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COMMISSION MEETING
ADDENDUM
March 19, 2019
7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER		
Additions, Deletions or Changes to the Agenda		
CONSENT AGENDA		
DISCUSSION	Commission Sponsor	Staff Recommendation
1. Resolution No. 871 support of House Bill 1369 Relating to the Florida Climate and Resiliency	Mayor	approval

It is the policy of the Sewall's Point Town Commission that all persons addressing a town board or attending a Town board meeting shall conduct themselves in a manner that does not disrupt the orderly and efficient conduct of the meeting. Boisterous or unruly behavior; threatening or inciting an immediate breach of the peace; or use of profane, slanderous or obscene speech will not be tolerated and could result in ejection from the meeting after warning from the presiding officer.

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RESOLUTION No. 871

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF SEWALLS POINT, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING HOUSE BILL 1369 RELATING TO THE FLORIDA CLIMATE AND RESILIENCY RESEARCH PROGRAM; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has stated that “Widespread scientific consensus exists that the world’s climate is changing. Some of these changes will likely include more variable weather, heat waves, heavy precipitation events, flooding, droughts, more intense storms, sea level rise, and air pollution. Each of these impacts could negatively affect public health;” and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Global Change Research Program (USGCRP) released the Fourth National Climate Assessment (NCA4) to Congress in 2018, which is the most comprehensive global climate change report ever conducted by the United States; and

WHEREAS, in the NCA4 the USGCRP has stated that, “Coastal communities and the ecosystems that support them are increasingly threatened by the impacts of climate change. Without significant reductions in global greenhouse gas emissions and regional adaptation measures, many coastal regions will be transformed by the latter part of this century, with impacts affecting other Resolutions Supporting HB 1369 Relating to the Florida Climate and Resiliency Research Program regions and sectors. Even in a future with lower greenhouse gas emissions, many communities are expected to suffer financial impacts as chronic high-tide flooding leads to higher costs and lower property values;” and

WHEREAS, House Bill 1369 relating to the Florida Climate and Resiliency Research Program was filed during the 2019 Florida Legislative Session; and

WHEREAS, HB 1369 would establish an interagency program within the Office of Resilience and Coastal Protection for the purpose of assisting the state in understanding, assessing, predicting, and responding to the effects of climate change; and

WHEREAS, HB 1369 would consolidate the efforts of various public agencies and authorities in addressing a myriad of environmental, public health and safety, and economic variables linked to global climate change impacts; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Climate and Resiliency Research Program would include participants and representatives from climate collaboratives in Florida including the Southeast Florida Regional Climate Change Compact, and other resiliency coalitions which the Town of Sewall’s Point, Florida may one day be a party to; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Sewall’s Point is a coastal community who is at high-risk for severe weather events, coastal flooding, storm surge, marine ecosystem destruction, and sea level rise; and

WHEREAS, it is the sense of the Town Commission of the Town of Sewall’s Point that the dangers and devastating impacts associated with global climate change are clear and convincing; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Sewall’s Point supports House Bill 1369 and the creation of an interagency program within the Office of Resiliency and Coastal Protection designed to consolidate and coordinate state efforts in addressing this global threat statewide.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF SEWALL'S POINT, MARTIN COUNTY, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The "whereas" clauses above are incorporated herein as findings of the Town Commission.

SECTION 2: The Town Commission of the Town of Sewall's Point, Florida authorizes this resolution in support of House Bill 1369 Relating to the Florida Climate and Resiliency

TOWN OF SEWALL'S POINT, FLORIDA

Vinny Barile, Mayor

Glen J. Torcivia, Town Attorney
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Approved as to form and legal
sufficiency

ATTEST

Cheryl White, MMC, Town Clerk