CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2023-305

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council President at the request of the Mayor

Date of Introduction: May 9, 2023

Committee(s) of Reference: F, TEU

Date of Analysis: May 8, 2023

Type of Action: Appropriation and designation of oversight agency

Bill Summary: This bill is an appropriation of \$5,107,956.60 from the State of Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) for the Duval County Shore Protection Project. The Department of Public Works, Engineering and Construction Management Division will provide project oversight.

Background Information: The purpose of this legislation is to receive and allocate FDEP's portion of funding for the Duval County Shore Protection Project, a cooperatively funded program among the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, FDEP, and the City. The project consists of the restoration and maintenance of approximately 10.1 miles of beach and dunes in Duval County, from the north end of Hanna Park to the south end of Duval County. The Project will also include a feasibility study, construction, and USACE's multiphase project. This appropriation reflects FDEP's cost share obligation for the Project.

Under normal conditions beach renourishment projects occur approximately every five years, and the most recent renourishments occurred in 2016-2017 and 2018-2019 after Hurricanes Matthew and Irma. The next "normal" renourishment was previously scheduled to occur in 2024 but is now being adapted to wholly repair beach and dune erosion that occurred from Hurricanes Ian and Nicole in fall of 2022 to the pre-storm renourishment condition.

Policy Impact Area: Duval County Shore Protection Project

Fiscal Impact: Appropriation of \$5,107,956.60 as initiated by B.T. 23-082

Analyst: Hampsey

