

RESOLUTION NO. R-10-21

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF PALM BEACH SHORES, FLORIDA, EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE DREDGING OF THE LAKE WORTH LAGOON EASTERN CHANNEL LOCATED ALONG THE LAKE WORTH INLET FLOOD SHOAL, WHICH IS WITHIN AND ADJACENT TO THE WESTERN BOUNDARY OF THE TOWN OF PALM BEACH SHORES; ACKNOWLEDGING PALM BEACH COUNTY'S PARTICIPATION IN SAID DREDGING PROJECT BY OBTAINING NECESSARY PERMITS FROM THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND THE UNITED STATES ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS; FURTHER ACKNOWLEDGING THE FLORIDA INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT'S COMMITMENT FOR PARTIAL (APPROXIMATELY 75%) FUNDING OF SAID DREDGING PROJECT THROUGH ITS ANNUAL WATERWAY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM PURSUANT TO F.A.C. 66B-2.005; DIRECTING THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR TO PROVIDE A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE STATE OF FLORIDA THROUGH THE TOWN'S CONGRESSIONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND SENATOR FOR PURPOSES OF SEEKING LEGISLATIVE FUNDING FOR THE REMAINING OUTSTANDING COST OF SAID DREDGING PROJECT; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, the Town of Palm Beach Shores is a coastal community located on the eastern shore of the Lake Worth Lagoon; and

WHEREAS, the eastern channel of the Lake Worth Lagoon is located within and adjacent to the Town's western boundary, and provides access to the Lake Worth Inlet for all coastal communities to the north, including Riviera Beach, North Palm Beach, Juno Beach, Lake Park, Palm Beach Gardens, Jupiter, and Tequesta, along with access to, among other places, the Sailfish Marina, a destination marina renowned for its multitude of amenities and numerous fishing tournaments throughout the year; and

WHEREAS, over the years, the Lake Worth Inlet Flood Shoal has encroached into the eastern channel, to the point that navigation is now being impeded, impairing public safety and requiring the dredging of said flood shoal to re-establish a safe navigable channel; and

WHEREAS, the cost to complete said dredging project is approximately \$2,000,000.00; and

WHEREAS, Palm Beach County has obtained the necessary dredging permit from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and is in the process of obtaining the necessary dredging permit from the United States Army Corps of Engineers for the dredging of the Lake Worth Inlet Flood Shoal; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Inland Navigation District has committed partial (approximately 75%) funding for said dredging project in the amount of approximately \$1,350,000.00 to \$1,500,000.00 through its annual Waterway Assistance Program pursuant to F.A.C. 66B-2.005; and

WHEREAS, Palm Beach County has requested, and the Town of Palm Beach Shores has agreed, to seek remaining funding (approximately 25%) in the amount of \$500,000.00 to \$650,000.00 from the State of Florida through a legislative appropriation during the 2022 legislative session. In addition, upon the dredging project being fully funded, the Town of Palm Beach Shores will be responsible for providing the engineering and the contractor bidding procurement to perform the dredging project work. Finally, the Town of Palm Beach Shores will supervise and manage the dredging project work itself to completion.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF PALM BEACH SHORES, FLORIDA THAT:

SECTION 1. The above recitals are declared to be true and correct and are incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION 2. The Town Commission of the Town of Palm Beach Shores hereby expresses its support for the dredging of the Lake Worth Lagoon eastern channel located along the Lake Worth Inlet Flood Shoal, within and along the Town's western border.

SECTION 3. The Town Commission of the Town of Palm Beach Shores hereby acknowledges the permitting work completed and in process as undertaken by Palm Beach County for both Florida Department of Environmental Protection and United States Army Corps of Engineers dredging permits.

SECTION 4. The Town Commission of the Town of Palm Beach Shores further acknowledges that the cost to complete said dredging project is approximately \$2,000,000.00, and that the Florida Inland Navigation District has committed partial (approximately 75%) funding for said dredging project in the amount of approximately \$1,350,000.00 to \$1,500,000.00 through its annual Waterway Assistance Program pursuant to F.A.C. 66B-2.005.

SECTION 5. The Town Commission of the Town of Palm Beach Shores hereby directs the Town Administrator to provide this Resolution to the Town's Congressional Representative and Senator, and to work with said legislators to seek remaining necessary funding of approximately \$500,000.00 to \$650,000.00 for said dredging project from the State of Florida through a legislative appropriation during the 2022 legislative session.

SECTION 6. This resolution shall take effective immediately upon its adoption.

DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED this 23rd Day of August 2021.


Alan D. Fiers, Mayor

ATTEST:


Evyonne Browning, Town Clerk

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