

RESOLUTION NUMBER 02- 46

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CONCERNS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAPE CORAL; REQUESTING FEDERAL AGENCY PERMIT PROCESSING; REQUESTING ISSUANCE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS; URGING INTERVENTION OF STATE AND FEDERAL ELECTED OFFICIALS; ENCOURAGING INVOLVEMENT OF OTHER LOCAL AND STATE COMMUNITIES; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Cape Coral, Florida has adopted Resolution 68-02 requesting other impacted communities in Lee County and the State of Florida to adopt similar Resolutions and communicate to their state and federal elected officials the importance of this issue; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Cape Coral was developed as a fully platted, waterfront community where the value of that waterfront property, as well as all property in the City, is tied to recreational opportunities and the quality of life offered by its 400 miles of canals; and,

WHEREAS, both the Town of Fort Myers Beach and the City of Cape Coral, as environmentally sensitive communities, support the value of all marine life, as a part of a balanced ecological system and understand the delicate balance between protecting fish and wildlife and preserving property rights of those living on the water; and,

WHEREAS, both the Town of Fort Myers Beach and the City of Cape Coral realize its responsibility to preserve the rights of its citizens to protect, store and use their waterfront properties and marine investments, while simultaneously preserving marine life by educating the public and enforcing the laws that protect marine life.

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

SECTION 1. The concerns identified by the City Council of the City of Cape Coral in Resolution 68-02 are valid and are of general public interest.

SECTION 2. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service are requested to immediately process the backlog of over 500 dock permits within the City of Cape Coral, currently being held by federal authorities.

SECTION 3. It is requested that there be further input from local authorities, so that all appropriate federal agencies may issue regulations, allowing all future permit applications to be processed in a timely manner, while simultaneously protecting marine life.

SECTION 4. Both state and federal elected officials are requested to intervene in a concerted effort to resolve this situation.

SECTION 5. All other impacted communities in Lee County and the State of Florida are encouraged to adopt similar Resolutions and communicate to their state and federal elected officials the importance of this issue.

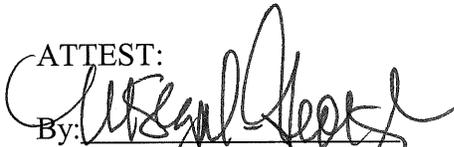
SECTION 6. Effective Date. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Fort Myers Beach Town Council upon being put to a vote, the result was as follows:

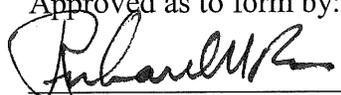
Howard Rynearson	aye
Daniel Hughes	aye
Bill Thomas	aye
W. H. "Bill" Van Duzer	aye
Terry Cain	aye

APPROVED this 16th day of December, 2002.

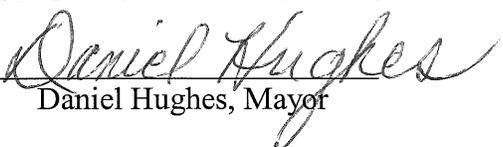
ATTEST:

By: 
Marsha Segal-George, Town Clerk

Approved as to form by:


Richard V.S. Roosa, Town Attorney

TOWN OF FORT MYERS BEACH

By: 
Daniel Hughes, Mayor