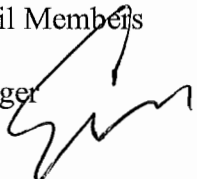


MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members
FROM: Eugene Miller, Interim City Manager 
DATE: March 23, 2010
SUBJECT: Acceptance of the Volusia County Local Mitigation Strategy

Introduction: In order for any agency in Volusia County to be eligible to receive FEMA funds for the purpose of mitigating damages from future disasters, all agencies involved must approve the Volusia County Local Mitigation Strategy.

Background: After declared disasters by FEMA, funding is made available to the county and its municipalities for mitigation of hazards through the Hazard Mitigation Grant program. (HMGP) Volusia County is the lead agency for our local mitigation strategy. This strategy is the governing work of a group consisting of all municipalities and the county as well as some not-for-profit agencies. The strategy outlines how this group will rank various projects and which agencies will receive funding.

Discussion: The Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS) group meets on a regular basis. The group assesses the various requests for mitigation projects and ranks them as to their priority and feasibility. Once ranked, the projects are then voted on for approval by the group. FEMA requires that the LMS be updated and approved every five years. The plan was last updated in 2005 and approved by City Council by Resolution 305-05 on March 22, 2005. Orange City has received grant monies in the past and currently has two mitigation projects that are highly ranked. One is for flood mitigation at Royal Oaks/Miller Lake and the other is for drainage improvements to the Fawn Ridge subdivision to avert roadway damage from flooding. Currently there are not enough mitigation funds available to fund our projects. As of now, our highest ranked project would include some of the construction/purchases necessary to alleviate the flooding problems at Royal Oaks Plaza. Should additional funds become available, Orange City would be one of the first in line to receive those funds. Any projects funded through the HMGP process require a participation of 25% of the costs by the receiving agency.

Budget Impact: There is no budget impact in approving the Volusia County Local Mitigation Strategy. However, Council should be aware that in the event one or more of Orange City's projects receive funding, Orange City will be required to match in the amount of 25% of the project.

Recommendation: The Interim City Manager and Public Works Director recommend that City Council approve Resolution 599-10 adopting the Volusia County Local Mitigation Strategy.

Prepared By: Paul Johnson, Public Works Director *PJ by AB*

Reviewed By: Paul Johnson, Public Works Director *PJ by AB*

RESOLUTION NO. 599-10

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ORANGE CITY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE VOLUSIA COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL LOCAL MITIGATION STRATEGY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, areas of the City of Orange City are vulnerable to the human and economic costs of natural, technological and societal disasters; and

WHEREAS, the City of Orange City governing body realizes the importance of reducing or eliminating those vulnerabilities for the overall good and welfare of the community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Orange City has been an active participant in Volusia Prepares, the Local Mitigation Strategy working group, which has established a comprehensive, coordinated planning process involving the county and its municipalities, as well as other public and private sector organizations, to eliminate or decrease these vulnerabilities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Orange City representatives and staff have identified, justified and prioritized a number of proposed projects and programs needed to mitigate the vulnerabilities of unincorporated areas of Volusia County to the impacts of future disasters; and

WHEREAS, the City of Orange City representatives and staff have reviewed the information provided by or for other participating jurisdictions and organizations, including the projects and programs they have proposed for the incorporation into the Volusia County Local Mitigation Plan; and

WHEREAS, these proposed projects and programs have been incorporated into the current edition of the Volusia County Local Mitigation Plan that has been prepared and issued for consideration and implementation by the communities and jurisdictions of Volusia County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Orange City on this 23rd day of March, 2010 that,

Section 1. The City of Orange City hereby accepts and approves of its designated portion of the Volusia County Local Mitigation Plan; and

Section 2. The City of Orange City accepts and endorses the mitigation goals and objectives established by Volusia Prepares for the countywide plan, and the anticipated schedule for the next updating of the plan; and

Section 3. The City of Orange City finds that the proposed mitigation projects and programs included in the plan by other jurisdictions and organizations are acceptable, that they will not adversely affect the county or its neighborhoods, and that they do not conflict with or duplicate the mitigation proposals made by the county itself; and

Section 4. The agency personnel of the City of Orange City are requested and instructed to pursue available funding opportunities for implementation of the proposals designated therein; and

Section 5. The agencies and organizations within the City of Orange City will, upon receipt of such funding or other necessary resources, seek to implement the proposals contained in the county's individual section of the strategy; and

Section 6. The City of Orange City will continue to participate in the updating and expansion of the Volusia County Local Mitigation Plan in the years ahead; and

Section 7. The City of Orange City will further seek to encourage the businesses, industries and community groups operating within the City of Orange City to also participate in the updating and expansion of the Volusia County Local Mitigation Plan in the years ahead.

Section 8. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the City Council of the City of Orange City, Florida, and approval as provided by law.

ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS:

O. William Crippen	_____	Anthony Pupello	_____
Gary A. Blair	_____	Tom Abraham	_____
Jeff Allebach	_____	Tom Laputka, Vice Mayor	_____
Harley Strickland, Mayor	_____		

PASSED and ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2010.

ATTEST:

AUTHENTICATED:

Deborah J. Renner, CMC, City Clerk

Harley Strickland, Mayor

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:

William E. Reischmann, Jr., City Attorney