



City of Coral Gables
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
January 10, 2023

ITEM TITLE:

Resolution.

A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Coral Gables, Florida directing the City Attorney to update the Sea Level Rise White Paper adopted in Resolution 2016-223. (Sponsored by Commissioner Cason)

BRIEF HISTORY:

Pursuant to Resolution No. 2016-223, the City Commission accepted and finalized a white paper on sea level rise titled “Legal Considerations Surrounding Adaptation to the Threat of Sea Level Rise,” presented by outside counsel for the City and requested that then-Mayor Jim Cason write a foreword to the paper. The paper was made available online to the public and has been cited and shared as a resource by numerous non-profit organizations and governmental entities, including, for example, Georgetown University’s Climate Center Adaptation Clearinghouse, the Southeast Florida Climate Compact, the Climate Action Tracker consortium, Florida Sea Grant, the City of St. Augustine, the City of Delray Beach, and New York State, and it has been discussed in publications such as the *Florida Bar Journal*, the Florida Bar’s *ELULS Reporter*, the *N.Y.U. Review of Law & Social Change*, and the *Fordham Environmental Law Review*.

Since 2016, changes have occurred both environmentally and legally and the proposed resolution directs the City Attorney to update, “Legal Considerations Surrounding Adaptation to the Threat of Sea Level Rise,” and to return to the City Commission to have said update presented and considered for adoption.

ATTACHMENT(S):

- 1. Draft Resolution**
- 2. Resolution 2016-223**