



City of Hallandale Beach City Commission Agenda Cover Memo

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Meeting Date:	April 19, 2017		Item Type: <small>(Enter X in box)</small>	Resolution X	Ordinance	Other	
Fiscal Impact: <small>(Enter X in box)</small>	Yes	No	Ordinance Reading: <small>(Enter X in box)</small>	1st Reading		2nd Reading	
		X		Public Hearing: <small>(Enter X in box)</small>	Yes	No	Yes
Funding Source:	N/A		Advertising Requirement: <small>(Enter X in box)</small>	Yes		No	
						X	
Account Balance:	N/A		Quasi Judicial: <small>(Enter X in box)</small>	Yes		No	
						X	
Project Number :	N/A		RFP/RFQ/Bid Number:	N/A			
Contract/P.O. Required: <small>(Enter X in box)</small>	Yes	No	Strategic Plan Priority Area: <small>(Enter X in box)</small> Safety <input type="checkbox"/> Quality <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vibrant Appeal <input type="checkbox"/>				
		X					
Sponsor Name:	Mayor Joy F. Cooper		Department:	Office of the City Clerk			

Short Title:

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE OF THE CITY OF HALLANDALE BEACH, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESSIONAL BILLS S. 279 AND H.R. 833 TO AMEND SECTION 935 OF THE WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1986 TO FACILITATE THE USE OF FOREIGN OFFSHORE SAND IN BEACH RENOURISHMENT PROJECTS; URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO EXPEDITE AND FUND THE STUDY TO ALLOW FOREIGN SAND TO BE USED IN BEACH RENOURISHMENT PROJECTS IN SOUTH FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Staff Summary:

Background:

In response to United States Senator Marco Rubio introducing United States Congressional bill S. 279, and United States Congresswoman, Lois Frankel introducing companion bill H.R. 833 to amend the Water Resources Development Act of 1986 on February 02, 2017, Mayor Cooper requested staff to draft an agenda item supporting the bills. As currently drafted, the bills, if passed, would modify a provision relating to acquisition of beach fill. This is integral to our coastal community because beaches and dunes serve as a vital buffer between coastal infrastructure and the destructive forces of ocean waves and surge during storm events.

Section 935 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1986 ("WRDA 1986") states that the Army Corps can only use domestic sources of sand for renourishment projects, unless the Secretary of the Army provides written certification that domestic sources are not available for environmental or economic reasons. South Florida is running out of dependable, economical, and environmentally practicable sand sources and would greatly benefit from foreign offshore sand. Foreign offshore sources may have a lower cost to import than purchasing sand from approved upland sources, and there may be fewer impacts on roads, such as reduced quality of life impacts resulting from truck traffic and fewer carbon emissions from trucks hauling the sand.

The City of Hallandale Beach supports a recent decision by the federal government to study the benefits of replenishing Florida beaches with foreign sand. It is in the best interest of the City of Hallandale Beach to support S. 279 and H.R. 833 to eliminate the restriction against offshore sand, and to urge the United States Congress to expedite and fund the study to evaluate the benefits of replenishing Florida beaches with foreign sand.

Why Action is Necessary:

Pursuant to Article V, Section 5.01 of the City of Hallandale Beach Charter, the City Commission would need to adopt a Resolution as an expression of the Commission on matters of official concern and opinion.

Fiscal Impact:

There is no fiscal impact.

Proposed Action:

The City Commission is to discuss and determine the approval of the attached Resolution, supporting S. 279 and H.R. 833.

Attachment(s):

Exhibit 1- Resolution