

## MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 3(A)(2)

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

**DATE:** October 19, 2021

**FROM:** Geri Bonzon-Keenan  
County Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Resolution approving the City of  
Miami codesignation of that  
portion of Southwest 3rd Street  
from Southwest 2nd Avenue to  
Southwest North River Drive as  
"Leonard J. Helmers, Jr. Way"

Resolution No. R-981-21

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



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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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10-19-21

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ R-981-21

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CITY OF MIAMI  
CODESIGNATION OF THAT PORTION OF SOUTHWEST 3RD  
STREET FROM SOUTHWEST 2ND AVENUE TO  
SOUTHWEST NORTH RIVER DRIVE AS "LEONARD J.  
HELMERS, JR. WAY"

**WHEREAS**, Leonard J. Helmers, Jr. ("Helmers") was born and raised in Miami Springs,  
Florida on October 30, 1950; and

**WHEREAS**, Helmers received his professional engineering degree from the University of  
Miami; and

**WHEREAS**, Helmers began his career with the City of Miami ("City") in 1973 as a part-  
time Engineering Technician II for the Department of Public Works ("Department"); and

**WHEREAS**, Helmers worked on many projects during his tenure with the City, including  
the original design of David Kennedy Park in Coconut Grove; and

**WHEREAS**, in December of 2006, after 33 years of dedicated service to the City, Helmers  
retired as a Professional Engineer IV with the Department; and

**WHEREAS**, in January of 2007, the City re-hired Helmers as a temporary Professional  
Engineer IV, and he continued to work in that capacity for an additional nine years; and

**WHEREAS**, Helmers was widely known and respected for his knowledge, expertise, and,  
most importantly, his integrity in the performance of his professional duties; and

**WHEREAS**, in recognition of Helmer's dedication to the City, the Commission of the City of Miami, on July 8, 2021, adopted Resolution No. R-21-0287, which codesignated that portion of SW 3rd Street from SW 2nd Avenue to SW North River Drive as "Leonard J. Helmers, Jr. Way"; and

**WHEREAS**, a copy of Resolution No. R-21-0287 is attached hereto and incorporated by reference; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Miami would like the County to install signage indicating this codesignation on County street signs and traffic signal mast arms; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board would also like to recognize Helmer's dedication by approving the City of Miami's codesignation of that portion of SW 3rd Street from SW 2nd Avenue to SW North River Drive as "Leonard J. Helmers, Jr. Way"; and

**WHEREAS**, SW 3rd Street from SW 2nd Avenue to SW North River Drive is a city-maintained road located in the City of Miami; and

**WHEREAS**, this codesignation is located in County Commission District 5,

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

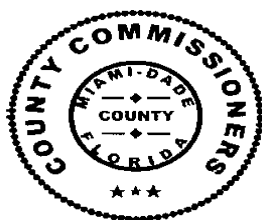
**Section 1.** Approves the City of Miami codesignation of that portion of SW 3rd Street from SW 2nd Avenue to SW North River Drive as "Leonard J. Helmers, Jr. Way".

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

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Eileen Higgins. It was offered by Commissioner **Rebeca Sosa**, 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:

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

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 19<sup>th</sup> day of October, 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.

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Ryan Carlin



# City of Miami

## Legislation

### Resolution: R-21-0287

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3500 Pan American Drive  
Miami, FL 33133  
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**File Number: 9271**

**Final Action Date: 7/8/2021**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MIAMI CITY COMMISSION CO-DESIGNATING THAT PORTION WITHIN THE CITY OF MIAMI'S LIMITS OF SOUTHWEST 3 STREET FROM SOUTHWEST 2 AVENUE TO SOUTHWEST NORTH RIVER DRIVE AS "LEONARD J. HELMERS, JR. WAY" PURSUANT TO SECTION 54-137 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF MIAMI, FLORIDA, AS AMENDED; FURTHER DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO TRANSMIT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE HEREIN DESIGNATED OFFICIALS.

**SPONSOR(S): Mayor Francis X. Suarez, Commissioner Alex Diaz de la Portilla, Commissioner Ken Russell, Commissioner Joe Carollo, Commissioner Manolo Reyes, Commissioner Jeffrey Watson**

WHEREAS, Leonard J. Helmers, Jr. ("Helmerts") was born and raised in Miami Springs, Florida on October 30, 1950; and

WHEREAS, Helmers received his professional engineering degree from the University of Miami where he studied Civil Engineering; and

WHEREAS, Helmers began his career with the City of Miami ("City") in 1973 as a part-time Engineering Technician II for the Department of Public Works; and

WHEREAS, Helmers worked on many projects during his tenure with the City, including the original design of David Kennedy Park in Coconut Grove; and

WHEREAS, in December 2006, after 33 years of dedicated service to the City, Helmers retired as a Professional Engineer IV with the Department of Public Works; and

WHEREAS, in January 2007, the City re-hired Helmers as a temporary Professional Engineer IV and he continued working in that capacity for an additional nine (9) years; and

WHEREAS, Helmers was widely known and respected for his knowledge, expertise, and, most importantly, his integrity in the performance of his professional duties; and

WHEREAS, the City would like to honor Helmers by co-designating Southwest 3 Street from Southwest 2 Avenue to Southwest North River Drive as "Leonard J. Helmers, Jr. Way";

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI, FLORIDA:

Section 1. The recitals and findings contained in the Preamble to this Resolution are adopted by reference and incorporated as if fully set forth in this Section.

Section 2. The City Commission co-designates that portion within the City's limits of Southwest 3 Street from Southwest 2 Avenue to Southwest North River Drive as "Leonard J.

Helmets, Jr. Way”.

Section 3. The City Clerk is directed to transmit a certified copy of this Resolution to the Departments of Police, Fire-Rescue, and Solid Waste; the Miami-Dade County Department of Transportation and Public Works; the United States Postal Service; and, if a State of Florida road, to the Florida Department of Transportation, District One, for sign installation within the newly designated roadway.

Section 4. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND CORRECTNESS: