

**CITY OF SPANISH FORT
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
AGENDA**

Special Meeting
August 19, 2023
Spanish Fort Community Center
12:00 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. NEW BUSINESS

Resolution No. 1365-2023----A Resolution in Support of the South Alabama Regional
Planning Commission's Application to the NOAA
Climate Resilience Regional Challenge

IV. ADJOURN TO NEXT MEETING

Continuation of Work Session, if Needed, August 19, 2023
Work Session and Regular Meeting August 21, 2023

RESOLUTION NO. 1365-2023

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE SOUTH ALABAMA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION'S APPLICATION TO THE NOAA CLIMATE RESILIENCE REGIONAL CHALLENGE

WHEREAS, the NOAA Climate Resilience Regional Challenge will support collaborative approaches to achieving resilience in coastal regions with an emphasis on risk reduction, regional collaboration, equity, and building enduring capacity; and

WHEREAS, the South Alabama Regional Planning Commission ("SARPC") wishes to apply for grant funding through the NOAA Climate Resilience Regional Challenge Regional Collaborative Building and Strategic Development Track (Track One) to develop a Coastal Resiliency Plan for the communities of Southwestern Alabama; and

WHEREAS, the City of Spanish Fort supports the efforts of SARPC on its behalf to apply for funding; and

WHEREAS, the City agrees that a Coastal Resiliency Plan is an important planning project that will improve resiliency against severe weather events and enable communities a safe evacuation route; and

WHEREAS, the South Alabama Regional Planning Commission("SARPC") is committed to improving the South Alabama area's coastal areas and infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, a grant award to SARPC through the NOAA Climate Resilience Regional Challenge for the purpose of supporting the Coastal Resiliency Plan for Southwestern can be a key funding component to address critical needs of local, regional, and national importance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SPANISH FORT, ALABAMA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City Council of the City of Spanish Fort hereby expresses its support for the NOAA Climate Resilience Regional Challenge opportunity for the purpose of supporting the Coastal Resiliency Plan for Southwestern Alabama. The City Council authorizes the Mayor of the City of Spanish Fort to execute the letter of support attached hereto as Exhibit 1.

SECTION 2. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this ____ day of _____, 2023.

Michael M. McMillan
Mayor

ATTEST:

Rebecca A. Gaines
City Clerk

EXHIBIT 1 TO RESOLUTION NO. 1365-2023

August 19, 2023

Mr. John F. Rhodes
Executive Director
South Alabama Regional Planning Commission
110 Beauregard St # 207
Mobile, AL 36602

Re: NOAA Climate Resilience Regional Challenge

Dear Mr. Rhodes:

On behalf of the City of Spanish Fort, I am writing to express support for the South Alabama Regional Planning Commission's (SARPC) application to the NOAA Climate Resilience Regional Challenge on behalf of the communities across Southwest Alabama, including coastal communities. This grant provides an opportunity to work collaboratively across SARPC's Region of three counties and 29 municipalities who have more in common than not – especially as it relates to a changing climate and resilient infrastructure needs.

The City of Spanish Fort will greatly benefit from shared and collective decision-making on the following themes: emergency preparation; natural environment protection; renewable energy and energy efficiency changes; improved health outcomes; strengthening the built environment; and economic and workforce development. This grant opportunity supports the areas where our communities share similarities while allowing for improved problem solving across the areas where we are different from our neighbors, building better opportunities to work together.

The City of Spanish Fort will benefit from strengthening communication lines with neighboring municipalities, developing agreements around expected changes to climate, economy, environment, and community, and then developing common goals to address those changes. Having an implementable plan to address resilience for the future also provides the most important tool in any municipality's arsenal – shovel ready projects based on a healthy and community engaged plan.

Sincerely,

Michael M. McMillan
Mayor