

BOROUGH OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY OF MONMOUTH

RESOLUTION 17-083

RESOLUTION DECLINING TO ISSUE LETTER OF SUPPORT TO THE U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS AND REJECTING THE COASTAL STORM RISK MANAGEMENT PROJECT

WHEREAS, the United States Army Corps. of Engineers provided information with regard to the design and construction of a project in accordance with coastal storm risk management within the Borough of Highlands; and

WHEREAS, a Special Meeting was held on March 20, 2017 wherein the purpose of the said meeting was for the United States Army Corps. of Engineers in conjunction with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, to provide study information on the Final Feasibility Report and Environmental Assessment for the Raritan Bay and Sandy Hook Bay, Coastal Storm Risk Management Feasibility Study; and

WHEREAS, the United States Army Corps. of Engineers has advised that a Letter of Support from the Borough of Highlands would be required in order to proceed with the aforesaid project; and

WHEREAS, the governing body of the Borough of Highlands has considered all of the information presented with regard to the aforesaid project and the feasibility study contained therein, including but not limited to, that which was presented during the Special Meeting that was conducted on March 20, 2017; and

WHEREAS, after due consideration of the aforesaid Coastal Storm Risk Management Project, the governing body has determined that it is in the best interest of the residents of the Borough of Highlands to reject the said project and decline to issue a Letter of Support.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Highlands that the Borough is rejecting the Coastal Storm Risk Management Project proposed by the United States Army Corps of Engineers and declining to issue a Letter of Support.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough officials, including but not limited to, the Borough Administrator, are hereby authorized to advise the United States Army Corps of Engineers as well as any necessary parties, that the Borough is rejecting the Coastal Storm Risk Management project for the Borough of Highlands and declining to issue a Letter of Support for the aforesaid project.

Motion: to extend this resolution to allow for a Referendum, moved by Mayor O'Neil; Seconded by Councilmember Wells.

Vote: Motion failed by roll call vote (summary: Yes = 2; No = 3).

Yes: Councilmember Wells and Mayor O'Neil No: Councilmembers Broullon, Card, and D'Arrigo

Absent: None

Motion: Approve Resolution 17-083, moved by Councilmember Broullon; Seconded by Councilmember Card.

Vote: Motion carried by roll call vote (summary: Yes =3; No =2).

Yes: Councilmembers Broullon, Card, and D'Arrigo No: Councilmember Wells and Mayor O'Neil

Absent: None

I, Dwayne M, Harris, Acting Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Highlands, in the County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, hereby certify this to be a true copy of the action of the Governing Body, at its Meeting, held April 06, 2017. WITNESS my hand this 20th day of April 2017.

Dwayne M. Harris, RMC Acting Municipal Clerk