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City of Hallandale Beach City Commission Agenda Cover Memo

Meeting Date:	December 12, 2018		Item Type: <small>(Enter X in box)</small>	X	Resolution	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	No
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Funding Source:	N/A		Advertising Requirement: <small>(Enter X in box)</small>	Yes		No	
Account Balance:	N/A		Quasi-Judicial: <small>(Enter X in box)</small>	Yes		No	
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>				
		X	Safety	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
	Quality		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
	Vibrant Appeal		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
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Short Title:

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HALLANDALE BEACH, FLORIDA, TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN FLOOD COALITION; AUTHORIZING THE USE OF THE CITY'S LOGO FOR COALITION PROMOTIONAL PURPOSES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Staff Summary:

Background:

This item seeks City Commission approval to join the American Flood Coalition.

The City of Hallandale Beach is engaged in assessing climate change impacts, and developing appropriate engineering and low-impact design techniques to adapt to climate change challenges. As part of the City's overall resilience strategy, staff remains current on Regional, State and Federal policies that impact coastal communities.

The American Flood Coalition is a nonpartisan group of elected officials, military groups, nonprofit organizations, businesses, municipalities, and local leaders, who are coming together to advance national solutions to flooding and sea level rise. The American Flood Coalition seeks to work with coastal communities nationwide to more effectively advocate for federal funding for adaptation projects, research funding for data collection and analysis, proactive federal policy and federal commitment to climate change solutions (Exhibit 2). The American Flood Coalition advocates for four solution pillars:

- Economy: Investing in infrastructure and natural solutions that boost the economy and protect property values;
- Communities: Using smart planning to keep communities safe and save taxpayer dollars;
- Rebuilding: Building back stronger to protect communities from future flooding; and
- Military: Ensuring our military installations are ready to deploy 365 days a year.

Coalition members currently include ten (10) members of US Congress and numerous municipalities and engineering firms across Florida, South Carolina, and Virginia (Exhibit 3). South Florida members include the cities of: Fort Lauderdale, Surfside, Sunny Isles Beach, South Miami, Coral Gables, Cutler Bay, Aventura, Miami Shores, Key West, among others. By joining this organization, the City will benefit from policies that are advocated by the Coalition such as:

- Supporting communities investing in adaptation through dedicated federal funding and incentives, such as adaptation trust funds, revolving loan funds, and tax breaks;
- Facilitating the exchange of best practices among flood-affected communities;
- Broadening available financing methods for flood infrastructure projects in ways that engage the private sector, such as public-private partnerships and low-interest debt financing;
- Updating FEMA flood maps to reflect current data and include sea level rise projections;
- Adopting federal minimum flood standards across all major federal programs;
- Issuing guidance from HUD on how the Community Development Block Grant program can be used to encourage adaptive rebuilding;
- Increasing pre-disaster mitigation funding across agencies;
- Having FEMA allow for, and incentivize the adaptation of damaged facilities with Public Assistance funding;
- Allowing the SBA Disaster Loan Program to incentivize resilient construction; and
- Promoting alternative funding mechanisms for our military through public-private partnerships.

These policies will assist the City in better managing its coastal regions and issues with sea level rise.

There is no cost associated with joining the American Flood Coalition nor does joining the Coalition create any legal ties or obligations to the City. Members are free to withdraw at any time. The resolution recognizes Hallandale Beach as a member and the American Flood Coalition asks permission to post the City's logo on their website.

Why Action is Necessary:

Pursuant to Article V, Section 5.01 of the City of Hallandale Beach Charter, a Resolution adopted by the Commission is an expression of the Commission on matters of official concern and opinion.

Pursuant to the City Commission's Strategic Priorities for Safety, Quality, and Vibrant Appeal, the City Commission desires to recognize the need to advance national solutions to sea level rise and flooding and to join the American Flood Coalition.

Fiscal Impact:

There is no fiscal impact.

Proposed Action:

Staff recommends the City Commission adopts the attached resolution approving and authorizing the City of Hallandale Beach to become a member of the American Flood Coalition.

Attachment(s):

Exhibit 1 – Resolution
Exhibit 2 – American Flood Coalition Policy Book
Exhibit 3 – Current American Flood Coalition Members

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