

RESOLUTION NO. 11-2023

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF INDIAN SHORES, FLORIDA, APPROVING A MEMBERSHIP REAPPORTIONMENT PLAN FOR THE PINELLAS COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (FORWARD PINELLAS); PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF FINDINGS AND RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF RESOLUTIONS OR PARTS OF RESOLUTIONS INCONSISTENT HEREWITH; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Town of Indian Shores, Florida, (“TOWN”) is a municipal corporation located within Pinellas County; and

WHEREAS, the Pinellas County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) was created and established by an Interlocal Agreement in August 1977 to perform transportation functions identified in Federal Laws Title 23 USC and 49 USC; and

WHEREAS, the State Legislature enacted Florida Statutes § 334.215 to define the Metropolitan Planning Organization under State Law; and

WHEREAS, the Pinellas Planning Council board structure was amended to reflect the MPO’s apportionment plan as part of the merger of the two agencies in 2014 and through a special act of the State Legislature (Chapter 2012-245, Laws of Florida; and

WHEREAS, the existing Interlocal Agreement was last amended in 2014, pursuant to the provisions of Florida Statute § 339.175(2)(b); and

WHEREAS, Florida Statutes § 339.175(3) provides that the voting membership of the MPO shall consist of not fewer than 5, or more than 25, apportioned members, the exact number to be determined on an equitable geographic-population ratio basis by the Governor, based on agreement among the affected units of general purpose local governments as required by federal rules and regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Pinellas County MPO is currently comprised of 13 members, one from each of the cities of Clearwater, Largo, Pinellas Park, and Dunedin, two from the City of St. Petersburg, a rotated seat shared by the cities of Oldsmar, Safety Harbor, and Tarpon Springs, a rotated seat shared by the Beach Communities, a rotated seat shared by the communities of Belleair, Belleair Bluffs, Seminole, Kenneth City, Gulfport, and South Pasadena, three County Commissioners and one from the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority; and

WHEREAS, the Pinellas County MPO desires to reapportion membership to provide more representation from the communities sharing seats with more than two other communities and to better reflect the population distribution of the county; and

WHEREAS, the Pinellas County MPO has advisory committees that include representation from all Pinellas County local governments to advance plans and recommendations for consideration by the full board; and

WHEREAS, the Pinellas County MPO has approved a membership Reapportionment Plan which provides for the addition of two members, one additional member from the City of St. Petersburg, and one additional member to allow the rotated seat shared by the inland communities to be split in two. Belleair, Belleair Bluffs, and Seminole will share the existing seat, with the new seat created for Kenneth City, Gulfport, and South Pasadena to share;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF INDIAN SHORES, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That the Town Council hereby finds the above statements to be true and correct, and incorporated as a material part of this Resolution.

Section 2. That the Town of Indian Shores hereby approves the MPO Membership Reapportionment Plan and agrees to be a member in conformance with the Plan and Statutory Requirements.

Section 3. That if any provision of this Resolution is found to be invalid or unenforceable as a matter of law by a court of competent jurisdiction, the offending provision(s) shall be severed and the remainder shall continue in full force and effect.

Section 4. That all Resolutions or portions of Resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 5. That this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon passage and adoption in the manner provided by law.

The above and foregoing Resolution, upon Motion by Councilor Bill Smith and seconded by Councilor Ellen Bauer, was duly approved and adopted at a regular Town of Indian Shores Town Council meeting held on the 9th day of May, 2023.

Voting in favor of the Resolution: **Mayor Patrick C. Soranno, Vice Mayor Diantha Schear, Councilor Ellen Bauer, Councilor Mike Petrucci, Councilor Bill Smith**

Voting in opposition to the Resolution: **None**

Absent: **None**


Abstaining: **None**

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF
INDIAN SHORES, FLORIDA, THIS 9th DAY OF May, 2023.

ATTEST:



Patrick C. Soranno
Mayor



Freddie Lozano, CMC
Town Clerk

