

**COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
GENERAL SERVICES, HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
Jack Flynn, Chair**

DATE: MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH, 2024

LOCATION: Council Chambers-2nd Floor, City Hall

TIME: 5:30 PM

TOPIC(S) OF DISCUSSION/CONSIDERATION:

- **RESOLUTION 13.21.24R**
A RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF BLANCHE KING AND RENAMING A PORTION OF SOUTH SWAN STREET IN HER HONOR
- **RESOLUTION 14.21.24R**
A RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF SALVATORE “SAL” TARZIA AND RENAMING A PORTION OF BEAVER STREET IN HIS HONOR

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: YES

Council Member Love introduced the following:

RESOLUTION 13.21.24R

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF BLANCHE KING AND RENAMING A PORTION OF SOUTH SWAN STREET IN HER HONOR

WHEREAS, Blanche King moved to Albany, New York in 1945 from Halifax, Virginia with her husband, Alfonso King, and two small children, James and Zan. She chose to raise her family in Albany in search of more opportunity; and

WHEREAS, she later had five more children – Norma, Tommy, Robert, David, and Carolyn. Blanche enjoyed rearing her children and it was important to her to pass on to her children the importance of education and hard work; and

WHEREAS, using the skills she learned in business school, Blanche worked at various locations throughout the Capital District, including Albany Felt Company, Kovar’s Women’s Wearing Apparel Shop, Softball Factory, and as a personal assistant to the owner of Grand Cash Market and the Ten Eyck Hotel – leading to “Ten Eyck” becoming a nickname her children affectionately called her; and

WHEREAS, Blanche loved the Arbor Hill neighborhood, residing at multiple locations throughout her life in Albany and eventually establishing her business, B&K Variety Store, on the corner of Clinton Avenue and North Swan Street; and

WHEREAS, the store was the catalyst for putting her children through school, was a place for her grandchildren to go after school, and was a community store that provided families with quality brands found in grocery store; and

WHEREAS, B&K Variety Store was known for having the coldest beer in the Capital District, penny candy, hot sandwiches, pickles, pickled sausages, and pickled pig feet. She would also obtain additional food items from vendors to donate to the community for their events; and

WHEREAS, for 46 years, from 1967 to 2013, B&K Variety Store served countless families; and

WHEREAS, Blanche King’s greatest joy were the families within the community and teaching her kids, and later grandkids, the importance of entrepreneurship and love of your community;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Albany honors the life and enduring legacy of Blanche King by renaming the portion of South

Swan Street between Orange Street and Clinton Avenue – in the heart of the neighborhood where she was a pillar to the community for many years – in her honor; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Common Council directs that two signs shall be produced reading “Blanche King Way” which shall be placed in consultation with the Division of Traffic Engineering.

To: Shaniqua Jackson, Acting City Clerk
From: Juliette Geraghty, Junior Legislative Aide
Re: Common Council Legislation
Supporting Memorandum
Date: January 24, 2024
Sponsor: Council Member Love

RESOLUTION 13.21.24R

TITLE

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF BLANCHE KING AND RENAMING A PORTION OF SOUTH SWAN STREET IN HER HONOR

GENERAL PURPOSE OF LEGISLATION

This resolution officially recognizes the life, legacy, and contributions to the City of Albany made by Blanche King and directs the creation of honorary street signs at the proposed locations.

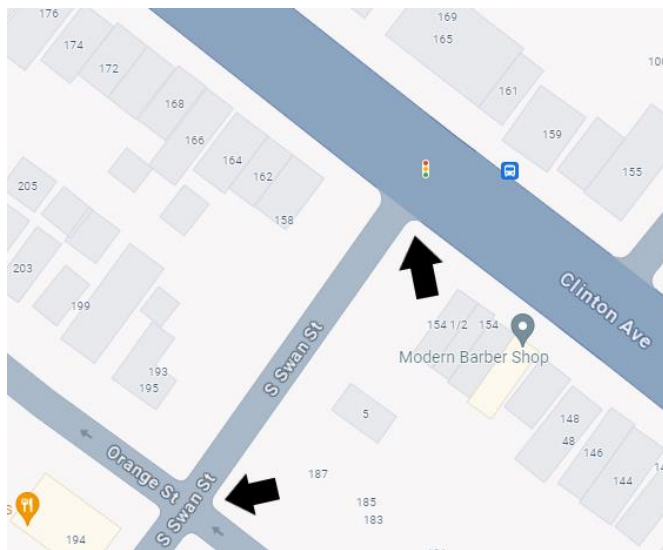
NECESSITY FOR LEGISLATION AND ANY CHANGE TO EXISTING LAW

Per Code § 323-63.2 (B), the Council shall effectuate honorary street renamings “through the adoption of a resolution of the Common Council.”

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

MAP OF PROPOSED HONORARY STREET SIGNS





City Clerk
 City of Albany, New York
 City Hall
 24 Eagle Street
 Albany, NY 12207
 www.cityclerk@albanyny.gov

Date Received

Proposed Honorary Street Name Application Form

Instructions: This application must be completed in full and submitted for review. Please complete one (1) form for each proposed street name. Please complete the application in its entirety and print. Requests must be accompanied by the \$50.00 application fee

Applicant Information

Applicant's Name Jahsana Jones
 Street Address 207 Clinton Ave City/State Albany / NY Zip 12210
 Telephone (518) 596-8321 Fax () Email Jones.Jah22@yahoo.com

Honorary Street Information

Please note, proposed honorary names will be placed under existing street names for persons or groups being honored.

Requested Honorary Name Blanche King Way
 Suggested Location South Swan Street

Existing Street Name South Swan Street

Cross Street Information: From S. Swan St. Between Orange St. and Clinton Avenue

Number of Intersections 2

Map of location for the proposed honorary street name attached () Yes () No

Honoree Information

Biography or reason for honoring the individual or group attached () Yes () No

Individual or group to be honored relevance to the proposed location (please explain) Blanche King Way would be in honor of the King Family
Please Read Bio

Applicant's Signature Jahsana Jones Date 12/19/2023

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RESOLUTION 14.21.24R

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF SALVATORE “SAL” TARZIA AND RENAMING A PORTION OF BEAVER STREET IN HIS HONOR

WHEREAS, Salvatore was born on May 18, 1943 in Grotteria (Reggio Calabria), Italy to the late Domenico and Angela Tarzia; and

WHEREAS, Sal moved from Italy to Albany on September 4, 1967 and immediately started working at his father’s restaurant, Bella Napoli. He worked there for many years alongside his father, his Uncle Rocco, and his Aunt Mary; and

WHEREAS, in 1980 he opened his own restaurant next door to Bella Napoli at 89 Beaver Street in the shadow of the Empire State Plaza and Albany’s Italian “Neighborhood That Disappeared;” and

WHEREAS, over the next forty years Amo La Bella New York was the backdrop for generations of families to celebrate life, death, personal achievements, or just to get the best authentic Italian meal in the region at a good price; and

WHEREAS, Amo La Bella was a favorite hangout for numerous state legislators, elected officials, and governors. If you wanted to talk politics, you came to Amo La Bella to speak with Sal – when you were in his restaurant, he treated you like family; and

WHEREAS, every day he would go to his favorite Italian coffee shop, play cards with his friends, and watch his favorite soccer (or “football”) team, Milan, play; and

WHEREAS, he was an avid horse racing fan and looked forward to the month of August when he could go up to Saratoga; and

WHEREAS, Sal was a devout Catholic and attended mass at the Cathedral of Immaculate Conception on Eagle Street; and

WHEREAS, Amo La Bella closed in 2020 after 40 years of operation and he passed away peacefully on August 16, 2023, at the age of 80; and

WHEREAS, Sal was dedicated to the City of Albany, living above the restaurant until his death. He never wanted to leave; Downtown Albany was his home and he loved it until the end; and

WHEREAS, Sal was a pillar of the Albany Italian community and will be greatly missed by his Amo La Bella NY family, many friends, and customers;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Albany honors the life and enduring legacy of Salvatore Tarzia by renaming the portion of Beaver Street between South Pearl Street and Wendell Street – along the corridor where he dedicated so many years to Bella Napoli and Amo La Bella NY – in his honor; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Common Council directs that two signs shall be produced reading “Salvatore Tarzia’s Way” which shall be placed in consultation with the Division of Traffic Engineering.

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From: Juliette Geraghty, Junior Legislative Aide

Re: Common Council Legislation
Supporting Memorandum

Date: January 24, 2024

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GENERAL PURPOSE OF LEGISLATION

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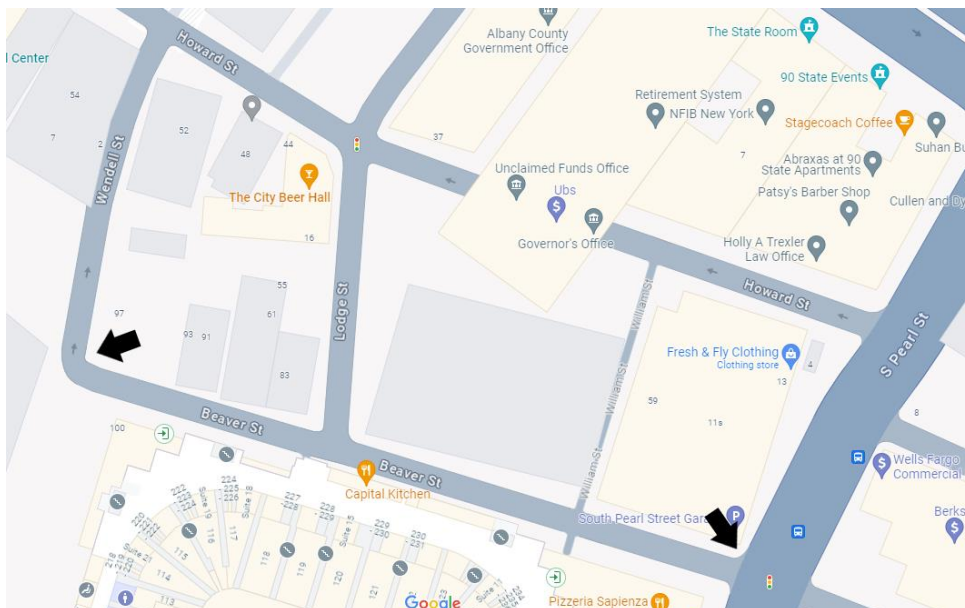
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Applicant Information

Applicant's Name Frank Zwi
 Street Address 1 Crescent Creek Way City/State Selkirk Zip 12158
 Telephone 518 935-5174 Fax () Email Frank@ZwiFamily.com

Honorary Street Information

Please note, proposed honorary names will be placed under existing street names for persons or groups being honored.

Requested Honorary Name Salvatore "SAI" TAKZIA
 Suggested Location Beaver Street

Existing Street Name _____

Cross Street Information: From Pearl St to Wendell St

Number of Intersections 2

Map of location for the proposed honorary street name attached (Yes No)

Honoree Information

Biography or reason for honoring the individual or group attached (Yes () No)

Individual or group to be honored relevance to the proposed location (please explain): See Attached

Joyce Love is Aware of request

Applicant's Signature [Signature] Date 12/15/2023