

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 5(A)

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

DATE: March 16, 2021

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution renaming
"West Perrine Park" as
"Wilbur Bell Park" by a
three-fifths vote of Board
members present; suspending
rule 9.02(d)(ii) by a two-thirds
vote of Board members present
as it relates to this item

Resolution No. R-204-21

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



Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

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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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3-16-21

RESOLUTION NO. _____ R-204-21

RESOLUTION RENAMING “WEST PERRINE PARK” AS
“WILBUR BELL PARK” BY A THREE-FIFTHS VOTE OF
BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT; SUSPENDING RULE 9.02(D)
(II) BY A TWO-THIRDS VOTE OF BOARD MEMBERS
PRESENT AS IT RELATES TO THIS ITEM

WHEREAS, West Perrine Park is a Miami-Dade County park located at 10301 SW 170th Terrace and is managed by the Parks, Recreation, and Open Spaces Department (“PROS”); and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wilbur B. Bell was born on July 22, 1940; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bell has lived in Perrine since the age of 3; and

WHEREAS, in 1969 Mr. Bell founded Bell’s Short Stop convenience store in West Perrine; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bell founded the store while on active duty for the military at the Homestead Air Force Base, using a cigar box as a register with the goal of making \$100.00 per week to supplement his military salary; and

WHEREAS, since that time, the store has become a mainstay in the community and has employed many local residents, providing them with invaluable job experience and mentorship; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bell’s keen business sense and entrepreneurial spirit led him to purchase numerous commercial and residential properties in South Miami-Dade; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bell is a true partner with the community, including being a philanthropic partner with local churches, customers of his store and restaurant, local schools and businesses; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bell also owns and operates Flava and Ribs, a restaurant in the heart of West Perrine; and

WHEREAS, during the COVID-19 pandemic, Mr. Bell has used his restaurant to provide food giveaways to employees and community members; and

WHEREAS, in 2020, Mr. Bell was elected to serve as chairman of Miami-Dade County Community Council 143-14; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bell has spent his life being involved in various civic and community organizations including the American Legion, South Dade Neighborhood Advisory Board, South Dade YMCA, Urban League of Greater Miami, 5000 Role Models of Excellence, Palmetto Bay Rotary Club, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the West Perrine Homeowner’s Association among others; and

WHEREAS, Rule 9.02 of the Board’s Rules of Procedure provides that resolutions regarding proposed naming, renaming, or codesignation of Miami-Dade County facilities or property shall be sponsored by the district commissioner where the facility or property is located; and

WHEREAS, “West Perrine Park” is located in County Commission District 9; and

WHEREAS, Rule 9.02(d) of the Board’s Rules of Procedure provides that the Board may, by a three-fifths vote of members present, name a County road, facility or property after a living individual who has not served as an elected official within the past five years and who “has made a direct, significant lifetime contribution to this community”; and

WHEREAS, rule 9.02(d)(ii) precludes the naming for “any elected municipal, county, state or federal official currently serving or having served in any elected office within the last five years”; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to suspend rule 9.02(d)(ii) by a two-thirds vote of commissioners present; and

WHEREAS, this Board desires to honor Mr. Bell’s lifetime commitment to making West Perrine a strong community,

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

Section 1. Finds that Mr. Bell has made a direct, significant lifetime contribution to this community pursuant to Rule 9.02(d).

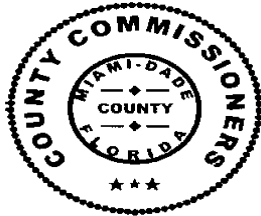
Section 2. Having considered this matter at a public hearing and by a three-fifths vote of Board members present, renames “West Perrine Park” to “Wilbur Bell Park”.

Section 3. Suspends rule 9.02(d)(ii) of the Rules of Procedure of the County Commission by a two-thirds vote of the Board members present as it relates to the consideration and approval of this item.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Kionne L. McGhee. It was offered by Commissioner **Kionne L. McGhee** , who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Sally A. Heyman** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

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

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 16th day of March, 2021. 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

Melissa Adames

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

MJS

Melanie J. Spencer