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Resolution Approving the City of Hialeah Codesignation of that Portion of East 4th Street Between East 4th Avenue and East 6th Avenue as “Eagles Way”

Prime Sponsor: Commissioner Kevin Marino Cabrera, District 6

Requester: None

Committee Action Date: None

RESEARCH FINDINGS

OCA completed the required background check on “Eagles Way” and noted no adverse findings. OCA determined that there is no prior Board of County Commissioners (BCC) codesignation for “Eagles Way.” OCA is providing this report as a Supplement to BCC Agenda File Item No. 230696.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. Bulleted below is the relevant legislation relating to the background research process:
 - [Section 2-1](#) 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.

Resolution Approving Terms of and Authorizing the County Mayor or County Mayor's Designee to Execute a State-Funded Grant Agreement Between Miami-Dade County and the Florida Department of Transportation for \$1,337,790.00 in State Intermodal Development Program Funding for the Construction of Two Additional Elevators at Dadeland North Metrorail Station; Authorizing the Receipt and Expenditure of Funds as Specified in the Agreement; And Authorizing the Receipt and Expenditure of Any Additional Funds as Specified in the Agreement Should They Become Available

Prime Sponsor: Commissioner Raquel A. Regalado, District 7

Requester: Transportation and Public Works

Committee Action Date: None

RESEARCH FINDINGS

OCA's review of the item found no substantive legislative, procedural, or administrative non-compliance.

CONTEXTUAL INFORMATION

The Department of Transportation and Public Works (DTPW) requests the Board of County Commissioners (Board) approval to execute Contract No. G2C71 with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) for a matching grant agreement that will cover 50% of the total estimated project cost of \$2,675,580 to construct two (2) new elevators at the Dadeland North Metrorail Station Parking Garage, as noted in the Mayoral Memorandum.

INQUIRY AND OBSERVATIONS

OCA observed that the Mayoral Memorandum does not reference previous Board requests and approved funding related to this project, including the previous FDOT agreements and advertised solicitations listed below:

- **[R-1030-14](#):** The Resolution approved FDOT agreement JPA ARK50 and authorized the County's match of \$974,929 from Charter County Transportation Surtax Bond proceeds for a total contract amount of \$1,949,858.
- **[R-1035-16](#):** In 2015, the County advertised solicitation ISD Project Number # A15-MDT-01 for the construction of two (2) elevators at the Dadeland North Metrorail Station parking garage. DTPW requested the rejection of all proposals, approved by the Board through the Resolution.
- **[R-437-19](#):** The Resolution ratified FDOT Grant Agreement G1520 and approved the County's match of \$1,258,000 from Charter County Transportation Surtax Bond proceeds for a total contract amount of \$2,516,000.

In 2021, the County advertised a solicitation for Project No. DB20-DTPW-01 for Design-Build services for two (2) elevators at the Dadeland North Metrorail Station parking garage.

To understand how the actions noted above relate to the approval request in this Item, OCA inquired with DTPW on the status of the previously awarded FDOT contracts, the varying total estimated project construction costs listed in this Item and in the previous requests to the Board, the market research conducted on the project, and the status of solicitation DB20-DTPW-01. After analysis of the Department's responses, the total estimated project construction cost remains unclear.

The Department's responses regarding the uses of the funds are summarized below.

The Department used the initial \$974,929 awarded under JPA ARK50 for the project's planning phase and to prepare the Design Criteria Package in the solicitation that is currently in the procurement process (DB20-DTPW-01).

The \$1,258,000 received under G1520 will be used for consulting services throughout various project phases, including Bid & Award Services and Design Services during construction. The Department will use the FDOT funds awarded under this Item for the project's Design-Build Phase.

According to DTPW, the Department did not conduct market research because the project is a Design-Build construction project. The Department indicated that construction did not start after the two (2) previous Resolutions because of unforeseen circumstances.

Total Estimated Project Construction Cost Changes

- **R-1030-14**: The Mayoral Memorandum states that the total estimated project construction cost was \$5,350,000.
- **R-437-19**: The Mayoral Memorandum states that the total estimated project construction cost was \$6,130,400.
- **File No. 230561** (*This Item*): No information in the Mayoral Memorandum on the current total estimated project construction cost.

Appointment of Eulalia “Laly” Albalate and Frank Rollason as Members of the Miami-Dade County Fire Rescue Response K-9 Foundation, Inc. Board of Directors

Prime Sponsor: None

Requester: Clerk of the Board

Committee Action Date: None

RESEARCH FINDINGS

OCA completed the required background research regarding the appointments of Eulalia “Laly” Albalate and Frank Rollason to the Miami-Dade County Fire Rescue Response K-9 Foundation, Inc. Board of Directors. The research yielded no adverse informational findings for the appointees. OCA is providing this report as a Supplement to BCC File Item Number 230686.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. Bulleted below is the relevant legislation relating to the background research process:
 - [Resolution No. R-636-14](#), 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.

Resolution Codesignating, by a Three-Fifths Vote of Board of Members Present, that Portion of Southwest 107th Avenue Between Southwest 168th Street and Southwest 184th Street (Eureka Drive) as “Dr. Walter Thomas Richardson Drive”

Prime Sponsor: Commissioner Kionne L. McGhee, District 9

Requester: None

Committee Action Date: None

RESEARCH FINDINGS

OCA completed the required background research on “Dr. Walter Thomas Richardson” and noted no adverse findings. OCA determined that there is no prior Board of County Commissioners (BCC) codesignation for “Dr. Walter Thomas Richardson.” Also required by Rule 9.02(f)(1), OCA verified that “Dr. Walter Thomas Richardson” is living. OCA is providing this report as a Supplement to BCC Agenda File Item No. 230670.

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Renaming Portion Old Dixie Hwy to Harriet Tubman Highway

Prime Sponsor: Commissioner Eileen Higgins, District 5; Commissioner Danielle Cohen Higgins, District 8; Commissioner Kionne L. McGhee, District 9; and Commissioner Micky Steinberg, District 4

Requester: None

Committee Action Date: None

RESEARCH FINDINGS

OCA completed the required background research on “Harriet Tubman” and noted no adverse findings. There is a prior Board of County Commissioners (BCC) codesignation for “Harriet Tubman.” The Board approved Resolution [R-168-20](#) on February 19, 2020, naming portions of Old Dixie Highway to Harriet Tubman Highway. OCA is providing this report as a Supplement to BCC File Item Number 230723.

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These research notes, prepared in collaboration with the Miami-Dade County departments as subject matter experts, are 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).