

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 3(A)(1)

TO: Honorable Chairman Oliver G. Gilbert, III
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: January 17, 2023

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution approving the
City of Miami Beach's
codesignation of that portion
of 14th Street located
between Washington Avenue
and Ocean Drive as "Andy
Sweet Street"

Resolution No. R-1-23

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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1-17-23

RESOLUTION NO. _____ R-1-23

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH'S
CODESIGNATION OF THAT PORTION OF 14TH STREET
LOCATED BETWEEN WASHINGTON AVENUE AND OCEAN
DRIVE AS "ANDY SWEET STREET"

WHEREAS, the City of Miami Beach passed Resolution No. 2022-32202 on June 22, 2022, which codesignated that portion of 14th Street located between Washington Avenue and Ocean Drive as "Andy Sweet Street" in memory of Andrew John Sweet ("Sweet"), a photographer from Miami Beach known for his documentation of the life on South Beach in the late 1970s; and

WHEREAS, a copy of Resolution No. 2022-32202 is attached hereto and incorporated by reference; and

WHEREAS, after graduating with a master's degree in fine arts from the University of Colorado at Boulder in 1977, Sweet returned home to Miami Beach to photograph the Old World Jewish culture prevalent in South Beach at the time; and

WHEREAS, although tragically murdered in 1982, Sweet captured hundreds of images renowned for their portrayal of South Beach and its residents; and

WHEREAS, that portion of 14th Street located between Washington Avenue and Ocean Drive is a city road located in the City of Miami Beach; and

WHEREAS, this codesignation is in County Commission District 5; and

WHEREAS, the City of Miami Beach would like for 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 honor Sweet by approving the City of Miami Beach’s codesignation of that portion of 14th Street between Washington Avenue and Ocean Drive as “Andy Sweet Street,”

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

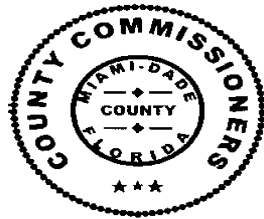
Section 1. Approves the City of Miami Beach’s codesignation of that portion of 14th Street located between Washington Avenue and Ocean Drive as “Andy Sweet Street.”

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to send certified copies of this resolution to the Mayor and Commission of the City of Miami Beach, 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 Resource Department, the Miami Beach Police Department, and the Miami Beach Fire Department.

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

Oliver G. Gilbert, III, Chairman	aye	
Anthony Rodríguez, Vice Chairman	aye	
Marleine Bastien	aye	Juan Carlos Bermudez aye
Kevin Marino Cabrera	aye	Sen. René García aye
Roberto J. Gonzalez	aye	Keon Hardemon absent
Danielle Cohen Higgins	aye	Eileen Higgins aye
Kionne L. McGhee	aye	Raquel A. Regalado aye
Micky Steinberg	aye	

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 17th day of January, 2023. 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

LUIS G. MONTALDO, CLERK AD INTERIM

By: **Basia Pruna**

Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

SMG

Sophia Guzzo

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND NEIGHBORHOOD QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE, AND APPROVING, BY 5/7TH VOTE, FOLLOWING A DULY NOTICED PUBLIC HEARING, THE CO-NAMING OF THE PORTION OF 14TH STREET LOCATED BETWEEN WASHINGTON AVENUE AND OCEAN DRIVE AS "ANDY SWEET STREET," SUBJECT TO FINAL APPROVAL OF THE CO-NAMING BY THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 2-1, RULE 9.02 OF THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY CODE.

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2022, the Mayor and City Commission adopted Ordinance No. 2022-4478, amending Section 82-503(c) of the City Code to provide for additional criteria for the co-naming of streets in honor of a deceased photographer who documented the life and residents of Miami Beach, such as Andy Sweet; and

WHEREAS, Andrew John Sweet was an American photographer known for his documentary photography and street photography of the life and residents of South Beach, with a particular focus on the Jewish community, many of them Holocaust survivors; and

WHEREAS, Sweet was born in Miami Beach and attended Miami Beach Senior High School; and

WHEREAS, Sweet returned home to Miami Beach after receiving a Masters degree in Fine Arts from the University of Colorado at Boulder in 1977, to photograph the old world Jewish culture that then distinguished South Beach; and

WHEREAS, in 1982, Sweet's life and his art were cut tragically short when he was murdered at the age of 29; and

WHEREAS, the Miami Herald Tropic Magazine ran a cover story on his death and documentary photography, writing that "[t]hough young, Sweet was virtually an institution on the Beach, having made thousands of images of the place and the people."; and

WHEREAS, Sweet's work was appreciated by other documentary photographers --- nationally famed photographer Mary Ellen Mark praised his "strong, humorous, and beautiful images," and wrote that his body of work was "unprecedented for someone so young...He definitely would have gone on to make many more wonderful images and to become a real photographic force;" and

WHEREAS, on December 14, 2016, the Mayor and City Commission voted to erect a plaque in the Art Deco District in Mr. Sweet's honor; and

WHEREAS, Sweet left an extensive body of work that exhibits a level of creative maturity far beyond his years, and his photographs are a testimony to a rich but often overlooked period of Miami Beach's cultural heritage; and

WHEREAS, at its March 23, 2022 meeting, the Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee considered and recommended for the Mayor and City Commission to co-name a portion of 14th Street located between Washington Avenue and Ocean Drive as "Andy Sweet Street"; and

WHEREAS, as 14th Street is a platted, public road, the proposed co-naming must be approved by the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners pursuant to Rule 9.02 of Section 2-1 of the Miami-Dade County Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, that the Mayor and City Commission hereby accept the recommendation of the Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee, and approve, by 5/7th vote, following a duly noticed public hearing, the co-naming of the portion of 14th Street located between Washington Avenue and Ocean Drive as "Andy Sweet Street," subject to final approval of the co-naming by the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners, in accordance with Section 2-1, rule 9.02 of the Miami-Dade County Code.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 22 day of June 2022.



Dan Gelber, Mayor

ATTEST:

JUN 23 2022


Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk



APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION


City Attorney *fh*

5-27-22
Date