

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 5 (E)

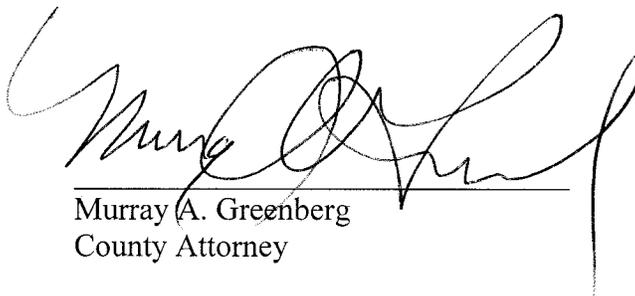
TO: Honorable Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: June 26, 2007

FROM: Murray A. Greenberg
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution codesignating
portion of NW 50th Street
as Bishop Joseph David
"J.D." Williams Street

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson.



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County Attorney

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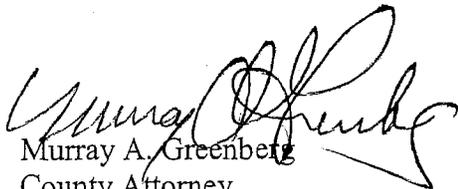


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Please note any items checked.

- "4-Day Rule" ("3-Day Rule" for committees) applicable if raised
- 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- Budget required
- Statement of fiscal impact required
- Bid waiver requiring County Manager's written recommendation
- Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing
- Housekeeping item (no policy decision required)
- No committee review

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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6-26-07

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION CODESIGNATING NW 50TH
STREET FROM NW 27TH AVENUE TO NW 32ND
AVENUE AS BISHOP JOSEPH DAVID "J.D."
WILLIAMS STREET

WHEREAS, this Board has conducted a public hearing to consider codesignating NW 50th Street from NW 27th Avenue to NW 32nd Avenue as Bishop Joseph David "J.D." Williams Street; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Joseph David "J.D." Williams was born in 1884 in Cat Island, Bahamas; he came to Miami at an early age; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Joseph David "J.D." Williams started working at the age of 10 as a water boy for a Flagler Railroad construction crew; industrious and intelligent, he obtained an education at a time when it was not the norm of young black men; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Joseph David "J.D." Williams, as a young man, became a minister and quoted the Bible in all aspects of his life; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Joseph David "J.D." Williams founded Miami's First Church of God of Prophecy in Overtown in the early 1920s; he was the pastor at the Liberty City Church of God of Prophecy; he led the congregation to move from 62nd Street to 22nd Avenue and 60th Street. The church is currently building a new edifice at the cost of over a million dollars; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Joseph David "J.D." Williams, during his long career in the ministry, was Field Secretary for the Church of God of Prophecy, and was instrumental in building and serving churches in Hallandale, Hollywood, Liberty City and Key West; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Joseph David “J.D.” Williams was an entrepreneur. As a pioneer businessman he was responsible for (under the direction of Wesley Garrison Realtors) the development of “Homeowners Paradise” and “Hialeah Gardens”; he purchased family plots and sold land from NW 22nd to 32nd Avenue and from NW 46th to 52nd Street to build homes that could be owned primarily by blacks. This was then the heart of “Brown-Sub” now known as Brownsville. On NW 27th Avenue and the 50th Street area, the first businesses were established. In later years, this two-lane dirt-road became a bustling center for black businesses in Brownsville. In 1954, he also established businesses on NW 49th Street and 27th Avenue, naming the building J.D. Williams and Sons which is still in operation. He valued business and was a visionary as an entrepreneur and believes that folks of diverse background could unite, build and develop a self-sustaining community; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Joseph David “J.D.” Williams was an active participant in voter registration long before it became a focus of the Civil Rights Era. He encouraged black people to get involved, vote and to support the process that supported self-actualization and sustainability. Believing that you can cripple people with constant handouts, he advocated that people become empowered through gaining useful skills, wisdom, education and commerce. He often quoted, “give a man a fish and he’ll eat for a day. Teach a man to fish and he’ll eat for a lifetime;” and

WHEREAS, Bishop Joseph David “J.D.” Williams passed away October 3, 1966, but the cornerstone of his life and his legacy still lives on in the Brownsville Community; and

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WHEREAS, because of his spiritual leadership, his involvement and undying commitment to others and his vision for his community, Bishop Joseph David “J.D.” Williams was beloved by all who knew him for his generosity and concern for others; and

WHEREAS, this Board would like to honor the memory of Bishop Joseph David “J.D.” Williams with this codesignation; and

WHEREAS, this proposed codesignation is located in County Commission District 3,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that:

Section 1. This Board approves the codesignation of NW 50th Street from NW 27th Avenue to NW 32nd Avenue as Bishop Joseph David “J.D.” Williams Street.

Section 2. The Clerk of the Board is hereby directed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the United States Postal Service, the Traffic Signals and Signs Division of the Public Works Department and Land Development Division of the Public Works Department, the Miami-Dade Police Department, and the Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Department.

The foregoing resolution was sponsored by Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson and offered by Commissioner _____, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner _____ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

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Bruno A. Barreiro, Chairman

Barbara J. Jordan, Vice-Chairwoman

Jose "Pepe" Diaz

Carlos A. Gimenez

Joe A. Martinez

Dorin D. Rolle

Katy Sorenson

Sen. Javier D. Souto

Audrey M. Edmonson

Sally A. Heyman

Dennis C. Moss

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Rebeca Sosa

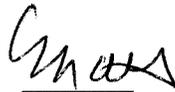
The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 26th day of June, 2007. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.



Murray A. Greenberg