

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 5(F)

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

DATE: April 20, 2021

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution codesignating that
portion of SW 76th Avenue from
SW 74th Street to SW 78th Street
as "Ira Sullivan Way"

Resolution No. R-259-21

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Raquel A. Regalado.



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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 _____

Agenda Item No. 5(F)
4-20-21

RESOLUTION NO. _____ R-259-21

RESOLUTION CODESIGNATING THAT PORTION OF SW
76TH AVENUE FROM SW 74TH STREET TO SW 78TH
STREET AS “IRA SULLIVAN WAY”

WHEREAS, Ira Sullivan was an internationally renowned American jazz trumpeter, flugelhornist, flautist, saxophonist, and composer, often switching from one instrument to the next during a single set with seeming effortlessness; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan was born on May 1, 1931, in Washington, D.C., and began playing the trumpet at age 3-1/2, not long before his family moved to Chicago; and

WHEREAS, a self-taught musician, Sullivan developed his saxophone prowess in high school, and as a teenager immersed himself in Chicago’s thriving jazz scene; and

WHEREAS, at age 16, Sullivan started playing jam sessions around Chicago, finding himself increasingly in demand as he blossomed into a young star; and

WHEREAS, in the 1950s, he played in Chicago with such seminal figures as Charlie Parker, Lester Young, Wardell Gray and Roy Eldridge, gaining a reputation as a fearsome bebop soloist; and

WHEREAS, in the early 1960s, Sullivan moved to Miami-Dade County to teach at the University of Miami Frost School of Music, where he would go on to mentor generations of young musicians while becoming a prized eminence in the South Florida area; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan continued to perform at local schools and churches throughout the County, including the Unitarian Universalist Church at 7701 SW 76th Avenue, where he would play almost every Monday night to a full congregation; and

WHEREAS, a true ambassador for music in general and jazz in particular, Sullivan was paramount in helping to build the jazz scene in South Florida, and served as a tremendous influence, mentor, and friend to countless young musicians here for almost 50 years; and

WHEREAS, after a long and illustrious career spanning more than 65 years, Ira Sullivan passed away on September 21, 2020 in his Miami home at the age of 89; and

WHEREAS, he is survived by his wife Charlene, his daughter Leslie, his sons Brev and Brogan, and two granddaughters; and

WHEREAS, this Board would like to honor the legacy of Ira Sullivan and his contributions to the community by codesignating that portion of SW 76th Avenue from SW 74th Street to SW 78th Street as “Ira Sullivan Way”; and

WHEREAS, that portion of SW 76th Avenue from SW 74th Street to SW 78th Street is a County-maintained road located in unincorporated Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, this proposed codesignation is located in County Commission District 7,

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

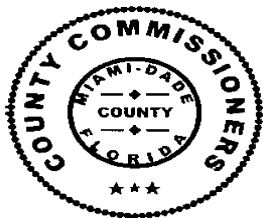
Section 1. Having considered this matter at a public hearing, codesignates that portion of SW 76th Avenue from SW 74th Street to SW 78th Street as “Ira Sullivan Way”.

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 Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Raquel A. Regalado. It was offered by Commissioner **Sally A. Heyman**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Kionne L. McGhee** 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	aye
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 20th day of April, 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.

MSM

Michael J. Mastrucci