

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 5(B)


TO: Honorable Chairman Anthony Rodriguez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: June 16, 2026

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution codesignating that
portion of NW 23rd Avenue
between NW 62nd Street and
NW 63rd Street as "Bernard
Carlton Poitier, Sr. Way"

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Keon Hardemon.



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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**
- Requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3’s present ____, 2/3 membership ____, 3/5’s ____, unanimous ____, majority plus one ____, CDMP 7 votes (majority of membership) ____, CDMP 2/3 members present but not less than 7 votes (majority of membership) ____, CDMP 9 votes (2/3 membership) _____) 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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6-16-26

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION CODESIGNATING THAT PORTION OF NW
23RD AVENUE BETWEEN NW 62ND STREET AND NW 63RD
STREET AS “BERNARD CARLTON POITIER, SR. WAY”

WHEREAS, Mr. Bernard Carlton Poitier, Sr. (“Poitier”) was born on June 23, 1937, in Miami, Florida, where his parents, Mr. Cyril Poitier, Sr. and Mrs. Albertha Poitier, raised him and his nine siblings; and

WHEREAS, Poitier attended Miami-Dade County public schools, including Liberty City Elementary and Dorsey High School, proudly graduating from the latter as part of the Class of 1955; and

WHEREAS, Poitier continued his education at Tuskegee Institute and later earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Bethune-Cookman College, now Bethune-Cookman University, after which he furthered professional studies at the Atlanta School of Mortuary Science and Miami-Dade Community College, ultimately becoming a licensed embalmer and funeral director; and

WHEREAS, Poitier began his career as an educator in the Miami-Dade County public school system, teaching at Charles R. Drew Middle School for several years before establishing Poitier Funeral Home in 1970, where he served the community with dignity, compassion, and unwavering commitment; and

WHEREAS, through decades of service, Poitier provided critical support to families in need, including pro bono burial services and assistance to the first 22 Haitian refugees attempting to seek asylum in the United States, as well as family planning and support to bereaved families, demonstrating his deep sense of responsibility to humanity; and

WHEREAS, Poitier expanded his business to include Poitier’s Casket Company, further contributing to development and opportunity in the District 3 community; and

WHEREAS, in 1987, Poitier answered his spiritual calling and became an ordained minister in the African Methodist Episcopal Church, founding St. Luke Cousin Memorial A.M.E. Church, also located in the heart of the District 3 community; and

WHEREAS, Poitier was a mentor, teacher, and guide to countless individuals, some of whom entered the mortuary profession and started their own businesses under his leadership and example; and

WHEREAS, even as his health declined, Mr. Poitier remained devoted to uplifting his community and reminding others of the values he lived by: “You Got To Be Loyal and You Got To Love One Another”; and

WHEREAS, Poitier passed away on October 15, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Poitier’s legacy of service, compassion, entrepreneurship, and spiritual leadership has left an indelible impact on the community he loved and served for a lifetime; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Barbara Poitier—his devoted spouse—together with the entire Poitier family, seek to honor his extraordinary life and contributions to the community; and

WHEREAS, this Board would also like to honor Poitier’s lasting legacy by codesignating that portion of NW 23rd Avenue between NW 62nd Street and NW 63rd Street as “Bernard Carlton Poitier, Sr. Way”; and

WHEREAS, that portion of NW 23rd Avenue between NW 62nd Street and NW 63rd Street is a County-maintained road located in unincorporated Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, this codesignation is in County Commission District 3,

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

Section 1. Having considered this matter at a public hearing, codesignates that portion of NW 23rd Avenue between NW 62nd Street and NW 63rd Street as “Bernard Carlton Poitier, Sr. Way.”

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to send certified copies of this resolution to the United States Postal Service, the Traffic Signals and Signs Division of the Department of Transportation and Public Works, the Development Services Division of the Regulatory and Economic Resources Department, the Miami-Dade Sheriff’s Office, and the Miami-Dade County Fire Rescue Department.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Keon Hardemon. 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:

Anthony Rodriguez, Chairman	
Kionne L. McGhee, Vice Chairman	
Marleine Bastien	Juan Carlos Bermudez
Sen. René García	Oliver G. Gilbert, III
Roberto J. Gonzalez	Keon Hardemon
Danielle Cohen Higgins	Vicki L. Lopez
Natalie Milian Orbis	Raquel A. Regalado
Micky Steinberg	

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 16th day of June, 2026. 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

JUAN FERNANDEZ-BARQUIN, CLERK

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

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Yuval E. Manor