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Interoffice Memorandum

TO: Mayor Feinsod and City Council Members

FROM: Edward F. Lavalley, City Manager 

RE: Florida Resiliency and Energy District (FRED) Board of Directors Membership

DATE: December 3, 2019

Attached is documentation describing a property improvement financing program (PACE) established under Florida Statute (Section 163.08), providing for energy conservation and energy efficiency loans to property owners. The program focuses on projects supporting the State's compelling interest in enabling property owners to voluntarily finance energy-saving property improvement initiatives. As indicated in the attached cover letter, the Venice City Council opted into the program in January 2019.

William Spivey, Jr., Executive Director of the area PACE affiliate, *Florida Resiliency and Energy District (FRED)*, has invited me to become a member of the FRED Board of Directors. I consider the invitation to be an opportunity to further support energy-saving property owner projects in the Venice area. As a caution, I researched the obligations associated with this appointment and, as indicated in the adjoining literature, the time constraints are minimal, and in fact, meeting times conveniently align with area conferences that I traditionally attend. As a further caution, I requested that the City Attorney review the documentation defining the purpose and process associated with the PACE program to ensure that there were no professional conflicts in my participating as a Board member. Upon review, the City Attorney advised that there is no perceivable conflict of interest. Accordingly, in compliance with the governing rules of the PACE program, I request the City Council approval for me to accept appointment for membership to the FRED Board of Directors.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Attachments