

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 5(PP)

TO: Honorable Chairman Jose "Pepe" Diaz
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: September 1, 2022

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution renaming the West
Perrine Health Center at 18255
Homestead Avenue as the
"Officer Ronnie E. Tookes West
Perrine Health Center" by a
three-fifths vote of Board
members present

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Kionne L. McGhee.



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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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9-1-22

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION RENAMING THE WEST PERRINE HEALTH CENTER AT 18255 HOMESTEAD AVENUE AS THE “OFFICER RONNIE E. TOOKES WEST PERRINE HEALTH CENTER” BY A THREE-FIFTHS VOTE OF BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

WHEREAS, the West Perrine Health Center is located at 18255 Homestead Avenue and is owned and operated by Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade Police Officer Ronnie E. Tookes (“Officer Tookes”) has served the Miami-Dade County community as an officer with the Miami-Dade Police Department (“MDPD”) for the past 30 years; and

WHEREAS, Officer Tookes is married to his wife, Wanda, and has seven children (Rhonda, Ronnie, Todderick, Briana, Jonathan, Monica, and Samuel Brunt, Jr.); and

WHEREAS, Officer Tookes joined MDPD in 1988, at the age of 42, looking for a way to initiate positive relationships between citizens and law enforcement after having spent years as a community activist; and

WHEREAS, upon graduating from the police academy, Officer Tookes was assigned to MDPD’s South District Team Police Unit, where he spent two years developing positive relationships between citizens—especially teens—and law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, in 1991, a multi-agency team comprised of representatives from agencies including MDPD, the Florida Department of Children and Families, and Miami-Dade County Public Schools was tasked, by then-State Attorney Janet Reno, with an initiative that would investigate, analyze, and develop strategies that would impact the rising crime and violence in the County; and

WHEREAS, the multi-agency team selected Officer Tookes to spearhead and coordinate the Neighborhood Resource Team (“NRT”); and

WHEREAS, the NRT, under Officer Tookes’s leadership, walked door-to-door, visiting every residence in the area, delivering social services to families and holding open communities meetings on a weekly basis; and

WHEREAS, within six months, crime and violence had dropped significantly, and by the eighth month, the NRT was reporting a crime-free area; and

WHEREAS, in 1994, then-Attorney General of the United States Janet Reno summoned Officer Tookes and his team to Washington, D.C. to give a presentation regarding the NRT and its efforts and success, which contributed to the creation of the Community Oriented Policing (COPS) program; and

WHEREAS, Officer Tookes was honored as the American Legion National Police Officer of the Year in 1999, after acting as a human shield over a fellow officer who had been shot; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure with MDPD, Officer Tookes has been awarded over 600 commendations for his professionalism and service to the community and the citizens he serves; and

WHEREAS, despite retiring in 2007, Officer Tookes returned to MDPD in 2011 to continue serving and sharing his community policing experiences with new hired police officers and other agency partners; and

WHEREAS, Officer Tookes also serves as Senior Deacon at his church, as well as current President of the Richmond-Perrine Optimist Club; and

WHEREAS, Officer Tookes also eagerly assists released inmates in several communities, including Richmond Heights, West Perrine, South Miami Heights, Goulds, Princeton, Naranja, Homestead and Florida City, helping them reenter their local communities; and

WHEREAS, Rule 9.02 of the Board’s Rules of Procedure provides that resolutions regarding proposed naming, renaming or co-designation of Miami-Dade County roads, facilities or property shall be sponsored by the district commissioner where the property is located and shall be considered at a public hearing; and

WHEREAS, Rule 9.02 also provides that the Board may, by a three-fifths vote of the Board members present, approve the naming, renaming, or designation of a County road, facility, or property “after a living individual who has made a direct, significant lifetime contribution to this community”; and

WHEREAS, Officer Tookes has made a direct, significant lifetime contribution to Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, the West Perrine Health Center at 18255 Homestead Avenue is located in County Commission District 9; and

WHEREAS, this Board wishes to honor Officer Tookes and his lifetime contribution to the Miami-Dade County community by renaming the West Perrine Health Center the “Officer Ronnie E. Tookes West Perrine Health Center”,

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

Section 1. Approves the foregoing recitals, incorporates such recitals into this resolution, and finds that Officer Ronnie E. Tookes has made a direct, significant lifetime contribution to this community pursuant to Rule 9.02(d).

Section 2. Having considered this matter at a public hearing and by a three-fifths vote of Board members present, renames the West Perrine Health Center the “Officer Ronnie E. Tookes West Perrine Health Center.”

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Kionne L. McGhee. 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:

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| Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Chairman | |
| Oliver G. Gilbert, III, Vice-Chairman | |
| Sen. René García | Keon Hardemon |
| Sally A. Heyman | Danielle Cohen Higgins |
| Eileen Higgins | Joe A. Martinez |
| Kionne L. McGhee | Jean Monestime |
| Raquel A. Regalado | Rebeca Sosa |
| Sen. Javier D. Souto | |

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 1st day of September, 2022. 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.



Anita Viciano Zapata