


COMMITTEE MEMORANDUM

TO: Neighborhood/Community Affairs Committee

FROM: Raul J. Aguila, City Attorney 

DATE: February 21, 2018

SUBJECT: **DISCUSSION REGARDING POTENTIALLY ADDING THE NAME "MIAMI BEACH BOULEVARD" TO 5TH STREET.**

Pursuant to the request of Commissioner Michael Gongora, the above-referenced matter was referred to the Neighborhood/Community Affairs Committee (NCAC) at the February 14, 2018 City Commission meeting.

Attached is a Draft of the text for an ordinance that would amend the City Code to enable the above-referenced co-naming. Currently, the City Code does not permit the co-naming of certain streets, including 5th Street. The attached Draft provides limited exceptions for the co-naming of such streets (i.e., if such co-name or co-designation is for the name of the City of Miami Beach or a geographic area in the City). The current City process for street co-naming would apply to these new, limited co-namings (for City streets) or co-designations (for State streets) [Currently, the City Code does not prohibit the co-naming of any County streets in the City]. Briefly, the City process is as follows: a proposed co-name is referred to NCAC for its recommendation, the Commission approves the NCAC's recommendation and sets a public hearing, and then the Commission approves the co-name at the public hearing.

In addition, as 5th Street is a State street, other procedures would need to be followed to accomplish this co-designation. After receiving initial Commission vetting through the City's process, the requested co-designation of a State street must be approved by the Florida Legislature (there is usually a Bill every year that co-designates many State streets throughout Florida). For a State street, the Commission would not be approving the co-designation (only the State can co-designate its streets), rather the Commission would be approving the submittal of the proposed co-designation to the State for its approval. If the Florida Legislature approves the co-designation, the City and County need to pass resolutions "in support of" the State's co-designation per Sec. 334.071, Fla. Stat. If the subsequent City and County resolutions of support are not adopted, the State will not install markers for the co-designation.