

RESOLUTION NO. 2003-69

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE NEW RECOMMENDED BEACH FUNDING POLICY DEVELOPED BY THE COUNTY STAFF AND BEING PROPOSED TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AT THE DECEMBER 2, 2003 PUBLIC MEETING.

WHEREAS, the Marco Island City Council has worked with the City of Naples and other beach communities in Collier County to provide input to the County staff on the need for a rational beach funding policy; and

WHEREAS, the proposed funding policy provides that the first priority for the use of tourist development funds be designated for beach maintenance and re-nourishment and accepts the "access and use" criteria recommended by the Coastal Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, the new policy will make eligible for full tourist development funds approximately 74% of Marco Island's beaches, from the southern end of the Island north to ½ mile north of the property line of Tigertail Beach; and

WHEREAS, the new policy will make eligible for partial funding the remaining 26% of Marco Island's northern beach area (Hideaway Beach). This eligibility will require additional public access and cost sharing with local residents and will be based on the fact that this beach area is a vital tourism area subject to abnormal erosion. This beach area has received tourist funding for the past 12 years, has been deemed a public beach eligible for such funds by State courts and County attorneys, its erosion has significant impact on the erosion rates of adjacent beaches and the formation of Sand Dollar Island and the continued degradation of Tigertail Beach, has open access for boating and will have improved public access from Tigertail Beach in the future; and

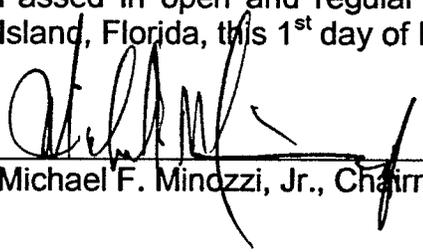
WHEREAS, for this northern beach area (Hideaway Beach) to be eligible for tourist development funds, the new policy will require an additional public access point from Spinnaker Drive across the Hideaway property to the beach and, per County staff estimates, will involve a cost sharing by Hideaway Beach residents of approximately 28% of the total erosion control and re-nourishment project for this area or some \$1.3 million of the estimated total cost of \$4.6 million; and

WHEREAS, the City understands that the County will work out an arrangement with the City regarding its northern beach area (Hideaway Beach) to assure that projects presently in progress will proceed without delay to assure their completion while additional access and special taxing districts are established; and

WHEREAS, the City Council requests that the above understandings be put into an appropriate interlocal agreement between the County and the City to assure a full understanding of the impact of the new policy on Marco Island's beaches.

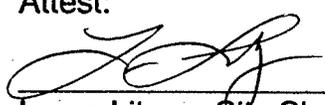
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Marco Island, Florida, in Council duly assembled, to fully support the proposed beach funding policy submitted by the County's staff for Commission consideration at its December 2, 2003 meeting.

Passed in open and regular session of the City Council of the City of Marco Island, Florida, this 1st day of December 2003.



Michael F. Mindozzi, Jr., Chairman

Attest:



Laura Litzan, City Clerk