

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-08

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF NEPTUNE BEACH, FLORIDA, INSTRUCTING STAFF AND LOBBYISTS TO ACTIVELY PURSUE ADDITIONAL FUNDING MECHANISMS FROM THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE; PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION OF RECITALS, REPEAL OF PRIOR INCONSISTENT RESOLUTIONS AND COUNCIL DECISIONS, SEVERABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Neptune Beach (the "City") has significant expenses projected to be necessary for maintenance of quality of life and infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, funding mechanisms entirely within the control of the City, such as millage rate increases, will not be sufficient alone; and

WHEREAS, Florida law and the City's agreements provide other mechanisms for raising revenue necessary to cover the City's expenses; and

WHEREAS, these include, but are not limited to, the creation of a community redevelopment area, revisions to the City's interlocal agreements regarding proportions of tax revenue shared between the City and the City of Jacksonville, and other sources; and

WHEREAS, the Council finds that it is in the best interest of the City to actively pursue such mechanisms in the short term.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEPTUNE BEACH, FLORIDA, THAT:

SECTION 1. Adoption of Recitals. The foregoing recitals are deemed true and material parts of this resolution and are fully incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION 2. Instruction to Staff and Lobbyists. The City Council of the City of Neptune Beach instructs staff and the City's lobbyists to prioritize and actively seek implementation of a community redevelopment area, revisions to the City's agreements with the City of Jacksonville regarding revenue sharing, and other funding mechanisms that may be available. The instruction is that such efforts be prioritized as a short term goal to establish these additional funding sources.

SECTION 3. Repeal of Prior Inconsistent Resolutions and Council Decisions. All prior resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict.

SECTION 4. Severability. If any section, sentence, clause, or phrase of this resolution should be held invalid, unlawful, or unconstitutional, said determination shall not be held to invalidate or impair the validity, force, or effect of any other section, sentence, phrase, or portion of this resolution not otherwise determined to be invalid, unlawful, or unconstitutional.

SECTION 5. Effective Date. This resolution shall become effective immediately upon passage and adoption by City Council.

AUTHENTICATED this 7th day of August, 2023.

Elaine Brown, Mayor

Catherine Ponson, City Clerk

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:

Zachary Roth

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