

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-R-77

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA,
APPROVING NAMING OF THE WILDCAT COMMUNITY
CENTER BUILDING AS THE “SCOTT GALVIN
COMMUNITY CENTER”; PROVIDING FOR AN
EFFECTIVE DATE AND ALL OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, on November 18, 2021, the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami (“City”) approved by Resolution No. 2021-R-161 the entering into of a lease agreement with TR Wildcat Investment, LLC to provide for the acquisition of the Wildcat Community Center located at the former Johnson and Wales (“JWU”) College Campus utilizing a lease-purchase financing mechanism; and

WHEREAS, since taking possession of the property, the City staff has established its office headquarters for its parks and recreation department at the building and has introduced community wellness activities, special events, and programming at the facility; and

WHEREAS, the City is desirous of re-naming of the community center to ensure that the residents and community are aware that the building is no longer associated with its previous owner, JWU, and to highlight the building’s current use as a City facility to encourage enrollment in city events and offerings; and

WHEREAS, Scott Galvin is the longest-serving Councilman in North Miami’s ninety-six (96) year history, being elected first in 1999 and then re-elected in 2003, 2007, 2011, and 2015; and

WHEREAS, Scott Galvin began his sixth (6th) consecutive term as District 1 Councilman in May of 2019; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Gratigny Elementary, Thomas Jefferson Junior High, North Miami Senior High School and Florida International University, Scott Galvin is a true North Miamian; and

WHEREAS, Scott Galvin began his service to the community at an early age having been elected as the North Miami High Student Government President; and

WHEREAS, Scott Galvin began his professional career in 1991 teaching middle school history, then moved on to serve as a Congressional Aide in 1993 for U.S. Rep. Carrie P. Meek

(Ret.), then went on to teach middle school history at Miami Country Day School from 2000-2006, afterward he worked for a decade as the Vice President of Education for Junior Achievement of Greater Miami, and currently serves as the Executive Director of Safe Schools South Florida; and

WHEREAS, since 2007, Scott Galvin has served on the board of directors for the AIDS Healthcare Foundation (“AHF”), a global non-profit organization, providing cutting-edge medicine and advocacy to more than 1 million people in 40 countries

WHEREAS, Scott Galvin has served two (2) terms as president of the North Miami Jaycees and the Greater North Miami Chamber of Commerce and is also a founding member of the Greater North Miami Historical Society and the Arch Creek East Neighborhood Association; and

WHEREAS, in 2001, Scott Galvin received the Sierra Club's “Environmental Leadership Award” after the Enchanted Forest Park was designated in perpetuity as a nature preserve; and

WHEREAS, in 2007, Scott Galvin initiated the creation of the Arch Creek East Environmental Preserve, a 13-acre section of city owned land.

WHEREAS, already North Miami's first openly LGBTQ elected official, Scott Galvin oversaw Miami-Dade County's first public art installation celebrating the rich legacy of LGBTQ accomplishments at the Elaine Gordon Enchanted Forest Park in 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council desire to permanently honor the legacy of Councilman Scott Galvin by re-naming the former Wildcat Center the “Scott Galvin Community Center”.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA:

Section 1. Naming of Community Center Building. The Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, hereby designate and name the former Wildcat Center building located at 1600 N.E. 126 Street as the “Scott Galvin Community Center”.

Section 2. Authorization of City Manager. The City Manager is hereby authorized to do all things necessary to effectuate this Resolution.

Section 3. Effective Date. This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by a 5-0 vote of the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, this 28th day of June, 2022.


PHILIPPE BIEN-AIME
MAYOR

ATTEST:


VANESSA JOSEPH, ESQ.
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:


JEFF P. H. CAZEAU, ESQ.
CITY ATTORNEY

SPONSORED BY: COUNCILWOMAN ESTIME-IRVIN

CO-SPONSORED BY: MAYOR PHILIPPE BIEN-AIME

Moved by: Estimé-Irvin

Seconded by: Bien-Aime

Vote:

Mayor Philippe Bien-Aime	<u>X</u> (Yes) _____ (No)
Vice Mayor Alix Desulme, Ed.D.	<u>X</u> (Yes) _____ (No)
Councilman Scott Galvin	<u>X</u> (Yes) _____ (No)
Councilwoman Kassandra Timothe, MPA	<u>X</u> (Yes) _____ (No)
Councilwoman Mary Estimé-Irvin	<u>X</u> (Yes) _____ (No)