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TO: Flood Erosion Committee

RE Request and Recommendation to:
Obtain Dredging Permits

It is understandable that the FEP committee wants to keep up to date on dredging permits. Taking into consideration that the sand dredged from the harbor and navigational channel could be used for beach nourishment and aid in the future plans to secure the exposed tie backs on the dike system. Also that receiving permits can be a lengthy process it would be in the best interest of the City to start the process early. It must be considered that if the permits are received and preparations and plans are not in order then the permits could expire. It is important to finalize a plan of how the nourishment will be used to protect the dike walls. The Council requests that during the time permits are being prepared that the FEP Committee work with the City Engineers and the public to obtain complete consensus on a solution.

Permits will be initiated for the harbor and navigational channel alone at this time. The City would be glad to initiate permits for Muddy Creek and Venice Canals, but there is nothing in the planning stages at this time. As in the past for Muddy Creek it was property owners who funded the dredging as it was for their pleasure and not safety that it was dredged. The Council recommends that interested property owners from these areas form committees to discuss specific plans. The City will assist Venice Canals by funding the retainer of our City Engineers to work through this complicated process.

Sincerely,

Mary A. Liske

Mayor

