

INTRODUCED: November 8, 2021

AN ORDINANCE No. 2021-316

To designate that portion of Wythemar Avenue located between its intersection with Larchmont Lane and its intersection with Midlothian Turnpike in honor of Sharnez Hill and her daughter, Neziah Hill.

Patron – All Members of Council

Approved as to form and legality
by the City Attorney

PUBLIC HEARING: DEC 13 2021 AT 6 P.M.

WHEREAS, upon information and belief of Council, on April 27, 2021, the late Sharnez “Shy-Shy” Hill and her infant daughter, Neziah “Na-Na” Hill were fatally wounded as innocent bystanders in the crossfire of gun shots at Belt Atlantic Apartments on the south side of Richmond; and

WHEREAS, upon information and belief of Council, Sharnez “Shy-Shy” Hill was born and raised in the City’s east end and was known for her outgoing personality and peacemaking ways in her family and community, as well as for her great love of children, including her three-month-old daughter, Neziah “Na-Na” Hill; and

AYES: 9 NOES: 0 ABSTAIN: _____

ADOPTED: DEC 13 2021 REJECTED: _____ STRICKEN: _____

WHEREAS, the City desires to memorialize the lives of Sharnez “Shy-Shy” Hill and her infant daughter, Neziah “Na-Na” Hill, who were both killed in a tragic shooting that took their lives by designating that portion of Wythemar Avenue between its intersection with Larchmont Lane and its intersection with Midlothian Turnpike in their honor; and

WHEREAS, because this designation is honorary only, the provisions of sections 8-7 through 8-10 of the Code of the City of Richmond (2015), as amended, do not apply to the designation made hereby or to any signs erected pursuant to this ordinance;

NOW, THEREFORE,

THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEREBY ORDAINS:

§ 1. **Designation of Street Block for Honorary Names.** The portion of Wythemar Avenue between its intersection with Larchmont Lane and its intersection with Midlothian Turnpike shall be designated in honor of Sharnez Hill and her infant daughter, Neziah Hill, pursuant to this ordinance.

§ 2. **Effect of Designation.** The designation of the portion of the street made pursuant to this ordinance shall be honorary only, shall not replace the existing name of the street, and shall have no effect on the address of any property with an address on the designated street blocks. The sole effect of designation pursuant to this ordinance shall be to authorize the placement of commemorative signs in accordance with this ordinance memorializing the designation in honor of the named persons.

§ 3. **Administration of Ordinance.** The Department of Public Works shall implement this ordinance by installing, as soon as practicable after the adoption of this ordinance, and maintaining commemorative signs in accordance with this section. The commemorative signs shall be clearly distinct from the street signs used to identify the portion of the street in question

such that a reasonable person could not conclude that the commemorative signs reflect the actual name of the street. The commemorative signs (i) shall be affixed to a sign pole installed at each end of the portion of the street designated in section 1 of this ordinance for the purpose of fulfilling the requirements of this section or to any existing sign identifying the portion of the street designated in section 1 of this ordinance located at each end of the portion of the street designated in section 1 of this ordinance and (ii) shall bear the names of the persons set forth in section 1 of this ordinance.

§ 4. **Effective Date.** This ordinance shall be in force and effect upon adoption.

A TRUE COPY:
TESTE:
Carlin D. Reil
City Clerk



Richmond City Council

The Voice of the People

Richmond, Virginia

Office of the Council Chief of Staff

Ordinance/Resolution Request

TO Haskell Brown, Interim City Attorney

THROUGH Joyce Davis, Interim Council Chief of Staff

FROM Steven Taylor, Council Policy Analyst

COPY Stephanie Lynch, 5th District Council Member
Amy Robinson, 5th District Liaison
Tabrica Rentz, Interim Deputy City Attorney

DATE October 28, 2021

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TITLE Honorary Designation of A portion of Wythemar Avenue between Midlothian Turnpike and Larchmont, in honor of the late Ms. Sharnez “Shy-Shy” Hill and her daughter, the late Nezhiah “Na-Na” Hill

This is a request for the drafting of an **Ordinance** ☒ **Resolution** ☐

REQUESTING COUNCILMEMBER/PATRON

Lynch

SUGGESTED STANDING COMMITTEE

Land Use, Housing & Transportation

ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION SUMMARY

The patron requests that legislation be drafted for Council’s consideration that designates the portion of Wythemar Avenue between Midlothian Turnpike and Larchmont, in honor of the late Ms. Sharnez “Shy-Shy” Hill and her late daughter Nezhiah “Na-Na” Hill.

BACKGROUND

The Council has occasionally made designations of City blocks in honor of deceased persons the City wishes to remember. The community wishes to memorialize the lives of the Ms. Hill and her daughter who were both killed in a tragic shooting that took their innocent lives and injured other innocent persons.

Those who knew Ms. Hill and her newborn, state that she was born and raised in the City’s East End and that while Ms. Hill had a small physical stature she known for her larger than life personality. Further, Ms. Hill was known as an outgoing person and the loving peacemaker in her family and community. She loved children and that loved expanded when

she welcomed her daughter Nezhiah, (nicknamed Na-Na) into the world. Nezhiah was a joy to her late mother and family; and was known as a miracle baby.

Support for this memorial is indicated in the attached letters from businesses and the neighborhood community association.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Fiscal Impact Yes ☐ No ☒

Budget Amendment Required Yes ☐ No ☒

Estimated Cost or Revenue Impact \$ N/A

Note: Costs of signage erecting these honors are absorbed in the regular operations of the Department of Public Works.

Attachment/s Yes ☒ No ☐ **Map and letters of Support.**