



Memorandum

Memorandum No: 22-116

Date: October 13, 2022

To: Honorable Mayor, Vice Mayor and Commissioners

From: Greg Chavarria, City Manager *GC*

Re: Planning and Zoning Board Communication – Sea Level Rise Task Force

On September 21, 2022, the Planning and Zoning Board (PZB) voted to send a communication advocating for the creation of a Sea Level Rise Task Force. This recommendation will be considered at the October 18, 2022, Commission Meeting. Since other advisory boards provide such expertise or are tasked with reviewing issues related to sea level rise, staff recommends that the Commission take no action on this communication.

The PZB communication followed a presentation of proposed amendments to the Unified Land Development Regulations (ULDR) related to setting a new minimum top elevation for seawalls and other tidal barriers. While the motion was made finding the ordinance consistent with the Comp Plan, one PZB member concluded that he would not vote in favor of the proposed Ordinance because he did not understand it. Another member commented that sea level rise is a complex issue and agreed that it was not an area in which PZB had expertise. The ordinance changes had already been reviewed by and received support from the Marine Advisory Board (MAB), a group of experts tasked to review issues including the conditions of the waterway and docks. The guidance of the MAB had been critical to the passing of the 2016 seawall ordinance.

Furthermore, the Commission previously recognized that addressing the impacts of climate change, especially sea level rise, was one of the City's most significant sustainability challenges. As such, the Commission assigned the Sustainability Advisory Board to oversee "strategies associated with climate change, sea level rise..." (Attachment 1 - Ordinance No. C-19-37 effective December 3, 2019). As the Sustainability Advisory Board has already been tasked with overseeing sea level rise, staff believes the creation of a Sea Level Rise Task Force would be redundant.

The proposed tidal barrier ordinance will be considered by the Sustainability Advisory Board on October 24, 2022.

Attachment 1 - Ordinance No. C-19-37 effective December 3, 2019

c: Anthony G. Fajardo, Assistant City Manager
Susan Grant, Assistant City Manager
Alain E. Boileau, City Attorney
David R. Soloman, City Clerk
Patrick Reilly, Interim City Auditor
Department Directors
CMO Managers

ORDINANCE NO. C-19-37

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, AMENDING SECTION 4, PARAGRAPH (2) OF ORDINANCE NO. C-10-48, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. C-11-37, ESTABLISHING THE SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY BOARD, TO PROVIDE ADDITIONS TO THE PURPOSE AND DUTIES OF THE SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY BOARD; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCE PROVISIONS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ordinance No. C-10-48 adopted on December 21, 2010, as amended by Ordinance No. C-11-37 adopted on December 20, 2011, the City Commission established the Sustainability Advisory Board ("Board") incorporating the recommendations of the Citizen's Sustainability "Green" Committee; and

WHEREAS, at its meeting of May 20, 2019, the Board reviewed the above-mentioned ordinances with the intent of updating the current understanding of the environment and sustainability of the City of Fort Lauderdale;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. That Section 4, Paragraph (2) of Ordinance No. C-10-48, as amended by Ordinance No. C-11-37, is hereby amended to provide as follows:

...

(2) To identify and recommend affordable strategies associated with climate change, sea level rise, resource use, conservation, renewable energy and energy efficiency, taking into account ecological, economic and social equities; and

...

SECTION 2. That if any clause, section or other part of this Ordinance shall be held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Ordinance shall not be affected thereby, but shall remain in full force and effect.

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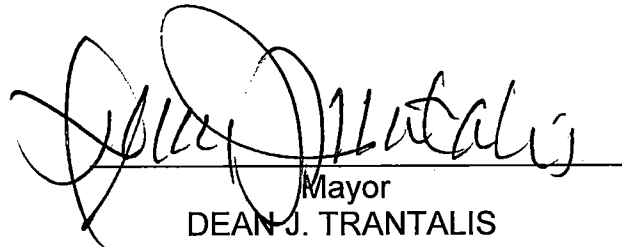
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SECTION 3. That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith, be and the same are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect ten days from the date of final passage.

PASSED FIRST READING this the 19th day of November, 2019.

PASSED SECOND READING this the 3rd day of December, 2019.



Mayor
DEAN J. TRANTALIS

ATTEST:



City Clerk
JEFFREY A. MODARELLI

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