

RESOLUTION NO. 19- 65

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVING A FY 2020-2021 LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUNDING REQUEST TO THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FOR AN ESTIMATED \$932,500 IN FURTHERANCE OF THE FEDERAL PINELLAS COUNTY SHORE PROTECTION PROJECT, LONG KEY SEGMENT; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

WHEREAS, the Pass-a-Grille region of the Long Key Segment is tentatively scheduled to be nourished in 2021 at a total cost of ~\$5M, with the County share projected at ~\$932,500, the FDEP share projected at at ~\$932,500, and the Corps share projected at ~\$3,135,000;

WHEREAS, before providing its projected \$932,500 share, FDEP has asked the Board of County Commissioners (Board) to provide a resolution that: a) declares its support for the project; b) declares its willingness to serve as local sponsor; c) declares its ability to provide the full local cost share; and d) identifies the local source of funding;

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 Federal Pinellas County Shore Protection Project, Long Key Segment, which was authorized in 1966 and first nourished in 1980;

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

WHEREAS, the Board annually collects and allocates approximately \$5M in Tourist Development Tax funds for beach nourishment projects, at least \$932,500 of which is available to fund the County share for the scheduled 2021 Pass-a-Grille nourishment.

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

Section 1. The attached FDEP FY 2020-2021 Local Government Funding Request for \$932,500 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 12th day of September, 2019, Commissioner Gerard offered the foregoing Resolution and moved its adoption, which was seconded by Commissioner Peters, and upon roll call the vote was:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: Long.

APPROVED AS TO FORM

By:


Office of the County Attorney