

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-38**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VENICE, SARASOTA COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING APPLICATION TO THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FOR PARTIAL FUNDING OF THE VENICE BEACH RENOURISHMENT PROJECT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024/2025; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SAID APPLICATION AND OTHER REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO INITIATE ANY RELATED ACTION INCIDENTAL THERETO; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Venice, via this Resolution, declares that the City of Venice will continue to serve as the lead applicant and non-federal sponsor that has the ability to provide the necessary local match funding for said Venice Beach Nourishment Project; which was initially constructed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers from 1994-1996 and renourished under federal authorization in 2005 and 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, the beaches in the City of Venice are an important and valuable public resource that provides unique recreational opportunities for residents, attracts significant numbers of season visitors and tourists with a resulting positive impact on the local economy, buffers upland development and public infrastructure from the effects of damaging storms and is the habitat for a variety of native wildlife and vegetation; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 161.101, Florida Statutes, as implemented by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) authorizes the FDEP to pay up to 50% of the non-federal costs for feasibility and related planning studies, design, construction and biological and physical monitoring for beach renourishment.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VENICE, FLORIDA, as follows:**

**SECTION 1.** The City Council supports beach renourishment and monitoring of Venice Beach, agrees to continue acting as the local sponsor and the applicant for funding any permitting that may be required for the Venice Beach Renourishment Project, agrees to continue conducting activities required to maintain compliance with existing permits for the Project and agrees to develop appropriate funding mechanisms to provide local matching funds as necessary.

**SECTION 2.** The City Manager is hereby authorized to execute an appropriate application and any other necessary documentation for the forthcoming Venice Beach Nourishment Project for submittal and consideration under Florida's Beach Management Program Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Funding Request.

**SECTION 3.** The City Manager is hereby authorized to initiate any related actions to enable the City's complete submittal of said application.

**SECTION 4.** This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE VENICE CITY COUNCIL HELD ON THIS 12th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2023.**

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Nick Pachota, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Kelly Michaels, MMC, City Clerk

I, Kelly Michaels, MMC, City of Clerk of the City of Venice, Florida, a municipal corporation in Sarasota County, Florida, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full and complete, true and correct copy of a Resolution duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Venice, Florida, at a meeting thereof duly convened and held on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2023, a quorum being present.

WITNESS by hand and official seal of said City this 12<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2023.

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Kelly Michaels, MMC, City Clerk

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Approved as to form:

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Kelly Fernandez, City Attorney