

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 3(A)(4)

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

DATE: January 19, 2022

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution approving the City of Miami's: (1) codesignation of that portion of Northwest 53rd Street from Northwest 5th Avenue to Northwest 7th Avenue as "Muhammad Ali Way"; and (2) marker designations commemorating Muhammad Ali in the public right-of-way adjacent to the properties located at 4610 Northwest 15th Court and 6101 Northwest 17th Avenue

Resolution No. R-4-22

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



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(Revised)

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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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1-19-22

RESOLUTION NO. _____ R-4-22

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CITY OF MIAMI'S:
(1) CODESIGNATION OF THAT PORTION OF NORTHWEST
53RD STREET FROM NORTHWEST 5TH AVENUE TO
NORTHWEST 7TH AVENUE AS "MUHAMMAD ALI WAY";
AND (2) MARKER DESIGNATIONS COMMEMORATING
MUHAMMAD ALI IN THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY
ADJACENT TO THE PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 4610
NORTHWEST 15TH COURT AND 6101 NORTHWEST 17TH
AVENUE

WHEREAS, born Cassius Marcellus Clay, Jr. on January 17, 1942, in Louisville, Kentucky, Muhammad Ali ("Ali") went on to become an iconic American professional boxer and civil rights activist who developed deep ties to Miami; and

WHEREAS, Ali lived in many of the neighborhoods of Miami for a significant portion of his life, including in Overtown, a cultural cradle for Miami's Black community; and

WHEREAS, on February 25, 1964, Ali became boxing's world heavyweight champion after defeating Sonny Liston in a championship bout at the Miami Beach Convention Center; and

WHEREAS, after his victory against Sonny Liston, Ali celebrated with other prominent African American figures of the era at the Historic Hampton House, a preeminent motel in Miami that catered to African Americans in the 1960s; and

WHEREAS, later that year, Ali changed his name from Cassius Clay to Muhammad Ali; and

WHEREAS, before the famous "Fight of the Century" between Ali and Joe Frazier on March 8, 1971, Ali trained at the storied 5th St. Gym in Miami Beach; and

WHEREAS, in addition to dedicating much of his training in the Miami area, Ali also pursued other business ventures in Miami, including the restaurant Champ Burger in 1968 with one location in Coconut Grove and another in Liberty City; and

WHEREAS, through his fellowshipping and training, Ali has carved a piece of himself into the heart of Miami; and

WHEREAS, Ali passed away on June 3, 2016, at the age of 73; and

WHEREAS, on October 28, 2021, in honor of the legacy of Ali, the City Commission of the City of Miami (“Miami City Commission”) adopted Resolution No. R-21-0421, which: (1) codesignated that portion of Northwest 53rd Street from Northwest 5th Avenue to Northwest 7th Avenue as “Muhammad Ali Way”; and (2) authorized the placement of two marker designations commemorating Ali in the public right-of-way adjacent to the property located at 4610 Northwest 15th Court, where Ali previously lived, and the property located at 6101 Northwest 17th Avenue, where Champ Burger was located; and

WHEREAS, section 54-136 of the City of Miami Code provides that the Miami City Commission may enact codesignations of numbered streets as well as marker designations, by which a plaque or sign bearing the designation is mounted separately on a stone or post in the public right-of-way; and

WHEREAS, a copy of Resolution No. R-21-0421 is attached hereto and incorporated by reference; and

WHEREAS, the City of Miami would like the County to install signage indicating the codesignation of that portion of Northwest 53rd Street from Northwest 5th Avenue to Northwest 7th Avenue as “Muhammad Ali Way” on County street signs and traffic signal mast arms, and the aforementioned marker designations as necessary or appropriate; and

WHEREAS, this Board would also like to honor Ali by approving the City of Miami's codesignation of that portion of Northwest 53rd Street from Northwest 5th Avenue to Northwest 7th Avenue as "Muhammad Ali Way" and marker codesignations commemorating Ali in the public right-of-way adjacent to the properties located at 4610 Northwest 15th Court and 6101 Northwest 17th Avenue; and

WHEREAS, Northwest 53rd Street from Northwest 5th Avenue to Northwest 7th Avenue is a city-maintained road located in the City of Miami and County Commission District 3; and

WHEREAS, the properties located at 4610 Northwest 15th Court and 6101 Northwest 17th Avenue are both located in the City of Miami and County Commission District 3,

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

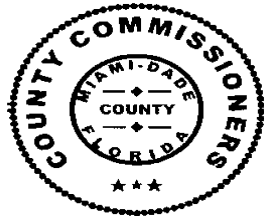
Section 1. Approves the City of Miami's: (1) codesignation of that portion of Northwest 53rd Street from Northwest 5th Avenue to Northwest 7th Avenue as "Muhammad Ali Way"; and (2) marker designations commemorating Muhammad Ali in the public right-of-way adjacent to the properties located at 4610 Northwest 15th Court and 6101 Northwest 17th Avenue.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit 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 Department of Fire-Rescue.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Keon Hardemon. It was offered by Commissioner **Rebeca Sosa**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **José "Pepe" Diaz** 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 19th day of January, 2022. 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.

KMB

Keoki M. Baron



City of Miami Certified Copy

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File Number: 10886

Enactment Number: R-21-0421

A RESOLUTION OF THE MIAMI CITY COMMISSION CO-DESIGNATING NORTHWEST 53RD STREET FROM NORTHWEST 5TH AVENUE TO NORTHWEST 7TH AVENUE, MIAMI, FLORIDA AS "MUHAMMAD ALI WAY" PURSUANT TO SECTION 54-137 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF MIAMI, FLORIDA, AS AMENDED ("CITY CODE"), AND AUTHORIZING THE PLACEMENT OF TWO (2) MARKER DESIGNATIONS IN THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY ADJACENT TO THE PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 4610 NORTHWEST 15 COURT AND 6101 NORTHWEST 17 AVENUE PURSUANT TO SECTION 54-136 OF THE CITY CODE TO COMMEMORATE MUHAMMAD ALI; FURTHER DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO TRANSMIT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE HEREIN DESIGNATED OFFICIALS.

SPONSOR(S): Commissioner Jeffrey Watson

WHEREAS, born Cassius Marcellus Clay, Jr. on January 17, 1942 in Louisville, Kentucky, Muhammad Ali ("Ali") became a well-known American professional boxer and civil rights activist with deep ties to a portion of the City of Miami's ("City") history; and

WHEREAS, Ali lived in the City for a portion of his life, including in Overtown, the cultural center of Black Miami; and

WHEREAS, on February 25, 1964, Ali won the heavyweight championship fight against Sonny Liston ("Liston") at the Miami Beach Convention Center; and

WHEREAS, after his victory against Liston, Ali celebrated at the Historic Hampton House, a preeminent motel catering to African Americans in the 1960s; and

WHEREAS, shortly after meeting with a few other prominent African American figures of that era, Ali changed his name from Cassius Clay to Muhammad Ali; and

WHEREAS, before the famous "Fight of the Century" between Ali and Joe Frazier on March 8, 1971, Ali trained at the 5th Street Gym in Miami Beach; and

WHEREAS, outside of his training career in the City, Ali opened a restaurant called Champ Burger in 1968 with a location in Coconut Grove and another in Liberty City; and

WHEREAS, from fellowshiping to training, Ali carved a piece of himself into the heart of the City; and

WHEREAS, Ali passed away on June 3, 2016 at the age of 73; and

WHEREAS, the City would like to honor Ali by co-designating Northwest 53rd Street from Northwest 5th Avenue to Northwest 7th Avenue, Miami, Florida as "Muhammad Ali Way" and authorizing the placement of two (2) marker designations in the public right-of-way adjacent

to the property located at 4610 Northwest 15 Court, which was where Ali lived, and the property located at 6101 Northwest 17 Avenue, which was where Champ Burger was located, to commemorate Ali;

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 Northwest 53rd Street from Northwest 5th Avenue to Northwest 7th Avenue, Miami, Florida as "Muhammad Ali Way" and authorizes the placement of two (2) marker designations in the public right-of-way adjacent to the properties located at 4610 Northwest 15 Court and 6101 Northwest 17 Avenue to commemorate Ali.

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 Miami-Dade County Commissioner of District 3; the United States Postal Service; and, if a State of Florida road, to the Florida Department of Transportation, District Six, for sign installation within the newly designated roadway.

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

DATE:	10/28/2021
RESULT:	ADOPTED WITH MODIFICATION(S)
MOVER:	Jeffrey Watson, Commissioner
SECONDER:	Alex Diaz de la Portilla, Commissioner
AYES:	Ken Russell, Alex Diaz de la Portilla, Joe Carollo, Manolo Reyes, Jeffrey Watson

I, Todd B. Hannon, City Clerk of the City of Miami, Florida, and keeper of the records thereof, do hereby certify that this constitutes a true and correct copy of Resolution No. R-21-0421, passed by the City Commission on 10/28/2021.



City Clerk, Deputy City Clerk
(for Todd B. Hannon, City
Clerk)

November 30, 2021

Date Certified