

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 5(H)

TO: Honorable Chairman Oliver G. Gilbert, III
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: January 17, 2023

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution codesignating that
portion of SW 162nd Avenue
from SW 56th Street to SW 72nd
Street as "Officer Cesar
Echaverry Way"

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Co-Prime Sponsors Commissioner Roberto J. Gonzalez and 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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1-17-23

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION CODESIGNATING THAT PORTION OF SW
162ND AVENUE FROM SW 56TH STREET TO SW 72ND
STREET AS “OFFICER CESAR ECHAVERRY WAY”

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade Policer Officer Cesar Echaverry, affectionately known as “Echy,” was killed in the line of duty from gunshot wounds he sustained on August 15, 2022, while attempting to apprehend a fleeing armed robbery suspect; and

WHEREAS, Officer Echaverry joined the Miami-Dade Police Department (“Department”) in April of 2017 and was a member of the Robbery Intervention Detail (“RID”), which is a highly-trained and specialized unit that often encounters dangerous criminals and situations in the most crime-ridden areas; and

WHEREAS, on the fateful night that resulted in Officer Echaverry’s tragic passing, Officer Echaverry was not scheduled to be on duty, however he had volunteered to go into work anyway to assist on a special initiative for RID; and

WHEREAS, on that night, the driver of a vehicle that had been involved in an armed robbery in Dania Beach earlier in the evening fled from Miami-Dade police officers who attempted to stop the vehicle upon observing it driving in Miami-Dade County, and the driver resorted to fleeing on foot after crashing the vehicle during the ensuing pursuit; and

WHEREAS, Officer Echaverry and other officers on the scene pursued the fleeing driver on foot, but the driver opened fire and fatally struck Officer Echaverry before being killed by return fire; and

WHEREAS, Officer Echaverry was transported to Jackson Memorial Hospital, where he succumbed to his wounds shortly thereafter; and

WHEREAS, Officer Echaverry took great pride in his work and service to the community and he has been described by fellow officers and friends as courageous, resilient, inspiring, and honorable—traits which were on full display in his last act of selfless service and sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, Officer Echaverry was also known for his devotion to his family and being a humble, compassionate, and good-hearted friend to many; and

WHEREAS, Officer Echaverry is survived by his loving fiancé, Stephanie Vargas, parents, siblings, and countless other family and friends who will miss him dearly; and

WHEREAS, a Hialeah native and a graduate of John A. Ferguson Senior High School—where he played varsity baseball with the number 9 on his jersey—Officer Echaverry will always be regarded as a son of Miami-Dade County who exemplified the very best its community has to offer; and

WHEREAS, to honor the life of Officer Echaverry and his extraordinary bravery, service, and sacrifice for which Miami-Dade County will be forever indebted, this Board would like to codesignate that portion of SW 162nd Avenue from SW 56th Street to SW 72nd Street as “Officer Cesar Echaverry Way”; and

WHEREAS, that portion of SW 162nd Avenue from SW 56th Street to SW 72nd Street is a County-maintained road located in unincorporated Miami-Dade County and County Commission District 11,

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

Section 1. Having considered the matter at a public hearing, codesignates that portion of SW 162nd Avenue from SW 56th Street to SW 72nd Street as “Officer Cesar Echaverry Way”.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy 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 Police Department, and the Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Department.

The Co-Prime Sponsors of the foregoing resolution are Commissioner Roberto J. Gonzalez and 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:

Oliver G. Gilbert, III, Chairman	
Anthony Rodríguez, Vice Chairman	
Marleine Bastien	Juan Carlos Bermudez
Kevin Marino Cabrera	Sen. René García
Roberto J. Gonzalez	Keon Hardemon
Danielle Cohen Higgins	Eileen Higgins
Kionne L. McGhee	Raquel A. Regalado
Micky Steinberg	

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 17th day of January, 2023. 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

LUIS G. MONTALDO, CLERK AD INTERIM

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

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Keoki M. Baron