

MEMORANDUM

Substitute
Agenda Item No. 5(B)

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

DATE: July 16, 2024

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution naming that portion
of the South Dade Transitway
between the Dadeland South
Metrorail Station and Southwest
112 Street as “the Merrett R.
Stierheim Transitway”

Resolution No. R-648-24

This substitute differs from the original in that it: (1) recognizes the subsequent passing of Merrett R. Stierheim on July 7, 2024 at the age of 90; and (2) removes the three-fifths vote requirement pursuant to Rule 9.02(d) of the Board’s Rules of Procedure.

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


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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 _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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RESOLUTION NO. _____ R-648-24

RESOLUTION NAMING THAT PORTION OF THE SOUTH
DADE TRANSITWAY BETWEEN THE DADELAND SOUTH
METRORAIL STATION AND SOUTHWEST 112 STREET AS
“THE MERRETT R. STIERHEIM TRANSITWAY”

WHEREAS, Merrett R. Stierheim (“Stierheim”) began a career dedicated to public administration more than six decades ago, serving as Assistant City Manager in the City of Miami from 1959 to 1967; and

WHEREAS, prior to that, Stierheim graduated third in his class with a master’s degree in Governmental Administration from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania and earned a Bachelor of Science in Commerce and Finance from Bucknell University, where, upon graduation, he was awarded the Outstanding Student Achievement Award from the Wall Street Journal; and

WHEREAS, from 1953 to 1957, Stierheim was as an Air Force cadet graduate and served as a First Lieutenant Navigator; and

WHEREAS, during his long and illustrious career in public service, Stierheim served two stints as County Manager of Miami-Dade County, spanning from 1976-1986 and again from 1998-2001; and

WHEREAS, among his successes as County Manger, Stierheim successfully supervised a \$5,000,000,000.00 countywide infrastructure expansion including the construction of Miami Metro Zoo, the downtown library and cultural complex, the Government Center, several regional parks, libraries, water, sewer and solid waste facilities, and the County’s mass transit system - Metrorail and Metromover; and

WHEREAS, after nearly ten years as County Manager, Stierheim served as CEO of the Women's Tennis Association 1986-1989, and is credited with making women's professional tennis more international in its scope, doubling prize money, expanding the tiered feeder system of professional tournaments and establishing a player's pension plan; and

WHEREAS, between 1990 and 1998, Stierheim was the President and CEO of the Greater Miami Convention & Visitors Bureau, a marketing, not-for-profit organization with 1,100 corporate members whose mission is to promote Miami-Dade County as a convention, business and leisure destination; and

WHEREAS, during his career in public service, Stierheim also served as City Manager of the City of Clearwater from 1967 to 1973; Pinellas County Administrator from 1973 to 1976; Town Manager of the newly formed Town of Miami Lakes for two months in 2001; Superintendent of Miami-Dade County Public Schools 2001-2004; City Manager of the City of Miami; and City Manager of the City of Doral; and

WHEREAS, Stierheim has served on the board of directors of more than 30 local, state and national organizations including Barnett Bank, SunBank, Travel Industry of America ("TIA"), International Association of Convention & Visitors Bureaus ("IACVB"), United States National Tourism Organization ("NTO 10") and the United Way of Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, in 1998, Stierheim received an Honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Barry University in Miami, Florida; and

WHEREAS, in 2003, Stierheim was a National Public Service Award winner, an award that was presented jointly by The American Society for Public Administration and The National Academy of Public Administration to recognize outstanding practitioners who have spent most of their careers in public service; and

>>WHEREAS, on July 7, 2024, Stierheim passed away at the age of 90; and<<¹

WHEREAS, this Board wishes to honor Stierheim for his long and outstanding career dedicated to public service by naming that portion of the South Dade Transitway between the Dadeland South Metrorail Station and Southwest 112 Street as “The Merrett R. Stierheim Transitway”; and

WHEREAS, that portion of South Dade Transitway between the Dadeland South Metrorail Station and Southwest 112 Street is County owned and is located in Commission District 7>>₁<<[[; and

~~**WHEREAS**, Rule 9.02(d) of the Board’s Rules of Procedure provides that the Commission may, by a three-fifths vote of Board members present, name a County road, facility or property after a living individual who has not served as an elected official within the past five years and who “has made a direct, significant lifetime contribution to this community,”]]~~

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

Section 1. The foregoing recitals are hereby incorporated into this resolution and this Board finds that Merrett R. Stierheim has made a direct, significant lifetime contribution to this community pursuant to Rule 9.02(d).

Section 2. Having considered the matter at a public hearing [~~and by three-fifths vote of Board members present~~], this Board names that portion of the South Dade Transitway between the Dadeland South Metrorail Station and Southwest 112 Street as “The Merrett R. Stierheim Transitway”.

¹ The differences between the substitute and the original item are indicated as follows: Words stricken through and/or [[double bracketed]] shall be deleted, words underscored and/or >>double arrowed<< are added.

Section 3. This Board 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 **Oliver G. Gilbert, III**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Marleine Bastien** 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	absent	Sen. René García	aye
Roberto J. Gonzalez	aye	Keon Hardemon	aye
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 16th day of July, 2024. 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

JUAN FERNANDEZ-BARQUIN, CLERK

By: Basia Pruna
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

D.P.C

Dale P. Clarke