

## RESOLUTION 2013 - 06

### A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ST PETE BEACH REQUESTING THE PINELLAS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PROCEED WITH FUNDING THE INSTALLATION OF PERMANENT ROCK STRUCTURES ON UPHAM BEACH IN 2013.

The Board of Commissioners of the City of St. Pete Beach, Pinellas County, Florida, at a regular meeting held Tuesday, April 23, 2013 resolves as follows:

**WHEREAS**, Upham Beach, on the north end of the City of St Pete Beach, is Pinellas County's most rapidly eroding beach; and

**WHEREAS**, Pinellas County constructed five (5) temporary geotextile T-head groins in 2006 that have proven to significantly slow the rate of beach erosion with no negative down-drift impacts to the beaches southward; and

**WHEREAS**, the temporary groins have proven susceptible to damage due to the elements and vandalism as evidenced by two (2) of the five (5) groins being damaged in 2008 that led to them falling into disrepair with significant damage and loss of effectiveness; and

**WHEREAS**, Pinellas County invested approximately \$1,000,000 in 2011 to make necessary repairs to the temporary groins and they have already experienced some new damage that may once again lead them to fall into further disrepair and result in a loss of effectiveness; and

**WHEREAS**, the installation of permanent rock structures will resolve the issue of the temporary groins being damaged and the need to continue making expensive repairs in the future; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Florida has been supportive of the installation of permanent rock structures and has issued the permit to install four (4) permanent rock structures with no written public opposition to the permit issuance; and

**WHEREAS**, the design of the permanent rock structures has been completed, the Federal permit for the permanent rock structures is expected to be issued this summer, and the County has placed \$8,685,000 in the FY 2013-14 CIP budget for the construction of the permanent rock structures; and

**WHEREAS**, Pinellas County will be requesting the State of Florida reimburse the County for 50% of this cost and Pinellas County will have three (3) years to request reimbursement after the permanent rock structures are installed; and

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**WHEREAS**, the City of St Pete Beach generates almost twenty percent (20%), \$5,580,000 in 2012, of all the tourist development tax (bed tax) revenue for Pinellas County, and nine percent (9%) of this revenue is specifically meant to help fund beach projects such as the permanent rock structures; and

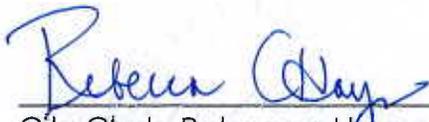
**WHEREAS**, the City of St Pete Beach thinks it is crucial to install the permanent rock structures in 2013 so that they are in place and significantly slowing the rate of beach erosion especially since the needed 2013 Long Key beach nourishment has not yet received Federal or State funding and is expected to be deferred.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COMMISSION OF ST PETE BEACH, PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA, DOES HEREBY RESOLVE:**

The Pinellas County Board of Commissioners should proceed with funding the installation of permanent rock structures on Upham Beach in 2013.

**INTRODUCED AND PASSED** by the City Commission of the City of St. Pete Beach, Pinellas County, Florida, on this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April 2013.

ATTEST:

  
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City Clerk, Rebecca Haynes

  
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Mayor Steve McFarlin