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Pursuant to Resolution No. <u>R-229-09</u>, the Office of the Commission Auditor (OCA) monitors the Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners' agenda to provide legislative analysis of agenda items that include research findings and additional value-added information, if available, or at the request of a Commissioner.

Item No. 3A1 File No. 222408

Research: JVJ / Reviewer: SC

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CITY OF SWEETWATER'S CODESIGNATION OF THAT PORTION OF NORTHWEST 112TH AVENUE FROM SOUTHWEST 7TH TERRACE TO NORTHWEST 7TH STREET AND THAT PORTION OF NORTHWEST 111TH AVENUE AND NORTHWEST 112TH AVENUE FROM NORTHWEST 12TH STREET TO NORTHWEST 25TH STREET AS "SWEETWATER BOULEVARD"

Prime Sponsor: Chairman Jose "Pepe" Diaz, District 12. Requester: None. Committee Action Date: None.

RESEARCH FINDINGS

OCA completed the required background check on "Sweetwater Boulevard" and noted no adverse findings. OCA determined that there is no prior Board of County Commissioners (BCC) codesignation for "Sweetwater Boulevard." OCA is providing this report as a Supplement to BCC Agenda File Item No. 222408.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- 1. Bulleted below is the relevant legislation relating to the background research process:
 - <u>Section 2-1</u> Rule 9.02(f) of the Code requires OCA to conduct background research on any person, organization, place, or thing that is the subject of a naming, renaming or codesignation item or an item approving the codesignation of state or municipal roads and prepare a report detailing the findings of said research prior to the Commission meeting during which the item is scheduled to be considered.
- 2. In order to vet applicants for County Boards, Trusts, naming, renaming, or codesignation, OCA receives each applicant's full name, including middle name and date of birth. Once that information is received from the entity forwarding the background research request, OCA investigates the following:
 - A. Conducts a Westlaw public records search to check for additional risk factors; these factors include any criminal record or financial judgment that does not have an associated release or acquittal.
 - B. Checks the Miami-Dade Clerk of the Courts website for judgments. Judgments include federal tax liens and criminal court proceedings. Where the tax lien has an associated certificate of release, such information is not considered a finding unless specifically requested by the Board.

Item No. 3A2 File No. 222275 Research: JVJ / Reviewer: SC

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CITY OF MIAMI'S CODESIGNATION OF A PORTION OF NW 7TH STREET ROAD FROM NORTH RIVER DRIVE TO NW 9TH COURT AS "RUTH GREENFIELD WAY"

Prime Sponsor: Commissioner Keon Hardemon, District 3. Requester: None. Committee Action Date: None.

RESEARCH FINDINGS

OCA completed the required background check on "Ruth Greenfield" and noted no adverse findings. OCA determined that there is no prior Board of County Commissioners (BCC) codesignation for "Ruth Greenfield." Also, required by Rule 9.02(f)(1), OCA verified that "Ruth Greenfield" is living. OCA is providing this report as a Supplement to BCC Agenda File Item No. 222275.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. Bulleted below is the relevant legislation relating to the background research process:

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Item No. 3A3 File No. 222361

Research: JVJ / Reviewer: SC

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CITY OF MIAMI'S CODESIGNATION OF THAT PORTION OF NORTHWEST 1ST COURT BETWEEN NORTHWEST 5TH STREET AND NORTHWEST 8TH STREET AS "LIGHTBOURNE PLACE"

Prime Sponsor: Commissioner Keon Hardemon, District 3. Requester: None. Committee Action Date: None.

RESEARCH FINDINGS

OCA completed the required background check on "Alexander C. Lightbourne" and noted no adverse findings. OCA determined that there is no prior Board of County Commissioners (BCC) codesignation for "Alexander C. Lightbourne." Also, as required by Rule 9.02(f)(1), OCA verified that "Alexander C. Lightbourne" is deceased. OCA is providing this report as a Supplement to BCC Agenda File Item No. 222361.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- 1. Bulleted below is the relevant legislation relating to the background research process:
 - <u>Section 2-1</u> Rule 9.02(f) of the Code requires OCA to conduct background research on any person, organization, place, or thing that is the subject of a naming, renaming or codesignation item or an item approving the codesignation of state or municipal roads and prepare a report detailing the findings of said research prior to the Commission meeting during which the item is scheduled to be considered.
- 2. In order to vet applicants for County Boards, Trusts, naming, renaming, or codesignation, OCA receives each applicant's full name, including middle name and date of birth. Once that information is received from the entity forwarding the background research request, OCA investigates the following:
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Item No. 3A4 File No. 222286

Research: JVJ / Reviewer: SC

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CITY OF HOMESTEAD'S CODESIGNATION OF A PORTION OF SW 187TH COURT BETWEEN SW 326TH STREET AND SW 328TH STREET AS "EVERETT SEWER COURT"

Prime Sponsor: Commissioner Kionne L. McGhee, District 9. **Requester:** None. **Committee Action Date:** None.

RESEARCH FINDINGS

OCA completed the required background check on "Everett Sewer" and noted no adverse findings. OCA determined that there is no prior Board of County Commissioners (BCC) codesignation for "Everett Sewer." Also, as required by Rule 9.02(f)(1), OCA verified that "Everett Sewer" is deceased. OCA is providing this report as a Supplement to BCC Agenda File Item No. 222286.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. Bulleted below is the relevant legislation relating to the background research process:

- <u>Section 2-1</u> Rule 9.02(f) of the Code requires OCA to conduct background research on any person, organization, place, or thing that is the subject of a naming, renaming or codesignation item or an item approving the codesignation of state or municipal roads and prepare a report detailing the findings of said research prior to the Commission meeting during which the item is scheduled to be considered.
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Item No. 11A10 File No. 222482

Research: JVJ / Reviewer: SC

RESOLUTION APPOINTING SIX DIRECTORS TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ADRIENNE ARSHT CENTER TRUST, INC.

Prime Sponsor: Chairman Jose "Pepe" Diaz, District 12. Requester: None. Committee Action Date: None.

RESEARCH FINDINGS

OCA completed the required background research regarding the appointment of Norma Jean Abraham, Tania Dominguez, Sean Gazitua, Liliam Lopez, Larry Quinlan, and County Commission District 3 Commissioner Keon Hardemon to the Board of Directors of the Adrienne Arsht Center Trust, Inc. The research yielded no adverse informational findings for the appointees. This report is being provided as a supplement to BCC Agenda File Item Number 222482.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- 1. Bulleted below is the relevant legislation relating to the background research process:
 - <u>Resolution No. R-636-14</u>, adopted on July 1, 2014, requires OCA to conduct background research on applicants being considered to serve on County Boards and Trusts that require nominations or appointments by the BCC.
- 2. In order to vet applicants for County Boards, Trusts, naming, renaming, or codesignation, OCA receives each applicant's full name, including middle name and date of birth. Once that information is received from the entity forwarding the background research request, OCA investigates the following:
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These research notes, prepared in collaboration with the Miami Dade County departments as subject matter experts, is substantially less detailed in scope than an audit in accordance with the Generally Accepted Auditing Standards (GAAS). The OCA plans and performs the review to obtain sufficient, appropriate evidence to provide a reasonable basis for its findings and conclusions based on its objectives; accordingly, the OCA does not express an opinion on the data gathered by the subject matter expert(s).