



**Cooper City Commission Meeting
Agenda Item Request Form**

Commission Meeting/Workshop Date: May 14, 2019

Requesting Department: Mayor Ross/Commissioner Pulcini

Subject: American Flood Coalition

Section:

Presentation

Consent

Regular

Discussion

Background and Recommendation (attach backup material to Item Request Form):

Subject: Invitation to Join 36 Florida Cities in the American Flood Coalition

Invitation to join the **American Flood Coalition**, a group dedicated to giving a unified voice to flood-affected communities at the federal level, to get the federal government to pay attention to, and provide flood-affected communities with the necessary policy changes, funds, and incentives to address flooding and sea level rise.

Ten Florida legislators from both parties have recently joined our coalition.

Back-up attached

General Ledger Account Number(s) and Amount(s):

Approvals:

Finance Director _____ City Manager _____ City Clerk _____

RESOLUTION NO. 19-5-2

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR THE CITY OF COOPER CITY TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN FLOOD COALITION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, flooding during king tides is already a costly nuisance and a problem that if unaddressed will grow worse as sea levels continue to rise, and

WHEREAS, sea level rise has risen 8 inches since 1950 and its speed has increased threefold in recent years, with scientific projections forecasting another 8 inches of sea level rise in the next 20 years, and

WHEREAS, sea level rise of just 4 inches in the last 10 years has increased flooding state-wide by 400%, and

WHEREAS, sea level rise poses a unique threat to all Florida given the limestone bedrock beneath much of the state which allows rising sea water to infiltrate sewage systems and threaten groundwater supplies via salt water intrusion, and

WHEREAS, proactively investing to prevent flooding is a wiser use of resources than spending on flooding recovery, as exemplified by FEMA research showing that \$1 of spent on disaster prevention saves \$4 in recovery costs, and

WHEREAS, national coordination and support are necessary for coastal towns to fully address the challenge of sea level rise and flooding, and the American Flood Coalition provides a platform advocating for national solutions to sea level rise and flooding that invest in and protect our coastal communities, and

WHEREAS, the American Flood Coalition is a forum for best practices and support in developing local and state-level responses to sea level rise and flooding that will enhance the City's sea level rise effort, and

WHEREAS, sea level rise and flooding are important issues that our residents deserve to understand and the American Flood Coalition provides opportunities and tools to communicate with residents on sea level rise challenges and solutions, and

WHEREAS, joining the American Flood Coalition will aid the City's efforts to protect against flooding without requiring any financial support or dues from the City Commission, and

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds that joining the American Flood Coalition will promote the welfare of City residents and ensure the prosperity of the City economy by accelerating solutions to sea level rise and flooding, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF COOPER CITY:

The City of Cooper City recognizes the need to advance national solutions to sea level rise and flooding and will work as a member of the American Flood Coalition to safeguard the welfare of the City's residents.

This Resolution shall become effective upon its passage and adoption by the City Commission.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 14th day of May 2019.

GREG ROSS
Mayor

ATTEST:

KATHRYN SIMS
City Clerk

ROLL CALL

Mayor Ross _____
Commissioner Curran _____
Commissioner Green _____
Commissioner Meltzer _____
Commissioner Pulcini _____

35 Cities in American Flood Coalition (April 4, 2019)

Coral Gables	49,631
St Petersburg	253,693
St Augustine	11,592
Ft Lauderdale	178,752
Surfside	4,710
Pompano Beach	99,845
Sunny Isles Beach	15,399
South Miami	11,147
Delray Beach	65,055
Cutler Bay	40,286
Port Orange	56,048
Key Biscayne	12,344
Boca Raton	84,392
Hillsboro Beach	1,875
Aventura	35,762
Key West	22,682
Lauderdale-By-The-Sea	5,990
Hollywood	146,526
Highland Beach	3988
Miami Shores	10,040
Miami Lakes	32,676
Coral Springs	121,096
Cocoa Beach	11,231
Punta Gorda	16,641
St. Augustine Beach	6176
Venice	17,764
Boyton Beach	68,217

Stuart	15,593
Miami	417,650
Hallandale Beach	37,113
Ponce Inlet	3,032
Marathon	8,622
North Bay Village	6733
Palmetto Bay	23,410
Bonita Springs	43,914
Atlantic Beach	12,895