

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-R-152

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI FLORIDA AUTHORIZING THE REDESIGNATION OF THE COMMERCIAL AREAS ALONG NW 7TH AVENUE BETWEEN NW 119TH STREET TO NW 135TH STREET AS THE NW 7TH AVENUE CULTURAL ARTS AND INNOVATION DISTRICT; FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO DO ALL THINGS NECESSARY FOR THE REDESIGNATION AND UPDATE OF THE EXISTING MASTER PLAN TO SERVE AS A DESIGN GUIDE TO ENSURE THE FUTURE GROWTH OF THE SUBJECT AREA; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND ALL OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, Goal 9 of the City of North Miami ("City") adopted Comprehensive Plan requires that the City create conditions which will enhance the economic prosperity of local businesses and attract new business while improving the quality of life for all its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to stimulate economic growth and development within its commercial districts with particular interest in reviving the stagnant NW 7th Avenue Corridor, by expanding opportunities for existing businesses while attracting new investment; and

WHEREAS, it is further recognized that the locally owned shops and restaurants along NW 7th Avenue need support from the public sector to maintain their properties to compete with other larger more commercially recognized destination locations to attract shoppers; and

WHEREAS, in support of this endeavor, on February 23, 2016, the Mayor and City Council adopted Resolution No. 2016-R-20 establishing the "Chinatown Cultural Arts and Innovation District"; and

WHEREAS, the City is focusing upon becoming an equitable, SMART, and green city with a focus upon technology and innovation; and

WHEREAS, to reflect the changing economic conditions and desired new direction, the City seeks to redesignate Chinatown as the "NW 7th Avenue Cultural Arts and Innovation District" with the goal of positioning itself as a desirable gateway for investment, commerce, and innovation; and

WHEREAS, the City also seeks to update the existing Chinatown Master Plan & Design Guidelines to replace the Asian themes and create new architectural standards to serve as a

blueprint to aid in the future integration of innovative elements in the streetscape and the building facades of the proposed district; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami have determined that this resolution is in the best interest of the City, promotes economic development and positively enhances the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the City of North Miami.

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

Section 1. Redesignation of the District. The Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, hereby redesignates the C-1 zoned areas along NW 7th Avenue between NW 119th Street to NW 125th Street as the "NW 7th Avenue Cultural Arts and Innovation District".

Section 2. Authorization to Update the Existing Master Plan, including New Architectural Standards. The Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, hereby authorize the City Manager to do all things necessary to effectuate the update and rebranding of the existing 'Chinatown Master Plan & Design Guidelines', including the creation of new architectural standards to serve as a design guide to ensure the future growth of the subject area.

Section 3. Effective Date. This Resolution shall become 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 12th day of September, 2023.



ALIX DESULME, ED.D.
MAYOR

ATTEST :



VANESSA JOSEPH, ESQ.
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:



JEFF P. H. CAZEAU, ESQ.
CITY ATTORNEY

SPONSORED BY: COUNCILMAN PIERRE FRANTZ CHARLES

Moved by: Charles

Seconded by: Galvin

Vote:

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