



REQUEST FOR PREPARATION OF POLICY, LEGISLATION OR ACTION

To: Village Manager and Village Attorney Date: November 25, 2013
From: Councilman Patrick Fiore Re: Inclusion under "Other Business"
Regular Council Meeting of 12/9/2013

PURPOSE:

Chapter 21, Article 2 of the Village's Code of Ordinances governs co-designation of roadways, streets, and rights-of-way. Section 21-52 states that co-designations may only be made in April of each year. However, the Code allows for special consideration to be made, if the Council concurs.

I have been contacted by a group of residents who are requesting special consideration be given to co-designate a Village roadway to posthumously honor resident, George Johnson.

According to the Ordinance:

The organization or individual after whom the road, street or public way is to be named shall have made a significant contribution to the community, thereby furthering the village's good name and image. The contribution may demonstrate achievement through volunteerism, leadership, public service, and/or other services considered extraordinary or long term in nature.

MAJOR POINTS TO BE COVERED:

Allow for this matter to be advertised to be heard in January, 2014, following public hearing. The neighbors have requested SW 144 Street between SW 68 Court and SW 68 Avenue as "George Johnson Way." This road is not currently designated.

REASON:

According to the signed petition, copy of which is attached, Mr. Johnson was remembered by his neighbors for his unselfish, singlehanded effort to work with the Village to insure that a new and improved drainage system would be installed to benefit all.

DESIRED ACTION:

Request the Council to vote to hear the matter out of sequence. Then, direct the Village Clerk to prepare the Resolution and advertise same for public hearing at the January Council meeting.

For use by staff:

Date received _____

To be considered at _____ Council Meeting

TO:

Honorable Mayor Shelley Stanczyk

Vice Mayor John DuBois

Councilman Patrick Fiore

Councilman Tim Schaffer

Councilwoman Joan Lindsay

Manager Ron E. Williams

RE:

Palmetto Bay street co-designation

Dear Mayor, Council members, and Manager,

Our neighborhood recently lost a dear friend, George Johnson, the man who worked quietly and effectively to improve the streets surrounding our homes. For many years our streets would flood after heavy rainfall and were slow to drain. The worst flooding came with Hurricane Katrina in 2005 when George stepped out of his home on SW 144th Terrace to find waist deep water not only in the street but in two of his neighbors' homes.

With that event, George began his quest to improve the drainage on our streets. Through letters and phone calls to the Village, his singlehanded efforts to fix this problem were successful as the project was completed several months ago to the joy of all the homeowners. Our new drainage system passed a key test in September when over eight inches of rain fell in a few hours with no significant standing water anywhere on our streets.

George passed away after a brief and unexpected illness this past summer and never lived to see his project fulfilled. We, who have signed this letter wish to honor his friendship and leadership that has spanned three decades in our neighborhood by co-designating one block of SW 144th Terrace between SW 68th Court and SW 68th Ave. as, "GEORGE JOHNSON WAY."

NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE
Caroline Johnson	6842 S.W. 144 Terr	(305) 235-0593
James + Cynthia Lantz	6802 SW 144 Terr	305 378-9006
William Jackson	6821 S.W. 144 Terr	305, 25 908
Robert Rojas	6841 SW 144 Terr	305 323- 3984

James + Cynthia Lantz
William Jackson
Robert Rojas

33

NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE
<i>Richard Casper</i>	6801 SW 144 th TER	305 2535175
<i>[Signature]</i>	6822 SW 144 th TER	818-2718 305
<i>Gene W. King</i>	6843 SW 145 TER	305-255 1786
<i>David Kahn</i>	14402 SW 68 CT	917-842- 7726
<i>Dan + Betty Noe</i>	6844 SW 145 TER	305 798 1198
<i>Charlie F. Brown</i>	14650 SW 69 Ave.	305 233 3978
<i>[Signature]</i>		
<i>[Signature]</i>	6823 S.W. 145 th TER	305 252-2582
<i>Moses Benyamin</i>	6864 SW 145 th TER	305 9924403

JOHNSON, GEORGE F., 65, of Miami, FL went home to be with the Lord on May 17, 2013. He was born in Charleston, West Virginia on February 1, 1948, the son of Dr. Paul C. Johnson and Louise M. Johnson. George graduated from Penn Yan Academy in 1966. In 1970, he graduated from the United States Coast Guard Academy in New London, CT and was awarded the Bachelor of Science degree. Upon graduation, George served as a Deck Watch Officer aboard the Coast Guard Cutter Dallas out of New York City. Subsequent assignments included: An exchange tour with the US Navy aboard the USS Bowen in 1972, Admiral's Aide, The Coast Guard Intelligence Program in Miami, Commander of the Coast Guard Group in Rockaway, NY in 1978, Search and Rescue Program Management at Coast Guard Headquarters, Washington, DC in 1983 and Deputy Commander Coast Guard Group Miami in 1985. Commander Johnson retired in 1990 while serving on the staff of the 7th District Commander Headquarters in Miami, FL. He also attended post-graduate school at the University of Miami and was awarded a MBA and MPA in 1982. As a civilian, George was employed as an airline executive with two airlines in Miami, FL. He was the Treasurer of The International Air Cargo Association (TIACA) for many years. George served the Lord as the church administrator at Old Cutler Presbyterian Church followed by the Chief Financial Officer at Westminster Christian School in Miami. He finished his career as Director of Finance and Operations at Westminster Schools of Augusta located in Augusta, Georgia. George was a devoted husband, father, brother and uncle. He will always be remembered for devotion to his family and care & compassion for his friends. He is survived by his loving wife of 37 years, Caroline Clary Johnson, and son Paul Clary Johnson. Also survived by his two loving sisters, Pat Denison (Bill) and Paulette DeVita (Don), his niece and nephews. He lived his life to the fullest and will be remembered by all whose lives he touched. Visitation will be held Monday evening, May 20th from 6-8 p.m. at Stanfill F.H. Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m., Tuesday, May 21st at Old Cutler Presbyterian Church, 14401 Old Cutler Rd, Palmetto Bay, FL with reception immediately following the service. Interment will follow at a

later date with full military honors at Arlington National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, George's family respectfully requests that contributions be made in memory of George to one of the following: Old Cutler Presbyterian Church (see address above); CDR George F. Johnson, USCG (Ret), Class of 1970 Fund, USCGA Alumni Association, 47 Mohegan Avenue, New London, CT 06320; or Westminster Schools of Augusta, 3067 Wheeler Road, Augusta, GA 30909



REQUEST FOR PREPARATION OF POLICY, LEGISLATION OR ACTION

To: Village Manager and Village Attorney Date: December 1, 2013
From: Councilman Patrick Fiore Re: Inclusion under "Other Business"
Regular Council Meeting of 12/9/2013

PURPOSE:

To discuss Michael Muni's website – www.miamidadelostpets.com – and what the Village might do to provide financial assistance for this volunteer.

MAJOR POINTS TO BE COVERED:

While Councilman Schaffer, Vice Mayor DuBois and other members of the Council were actively pursuing possible solutions to the problem of how to appropriately provide the residents with a way to find their lost animal or to alert the public of a found animal, resident Michael Muni decided to take matters into his own hands. Mr. Muni's initiative has assisted the Village by taking responsibility for this service, thus freeing up staff time.

REASON:

Mr. Muni has volunteered to provide this website that assists Palmetto Bay and surrounding communities.

DESIRED ACTION:

Discussion concerning recognizing this gentleman's endeavor to assist residents.