

SEPTEMBER 4, 2018

SPECIAL CITY COMMISSION MEETING

7:00 P.M.



City of Indian Rocks Beach

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AGENDA SPECIAL CITY COMMISSION MEETING

Commission Chambers
1507 Bay Palm Boulevard
Indian Rocks Beach, FL 33785

Tuesday, September 4, 2018
7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
ROLL CALL

1. FISCAL YEAR 2019 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- A. **ORDINANCE NO. 2018-06 — PUBLIC HEARING / FIRST READING.** Adopting the final levying of ad valorem taxes for the City of Indian Rocks Beach, Pinellas County, Florida, Fiscal Year 2018/2019.
- B. **ORDINANCE NO. 2018-07 — PUBLIC HEARING/ FIRST READING.** Adopting a budget for Fiscal Year 2018/2019; making appropriations and operating expenditures for Fiscal Year 2018/2019.
- C. **ORDINANCE NO. 2018-08 — FIRST READING.** An ordinance of the City of Indian Rocks Beach, Florida, amending Chapter 50, Solid Waste, Article I, In General; amending Article II, Collection and Disposal; Division 1, Generally; Section 50-37, Garden Trash; Section 50-63, Concealment; Section 50-66, Accessibility; amending Division 3, Fees and Charges; Section 50-91, Fee schedule; providing for severability; providing for the repeal of ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith, to the extent of such conflict; and providing for an effective date.

2. OTHER LEGISLATIVE MATTERS:

- A. Memorandum of Understanding creating the Tampa Bay Regional Resiliency Coalition.
[Presented by Mayor-Commissioner Kennedy]

3. ADJOURNMENT.

APPEALS: Any person who decides to appeal any decision made, with respect to any matter considered at such hearing, will need a record of the proceedings and, for such purposes, may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based, per s. 286.0105, F.S. Verbatim transcripts are not furnished by the City of Indian Rocks Beach and should one be desired, arrangements should be made in advance by the interested party (i.e. Court Reporter).

In accordance with the Americans with Disability Act and s. 286.26, F.S., any person with a disability requiring reasonable accommodation in order to participate in this meeting should contact the City Clerk's Office with your request, telephone 727/595-2517 or doreilly@irbcity.com, no later than four (4) days prior to the proceeding for assistance.

POSTED: August 29, 2018

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1A

FY2019 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

**ORDINANCE NO. 2018-06
MILLAGE RATE**

**INDIAN ROCKS BEACH CITY COMMISSION
AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

MEETING OF: September 4, 2018 **AGENDA ITEM: 1A**

SUBMITTED AND RECOMMENDED BY: Dan Carpenter 
Finance Director

APPROVED BY: Brently Gregg Mims, City Manager 

SUBJECT: **ORDINANCE NO. 2018-06** Establishing the millage rate at 1.8326 for the Fiscal Year 2018/19.

BACKGROUND:

The City Commission previously established the tentative millage rate for Fiscal Year 2018/19 at 1.8326 mills, a five percent reduction below the previous fiscal year millage rate of 1.9300.

ANALYSIS:

With a millage rate of 1.8326, the estimated tax collection is \$2,085,250 based on a 97% collection rate. The proposed mill rate is the fifth lowest in Pinellas County. Mill rates in Pinellas County range from 0.6594 to 6.7550.

MOTION:

I move to **APPROVE/DENY ORDINANCE NO. 2018-06** on first reading, establishing the millage rate for Fiscal Year 2018/19 at 1.8326 mills.

**CITY OF INDIAN ROCKS BEACH
ORDINANCE NO. 2018-06**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF INDIAN ROCKS BEACH, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE FINAL LEVYING OF AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE CITY OF INDIAN ROCKS BEACH, PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA, FISCAL YEAR 2018/19, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE, AND PROVIDING FOR NOTIFICATION OF REQUISITE GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Indian Rocks Beach City Charter, Section 8.2. Ad Valorem Taxes, authorizes the City Commission to levy ad valorem taxes as necessary for the conduct of municipal government, and

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Indian Rocks Beach, on July 24, 2018, adopted a Tentative Fiscal Year 2018/19 Millage Rate of 1.8326 following the first public hearing, as required by Florida Statute 200.065; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Indian Rocks Beach, Florida, held a final public hearing on September 18, 2018 to adopt a Fiscal Year 2018/19 Final Millage Rate, as required by Florida Statutes 200.065; and

WHEREAS, the gross taxable value for operating purposes not exempt from taxation within the City of Indian Rocks Beach, Pinellas County, Florida, has been certified by the Pinellas County Property Appraiser to the City Commission of the City of Indian Rocks Beach, Florida, as \$1,173,090,565.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF INDIAN ROCKS BEACH, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Fiscal Year 2018/19 operating millage rate for Citywide expenses is 1.8326 mills which is more than the roll back rate of 1.8068 by 1.43%.

Section 2. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Section 3. The City Clerk is hereby directed to notify all pertinent governmental agencies of the provisions hereof, as required by law.

ADOPTED ON FIRST READING at a meeting of the City Commission of the City of Indian Rocks beach, Florida, held the 4th day of September, 2018.

PUBLISHED the 14th day of September, 2018.

ADOPTED ON SECOND AND FINAL READING AT THE SECOND PUBLIC HEARING on the 18th day of September, 2018.

Cookie Kennedy, Mayor/Commissioner

ATTEST: _____
Deanne Bulino O'Reilly, MMC, City Clerk

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:

Randy D. Mora, City Attorney

AGENDA ITEM 1B

FY 2019 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

**ORDINANCE NO. 2018-07
FY 2019 BUDGET**

INDIAN ROCKS BEACH CITY COMMISSION AGENDA MEMORANDUM

MEETING OF: September 4, 2018 AGENDA ITEM: 1B

SUBMITTED AND
RECOMMENDED BY: Dan Carpenter, Finance Director 

APPROVED BY: Brently Gregg Mims, City Manager 

SUBJECT: ORDINANCE NO. 2018-07; Appropriating funds for operating expenses and adopting a budget for the City of Indian Rocks Beach, Florida, for Fiscal Year 2018/19.

BACKGROUND

The City Commission reviewed the City Manager's proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2018/19 at a Budget Workshop on July 24, 2018. Prior to the budget work session, the City Manager and Finance Director met with each member of the City Commission to brief them on the proposed budget.

The City Manager and Finance Director made presentations, which provided an overview of the Fiscal Year 2018/19 Program Budget, and together, the City Commission and staff reviewed all aspects of the proposed budget in detail. The Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2018/19 is the result of a consensus by the City Commission from the July Budget Workshop.

ANALYSIS

The final budget is balanced in all funds and presents a comprehensive plan for providing services during the coming fiscal year. With the approval of the Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2018/19, the City will establish a spending plan for Fiscal Year 2018/19 and provide approval for the City Manager to implement the plan. Highlights of the final budget includes up to a 3% performance raise for all employees of the City, 3.1% increase in the City's law enforcement contract, road reconstruction, stormwater projects, Gulf Blvd. utility undergrounding, and City park upgrades. This comprehensive plan is developed without the benefit of a stormwater fee or a utility tax.

MOTION

That ORDINANCE NO. 2018-07, appropriating funds for operating expenses and adopting a budget for the City of Indian Rocks Beach, Florida, for Fiscal Year

2018/19, *be approved on first reading.*

**CITY OF INDIAN ROCKS BEACH
ORDINANCE NO. 2018-07**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF INDIAN ROCKS BEACH, PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018/19; MAKING APPROPRIATIONS AND OPERATING EXPENDITURES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018/19, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE, AND PROVIDING FOR NOTIFICATION OF REQUISITE GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES.

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Indian Rocks Beach, Pinellas County, Florida, held public hearings on September 4th and September 18th concerning the FY 2018/19 Budget as required by Florida Statutes, and

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Indian Rocks Beach, Pinellas County, Florida, set forth revenue estimates and expenditure appropriations in the FY 2018/19 Final Budget in the Total Appropriation amount of \$ 9,552,340 and

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Indian Rocks Beach, Pinellas County, Florida, desires to adopt said FY 2018/19 Final Budget and establish operating expenditure appropriations for each of the funds included in this Budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF INDIAN ROCKS BEACH, PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA, THAT:

Section 1. The Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2018/19 be and is hereby incorporated as a part of this ordinance and is hereby approved and adopted as the budget of the City of Indian Rocks Beach for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2019.

Section 2. All budget expenditure appropriations are by Fund and are based on the total expenditures and/or expenses of said Fund, even though the budget has been prepared based on line items and departmental categories and with summarizations.

Section 3. For the payment of expenses and obligations of the City of Indian Rocks Beach, Florida, for Fiscal Year 2018/19, there is hereby appropriated from the money in the treasury of the City and any accruing revenue of the City available for said purposes, for the Funds hereinafter set

forth, the sums of money shown in the following schedule:

General Fund	\$	3,705,410
Solid Waste Enterprise Fund		1,417,280
Local Option Sales Tax Fund		4,314,650
Local Option Gas Tax Fund		115,000
Recreational Impact Fund		0
Transportation Impact Fund		0
Development Impact Fund		<u>0</u>
Total Appropriations	\$	9,552,340

Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

Section 5. The City Clerk is hereby directed to notify all pertinent governmental agencies of the provisions hereof, as required by law.

ADOPTED ON FIRST READING at a meeting of the City Commission of the City of Indian Rocks Beach, Florida, held the 4th day of September, 2018.

PUBLISHED the 14th day of September, 2018.

ADOPTED ON SECOND AND FINAL READING AT THE SECOND PUBLIC HEARING on the 18th day of September, 2018.

Cookie Kennedy, Mayor/Commissioner

ATTEST: _____
Deanne Bulino O'Reilly, MMC, City Clerk

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:


Randy D. Mora, City Attorney


AGENDA ITEM NO. 1C
ORDINANCE NO. 2018-08
SOLID WASTE FEE

INDIAN ROCKS BEACH CITY COMMISSION

AGENDA MEMORANDUM

MEETING OF: September 4, 2018 **AGENDA ITEM:** 1C

SUBMITTED BY: Dan Carpenter, Finance Director 

APPROVED BY: Brently Gregg Mims, City Manager 

SUBJECT: Ordinance No. 2018-08 – First Reading - Amendment to City Code Section 50-91, Solid Waste – Collection and Disposal – Fee Schedule.

BACKGROUND:

The fee schedule for the collection and disposal of solid waste of the City is addressed in the City Code, Section 50-91 (attached). In 2012 a solid waste rate study was completed and included a recommendation to the Commission by Burton & Associates to reduce solid waste fees beginning in FY 2013 by 13.5%. For single family residents this reduction represents a \$3.94 per month decrease to the current monthly solid waste bill. Both multi-family and commercial solid waste customers were recommended by Burton & Associates to have solid waste collection fees reduced by 13.5% as well. In addition, the study concluded that no increase to solid waste fees are needed going forward until FY 2017. The goal or emphasis was to adjust rates to allow for the solid waste fund to generate adequate income to satisfy annual cost requirements and provide for minimal operating reserves of 3 months within the fund.

ANALYSIS:

Through operating efficiencies, the City has been able to maintain the same solid waste rates from 2013 until today. A review of the solid waste fund revenue and expenditures was performed at the July 24th, 2018 City Commission budget workshop. Based upon the most up to date data and economic factors available, adjustments were recommended to the current solid waste fees. Key areas include the generation of adequate annual operating income, significant increases in costs associated with curbside recycling, future capital equipment replacement costs, and the accumulation of operating reserves within the fund. The cost of curbside recycling has increased 72% or \$88 thousand over the past year.

The Tentative budget for FY 2019 reflects increases in monthly residential solid waste rates of 10%. The current \$25.28 per month charge for residential solid waste is recommended to increase to \$27.81. For commercial solid waste customers, rates are recommended to increase 25% in the tentative FY 2019 budget.

MOTION:

Move to approve/deny Ordinance No. 2018-08 on first reading to increase solid waste fees 10.0% for residential/multifamily and 25.0% for commercial solid waste customers for FY 2019.

Attachments

**CITY OF INDIAN ROCKS BEACH
ORDINANCE NO. 2018-08**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF INDIAN ROCKS BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 50, SOLID WASTE, ARTICLE I, IN GENERAL; AMENDING ARTICLE II, COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL; DIVISION 1, GENERALLY; SECTION 50-37, GARDEN TRASH; SECTION 50-63, CONCEALMENT; SECTION 50-66, ACCESSIBILITY; AMENDING DIVISION 3, FEES AND CHARGES, SECTION 50-91, FEE SCHEDULE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith, TO THE EXTENT OF SUCH CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, s. 180.13, Florida Statutes, authorizes a municipality to establish just and equitable utility rates; and

WHEREAS, the City of Indian Rocks Beach’s solid waste service currently operates as an enterprise fund; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the enterprise fund to cover the cost of doing business; and

WHEREAS, staff is recommending an increase to all portions of the Fee Schedule; and

WHEREAS, the Indian Rocks Beach City Commission desires to increase the solid waste fees for FY 2018/2019, effective November 17, 2018.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF INDIAN ROCKS BEACH, FLORIDA, that:

Section 1. Chapter 50, Solid Waste; Article II, Collection and Disposal; Division I, Generally; Section 50-37, Garden trash, of The Code of Ordinances, City of Indian Rocks Beach, Florida, is hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 50-37. Garden trash.

Any premises upon which the proper and required fee has been paid, under the terms of this article, shall be entitled to the collection of tree limbs, palm fronds or other garden trash of such size or nature as cannot be deposited in a regular trash can, subject to the following terms and conditions. Normal yard waste and trimmings of shrubs or trees are picked up free, when cut in four-foot lengths and when limbs are not more than four inches in diameter and when stacked neatly at the curb. The stack shall not exceed four feet in height and the pile shall not be longer than eight feet. Piles of yard waste and trimmings that are larger than this description, that are randomly piled or that contain remains of full tree removal (i.e., stumps or larger than four-inch-diameter limbs) shall require a call for a special pickup and shall require a charge based on the size of the pickup with a minimum charge of ~~\$15.00~~ **\$18.75**. The city will supply an employee to measure the pile and provide a written estimate containing the charges for the pickup. The estimate must be paid to the city in advance of the pickup. Such garden trash shall be deposited adjacent to the alley, if the property is served by an alley, at curbside, or in refuse containers if such containers are used by multifamily or commercial establishments. It shall be unlawful for any person to deposit any garden trash upon any lot or premises belonging to another, whether vacant

1 or improved, occupied or unoccupied, or upon any street, plaza or park, or in any of the waters lying
2 within the city.
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4 **Section 2.** Chapter 50, Solid Waste; Article II, Collection and Disposal; Division 2, Containers;
5 Section 50-63, Concealment, of The Code of Ordinances, City of Indian Rocks Beach, Florida, is hereby
6 amended as follows:
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8 **Sec. 50-63. Concealment.**
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10 (a) In order to preserve the aesthetic quality of the city, all residents or occupants of any single-family
11 dwelling and the owner, manager or occupant of any multiple-family dwelling or of any place of
12 business or commercial establishment or civic, fraternal, public, religious or educational facility within
13 the city shall provide some means of concealing cans or containers from public view from the streets of
14 the city. The concealing of cans or dumpsters may be accomplished in a variety of ways, such as fences,
15 hedges or other vegetation, which shall be placed in such manner as to conceal the cans or containers
16 from public view. All fences shall be constructed in conformance with city building codes. If vegetation
17 is used in the same manner as a fence, such vegetation shall be a type compatible to the beach areas.
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19 (b) Cans left at curbside for pickup must be removed from the curbside area to a concealed area within
20 ~~24~~ 12 hours after pickup. The city is not responsible for cans lost, blown away or damaged by outside
21 forces, including, but not limited to, acts of individuals not acting under the direction or employ of the
22 city and acts of God.
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24 **Section 3.** Chapter 50, Solid Waste; Article II, Collection and Disposal; Division 2, Containers;
25 Section 50-66, Accessibility, of The Code of Ordinances, City of Indian Rocks Beach, Florida, is hereby
26 amended as follows:
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28 **Sec. 50-66. Accessibility.**
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30 (a) Garbage cans are required to be brought to the curb in front of the property prior to 7:00 A.M.
31 on the scheduled day of service for the purpose of removing garbage. They shall not be kept upon the
32 neighboring property not in the ownership or tenancy of the person by whom the garbage is accumulated,
33 whether such neighboring property be vacant or improved. Garbage or trash cans shall be placed on the
34 alley of all places served by an alley or such other place as shall be designated by the director of public
35 services. All locked dumpsters shall be brought to an accessible area by the customer prior to 7:00 a.m.,
36 on the scheduled day of service.
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38 (b) Containers, garbage cans, trash cans and recycle bins/carts may be placed curbside after 7:00
39 P.M. the day before collection service and shall be removed from the curb by 7:00 P.M. on the collection
40 service day.
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42 (b) (c) Special services for disabled, elderly and/or the medically necessitated may be provided to any
43 person who has been certified by a physician as being unable to place the solid waste container at the
44 curb.
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46 **Section 4.** Chapter 50, Solid Waste; Article II, Collection and Disposal; Division 3, Fees and
47 Charges; Section 50-91, Fee schedule, of The Code of Ordinances, City of Indian Rocks Beach, Florida,
48 is hereby amended as follows:
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1 **Sec. 50-91. Fee schedule.**

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3 (a) *Basic fees.* The fees for pickup of garbage and trash are as follows:

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5 (1) Single unit rate, two times per week, per month..... ~~\$18.43~~ \$20.27
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7 (2) Multi-unit rate, two times per week, per unit per month ~~\$17.51~~ \$19.26
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9 (3) Commercial business establishment, five cans, two times per week, per month .. ~~\$20.25~~ \$25.31
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11 (4) Dumpster rates:
12 a. Two yards, two times per week, per month..... ~~\$156.58~~ \$195.73
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14 b. Four yards, two times per week, per month ~~\$285.54~~ \$356.93
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16 c. Six yards, two times per week, per month..... ~~\$405.26~~ \$506.58
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18 (5) Each additional pickup:
19 a. Two-yard dumpster, one time per week, per month..... ~~\$78.33~~ \$97.91
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21 b. Four-yard dumpster, one time per week, per month..... ~~\$142.80~~ \$178.50
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23 c. Six-yard dumpster, one time per week, per month..... ~~\$202.48~~ \$253.10
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25 d. Commercial can pickup, one time per week, per month ~~\$10.13~~ \$12.66
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27 (6) Single one-time pickup:
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29 a. Two-yard dumpster ~~\$78.33~~ \$97.91
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31 b. Four-yard dumpster..... ~~\$142.80~~ \$178.50
32
33 c. Six-yard dumpster ~~\$202.48~~ \$253.10
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35 (b) *Additional per-unit fee.* In addition to the fees set forth in subsection (a) of this section, the
36 amount of ~~\$6.85~~ \$7.54 per unit per month shall be added to each of the basic fees for (1) and (2) and the
37 amount of \$8.56 per unit per month shall be added to the basic fees for (3), (4), (5) and (6).

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39 (c) *Election to use cans instead of dumpsters.* Multifamily and/or commercial business
40 establishments with less than four units may elect to utilize cans instead of dumpsters. Multifamily and/or
41 commercial units with four or more units may be required to utilize dumpster service instead of cans at
42 the discretion of the public services director. In this event, the dumpster rate will apply.
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44 (d) *Authority of city to determine type and frequency of service.* The city reserves the right to
45 determine the number of cans, the number and size of containers, and/or the frequency of disposal, with
46 applicable charges, during any period of the year, for all customers. The city reserves the right to
47 determine the location, accessibility and direction of pickup.
48

1 (e) "Single-family unit" and "multiunit" defined. For the purpose of this section, a single-family unit
2 shall be defined as a unit that is either a single-family residence or one unit of a duplex or other
3 multifamily residence, each of which may or may not be owned separately, which are billed separately
4 and not on a bulk rate for solid waste services. A multiunit shall be defined as two or more units owned
5 by one or more people, which are not on a bulk rate for solid waste services and for which only one bill
6 for services provided is mailed for all units.
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8 (f) *Compactor and front-end loader dumpsters.* Compactor dumpsters and front-end loader
9 dumpsters will be installed upon written request from the property owner or business owner and upon
10 approval by the city manager. Fees will be based on rental charges, pull charges and dumping fees. In
11 addition, there shall be an administrative charge of ~~\$184.21~~ \$230.26 per month for each compactor
12 dumpster in excess of ten cubic yards. For compactor dumpsters and front-end loader dumpsters less than
13 ten cubic yards, the administrative fee shall be ~~\$92.11~~ \$115.14 per month per dumpster. Billing shall be
14 on a bimonthly basis.
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16 (g) *Commercial construction roll-off dumpsters.* Commercial construction roll-off dumpsters shall
17 be installed by the owner or the general contractor for all new construction and major remodeling
18 projects. There shall be an administrative charge of ~~ten percent of the fees charged by the solid waste~~
19 ~~company. A \$200.00~~ \$250.00 deposit shall be collected at the time of building permit issuance. ~~The~~
20 ~~administrative fee will be computed at the time of final project certification and any additional charges~~
21 ~~shall be paid or a refund made of the remaining deposit.~~
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23 **Section 5.** If any portion, part or section of this ordinance is declared invalid, the valid remainder
24 hereof shall remain in full force and effect.
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26 **Section 6.** All ordinances, or parts of ordinances, in conflict herewith are hereby repealed, to
27 the extent of such conflicts.
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29 **Section 7.** This ordinance shall become effective on November 17, 2018.
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31 **ADOPTED ON FIRST READING** by the City Commission of the City of Indian Rocks Beach,
32 Florida, held on the 4th day of September 2018.
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34 **PUBLISHED** the 7th day of September 2018 in the Tampa Bay Times.
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36 **ADOPTED ON SECOND READING AND FINAL READING** this 18th day of September
37 2018.
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39 _____
40 Joanne Moston Kennedy, Mayor-Commissioner
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42 ATTEST: _____
43 Deanne B. O'Reilly, MMC, City Clerk
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45 Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:
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48 Randy D. Mora, City Attorney
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AGENDA ITEM NO. 2A

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
CREATING THE TAMPA BAY REGIONAL
RESILIENCY COALITION**



Dear Council Members

In January 2018, the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council (TBRPC) embarked upon an initiative to address sea level rise and climate resiliency. This initiative has evolved into the Tampa Bay Regional Resiliency Coalition (TBRRC).

TBRPC member governments of Citrus, Hernando, Pasco, Pinellas, Hillsborough and Manatee are a unique and extraordinary area, sharing a sense of community, economy, and critically important environmental resources. TBRRC has been formed to coordinate climate adaptation and mitigation activities across county lines with the goal of advancing local and regional responses to, and preparations for, economic and social disruption that could occur from sea-level rise. The TBRRC will also provide state and local agencies with access to technical assistance and support in addressing the effects of climate change.

Over the past several months the TBRRC Steering Committee has worked to establish a mission and timeline, and created a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) to include the best scientific experts and stakeholders on the topics of sea level rise, climate change and resiliency. A Memorandum of Understanding for local governments to review, consider, and vote upon has been developed by the TAC and has been supported by the Steering Committee. It would be requested that each elected member of the Council to place this item on an agenda of your local legislative body to review, consider, and vote to endorse.

Enclosed you will find the *Memorandum of Understanding Creating the Tampa Bay Regional Resiliency Coalition* and a timeline for the initiative. We are respectfully requesting that you present the document to your Commissions and/or Councils for a vote by the first week in September. Upon request, our staff is available to you to provide you with additional information or to provide a presentation at your individual meetings.

The next steps going forward will be to identify those local governments who are supporting and adopting the *Memorandum of Understanding Creating the Tampa Bay Regional Resiliency Coalition*. The document will then be presented to the full Council for voting consideration at the September 10, 2018 meeting with an official Signing Celebration (venue to be determined) on Monday, October 8, 2018.

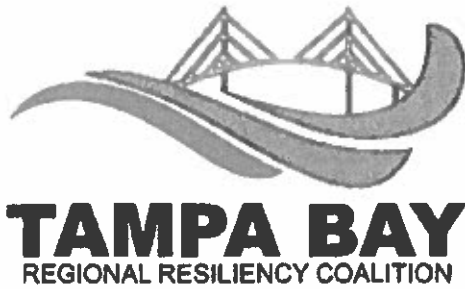
As your Executive Director it is my privilege to serve the Board of this well-respected organization and to further this initiative. Our efforts today will provide a positive impact well into the future by enhancing the quality of life for many generations to come in the Tampa Bay region. If you would please email me and Wren Krahl, wren@tbrpc.org, to advise us if your county or city will join this initiative and sign the attached MOU it would be most appreciated. Please contact me if I can provide further information or assistance, sean@tbrpc.org.

Respectfully,

Sean T. Sullivan
Executive Director

Enclosure: Memorandum of Understanding Creating the Tampa Bay Regional Resiliency Coalition

Board of Directors: Commissioner Janet C. Long, *Chair* | Commissioner Ronald E. Kitchen, Jr., *Vice Chair*
Commissioner Robin DiSabatino, *Secretary/Treasurer* | Vice Mayor Patrick Roff, *Past Chair* | Sean T. Sullivan, *Executive Director*



**Memorandum of Understanding
Creating the
Tampa Bay Regional Resiliency Coalition**

WHEREAS, the Tampa Bay Regional Resiliency Coalition has been formed to coordinate climate adaptation and mitigation activities across county lines, to advance local and regional responses to and preparations for economic and social disruption projected to result from sea-level rise, and to provide state and local agencies with access to technical assistance and support in addressing the effects of climate change; and

WHEREAS, the Counties of Citrus, Hernando, Pasco, Pinellas, Hillsborough, Manatee and Sarasota of the Tampa Bay region and the municipalities within (the "Coalition Members"), are a unique and extraordinary area, sharing a sense of community, economy, and critically important environmental resources; and

WHEREAS, the Tampa Bay region has some of Florida's most remarkable beaches, rivers, estuaries and springs which are closely coupled to the region's cultural heritage; and

WHEREAS, the Tampa Bay region has approximately 4 million residents, which represents approximately 19% of Florida's population, and is projected to exceed 5 million residents by 2040; and

WHEREAS, the Tampa Bay region has a Gross Domestic Product of more than \$2.5 billion annually, more than 37% of statewide economic output; and

WHEREAS, the resiliency of the Tampa Bay region's economic, environmental and social health relies on crucial coastal transportation infrastructure, including: seaports, rail systems, roads, and airports; and

WHEREAS, the Tampa Bay region is vulnerable to the impacts of a changing climate, including: sea-level rise, rainfall, heat events, wildfires, droughts, flooding and storms, which threaten current community priorities, human wellbeing and natural resources; and

WHEREAS, rising sea levels, intense rainfall and other climatic stresses will compromise crucial drainage infrastructure and drinking water supplies (through saltwater intrusion into rivers and the aquifer); and

WHEREAS, extreme weather events can impact the lives of residents, damage property and disrupt businesses; and

WHEREAS, natural areas including forests, beaches with dunes, wetlands, mangroves, and oyster reefs can provide valuable flood risk reduction and water quality benefits and may be compromised by changing climate conditions; and

WHEREAS, climate resiliency is the planning for and implementation of activities to reduce the Tampa Bay region's vulnerability to a changing climate, and is amongst the most consequential actions the Tampa Bay region could pursue; and

WHEREAS, the Coalition Members are committed to being resilient to a changing climate, and will consider adaptation and risk reduction strategies intended to ensure public safety and safeguard infrastructure, property, environmental assets, and basic quality of life for current residents and future generations; and

WHEREAS, many of the activities undertaken to enhance resiliency to a changing climate will be concurrent with existing local efforts and objectives addressing aging infrastructure, emergency management, and public health; and

WHEREAS, while counties and cities in the Tampa Bay region have independently identified and undertaken activities to address vulnerabilities, a collaborative commitment working together to build the region's resiliency will best serve the Tampa Bay region; and

WHEREAS, proactively preparing for a changing climate will be less costly and enhance the major sectors of the regional economy, maintaining and growing manufacturing, health care, tourism, agriculture and other economic segments; and

WHEREAS, measures to mitigate hazard risks provide a significant return on investment because resilient communities and regions support a thriving economy and create opportunities to attract new businesses and economic investments; and

WHEREAS, local governments play a critical role in fostering social equity in the face of climate related challenges, including the potential for community displacement; and

WHEREAS, the Coalition Members have joined in formation of the Tampa Bay Regional Resiliency Coalition to coordinate their efforts and enhance their abilities to prepare, adapt and mitigate for the effects of sea-level rise and climate change in their individual communities and throughout the entire Tampa Bay region.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BOARDS OF THE COALITION MEMBERS THAT:

SECTION 1. Findings --The findings set forth above are adopted and set forth as the reasons and statement of purpose for the formation of the Tampa Bay Regional Resiliency Coalition.

SECTION 2. Regional Cooperation – The Coalition Members shall work together to maximize their efforts to mitigate and adapt to the effects of sea-level rise by: identifying vulnerabilities to the effects of

climate change in their communities; identifying common vulnerability assessment methodologies; planning for mitigation and adaptation actions that will enhance the resiliency of their communities, learning from each other and their prior efforts and planning documents; leveraging their resources; and pursuing public private partnerships.

SECTION 3 Regional Resiliency Action Plan -- The Coalition Members shall develop a Regional Resiliency Action Plan which shall include strategies for coordinated regional preparation for and adaption to a rapidly changing global environment based on mapping of projected sea-level rise and resulting amplification of localized impacts of hurricanes and tropical storms, and which shall identify funding strategies at the local, state and federal levels for mitigation and adaptation actions to deal with those impacts.

SECTION 4. Science Based Decisions -- It is essential that the Coalition Members base their strategies and actions on sound science and technical data, and for this reason they shall work together to identify experts for guidance and shall use the regional recognized sea-level rise projections as produced by the Tampa Bay Climate Science Advisory Panel to assess sea-level rise vulnerability, inform planning efforts, and provide guidance on what sea-level rise projections should be incorporated into local planning efforts.

SECTION 5. Legislative Strategy -- The Coalition Members shall develop a legislative strategy which includes a joint position statement recognizing the vulnerabilities of the Tampa Bay region to the impacts of sea-level rise and includes recommendations for the allocation of state and federal resources, which may include designation of the Tampa Bay region as uniquely vulnerable for the purpose of securing enhanced levels of federal participation and funding in regional adaptation and mitigation programs.

SECTION 6. Community Involvement – Recognizing the importance of involvement in these regional, cooperative efforts by all members of the community, the Coalition Members shall engage and involve local businesses, organizations, associations and individuals in developing policies and recommendations which will have the support and commitment of community members and organizations, which is essential for successful implementation.

SECTION 7. Intent -- The Coalition Members each join the Tampa Bay Regional Resiliency Coalition as an expression of their intent and commitment to work together on a regional level to identify and address the effects of sea-level rise, but by joining this Coalition the Coalition Members do not hereby commit local resources or staffing and acknowledge that the governing body of each Coalition Member retains that power and authority.

SECTION 8. This Memorandum of Understanding shall take effect on _____.

[Signature Blocks to Follow]

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3

ADJOURNMENT.