

RESOLUTION NO. 14-117

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MORGAN'S POINT, TEXAS SUPPORTING THE IKE DIKE CONCEPT BEING PROPOSED BY TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-GALVESTON'S DR. BILL MERRELL AS THE MOST EFFECTIVE AND EQUITABLE MEANS OF PROTECTING MORGAN'S POINT AND THE ENTIRE HOUSTON-GALVESTON REGION; AND PROVIDING FOR THE DELIVERY OF SUCH RESOLUTION TO TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY AT GALVESTON, THE GULF COAST COMMUNITY PROTECTION AND RECOVERY DISTRICT, AS WELL AS THOSE STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATORS THAT REPRESENT MORGAN'S POINT.

WHEREAS, the City of Morgan's Point Texas is a coastal Community with 2 miles of frontage on Galveston Bay and residents and businesses including the Port of Houston Authority, Barbours Cut Container Terminal that can be affected by a storm surge and sub-tropical rain events, and

WHEREAS, storm surge entering Galveston Bay as a result of a major hurricane tends to increase in height as it moves further up into the Bay and otherwise endangers human life, destroys property, and damages sensitive ecosystems, and

WHEREAS, a comprehensive flood gate and barrier system along the Gulf Coast, including San Luis Pass, Bolivar Peninsula and the mouth of the Houston, Galveston and Texas City ship channels would provide the necessary protection for the Houston-Galveston region and in particular, areas surrounding Galveston Bay, and

WHEREAS, the "Ike Dike" project looks to existing technology created and effectively used in the Netherlands, and

WHEREAS, in 2010, the Texas Governor's Commission on Recovery and Renewal reviewed by Ike Dike proposal and recommended a six-county public corporation known as the Gulf Coast Community Protection and Recovery District be established to explore viable options for storm surge protection of the Houston-Galveston region, and

WHEREAS, the cost of constructing the "Ike Dike" project would be a mere fraction of the cost of structural damage, lost productivity and environmental clean-up, otherwise incurred without the project after a major hurricane, and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Morgan's Point desires to support the "Ike Dike" project in order to advance the need for a coastal barrier system to protect Morgan's Point and the entire Houston-Galveston region.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MORGAN'S POINT, TEXAS AS FOLLOWS;


Section 1. City Council of the City of Morgan's Point, Texas finds that the recitals set out in this preamble above are true and correct.

Section 2. City Council hereby wholeheartedly supports and endorses efforts by Dr. Bill Merrell of the Texas A&M University at Galveston and others, to create the "Ike Dike" project for a coastal barrier protecting the entire Houston-Galveston region, including communities fronting Galveston Bay, from hurricane storm surges, and encourages the Gulf Coast Community Protection and Recovery District to locate the necessary resources to facilitate construction of the "Ike Dike" project.

Section 3. City Council hereby directs the City Secretary to send a certified copy of this resolution to Rear Admiral Robert Smith III, USN, President and Chief Executive Officer of Texas A&M University at Galveston; Gulf Coast Community Protection and Recovery District Chairman, Mark Henry; the Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership as well as those state and federal legislators that represent Morgan's Point.

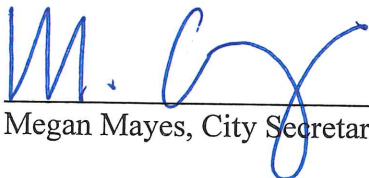
Section 4. This Resolution shall become effective from and after its adoption.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Morgan's Point, this 11th day of February, 2014.



Milo Strickland, Mayor
City of Morgan's Point

ATTEST:



Megan Mayes, City Secretary