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MAYOR HARRIET PRUITTE

RESOLUTION NO. 2010—

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RESOLUTION NO. 2010- xx A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF NEPTUNE BEACH, FLORIDA REQUESTING THAT REGENCY PROPERTIES, OWNERS OF SEMINOLE SHOPS, AND NEPTUNE BEACH REALTY CORP., OWNERS OF NEPTUNE PLAZA, CONSIDER CONSTRUCTING A PASS THROUGH BETWEEN THEIR TWO SHOPPING CENTERS OPPOSING CREATION OF STATEWIDE WATER AUTHORITY, WEAKENING CHAPTER 373 AS RELATED TO "LOCAL SOURCES FIRST" POLICY, OR TO MAKE ANY OTHER CHANGE TO CHAPTER 373 THAT COULD PUT NORTH FLORIDA'S SURFACE WATERS OR THE FLORIDA AQUIFER AT RISK BY THE TRANSFER OF NORTH FLORIDA WATER TO CENTRAL OR SOUTH FLORIDA.-

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Whereas, the mayor and City council of the City of Neptune Beach is responsible for the health, safety and welfare of it's citizens and are vitally concerned about ensuring the long-term availability of clean, abundant and affordable drinking water; Many local residents have expressed a desire to have a connection between the two shopping centers and-

Whereas, the staff of the Senate Committee on Environmental Preservation and Protection has adopted and incorporated, the controversial 2003 Council of 100 Plan, calling for a central state water commission, water transfers, and weakening of "Local Sources First" in this widely unpopular plan, previously rejected by then Governor Bush, the legislature, the head of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, half of Florida's 67 counties, and many cities including the City of Neptune Beach; Businesses located in the Neptune Plaza Shopping Center have indicated it would be good for their business; and-

Whereas, the abutting property between the two shopping centers is owned by Regency Properties and Neptune Beach FL Realty Corp; adopting this water plan would discredit the legislative process and give rise to a widening public mistrust and the perception that our citizens best interests, environment and future water resources had been politically compromised, thus jeopardizing Florida's delicate ecosystems and the supply and quality of Florida's natural water supplies through out the state; and-

Whereas, "Local Sources First" encourages self-reliance, good planning, development of all local resources, use of effective conservation measures, cost effectiveness and a cautious conservative approach that is firmly rooted in hydrologic reality; "Local Sources First" should therefore be retained and all provisions should be strictly interpreted, enforced and implemented; A pass through between the two shopping centers would enhance safety for customers shopping at the centers; and-

Whereas, water transfers have a long and highly visible history of having unintended disregarded, or unknown disastrous consequences. Full and complete scientific studies have

~~not been completed and aggressive conservation has not been implemented. It make good sense from a business point of view to have the pass through between the two centers.~~

~~Whereas, Regency Centers, owners of Seminole Shops, has express willingness to pay for half of the cost for the pass through~~

Now, Therefore, be it ordained by the City Council of Neptune Beach, Florida the following:

- ~~1. Our area is facing growth, economic and water resource challenges, which include pollution and existing damage, and degradation of the St. Johns River and a dropping aquifer due to current pumping levels. This is no "call" for the changes proposed by the Staff Senate Report and we have no "excess" or "free water" to give away, have taken, or be sold to the highest bidder and we strongly oppose any such conclusion or plan.~~
- ~~2. The City of Neptune Beach opposes the creation of a State Water Commission and any change in law that would facilitate privatization of public water supplies or the interbasin or long-distance transfer and redistribution of North Florida water resources to Central or South Florida.~~
- ~~3. The City of Neptune Beach supports requiring the use of "Local Sources First" including conservation, reuse and all alternative technologies such as desalination.~~
- ~~4. The City of Neptune Beach supports restoration of Water Management District Governing Board public hearings and consumptive use permitting oversight authority.~~

~~The Neptune Beach City Council encourages Regency Properties and Neptune Beach FL Realty to build a pass through between their two properties for the benefit of their customers and business.~~

~~The Resolution shall become effective on after passage by the City Council. The City of Neptune Beach Florida does hereby adopt this Resolution and the City Clerk is hereby directed to send copies to all members of the Duval County Legislative Delegation, the Clay County Legislative Delegation, the St. Johns County Legislative Delegation, the County Commissions of each of Florida Counties in North Florida, the North Florida Regional Planning Council, the Northeast Florida League of Cities and each of its members, the Senate Committee on Environmental Preservation and Protection, the House Natural Resources Appropriations Committee, the Speaker of the House, the President of the Senate and Governor Crist.~~

This Resolution adopted by the City Council of Neptune Beach, Florida, at the Regular Council Meeting held this 25th-day of September, 20108.

Harriet Pruette, Mayor

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ATTEST:

Lisa Volpe, CMC
City Clerk

