

**CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-223**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, FORMALLY ACCEPTING THE SEA LEVEL RISE WHITE PAPER AND AUTHORIZING FUTURE AMENDMENTS TO THE PAPER.

**WHEREAS**, mindful of the growing threat posed by sea level rise and the many legal complications that may accompany it, the City of Coral Gables commissioned the drafting of a white paper that lays out an overview of various sea level rise adaption policy options as well as some key legal considerations and implications surrounding those policy options; and

**WHEREAS**, outside counsel for the City of Coral Gables presented the draft white paper on sea level rise to the City Commission on September 28, 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission accepted and finalized the paper titled “Legal Considerations Surrounding Adaptation to the Threat of Sea Level Rise,” and requested that Mayor Jim Cason write a foreword to the paper; and

**WHEREAS**, through this report the City of Coral Gables seeks to proactively address the legal, planning/zoning, and environmental impacts of sea level rise in advance in order to prepare the City to address these impacts in a comprehensive manner; and

**WHEREAS**, the paper will be made available online to the public at [www.coralgables.com/sealevelrise](http://www.coralgables.com/sealevelrise); and

**WHEREAS**, the City would like this report to be read by every resident and business in the City of Coral Gables to help them prepare for sea level rise; and

**WHEREAS**, though the City Commission has accepted this white paper as a final draft, the City Commission acknowledges that changes in the legal landscape and in the scientific predictions of sea level rise will necessitate periodic amendments to the paper over time; and

**WHEREAS**, the City is interested in making the sea level rise white paper widely available to its residents and other interested parties;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES:**

**SECTION 1.** The foregoing “Whereas” clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution upon adoption hereof.

**SECTION 2.** That the City Commission formally accepts and finalizes the white paper on sea level rise presented to the City Commission on September 28, 2016.

**SECTION 3.** That the City Commission acknowledges that this paper is a living

document and authorizes City staff and the City Attorney's office to amend the paper periodically, to reflect developments in the legal landscape and changes in the applicable scientific predictions relating to sea level rise.

**SECTION 4.** That the City Commission requests that Mayor Cason write a foreword to the sea level rise white paper.

**SECTION 5.** That the City Commission directs City staff to make the paper available to neighboring local governments and other interested organizations.

**SECTION 6.** That the City Commission urges other municipalities in Florida and around the country to author similar papers discussing the implications of sea level rise for municipalities.

**SECTION 7.** That this Resolution shall become effective upon the date of its passage and adoption herein.


PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS TWENTY-EIGHTH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, A.D., 2016.

(Moved: Quesada / Seconded: Lago)  
(Yeas: Lago, Quesada, Slesnick, Keon, Cason)  
(Unanimous: 5-0 Vote)  
(Agenda Item: I-1)


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