



Broward County

Legislation Text

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Broward County Commission Regular Meeting

Director's Name: Dale V.C. Holness

Department: County Commission

Information

Requested Action

A. MOTION TO ADOPT Resolution waiving Section 18.43(d) of the Broward County Administrative Code ("Administrative Code") in order to consider renaming NW 8th Street in the Broward Municipal Services District ("County Road") in honor of Congressman Alcee L. Hastings ("Congressman Hastings") **(deferred from April 6, 2021 - Item No. 96).**

(Per the Tuesday Agenda Memorandum, at the request of the sponsoring Commissioner, this item is being moved to the May 4, 2021 Commission Meeting.)

B. MOTION TO NOTE FOR THE RECORD that the Board of County Commissioners ("Board") will consider the approval of a Resolution renaming the County Road in honor of Congressman Hastings at the meeting of the Board on Tuesday, June 1, 2021.

(Per the Tuesday Agenda Memorandum, at the request of the sponsoring Commissioner, this item is being moved to the May 4, 2021 Commission Meeting.)

C. MOTION TO DIRECT County Administrator to solicit the input of at least three (3) local municipalities, homeowners' associations, or other appropriate community groups of the Board's proposal to rename the County Road in honor of Congressman Hastings, as required under Section 18.43(i) of the Administrative Code. (Commissioner Holness)

(Per the Tuesday Agenda Memorandum, at the request of the sponsoring Commissioner, this item is being moved to the May 4, 2021 Commission Meeting.)

Why Action is Necessary

Motion A is necessary to waive the Administrative Code provision that would otherwise prohibit the naming until at least 90 days after the person's death; Motions B and C, which address public notice and input, are required to accomplish the renaming.

What Action Accomplishes

Enables the Board to consider the referenced renaming on June 1, 2021.

Is this Action Goal Related

No

Previous Action Taken

Summary Explanation/Background

This item proposes renaming the portion of NW 8th Street from NW 27th Avenue to NW 31st Avenue located in the Broward Municipal Services District (“County Road”) in honor of the late Congressman Alcee L. Hastings (“Congressman Hastings”), an individual who made significant contributions to the County. Congressman Hastings passed away after a lengthy battle with pancreatic cancer on April 6, 2021. Congressman Hastings will be remembered as an advocate for the working class, minorities, immigrants, women, the LGBTQ+ community, and as a leader in international affairs, as well as a loving father and husband.

Congressman Hastings was first elected to Congress in 1992 and, in 2020, was elected to his fifteenth term in the U.S. Congress representing the State of Florida U.S. Congressional District 20, which includes significant portions of the County, including parts of Fort Lauderdale, Miramar, Lauderdale Lakes, Tamarac, and the Everglades. At the time of his passing, he was the longest-serving member of Florida’s congressional delegation. Throughout his tenure, Congressman Hastings sought to represent the interests of his constituents and worked, among other priorities, to create jobs and provide greater economic opportunities for middle class and working poor Americans.

Congressman Hastings previously served as a Circuit Court Judge in the County’s Seventeenth Judicial Circuit from 1977 to 1979, and in 1979, was appointed to the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida. Congressman Hastings was the first African-American Federal Judge in the State of Florida and one of the first African Americans to represent the State of Florida in the U.S. Congress since the post-Civil War era.

Pursuant to Section 336.05, Florida Statutes, the Board is authorized to name and rename County-owned streets and roads. Section 18.43 of the Broward County Administrative Code (“Administrative Code”) establishes the Board’s policies for naming property, buildings, structures, or facilities, including roads.

This item (1) adopts a Resolution waiving Section 18.43(d) of the Administrative Code, which requires a minimum 90-day waiting period after the passing of a person before County-owned property may be named after the person; (2) provides notice that the proposed designation of the County Road will be on a future Board agenda, as is required in Section 18.43(h) of the Administrative Code; and (3) directs the County Administrator to solicit community input from three (3) local municipalities, homeowners’ associations, or other appropriate community groups. Correspondence will be included in the Board agenda item considering the proposed Resolution designating the County Road.

This item was originally placed on the April 6, 2021 Board agenda as Item 96, but the item was deferred to the April 20, 2021 Board meeting at the Board’s request. The item, including Motion A, has been updated to reflect that Congressman Hastings passed away since the date on which the April 6, 2021 Board agenda was printed.

Source of Additional Information

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Fiscal Impact

Fiscal Impact/Cost Summary

The Fiscal Impact Statement by the Office of Management and Budget will be provided at the June 1, 2021, Board Meeting.