

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2014- 4

**A RESOLUTION OF THE OCEAN HIGHWAY
AND PORT AUTHORITY OF NASSAU COUNTY,
FLORIDA, CLARIFYING THE PORT MASTER
PLAN REGARDING AN OVERVIEW OF THE
PLAN; PORT SAFETY AND SECURITY;
DREDGE AND FILL ACTIVITY, SPOIL
DISPOSITION, AND WETLANDS, AND
PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE:**

WHEREAS: The Ocean, Highway, and Port Authority [AUTHORITY] is an independent, special district created and chartered under the laws of the State of Florida at Chapter 2005-293, as authorized by F.S. Ch. 189; and

WHEREAS, After public input and due consideration of the comments by all concerned, and after consideration of the past experience and projected needs of AUTHORITY and its expected income and expenses, assets and its debts, liabilities and obligations, it was reasonable and prudent for the AUTHORITY to adopt its Port Master Plan for purposes of planning and meeting its statutory obligations under FS 311.14. Such plan was adopted by AUTHORITY in June, 2014; and

WHEREAS, After additional public input, it is clear that:

- a. There is a need for an explanatory sub-title and preface;
- b. The additional study of environmental and regulatory constraints, consistent with the statutory obligations imposed, have created public concern regarding **beaches, shores and wetlands** and the intentions of AUTHORITY; and
- c. The implementation of recommended actions consistent with port safety and security should be included; and

WHEREAS, It is appropriate that AUTHORITY clarify its conclusions drawn from such

studies, and to clearly state its goals, objectives, and policies in relation thereto,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF THE OCEAN HIGHWAY AND PORT AUTHORITY OF NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA, THAT:

1. SUB-TITLE, PREAMBLE AND EDITING:

A. A sub-title shall be added to the face of the plan, to-wit: "A REALM OF POSSIBILITIES" followed by the caption, "Data and Strategic Analysis Performed as Mandated by F.S. 311.14(2)";

B. A preamble, consisting the brief history of the AUTHORITY, as found and published on its web-site, shall be added for purposes of additional data, and for consistency and connectivity with the Charter of AUTHORITY found in Appendix B of the Plan;

C. All tables and text which indicate or infer that Alachua Street connects North 8th Street to the Port shall be clearly foot-noted to advise that Dade Street provides the actual connection;

D. An appendix shall be added to correlate the Plan with the components of F.S. 311.14(2);

2. BEACHES, SHORES, and WETLANDS:

A. It is the policy and objective of The Ocean Highway and Port Authority of Nassau County, Florida, that is shall to continue to cooperate with the United States Army, Corp of Engineers, and the State of Florida, Department of Environmental Protection, in the placement of dredged spoil material, obtained from maintenance and dredging of the St. Marys Channel, consisting of beach-quality sands, upon the shores and beaches on the northern end of Amelia Island; and

B. It is the policy and objective of The Ocean Highway and Port Authority of Nassau County, Florida, that it shall cooperate with the City of Fernandina Beach, Florida, and assist that municipality in development and implementation of a spoil disposal program connected with the maintenance dredging of the City Marina and assist, to the extent feasible, with its redevelopment activities along the waterfront of the City, southerly of Calhoun Street, on the Amelia River; and

C. It is the policy and objective of The Ocean Highway and Port Authority of Nassau County, Florida, that it shall cooperate with the Florida Inland Navigation District in development and implementation of a spoil disposal program, and otherwise, to the extent feasible, assist with the maintenance of the inland channel, specifically including that of the Amelia River and/or Nassau Sound in Nassau County, Florida;

D. The Ocean Highway and Port Authority of Nassau County, Florida, finds that it is neither appropriate nor economically feasible to fill any wetlands, beaches, shoreline, or near-shore areas, including marshlands and shoreline owned by The Ocean Highway and Port Authority of Nassau County, Florida, for purposes of expanding the cargo storage deck area of the Port of Fernandina;

3. **PORT SAFETY AND SECURITY:** It is the announced goal of The Ocean Highway and Port Authority of Nassau County, Florida, that it provide the safest and most secure port operation in Florida. To achieve that goal:

A. It is the policy and objective of The Ocean Highway and Port Authority of Nassau County, Florida, that it will swiftly implement the recommendations received from appropriate agencies, including, but not limited to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, United States Coast Guard, Homeland Security, and local law enforcement agencies regarding

the matters of port safety and security; and

B. It is the policy and objective of The Ocean Highway and Port Authority of Nassau County, Florida, that the Port of Fernandina shall comply with all federal and state requirements for the safe handling of cargo, equipment, freight, materials, and supplies, and that the Port shall be operated with an overriding objective that port facilities shall constitute a safe work environment;

RESOLVED, FURTHER THAT: The Ocean Highway and Port Authority does hereby amend the text of its Port Master Plan to be consistent with the foregoing, and deletes all inconsistent provisions, and adopts the foregoing Resolution, dated this 8th day of October, 2014.

OCEAN HIGHWAY AND PORT AUTHORITY

BY:



ITS CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:



ITS SECRETARY