

TOWN OF DAVIE
TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM/PHONE: Gary P. Shimun, Town Administrator

PREPARED BY: Russell C. Muniz, MBA, CMC, Town Clerk

SUBJECT: Resolution

AFFECTED DISTRICT: Town Wide

ITEM REQUEST: **Schedule for Council Meeting**

TITLE OF AGENDA ITEM: A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF DAVIE, FLORIDA REQUESTING THE BROWARD COUNTY COMMISSION CONTINUE TO APPROPRIATE FUNDING FOR THE NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY ALVIN SHERMAN LIBRARY, RESEARCH AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CENTER; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

REPORT IN BRIEF: The Alvin Sherman Library, Research and Information Technology Center on Nova Southeastern's Davie campus opened in 2001 as a result of an agreement with the Broward County Commission and Nova Southeastern University. The agreement required that the University and the County Commission equally provide the funding for construction and operations for the largest public/private library in the State of Florida. In light of recent property tax reform mandates from the Florida Legislature, the County Commission has requested that Nova Southeastern University cut its library budget by about \$575,000, while Nova Southeastern University has requested an additional \$1 million to cover the County's share of operational costs. The continued operation of the library is an asset to the community as it is used by Town and County residents, as well as students.

PREVIOUS ACTIONS: N/A

CONCURRENCES: N/A

FISCAL IMPACT: not applicable

Has request been budgeted? n/a

If yes, expected cost: \$

Account Name:

If no, amount needed: \$

What account will funds be appropriated from:

Additional Comments:

RECOMMENDATION(S): Motion to approve the resolution.

Attachment(s): Resolution

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF DAVIE, FLORIDA REQUESTING THE BROWARD COUNTY COMMISSION CONTINUE TO APPROPRIATE FUNDING FOR THE NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY ALVIN SHERMAN LIBRARY, RESEARCH AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CENTER; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Nova Southeastern University and the Broward County Commission entered into an agreement culminating in the largest public/private library being opened in the State of Florida on Nova Southeastern's campus in Davie in 2001; and

WHEREAS, the agreement required that each party fund half of the construction and half of the operations of the library; and

WHEREAS, the Alvin Sherman Library, Research and Information Technology Center was designed to take advantage of current and future technologies, and to advance the Broward County Library system's mission to provide materials and services for residents seeking knowledge, lifelong learning, and recreation; and

WHEREAS, the Broward County Commission has informed Nova Southeastern University that they will reduce funding by \$575,000 which would adversely affect the level of service provided to the library's customers; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Davie believes that reductions in funding of the library by the Broward County Commission will adversely impact the library's customers and will impair the Broward County Library's system from achieving its mission to provide materials and services for residents seeking knowledge, lifelong learning, and recreation.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF DAVIE:

Section 1. The Town of Davie hereby requests that the Broward County Commission fulfill their commitment to funding half of the operations of the Alvin Sherman Library, Research and Information Technology Center.

Section 2. Copies of this resolution shall be sent to the Broward County Commission, and Nova Southeastern University.

Section 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2007

MAYOR/COUNCILMEMBER

ATTEST:

Town Clerk

APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2007