implement the purpose and provisions of this Resolution.

Section 5. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

The foregoing Resolution was offered by Mayor Boria who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Cabrera and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

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| Mayor Luigi Boria | Yes |
| Vice Mayor Christi Fraga | Yes |
| Councilman Pete Cabrera | Yes |
| Councilwoman Ana Maria Rodriguez | Yes |
| Councilwoman Sandra Ruiz | Yes |

PASSED and ADOPTED this 2 day of December, 2015



LUIGI BORIA, MAYOR

ATTEST:



CONNIE DIAZ, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY
FOR THE USE AND RELIANCE OF THE CITY OF DORAL ONLY:



WEISS, SEROTA, HELFMAN, COLE & BIERMANN, P.L.
CITY ATTORNEY

EXHIBIT “A”



Memorandum

Date: November 10, 2015

To: Honorable Mayor Luigi Boria
Councilwoman Sandra Ruiz
Councilman Pete Cabrera
Councilwoman Ana Maria Rodriguez

From: Vice Mayor Christi Fraga

Subject: A Resolution from the Mayor and City Council of the City of Doral, Florida authorizing the donation of all of the City's computer surplus equipment in "as is" condition to the South Florida Digital Alliance non-profit organization for donation to City of Doral schools and non-for-profit organizations

At a recent meeting, parents serving on Parent Teacher Association (PTA) Boards voiced a need for additional computers within their respective schools. Given that the FY 2015-2016 Budget included funds to replace computer equipment, we reached out to City Manager Edward Rojas, who engaged IT Director Gladys Gonzalez regarding the possibility of donating our surplus computer equipment to our City of Doral schools. During an initial meeting, Director Gonzalez explained the following:

- The City of Doral's surplus stock assets (i.e. items that have outlived their useful life; or are no long needed by any City department; or are no long cost effective to maintain; or that have become obsolete) are sold via public auctions for minimal value in an "as is" condition. In the past, the City's surplus computer equipment has been sold at auction that include over 100 technology hardware items with nominal dollars obtained from bidders.

- It is important to note that surplus computers have very little value since IT technicians remove the physical harddrive and then render the drive inoperable by using a media demagnetizer which removes the operating system and any data residing on it completely inaccessible.
- Hence, donating a computer without an operating system, and with an inoperable harddrive, or basically, a shell, would not be of much use to the City of Doral schools whose computer needs we would be looking to supply.

Nevertheless, Director Gonzalez suggested an alternative solution which would not only allow the City of Doral to donate our surplus computer equipment to our local schools but also to any non-for-profit organization in need of computers within our City. We are therefore asking you to consider the proposal outlined below as the basis for the Resolution that we are asking you to support during this meeting.

PROPOSAL FOR THE RESOLUTION

In order to assist with supplying the technology needs of our local schools and non-for-profit organizations, we propose that the City of Doral donate its surplus computer equipment to the South Florida Digital Alliance (SFDA), a non-profit organization incorporated in 2009 under the name of the Miami-Dade Broadband Coalition through generous grant provided by the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation. The SFDA collaborates with successful community programs and/or organizations to address the digital divide and promote the adoption and spread of affordable technology. Here is a link to the South Florida Digital Alliance (SFDA) website for further information:

<http://www.sfdigitalalliance.org/>

For the purposes of this resolution, it is important to note that that the SFDA partners with several municipalities and other public and private organizations that serve as anchor institutions in our local economy from which it receives equipment donations. SFDA then uses volunteers and interns to refurbish, re-purpose, and redistribute the old equipment throughout the South Florida community to schools, parks, senior/adult centers, and non-for-profit organizations. As such, the surplus computer equipment donated by the City of Doral would be refurbished by the SFDA and donated specifically to schools and/or non-for-profit organizations within the City of Doral that would submit equipment requests to the City.

This is a sample summary of where some of the equipment donated by municipalities to the SFDA has been deployed:

- Two hundred (200) desktop machines were donated to the Miami Dade County Public School system to deploy as technology tools in Title I schools.
- Two hundred (200) desktop machines have been used to support the new Technology Learning Centers projects throughout Miami Dade County.
- Fifty (50) desktop machines and monitors have been utilized for various non-profit organizations, such as: the Found Art Academy (for Autistic youth and young adults)
- STEPS in the Right Direction (elderly programs)
- The Lions Club District 35- N for low income students
- St Alban's Child Enrichment Center (pre- K and K in low income area in West Coconut Grove).

DUE DILIGENCE/PROCESS City of Doral's Miami Dade County Public Schools (MDCPS)

As part of the due diligence for this Resolution, and in order to outline the process of how the City of Doral's donations would be allocated to our local public schools, IT Director Gladys Gonzalez participated on a conference call with the Miami Dade County Public Schools' (MDCPS) Chief Information Officer Deborah Karcher, MDCPS IT Manager Roly Avila, and SFDA Executive Director Jim Osteen. The following was discussed during the conference call:

- 1) The protocol to donate equipment to the schools would work as follows:
 - a) If a City of Doral school requests a specific amount of computers, the SFDA will provide a donation to that particular school;
 - b) MDCPS IT Manager Roly Avila will send staff to inspect the computers at the SFDA location since they require one (1) gigabyte of memory, a monitor, a keyboard and a mouse;
 - c) Mr. Avila will then coordinate with SFDA in order to notify the school's Principal and for the delivery of the computers to the school.
- 2) SFDA will NOT need to provide the Operating System or Microsoft Office since the MDCPS Information Technology staff will image the computers with the required Operating System and applications.
- 3) SFDA will advise the City of Doral when the computer equipment is donated.

The process for allocating equipment to non-MDCPS schools (ie. Charters) and/or non-for-profit organizations that would request computer equipment would be handled on a case by case basis. The SFDA would install the Operating System and if needed, the Microsoft Licensing (donated by Microsoft) on computers that would be donated to non-MDCPS entities.

CONCLUSION

In approving this Resolution and providing authorization for the City of Doral to donate surplus computer equipment in "as is" condition to the SFDA, the City would make no representation as to the condition of the computer equipment, no warranties, expressed or implied, and would not assume any responsibility.

I therefore ask for your support in establishing this Resolution authorizing the City of Doral to donate all of its computer surplus equipment in "as is" condition to the South Florida Digital Alliance non-profit organization for donation to City of Doral schools and non-for-profit organizations.

If you should have any questions regarding this item, please be advised that the South Florida Digital alliance Executive Director Jim Osteen will be present during the December 2nd, 2015 Council meeting to answer any questions.