

RESOLUTION No. 2010-66-1248

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING MIAMI-DADE COUNTY'S EFFORTS TO CO-DESIGNATE NORTHWEST 37TH AVENUE, FROM NORTHWEST 199TH STREET TO COUNTY LINE ROAD/NORTHWEST 215TH STREET, AS LOUIS MAXWELL, JR. STREET; PROVIDING FOR INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CITY CLERK; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Louis Maxwell, Jr., was a resident of the City of Miami Gardens, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Maxwell graduated from Miami Central Senior High School in 2000 and was an accomplished trumpet player who loved music, and

WHEREAS, at the age of seventeen, Mr. Maxwell joined the U.S. Navy and served four years of duty, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Maxwell became a United Nations Close Protection Officer after his service in the Navy, and

WHEREAS, as a United Nations Close Protection Officer, Mr. Maxwell was posted in Kabul, Afghanistan in June, 2009, and

WHEREAS, on November 4, 2009, Mr. Maxwell was securing a residential hotel housing United Nations' employees when Taliban militants, during a daylight attack in the heart of Kabul, stormed the facility, and

WHEREAS, the militants attacking the United Nations facility used assault rifles and had suicide vests, while Mr. Maxwell and other security officers had only hand guns in their possession, and

WHEREAS, there were thirty-four people sleeping in the United Nations guest house and Mr. Maxwell's security unit was able to stave off the Taliban long enough for all of the civilians to escape, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Maxwell was killed while defending the facility and its occupants, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Maxwell is survived by his parents, his sister and his two sons, and

WHEREAS, Northwest 37th Avenue, from Northwest 199th Street to County Line Road/Northwest 215th Street, is a county road located in County Commission District 1, and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County has requested the City's support is co-designing Northwest 37th Avenue, from Northwest 199th Street to County Line Road/Northwest 215th Street to Louis Maxwell, Jr. Street,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS: The foregoing Whereas paragraphs are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true, and the same are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution.

Section 2. EXPRESSION: The City Council of the City of Miami Gardens hereby expresses its support for the efforts of Miami-Dade County to co-designate Northwest 37th Avenue, from Northwest 199th Street to County Line Road/Northwest 215th Street, as Louis Maxwell, Jr. Street.

Section 3. INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CITY CLERK: The City Clerk is hereby directed to serve a certified copy of this Resolution on the Chairperson of the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners.

Section 4. EFFECTIVE DATE: This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its final passage.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS AT ITS REGULAR MEETING HELD ON APRIL 14, 2010.


SHIRLEY GIBSON, MAYOR

ATTEST:


RONETTA TAYLOR, MMC, CITY CLERK

PREPARED BY: SONJA KNIGHTON DICKENS, ESQ., CITY ATTORNEY

SPONSORED BY: MAYOR SHIRLEY GIBSON

MOVED BY: Councilwoman Watson
SECONDED BY: Councilman Bratton

VOTE: 6-0

Mayor Shirley Gibson	<u>X</u> (Yes)	___ (No)
Vice Mayor Aaron Campbell Jr.	<u>X</u> (Yes)	___ (No)
Councilman Melvin L. Bratton	<u>X</u> (Yes)	___ (No)
Councilman Oliver Gilbert, III	<u>X</u> (Yes)	___ (No)
Councilwoman Barbara Watson	<u>X</u> (Yes)	___ (No)
Councilwoman Sharon Pritchett	___ (Yes)	___ (No)(not present)
Councilman André Williams	<u>X</u> (Yes)	___ (No)



City of Miami Gardens Agenda Cover Memo

Council Meeting Date: <i>(Enter X in box)</i>	April 14, 2010		Item Type: <i>(Enter X in box)</i>	Resolution	Ordinance	Other	
				X			
Fiscal Impact: <i>(Enter X in box)</i>	Yes	No	Ordinance Reading: <i>(Enter X in box)</i>	1st Reading		2nd Reading	
		X		Public Hearing: <i>(Enter X in box)</i>	Yes	No	Yes
					X		
Funding Source:	N/A		Advertising Requirement: <i>(Enter X in box)</i>	Yes		No	
						X	
Contract/P.O. Required: <i>(Enter X in box)</i>	Yes	No	RFP/RFQ/Bid #:	N/A			
		X					
Sponsor Name	Mayor Shirley Gibson		Department:	City Council			

Short Title:

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Staff Summary:

Louis Maxwell Jr lived his life as a hero, and lost his life while protecting and saving the lives of others. Louis Maxwell Jr is survived by Sandra Maxwell, his mother, who still resides in the City. A graduate of Miami Central Senior High, he joined the Navy immediately after high school, where he served four years. In June of 2009, he deployed to Afghanistan, where he was working for the United Nations as a security guard.

Proposed Action:

Mayor Shirley Gibson is requesting that City Council approve the co-designating of NW 37th Avenue from NW 199th Street to County Line Road/NW 215th Street as Louis Maxwell Jr. Street.

Attachment:

**ITEM J-5) CONSENT AGENDA
RESOLUTION
Supporting the renaming of a street
to Louis Maxwell, Jr. Street**