

"Thank you very much, Mr. Mayor. I wasn't here when the ordinance had its first reading. I, as everybody knows, I was out of town, and to me, um, there's a few points I need to make. And I hope you'll let me speak, Mr. Mayor, because that's one of the issues. If you are an elected official and you feel differently about something than somebody else, the public has a right to know the state even says the public has a right to know why you're voting this way or that way. When this would be at this would be implemented, and somebody got sick, I asked today to one of our employees there's such a thing as a HIPPA law that you don't have to disclose why you're sick. When I left this dais on a special meeting I was so sick I don't remember that ever happening to be before. Um. Ever. I mean my brother passed away may he rest in peace I had twelve people at my house for two days got in the car drove to Tallahassee for his son's wedding three days later. So in that special meeting it was a big issue about that special meeting. That in itself, which is being investigated right now as we speak. It's being investigated why that insurance went to one place. And I have to say to you, that that was in order for me to vote a ye or nay I needed to understand that. When the chair on Tuesday and if everybody looked back at the record says we're not voting on the budget we're NOT doing that this year wait a minute wait a minute each one of us get the right to vote for the residents to the best of our ability. And then two days later tells me we're not talking about that tonight when that was an important part of that legislation. To me. So there's twofold here. Number one, that this legislation came from that. I hope everybody will look within, Mr. Mayor, I hope you'll take some of the responsibility of the need for this. Number two, I have to tell you, that if I get that sick again, who is gonna ask me, who's gonna break the HIPPA law to find out why I'm walking off the dais? Who's gonna do that? How can you implement this? When I spoke to, and I did speak with, I did, because I respect the opinion of Dade County's ethics committee. And they have no idea how they would fine it, how they would prove it. They have no idea. So if in good faith it sounds reasonable, um, I know that Councilwoman Kramer when she says that she takes it, Vice Mayor Kramer, very serious, I think all of us do, if we I don't I sure as hell hope we do, um, you can count on one hand how many times I've missed a meeting that I wasn't with my grandchildren, um, I can tell you, that I just don't to me this makes no sense. To me that resolved to correct it starts with the chair and the how we run the meetings and what's doesn't seem important to you may be important to me. What Councilman DeFillipo or Councilwoman, um, Spiegel or Councilwoman Martell or Councilman Frantz Pierre may have an opinion it may be different than mine from what I did. But I think each one of us have the right to our opinion and we have the right to express it. That was a very important issue and maybe if Councilwoman Smith is a little smarter or because a week later there's a full blown investigation. And I just can tell you that's how this all started. That's how this started. And with that comes that I walked off the dais. Well I have to tell you if I'm not here to discuss the issues then what am I here for? There are seven of us for a reason. If you wanna have a bloc and the four of you decide everything or if you wanna do it or if she wants to do it then you know what vote. And we will watch you vote and run the city. I feel many times that this city is being steered and I feel many times that what we're doing up here is not being done to the best practices. How we go out to bid or how we do it. And now you're gonna think that you could correct that by saying to each one of the persons today and in the future until the law is changed when you get elected you must put your tushy in the chair. Well if your tushy is sitting in the chair and the chair doesn't want to recognize the work it takes to come to the vote then you have a bigger issue I don't know how to address that. When you talk about the money that was wasted because I walked out, that I sat out there for forty minutes while our staff sat here for a budget meeting and there was no Mayor no phone call. So you know it isn't an issue it's a resolve of the seven of us. It's a resolve of the seven of us. And so for me my answer for this particular ordinance is no. Thank you, Mr. Mayor."