

ORDINANCE NO. 15-034

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GALVESTON, TEXAS, AMENDING THE CITY CODE BY ADDING THE NAME “REV. NATHANIEL BROWN BLVD.” TO AVENUE H/BALL STREET BETWEEN 37TH STREET AND 39TH STREET; PLANNING CASE 15PA-019; MAKING VARIOUS FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Janet Noel of the Gospel Missionary Church (“Applicant”) is requesting to add the name “Rev. Nathaniel Brown Blvd.” to Avenue H/Ball Street between 37th Street and 39th Street to honor Reverend Brown’s 30 years of distinguished leadership to Gospel Missionary Baptist Church in the City of Galveston (Planning Case 15PA-019); and

WHEREAS, the subject area of this name change request is an approximate 765 linear-foot section of Ball Street right-of-way and extends for two City blocks; and

WHEREAS, many of Galveston’s streets and avenues have had name designations applied to entire streets or to specific sections of streets in order to honor individuals or families as shown in the Staff Report, attached hereto as **Exhibit 1** and incorporated for all purposes; and

WHEREAS, Staff has no objection to the request to add the name “Rev. Nathaniel Brown Blvd.” to the section of Avenue H/Ball Street between 37th Street and 39th Street, provided the conditions set out in section 3 below are met; and

WHEREAS, at its regular meeting of May 19, 2015, the Planning Commission voted unanimously to recommend approval of this request with Staff recommendations and an additional condition that the street sign display “Ball/Avenue H” as well as the proposed name; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Galveston, Texas, deems it in the public interest to grant Applicant’s request to add the name “Rev. Nathaniel Brown Blvd.” to Avenue H/Ball Street between 37th Street and 39th Street.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GALVESTON, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. The findings and recitations set out in the preamble to this Ordinance are found to be true and correct and they are hereby adopted by the City Council and made a part hereof for all purposes.

SECTION 2. The City of Galveston does not have a specific set of criteria for changing the name of a street; however, the Subdivision Regulations of the City of Galveston state the following regarding street names:

New streets shall be so as to provide continuity of names with existing streets. Otherwise similar or identical street names to streets already existing or platted in other parts of the city shall be avoided. The maximum length of any street name shall be eighteen (18) characters. The Planning Commission may reject any name which is deemed inappropriate.

SECTION 3. The street name change adding the name “Rev. Nathaniel Brown Blvd.” to the section of Avenue H/Ball Street between 37th Street and 39th Street is subject to the following conditions:

1. The Applicant shall pay for the cost of the production and installation of the new signage for the street name change; and
2. The Applicant shall coordinate with the United States Postal Service, the 911 system, and all private utility companies regarding the street name change; and
3. The street sign shall display “Ball/Avenue H” as well as the proposed name.

SECTION 4. It is hereby declared to be the intention of the City Council that the sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses, and phrases of this Ordinance are severable and, if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this Ordinance should be declared invalid by the final judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, and sections of this Ordinance.

SECTION 5. All Ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are repealed to the extent of such conflict only.

SECTION 6. In accordance with the provisions of Sections 12 and 13 of Article II of the City Charter this Ordinance has been publicly available in the office of the City Secretary for not less than 72 hours prior to its adoption; that this Ordinance may be read and published by descriptive caption only.

SECTION 7. This Ordinance shall be and become effective from and after its adoption and publication in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of the City of Galveston.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

DOROTHY PALUMBO
CITY ATTORNEY

I, Janelle Williams, Secretary of the City Council of the City of Galveston, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of an Ordinance adopted by the City Council of the City of Galveston at its Regular Meeting held on the 28th day of May, 2015, as the same appears in records of this office.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I subscribe my name hereto officially under the corporate seal of the City of Galveston this _____ day of May, 2015.

Secretary for the City Council
of the City of Galveston