

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF
THE TOWN OF FORT MYERS BEACH, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NUMBER 96- 24

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF FORT MYERS BEACH, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE COOPERATIVE EFFORT TO DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE LONG RANGE MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR MATANZAS HARBOR.

WHEREAS, Matanzas Harbor is located between the Town of Fort Myers Beach and San Carlos Island with access to Estero Bay Aquatic Preserve and the Gulf of Mexico; and,

WHEREAS, the Harbor is used by a multi-million dollar commercial fishing fleet, tourism vessels, numerous recreational boaters, an active Coast Guard Station, and is surrounded by a variety of upland uses; and,

WHEREAS, the potential for conflicts exists between these various uses now and may likely expand as boating interest continues to rise; and,

WHEREAS, Lee County and the West Coast Inland Navigation District invested significant time and resources to dredge portions of the Federal access channel to the Harbor because of dangerous shoaling conditions; and,

WHEREAS, developing a strategy to manage all of these issues in the long term will result in fewer conflicts and negative impacts, and maximize the efficient use of public and private resources in this area which is the gateway to the Estero Bay Aquatic Preserve;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF FORT MYERS BEACH, FLORIDA, THAT:

Section 1. The Fort Myers Beach Town Council supports a cooperative effort including all interested entities involved in Matanzas Harbor to develop a comprehensive long range plan for the Harbor.

Section 2. The Fort Myers Beach Town Council further supports efforts to seek grant funding to develop a prototype harbor planning method and demonstrate its effectiveness through the development of the Matanzas Harbor Plan, and agrees to be a Partner in the application for Florida Coastal Management Program for Federal Coastal Zone Management Act Funds to undertake this work.

Section 3. The Fort Myers Beach Town Council will support an effort to implement such a plan by considering adoption of pertinent recommendations into our comprehensive plan.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Town Council upon a motion by Council Member *Murphy* and seconded by Council Member *Isler*, and upon being put to a vote, the result was as follows:

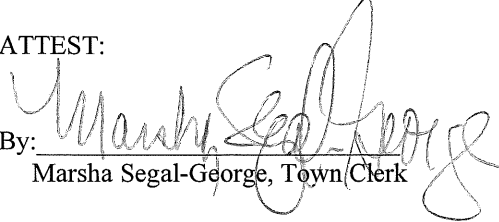
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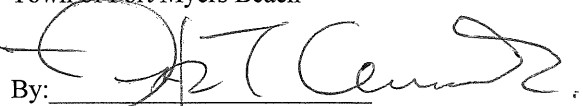
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DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED this 16th day of September , 1996.

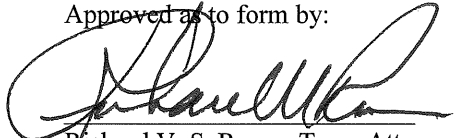
ATTEST:

By: 
Marsha Segal-George, Town Clerk

Town of Fort Myers Beach

By: 
Anita T. Cereceda, Mayor

Approved as to form by:


Richard V. S. Roosa, Town Attorney