

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, MEMORIALIZING THE CONSENSUS DEVELOPED DURING THE JULY 12, 2017 JOINT WORKSHOP OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD/ COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE AND THE MAYOR'S BLUE RIBBON PANEL ON SEA LEVEL RISE, TO EXTEND THE COMPLETION OF THE STORMWATER FLOODING MITIGATION AND NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FROM SEVEN YEARS TO TEN YEARS.

WHEREAS, since 2014, the City of Miami Beach has made a commitment to invest in replacing aging infrastructure, in order to adapt to sea level rise, and the City seeks to use the best available science to do so; and,

WHEREAS, the infrastructure program began in the most vulnerable areas as design-build contracts to move as quickly as possible to address immediate flooding; and,

WHEREAS, the City has improved conditions in Sunset Harbor by installing pumps and raising roads; and

WHEREAS, the City has negotiated with the Florida Department of Transportation to raise the seawalls, and roadway of Indian Creek Drive, one of the most flooded areas of the City; and

WHEREAS, in March 2016, the Mayor and City Commission adopted Resolution 2016-29317, which delineated the Southeast Florida Climate Change Compact Unified Sea Level Rise Projection; and,

WHEREAS, on June 8, 2016, the City Commission approved Resolution 2016-29454 which amended the Stormwater Management Master Plan, which set the minimum future crown of road and back of sidewalk at an elevation of 3.7 feet NAVD; and,

WHEREAS, 2014 the City adopted an aggressive timeline of completion for the stormwater program of five (5) years, \$300,000,000 program to mitigate chronic flooding concerns within neighborhoods within Miami Beach; and

WHEREAS, the five (5) year plan was extended to a seven (7) year plan due to budgetary constraints and construction time tables; and

WHEREAS, despite all the stormwater protection and resiliency efforts the City has undertaken, over the last few months there have been community and Commission discussions and questions about the program construction timing, mobility, traffic flow, relationship of the public right of way to personal property, design details, and aesthetics; and

WHEREAS, traffic congestion has been raised by residents and several measures have been put in place to reduce traffic such as increasing fees for blocking travel lanes during rush hour, requiring approval for special events that significantly impact traffic, the timing of

the bridge opening on 63rd Street, and expansion of mass transit; and,

WHEREAS, all these concerns have prompted the community and the Commission to question the timing of future neighborhood projects, as the seven year aggressive schedule for construction was initially developed for the stormwater and infrastructure construction where the neighborhoods were identified based upon risk of flooding, with additional consideration for alternative travel routes; and,

WHEREAS, on July 12, 2017, there was a joint meeting of the Neighborhood/Community Affairs Committee Members and the Mayor's Blue Ribbon Panel on Sea Level Rise to discuss a modified schedule extending the timeline of completion for the stormwater program from seven to ten years, so as to take into consideration the concerns of the neighborhoods as to construction related traffic and timing that presents a balance of the City's different needs; and

WHEREAS, modifying the time table to a 10 year program to complete the projects would allow the City to continue the stormwater, water, wastewater and road infrastructure investments for flood risk reduction, climate adaptation and overall improved services in a manner that ensures residents' collaboration, mobility, livability, and quality of life today and for our resilient and sustainable future; and

WHEREAS, the joint committee recommended to modify the completion timetable for the stormwater program; and

WHEREAS, the extended schedule allows for a more realistic timeline for completion of the projects as the delivery of the projects is taking longer than originally anticipated; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Commission recommend modifying the timeline for the stormwater program from seven (7) to 10 years for completion.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, to memorialize the consensus developed during the July 12, 2017 Joint Workshop of the Neighborhood/Community Affairs Committee and the Mayor's Blue Ribbon Panel On Sea Level Rise, to extend the completion of the stormwater flooding mitigation and neighborhood improvement program from seven (7) years to ten years.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of July, 2017.

ATTEST:

Philip Levine, Mayor

Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION**

[Signature] 7/18/17

City Attorney Date