

RESOLUTION NO. 21- 50

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVING A FY 2022-2023 LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUNDING REQUEST TO THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FOR AN ESTIMATED \$1,325,000 IN FURTHERANCE OF THE FEDERAL PINELLAS COUNTY SHORE PROTECTION PROJECT, LONG KEY SEGMENT; INCORPORATING RECITALS HEREIN; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Pinellas County (the “County”), the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP), and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (the “Corps”), cost-share in three segments of the Federal Pinellas County Shore Protection Project: Sand Key, Treasure Island, and Long Key;

WHEREAS, the Long Key Segment was authorized in 1966, first nourished in 1980, and includes two regions: Upham and Pass-a-Grille;

WHEREAS, the Pass-a-Grille region was last nourished in 2014;

WHEREAS, the Upham region of the Long Key Segment is tentatively scheduled to be nourished in 2023 at a total cost of ~\$4.8M, with the County share projected at \$1,325,000, the FDEP share projected at \$1,325,000, and the Corps share projected at ~\$3,124,000 (the “Upham Project”);

WHEREAS, before providing its projected \$1,325,000 share for the Upham Project, FDEP requires that the Board of County Commissioners (Board) adopt a resolution that: a) declares the County’s support for the Upham Project; b) declares the County’s willingness to serve as local sponsor for the Upham Project; c) declares the County’s ability to provide the full local cost share for the Upham Project; and d) identifies the County’s source of funding for the Upham Project;

WHEREAS, the Board supports FDEP’s Beach Management Program, which furthers the Coastal Management Element of the Pinellas County Comprehensive Plan by “conserving, maintaining, and restoring coastal beach and dune systems so as to retain their contributions to storm protection, recreation, natural resources, and economic development”;

WHEREAS, the Board supports the Upham Project;

WHEREAS, consistent with the 1995 Project Cooperation Agreement between the County and Corps for the Federal Pinellas County Shore Protection Project, the Board is willing to serve as local sponsor for the Upham Project; and

WHEREAS, the Board annually collects and allocates approximately \$5M in Tourist Development Tax funds for beach nourishment projects, at least \$1,325,000 of which is available to fund the County share for the Upham Project.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA THAT:

Section 1. The recitals above are incorporated herein.

Section 1. The attached FDEP FY 2022-2023 Local Government Funding Request for \$1,325,000 for the Federal Pinellas County Shore Protection Project, Long Key Segment is approved.

Section 2. This Resolution shall become effective upon its adoption.

In a regular meeting duly assembled on the 24th day of August, 2021, Commissioner Seel offered the foregoing Resolution and moved its adoption, which was seconded by Commissioner Peters, and upon roll call the vote was:

AYES: Eggers, Justice, Gerard, Long, Peters, and Seel.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: Flowers.

APPROVED AS TO FORM

By: Brendan Mackesey
Office of the County Attorney