

## MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 5(B)

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

DATE: May 4, 2021

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan  
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution codesignating that  
portion of Curtiss Parkway  
between Deer Run and Pinecrest  
Drive as "Sebastian Ortiz Way"

Resolution No. R-397-21

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor  
Commissioner Rebeca Sosa.

  
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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 \_\_\_\_\_  
Veto \_\_\_\_\_  
Override \_\_\_\_\_

  
Mayor

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RESOLUTION NO. R-397-21

RESOLUTION CODESIGNATING THAT PORTION OF  
CURTISS PARKWAY BETWEEN DEER RUN AND  
PINECREST DRIVE AS "SEBASTIAN ORTIZ WAY"

WHEREAS, Sebastian "Sebs" Ortiz was a resident of the City of Miami Springs community, born May 10, 2000 to Oscar and Rosa Ortiz, the second of three boys; and

WHEREAS, Sebastian was described as gracious to others, humble, loving, effortless in befriending people, and an avid runner who also represented his high school, Christopher Columbus High School, in its cross country team; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, Sebastian was diagnosed with a rare form of cancer called rhabdomyosarcoma; and

WHEREAS, Sebastian's family was disheartened to learn that new cancer treatments for children were not as advanced as the adult treatments, as there was only one treatment protocol available in Sebastian's case, a decades-old regimen that required over 30 rounds of chemotherapy, 23 doses of radiation, and four surgeries; and

WHEREAS, after a courageous 14-month battle with cancer, on December 29, 2016, Sebastian Ortiz passed away; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, Sebastian's family established the "Sebastian Strong Foundation," a 501(c)(3) charity that honors the life of Sebastian Ortiz by raising awareness and funding for less toxic, more targeted childhood cancer cures; and

**WHEREAS**, in memory of Sebastian Ortiz and to help raise awareness for improving treatments for childhood cancers such as the one that took Sebastian's life, on March 8, 2021, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Miami Springs adopted Resolution No. 2021-3901, which, among other things, approved the codesignation of that portion of Curtiss Parkway between Deer Run and Pinecrest Drive as "Sebastian Ortiz Way"; and

**WHEREAS**, a copy of Resolution No. 2021-3901 is attached hereto and incorporated by reference; and

**WHEREAS**, that portion of Curtiss Parkway between Deer Run and Pinecrest Drive is a County maintained road located in the City of Miami Springs and in County Commission District 6; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board would like to join the City of Miami Springs in honoring the memory of Sebastian Ortiz, and therefore, desires to codesignate that portion of Curtiss Parkway between Deer Run and Pinecrest Drive as "Sebastian Ortiz Way",

**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 Curtiss Parkway between Deer Run and Pinecrest Drive as "Sebastian Ortiz Way".

**Section 2.** Directs the Clerk of the Board to send certified copies of this Resolution to the Mayor and City Council of the City of City of Miami Springs, 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 Springs Police Department, and the Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Department.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Rebeca Sosa. It was offered by Commissioner Eileen Higgins, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rebeca Sosa and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

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|--------------------------------------|-----|------------------------|-----|
| 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 the resolution duly passed and adopted this 4<sup>th</sup> day of May, 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

By: Melissa Adames  
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as  
to form and legal sufficiency.

MJM

Michael J. Mastrucci

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021 – 3901**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI SPRINGS, FLORIDA, REPEALING AND REPLACING RESOLUTION NO 2021-3896; CODESIGNATING A PORTION OF CURTISS PARKWAY BETWEEN DEER RUN AND PINECREST DRIVE AS “SEBASTIAN ORTIZ WAY”; PROVIDING FOR AUTHORIZATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, on February 22, 2021, the City of Miami Springs (the “City”) Council adopted Resolution No. 2021-3896 to codesignate the portion of Curtiss Parkway between Deer Run and Pinecrest Drive as “Sebastian Strong Way”; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council hereby seeks to repeal Resolution No. 2021-3896 and replace it with this Resolution recognizing and honoring Sebastian Ortiz by codesignating the portion of Curtiss Parkway between Deer Run and Pinecrest Drive as “Sebastian Ortiz Way”; and

**WHEREAS**, Sebastian Ortiz, was a resident of the City of Miami Springs community, born May 10, 2000 to Oscar and Rosa Ortiz, the second of three boys; and

**WHEREAS**, Sebastian was described as gracious to others, humble, loving, effortless in befriending people, an avid runner who also represented his high school, Columbus High School Cross Country team; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2015, Sebastian was diagnosed with a rare form of cancer called rhabdomyosarcoma; and

**WHEREAS**, Sebastian’s family were disheartened to learn that new cancer treatments for children were not as advanced as the adult treatments as there was only one treatment protocol available in Sebastian’s case, a decades-old regimen that required over 30 rounds of chemotherapy, 23 doses of radiation, and four surgeries; and

**WHEREAS**, after a courageous 14-month battle with cancer, on December 29, 2016, Sebastian succumbed to his diagnoses; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2017, his family established the “Sebastian Strong Foundation,” a 501(C)(3) charity that honors the life of Sebastian Ortiz by raising awareness and funding for less toxic, more targeted childhood cancer cures; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has determined that it is proper and appropriate to

recognize and memorialize Sebastian Ortiz by codesignating the portion of Curtiss Parkway between Deer Run and Pinecrest Drive as "Sebastian Ortiz Way"; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council finds that this Resolution is in the best interest and welfare of the residents of the City.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI SPRINGS, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1. Recitals.** That the above recitals are confirmed, adopted, and incorporated herein and made a part hereof by reference.

**Section 2. Repeal.** The City Council hereby repeals Resolution No. 2021-3896 and replaces it with this Resolution.

**Section 3. Co-Designation.** The City Council hereby approves the co-designation of the portion of Curtiss Parkway between Deer Run and Pinecrest Drive as "Sebastian Ortiz Way" as shown on Exhibit "A" attached hereto.

**Section 4. Authorization.** The City Council authorizes the City Manager to take all actions necessary to implement this Resolution, including but not limited to coordinating with the Miami-Dade County Department of Transportation and Public Works. The City Manager is authorized to place the appropriate signage or markers along the designated area.

**Section 5. Effective Date.** That this Resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

The foregoing Resolution was offered by Vice Mayor Garcia who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Best and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

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|------------------------------------|------------|
| Vice Mayor Xavier Garcia           | <u>YES</u> |
| Councilman Bob Best                | <u>YES</u> |
| Councilman Walter Fajet            | <u>YES</u> |
| Councilwoman Maria Puente Mitchell | <u>YES</u> |
| Mayor Billy Bain                   | <u>YES</u> |

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 8<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2021.



*[Handwritten signature of Billy Bain]*

BILLY BAIN  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

*[Handwritten signature of Erika Gonzalez]*  
ERIKA GONZALEZ, MMC  
CITY CLERK



APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY  
FOR THE USE AND RELIANCE OF THE CITY OF MIAMI SPRINGS ONLY:

*[Handwritten signature of Weiss Serota Helfman Cole & Bierman]*

WEISS SEROTA HELFMAN COLE & BIERMAN, P.L.  
CITY ATTORNEY