

RESOLUTION NO. 24-08

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA, RENAMING FLAMINGO PARK IN COOPER CITY AS “MICHAEL D. RIORDAN ‘CITY MIKE’ PARK” IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 2-8 OF THE CITY’S CODE OF ORDINANCES; AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO TAKE ANY AND ALL ACTION NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE INTENT OF THIS RESOLUTION; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Michael D. Riordan was born on August 13, 1938 in Staten Island, New York; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Riordan served in the Army as an Officer and was stationed in Italy for 3 years where he learned Italian, and after completing his service, moved to Puerto Rico where he learned Spanish before moving to Cooper City in 1972; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Riordan was a resident of Cooper City for 44 years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Riordan served as a City employee of Cooper City for over 23 years in the Parks and Recreation Department as a Sports Complex Attendant and then in the Public Works Department as an Attendant until his retirement in September 2021; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Riordan loved golf and all sports, sharing his love of sports with the community by volunteering countless hours at City fundraisers and with the Optimist Club of Cooper City of which he was a lifetime member; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Riordan’s love of sports was passed on to his children who played several sports within the Optimist Club of Cooper City; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Riordan was nicknamed “City Mike” by his Cooper City

Optimist Club friends in light of his constant attendance at City parks and his love for Cooper City; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Riordan’s involvement and love of sports within Cooper City garnered him numerous friendships and the name of “Grand-Dad” to 1000’s of children playing on the park fields of Cooper City, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Riordan played the City’s Optimist Golf Tournament every year since its inception in 1999; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Riordan was known for his kindness, cheerfulness, and always lending a helping hand for others on the park fields of Cooper City; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Riordan passed on January 11, 2024, resulting in Cooper City losing an amazing friend, community leader, and person; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission, in recognition of Mr. Riordan’s significant contributions to the City, seeks to rename Flamingo Park as “Michael D. Riordan ‘City Mike’ Park;” and

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds that renaming Flamingo Park as “Michael D. Riordan ‘City Mike’ Park” is in the best interests of the citizens and residents of the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA:

Section 1: **Recitals Adopted.** That each of the above stated recitals is hereby adopted and confirmed. All exhibits attached hereto and incorporated herein are made a part hereof.

Section 2: That the park generally known as Flamingo Park in Cooper City is hereby renamed as “Michael D. Riordan ‘City Mike’ Park,” in accordance with Section 2-8-of the City’s Code of Ordinances.

Section 3. That the appropriate City officials are authorized and directed to take any and all action necessary to effectuate the intent of this resolution.

Section 4. Conflicts. All resolutions inconsistent or in conflict herewith shall be and are hereby repealed insofar as there is conflict or inconsistency.

Section 5. Severability. If any section, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Resolution is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, then said holding shall in no way affect the validity of the remaining portions of this resolution.

Section 6. Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective upon its passage and adoption by the City Commission.

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PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, A.D., 2024.

GREG ROSS
Mayor

ATTEST:

TEDRA ALLEN, MMC
City Clerk

ROLL CALL

Mayor Ross _____
Commissioner Green _____
Commissioner Shrouder _____
Commissioner Katzman _____
Commissioner Mallozzi _____

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

JACOB G. HOROWITZ
City Attorney