

RESOLUTION No.

Direct the City Engineer to waive Portland City Code Section 17.93.010 A.3 upon receiving evidence to support a proposal to rename N. Winning Way as “N. Ramsay Way,” authorize the Director of any City Bureau managing property abutting N. Winning Way to sign a petition form in support of an application to rename N. Winning way as “N. Ramsay Way,” and state that a postcard mailing by the Office of the Auditor will not be necessary for this street renaming application.

WHEREAS, Jack Ramsay was a professional basketball coach and radio personality who lived a long life from 1925 to 2014 in which he earned many accolades, and he is best known for coaching the Portland Trail Blazers to the 1977 National Basketball Association (NBA) Title; and

WHEREAS, Jack Ramsay served our country proudly as a United States Navy veteran, and later enriched his life with education by earning his Bachelors, Masters and Doctoral degrees; and

WHEREAS, Jack Ramsay is also known as “Dr. Jack” and is among the most esteemed coaches in professional basketball history, as demonstrated by his induction to the NBA Hall of Fame in 1992; and

WHEREAS, Jack Ramsay was a visionary in the world of professional basketball and dedicated his life to the success of the sport; and

WHEREAS, During the 1977 NBA playoffs, Jack Ramsay proved to be a steadfast and tactically gifted coach who led the Portland Trail Blazers to the title defeating both Kareem’s Lakers and Dr. J’s Sixers; and

WHEREAS, Jack Ramsay will continue to be an inspiration to aspiring basketball stars and professional coaches; and

WHEREAS, Jack Ramsay’s eccentric and colorful fashion sense is unlikely to be matched; and

WHEREAS, Jack Ramsay was a Portlander in spirit, being healthy as all get out; and

WHEREAS, Portland will never forget and will always prize Jack Ramsay’s years of service as a Portland legend and hero; and

WHEREAS, on May 7, 2014, City Council unanimously passed Resolution 37071, which indicated, in part, that the City would initiate a proposal to formally rename N. Winning Way as “Ramsay Way” consistent with the City’s process for renaming a street; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 17.93 of the Portland City Code outlines the process and requirements for renaming a street, including criteria requiring that City streets may only be renamed after a prominent person who has achieved prominence as a result of his or her significant, positive contribution to the United States of America and/or the local community; is a real person; and has been deceased for at least five years; and

WHEREAS, Jack Ramsay has achieved prominence due to his significant, positive contribution to the United States of America and the Portland community, and it is appropriate for the Council to waive the Code provision requiring that an honoree of a proposed street renaming be deceased for at least five years in order to honor Jack Ramsay in 2014 by formally renaming N. Winning Way as “N. Ramsay Way;” and

WHEREAS, Chapter 17.93 of the Portland City Code also requires that an applicant for a street renaming shall obtain a minimum of 2,500 signatures in support of the proposal or signatures of at least 75% of the abutting property owners along the street proposed for renaming; and

WHEREAS, of the five properties abutting N. Winning Way, all five are owned by the City of Portland; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 17.93 of the Portland City Code also requires the Auditor to conduct a postcard mailing survey of each legal owner and each legal address abutting the street in question, notifying them that there will be public hearings by the Planning and Sustainability Commission and City Council regarding the proposed street renaming and requesting the owner’s input; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution allows the City Engineer to process an application to rename N. Winning Way as “N. Ramsay Way” and in no way diminishes the authority of the City Council to, as prescribed under the Portland City Code, review a complete application, conduct a public hearing, and approve or deny the application.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Engineer shall, upon receiving evidence to support a proposal to rename N. Winning Way as “N. Ramsay Way,” waive Portland City Code Section 17.93.010 A.3., which states that City streets may only be renamed after a person who has been deceased for at least five years, and, if the submittal is in compliance with all other criteria outlined in Sections 17.93.010 and 17.93.020, issue and consider application materials as outlined in the Code; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of any City Bureau managing property abutting N. Winning Way is authorized to sign a petition form in support of an application to rename N. Winning way as “N. Ramsay Way;” and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a postcard mailing by the Office of the Auditor will not be necessary regarding an application to rename N. Winning Way as “N. Ramsay Way” because all of the properties abutting N. Winning Way are owned by the City of Portland, and the City Engineer will, as required by Portland City Code Chapter 17.93.040, notify the applicable neighborhood and business associations.

Passed by the Council,
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