

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(18)

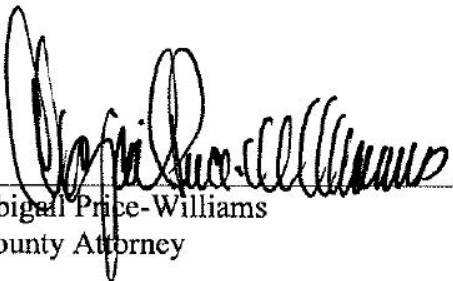
TO: Honorable Chairwoman Audrey M. Edmonson
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: May 19, 2020

FROM: Abigail Price-Williams
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution honoring legendary
Miami Dolphins head coach
Don Shula and his legacy and
contributions to the South
Florida community

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.



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Please note any items checked.

- "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
- Statement of social equity required
- Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Mayor's report for public hearing
- No committee review
- Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's present ____, 2/3 membership ____, 3/5's ____, unanimous ____, CDMP 7 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3)(h) or (4)(c) ____, CDMP 2/3 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3)(h) or (4)(c) ____, or CDMP 9 vote requirement per 2-116.1(4)(c)(2) ____) to approve
- Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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5-19-20

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION HONORING LEGENDARY MIAMI DOLPHINS
HEAD COACH DON SHULA AND HIS LEGACY AND
CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE SOUTH FLORIDA COMMUNITY

WHEREAS, Don Shula, head coach of the Miami Dolphins for 26 years and the winningest coach in National Football League (NFL) history, passed away on Monday, May 4, 2020 at the age of 90; and

WHEREAS, he is survived by his second wife, Mary Anne; his two sons, Dave and Mike; and his three daughters, Donna, Sharon and Annie; and

WHEREAS, the son of Hungarian immigrants, Don Shula was born on January 4, 1930 in Grand River, Ohio, a small town along the Lake Erie shore in the northeastern part of the state; and

WHEREAS, he later attended Harvey High School in Painesville, Ohio and played on its football team starting in 1945, and in his senior year helped lead the team to its first seven-win season in 18 years; and

WHEREAS, Shula then attended John Carroll University in Cleveland on a one-year football scholarship, which was later extended to a full scholarship after he performed well in his freshman year; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from John Carroll University, Shula was selected in the ninth round of the 1951 NFL Draft by the Cleveland Browns, and subsequently played in all 12 of the team's games that season; and

WHEREAS, in 1952 Shula served for 11 months in the Ohio National Guard during the Korean War before returning to the Browns to play in five games at the end of the season; and

WHEREAS, in 1953 Shula was traded to the Baltimore Colts, but before joining Baltimore he completed a master's degree in physical education at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland; and

WHEREAS, Shula then played four seasons with Baltimore followed by one season with the Washington Redskins before retiring at the end of the 1957 season; and

WHEREAS, in 1958 Shula married Painesville native Dorothy Bartish and then got his first coaching job at the University of Virginia as a defensive backs coach; and

WHEREAS, Shula would then coach at Virginia, the University of Kentucky, and the Detroit Lions before becoming the head coach of the Baltimore Colts in 1963 at the age of 33; and

WHEREAS, in seven seasons as the Baltimore head coach, Shula won 71 of 94 games (a .745 winning percentage) and advanced to two championship games, including one Super Bowl; and

WHEREAS, after the 1969 NFL season, Shula was signed by Miami Dolphins owner Joe Robbie to become the team's second head coach; and

WHEREAS, Shula would then go on to coach the Dolphins for 26 seasons, leading the team to five Super Bowl appearances, and winning two of them in 1972 and 1973; and

WHEREAS, notably, Shula's 1972 Dolphins team, which went 14-0 in the regular season and then won all three postseason games, including Super Bowl VII, to finish 17-0, remains the only NFL team to win the Super Bowl undefeated; and

WHEREAS, Shula lived in Miami Lakes in the 1970s and '80s with his first wife, Dorothy, and his family; and

WHEREAS, in 1991 Dorothy passed away after a six-year battle with breast cancer, and in 1993 Shula married his second wife, Mary Anne, and they moved to Indian Creek near Miami Beach; and

WHEREAS, Shula retired from coaching after the 1995 NFL season and was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame just two years later in 1997; and

WHEREAS, with 347 career victories, including 19 in the postseason, Shula was, and remains, the winningest coach in NFL history; and

WHEREAS, in 33 years as an NFL head coach, Shula's teams made the playoffs 20 times, including 15 of which where the Dolphins either won or shared their division title; and

WHEREAS, incredibly, only twice in 33 years did Shula's team suffer a losing season; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his demanding professional responsibilities, Shula always gave considerable time, financial and emotional support to many area charities, including the American Cancer Society, March of Dimes, American Red Cross, the United Way and Catholic Charities; and

WHEREAS, the Don Shula Foundation, formed primarily to support breast cancer research, was established as a tribute to his late wife, Dorothy; and

WHEREAS, because of his success on the football field and his long-time civic and charitable service, Shula received countless prestigious awards recognizing his contributions, including the 1993 Sports Illustrated Sportsman of the Year Award and the 1994 Horatio Alger Award; and

WHEREAS, Don Shula is universally regarded as one of the greatest NFL coaches of all time who exemplified excellence and integrity both on and off the field, and is also largely credited with leading Miami's transformation into a prominent sports town; and

WHEREAS, Shula's contributions to his sport, to the Miami Dolphins franchise, and to the South Florida community have made a lasting impact that will inspire generations for years to come; and

WHEREAS, this Board would like to honor Don Shula, his legacy, and his contributions to the South Florida community,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board honors legendary Miami Dolphins head coach Don Shula and his legacy and contributions to the South Florida community.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Esteban L. Bovo, Jr. It was 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:

Audrey M. Edmonson, Chairwoman

Rebeca Sosa, Vice Chairwoman

Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.

Jose "Pepe" Diaz

Eileen Higgins

Joe A. Martinez

Dennis C. Moss

Xavier L. Suarez

Daniella Levine Cava

Sally A. Heyman

Barbara J. Jordan

Jean Monestime

Sen. Javier D. Souto

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 19th day of May, 2020. This resolution shall become effective upon the earlier of (1) 10 days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the County Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board, or (2) approval by the County Mayor of this Resolution and the filing of this approval with the Clerk of the 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.

MSM

Michael J. Mastrucci