

RESOLUTION NUMBER 21-XX

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FORT MYERS BEACH, AUTHORIZING TOWN STAFF TO SUBMIT A FUNDING REQUEST TO FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FOR THE ESTERO ISLAND SHORE PROTECTION PROJECT; AND AUTHORIZING LOCAL MATCHING FUNDS FOR FUNDING RECEIVED FROM THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, Florida Statutes provide that municipalities shall have the governmental, corporate, and proprietary powers to enable them to conduct municipal government, perform municipal functions, and render municipal service, and exercise any power for municipal purposes, except when expressly prohibited by law; and

WHEREAS, Article X of the Town Charter of the Town of Fort Myers Beach (“Town”) empowers the Town to adopt, amend, or repeal such ordinances and resolutions as may be required for the proper governing of the Town; and

WHEREAS, Estero Island’s coastal beach, which is among the Town of Fort Myers Beach (“Town”) most important ecological, economic, and recreational assets, is subject to erosion that results in detrimental impacts to nesting and wintering areas for wildlife species such as sea turtles and shorebirds; loss of outdoor recreational opportunities for the Town’s residents and visitors; and damage to and loss of public and private property; and

WHEREAS, beach erosion control and restoration projects are an effective tool for preventing and offsetting some of the negative impacts of beach erosion, including loss of habitat, loss of recreational opportunities, and endangerment of public and private property; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council finds that beach erosion control and restoration projects are in the public interest and in the best interest of the health, safety, and welfare of the residents, property owners and visitors of the Town of Fort Myers Beach.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE TOWN OF FORT MYERS BEACH AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The above recitals are true and correct and are hereby incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein.

Section 2. The Town Council expresses its support for the Estero Island Shore Protection Project (the “Project”), depicted in Exhibit “A”, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part of this Resolution.

Section 3. To conserve sand resources and/or reduce Project costs the Town supports regionalization of the Project and work with Lee County to coordinate bidding and construction of

the Project where possible.

Section 4. The Town authorizes Town staff to take all necessary actions to request and obtain funds from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection for the Project and will provide matching funds/local cost share for the Project and serve as local sponsor for the Project including matching funds from the Town Beach Restoration Reserves and Lee County Tourist Development Council.

Section 5. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Town Council upon a motion by _____ and seconded by _____ and upon being put to a vote, the result was as follows:

Raymond P. Murphy, Mayor
Rexann Hosafros, Vice Mayor
Dan Allers, Council Member
Jim Atterholt, Council Member
Bill Veach, Council Member

ADOPTED this ___ day of September 2021 by the Town Council of the Town of Fort Myers Beach, Florida.

TOWN OF FORT MYERS BEACH

Raymond P. Murphy, Mayor

ATTEST:

Amy Baker, Town Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY FOR THE USE
AND RELIANCE OF THE TOWN OF FORT MYERS BEACH SOLELY:

John R. Herin, Jr., Town Attorney

This Resolution was filed in the Office of the Town Clerk on this ____ day of September 2021.