

DEPARTMENT OF CITY CLERK

CITY HALL

MAY 26, 2009

The Committee on Urban Redevelopment, Renewal and Planning meets this day at 6:00 o'clock P.M., in Committee Room "A", City Clerk's Office, Third Floor, City Hall.

PRESENT: Chairwoman Josephine DiRuzzo, Vice-Chairman Nicholas J. Narducci, Jr. and Councilman Kevin Jackson – 3.

ABSENT: Councilman Joseph DeLuca and Councilman Leon F. Tejada – 2.

Also present are Adrienne G. Southgate, Deputy City Solicitor, Law Department; Lori L. Hagen, Second Deputy City Clerk and Sheri A. Petronio, Assistant Clerk.

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT OLNEY STREET, FROM NORTH MAIN STREET TO HOPE STREET, BE DESIGNATED AS THE "JEFFREY OSBORNE WAY".**

CHAIRWOMAN DIRUZZO: We just have one item on the agenda tonight and that is a resolution sponsored by Councilman Jackson. Councilman, we need to find out whether or not this is going to be a name change for the street because there seems to be some confusion here or a memorial.

COUNCILMAN JACKSON: It's going to be kind of like they did on Broad Street, where they just put the other sign below and what not.

DEPUTY CITY SOLICITOR SOUTHGATE: That's much easier.

CHAIRWOMAN DIRUZZO: Will it affect them? The Post Office has not responded because of that.

COUNCILMAN JACKSON: No, it will probably will not effect them. I know they did it on "Juan Pablo Duarte Boulevard" and they also have done it on Prairie Avenue where it's the – who's the African American lady very much involved in civil rights?

DEPUTY CITY SOLICITOR SOUTHGATE: Rosa Parks.

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COUNCILMAN JACKSON: Rosa Parks, right. So, they just put the sign below.

CHAIRWOMAN DIRUZZO: Oh, okay. Well that answers that question right, Lori?

MS. HAGEN: That does answer the question. I did have a question from the Post Office and she felt that it would be easier if we put that in the resolution somehow, if it was a memorial naming or not, and at the time that I spoke with her I wasn't 100% sure. I didn't want to say that it was, although I thought it was, but I did say send a letter either way, maybe saying we object to a complete street name but they still never followed up with any type of a letter at this point in time.

COUNCILMAN JACKSON: Madame Chair, for people who don't know who Jeffrey Osborne was, Jeffrey Osborne grew up on Olney Street and his family grew up on Olney Street. He was working at Carl Diggins Record Store on North Main Street when LTD, which was a group, an R&B group, came to town and their drummer was sick. They needed a drummer and they happened to be in Carl Diggins Music Store and Jeffrey was like eighteen years old and Carl Diggins said well, my employee plays the drums. They had him play the drums right there and they said well you're with us tonight for the concert and he stayed with LTD all those years then obviously went out on his own and has been a Grammy Award winning R&B artist. So, that's the story, Jeffrey growing up in Mount Hope and becoming successful in the music industry. He lives in California and he's coming back this Thursday. He will be here from Thursday to Sunday to be with his family. I don't know if other people know Jeffrey was married to former Councilman Allen's sister. They were married for years. They're divorced now but Councilman Allen's sister still lives in California, too, with the children they had and everything. Ronnie's family is originally from Mount Hope, too, not the West End where he represented. So, that's how Jeffrey and Ronnie's sister and family knew each other. So, that's the history behind that. Let's face it, if you ask

people younger than us who LTD was or who Jeffrey Osborne is, if they're not a rapper they don't know him, but he grew up right in their neighborhood right near Hope High School. He's made it very big. No matter if we like his music or not, he's made it very big in the music industry. Platinum records, Grammy Award winner. So, hopefully that will bring some recognition.

CHAIRWOMAN DIRUZZO: Now who was the older gentleman that use to sing and play at that restaurant up on the East Side.

COUNCILMAN JACKSON: Right over there on the water.

CHAIRWOMAN DIRUZZO: I can't think of the name of it. The Gate House.

COUNCILMAN JACKSON: That is correct.

CHAIRWOMAN DIRUZZO: That was his brother?

COUNCILMAN JACKSON: Yes, Jeffrey is one of the younger ones in the family and Clay was one of the older ones. There is about ten of them. The mother and father had like ten children and Jeffrey is one of the younger ones. If not, maybe even the youngest and Clay was one of the older brothers. Then he got sick. He had an amputation of the leg.

CHAIRWOMAN DIRUZZO: Okay, are there any questions?

VICE-CHAIRMAN NARDUCCI: No, I make a motion to approve.

COUNCILMAN JACKSON: Second the motion.

On motion of Vice-Chairman Narducci, Seconded by Councilman Jackson, it is voted to approve the foregoing resolution.

CHAIRWOMAN DIRUZZO: All those in favor.

COMMITTEE: Aye.

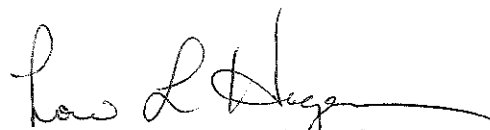
CHAIRWOMAN DIRUZZO: All those opposed.

Motion Carries.

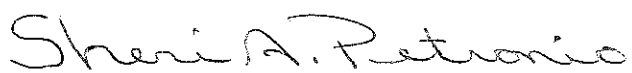
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**ADJOURNMENT:** On motion of Vice-Chairman Narducci, Seconded by Councilman Jackson, it is voted to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 o'clock P.M.



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