

MIAMI BEACH

COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Eric Carpenter, City Manager

DATE: December 11, 2024 11:06 a.m. Public Hearing

TITLE: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING, BY 5/7TH VOTE, FOLLOWING A DULY NOTICED PUBLIC HEARING ON DECEMBER 11, 2024, PURSUANT TO SECTION 82-504 (A) OF THE CITY CODE, THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUE LOCATED ON 3RD STREET AND THE BEACHWALK, IN HONOR OF ROBERT RAVEN KRAFT.

RECOMMENDATION

The Administration recommends approving by 5/7ths vote, the establishment of a commemorative plaque on 3rd Street and the Beachwalk in honor of Robert “Raven” Kraft, following a duly noticed public hearing pursuant to Section 82-504(a) of the City Code.

BACKGROUND/HISTORY

On October 30, 2024, the Mayor and City Commission approved the referral of item C4 AE, sponsored by Commissioner Rosen-Gonzalez, and co-sponsored by Commissioner Dominguez, Commissioner Bhatt and Commissioner Magazine, to the Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee (“PSNQLC”) to discuss installing a plaque on the Beachwalk in honor Robert “Raven” Kraft.

On November 13, 2024, the PSNQLC discussed the item and recommended in favor of establishing a commemorative plaque in Robert “Raven” Kraft’s honor.

ANALYSIS

On November 20, 2024, the Mayor and City Commission adopted a Resolution accepting the recommendation from the November 13, 2024, PSNQLC meeting to approve the establishment of the commemorative plaque on 3rd Street and the Beachwalk in honor of Robert “Raven” Kraft. Furthermore, said Resolution set a public hearing on December 11, 2024, pursuant to Section 82-504 (a) of the City Code, to consider whether to approve the proposed commemorative plaque by a 5/7ths vote; and directed the City Clerk to provide public notice of the hearing consistent with the requirements of Section 82-504(a)(6).

On December 30, 2024, Robert “Raven” Kraft will be celebrating running daily on the same path for 50 years on Miami Beach without missing a single day. Over the course of his streak, he has covered more than 145,000 miles. Ranked 6th globally by the United States Streak Runners’ Association, Raven’s dedication has drawn over 3,700 runners from around the world to join him for his signature 8-mile run. Not only does he track their runs and award nicknames, but he also fosters a strong sense of community, having inspired runners from all 50 states and 100 countries to participate. His impact goes beyond running, Raven has performed 17 water rescues in Miami Beach, and has encouraged people of all abilities, including those battling serious health conditions, to take part in his runs. Raven’s journey has been widely featured in national and international media, inspiring countless individuals to get active and live healthier lives.

The Administration recommends honoring the life and accomplishments of Robert “Raven” Kraft with a commemorative plaque to be installed on 3rd (Third) Street and the Beachwalk (the “Project”). The Project will consist of installation of the commemorative plaque, including design, fabrication, installation, and necessary improvements to the area.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The fiscal impact of this Project is approximately \$2,500.00.

Does this Ordinance require a Business Impact Estimate? (FOR ORDINANCES ONLY)

If applicable, the Business Impact Estimate (BIE) was published on:
See BIE at: <https://www.miamibeachfl.gov/city-hall/city-clerk/meeting-notices/>

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Funding for this Project has been appropriated in the following account:
520-1720-000342-

CONCLUSION

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Applicable Area

South Beach

Is this a “Residents Right to Know” item, pursuant to City Code Section 2-17?

Yes

Is this item related to a G.O. Bond Project?

Was this Agenda Item initially requested by a lobbyist which, as defined in Code Sec. 2-481, includes a principal engaged in lobbying? No

If so, specify the name of lobbyist(s) and principal(s):

Department

Facilities and Fleet Management

Sponsor(s)

Commissioner Kristen Rosen Gonzalez

Co-sponsor(s)

Commissioner Laura Dominguez
Commissioner Tanya K. Bhatt

Commissioner Joseph Magazine
Commissioner Alex Fernandez

Condensed Title

11:06 a.m. PH, Approve Commemorative Plaque in Honor of Robert Raven Kraft.
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