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COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Dan Gelber and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Alina T. Hudak, City Manager

DATE: September 14, 2022

SUBJECT: **REQUEST FOR COMMISSION APPROVAL OF FLOOD MITIGATION PLAN**

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION

Approve and authorize the City Clerk and City Attorney to execute the Flood Mitigation Plan (FMP).

BACKGROUND

The City has addressed flood mitigation in various ways. While the Public Works Department is the custodian of the myriad tactical plans and programs to address flooding in specific neighborhoods, the Flood Mitigation Plan (FMP), coordinated by the Miami Beach Fire Department Division of Emergency Management (DEM), follows FEMA and FDEM requirements and is a compilation of flood mitigation strategies used by the City of Miami Beach. The FMP provides an overview of the vulnerabilities to flood hazards, identifying the sources, frequency, and severity of flooding in our City. The plan provides reference so that City mitigation strategies are consistent with National guidance, such as the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), Community Rating System (CRS) and FEMA requirements, as well as adhering to the Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS) in Miami-Dade County.

The City's former Emergency Manager applied for the grant and the City's Division of Emergency Management coordinated the creation of the FMP under a grant agreement with the Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM) as part of FEMA's Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) grant under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP).

The City engaged the services of Jacobs, the consultant who worked with the Public Works Department and Resilience Office on the development of important plans addressing sea level rise and other climate impacts. Jacobs' familiarity with the strategies employed as well as the City's vulnerability assessment made them ideal to create the FMP, which now serves as an executive summary of the City's flood mitigation strategies and a reference tool for implementing future mitigation in accordance with regulatory requirements.

CONCLUSION

The plan was completed in 2020 and submitted to FDEM for approval. FDEM returned a crosswalk response and provided feedback with suggestions for plan updates. Once those were completed, FDEM approved the FMP July 26, 2022, pending adoption by City Commission. In order to obtain the matching grant reimbursement in the amount of $18,750, the grant closeout requires formal approval by the City Commission.

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