

ORDINANCE

CITY OF NEW ORLEANS

CITY HALL: June 17, 2021

CALENDAR NO. 33,374

NO. _____ MAYOR COUNCIL SERIES

BY: COUNCILMEMBERS GISLESON PALMER, GIARRUSSO, BANKS, BROSSETT, NGUYEN, MORENO AND GLAPION

AN ORDINANCE to change the name of Behrman Park to Morris F.X. Jeff Park; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

WHEREAS, on June 18, 2020, the New Orleans City Council unanimously voted to establish the nine-member City Council Street Renaming Commission (CCSRC) via M-20-170, as an advisory committee tasked with running the public process for making recommendations to rename City of New Orleans streets, parks, and places that honor white supremacists; and

WHEREAS, to accomplish its purpose, the CCSRC held several public meetings, held a series of neighborhood outreach meetings, and provided public comment forms on the Commission's website to engage citizens in the renaming process; and

WHEREAS, after researching and reviewing historical resources and considering the comments from the public, the CCSRC released its final report on March 1, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the CCSRC recommends the renaming of 37 streets, parks, and public places across New Orleans; and

WHEREAS, one such place, Behrman Park, was named for former City of New Orleans Mayor Martin Behrman, an active participant in the denial of fourteenth and fifteenth amendment rights to Louisiana citizens via the Louisiana Constitutional Convention of 1898, colloquially known as the "Disenfranchising Convention" in modern scholarship; **NOW THEREFORE**

1 **SECTION 1. THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS HEREBY**
2 **ORDAINS**, That the park currently known as Behrman Park, located at 2529 General Meyer Ave.,
3 on the West Bank of New Orleans, fronting General Meyer Street and adjacent to Shirley Drive,
4 shall henceforth be named Morris F.X. Jeff Park.

1 **SECTION 2.** The Department of Public Works shall signify all changes imposed by this
2 ordinance though the installation of new signage.

1 **SECTION 3.** The Clerk of Council shall notify NORD-C, the New Orleans Police
2 Department, the New Orleans Fire Department, New Orleans EMS, the Sewerage and Water
3 Board, the United States Postal Service, the Department of Public Works, the Orleans Parish
4 Communications District, and all other appropriate agencies of the renaming.

ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS _____

PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

DELIVERED TO THE MAYOR ON _____

APPROVED:

DISAPPROVED: _____

MAYOR

RETURNED BY THE MAYOR ON _____ **AT** _____

CLERK OF COUNCIL

ROLL CALL VOTE:

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

RECUSED: