

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-082

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DANIA BEACH, FLORIDA, OPPOSING THE OIL DRILLING PERMIT APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY KANTER REAL ESTATE LLC, A FLORIDA FOR PROFIT LIMITED LIABILITY CORPORATION TO THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, SEEKING OIL DRILLING RIGHTS ON PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE FLORIDA EVERGLADES, AND SUPPORTING EFFORTS OPPOSING EXTREME WELL STIMULATION, HYDRAULIC FRACTURING, ACID FRACTURING, AND ANY FORM OF EXTREME WELL STIMULATION FOR PURPOSES OF RESOURCE EXTRACTION; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; FURTHER, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Dania Beach, Florida, recently learned that Kanter Real Estate LLC, a Florida for profit limited liability corporation (“Kanter”), has submitted an application for an oil drilling permit to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, seeking authorization to conduct exploratory oil well drilling operations on property owned by Kanter located in the Florida Everglades, which property is located approximately six (6) miles west of the City limits of the City of Miramar; and

WHEREAS, if granted, the oil drilling operation is anticipated to exceed 11,000 feet in depth, well below the area known as the Biscayne Aquifer, which provides the water supply for Dania Beach residents and many residents of Broward County; and

WHEREAS, the City, along with many local agencies, has substantial concerns and serious misgivings about the potential harmful effects of the proposed drilling, including potential adverse environmental impacts such as the degradation and possible contamination of the Biscayne Aquifer, the substantial impact that such drilling operations will have on the Florida Everglades fragile ecosystem, comprised of water supply sources, plant life and vegetation, as well as the serious risk of potential possible harm and injury to wildlife; and

WHEREAS, extreme well stimulation, such as hydraulic and acid fracturing (also known as “fracking”) is a process which consists of pumping a complex mixture of fluids and chemicals, including large volumes of water, under very high pressure into or below the surface of the ground to create fractures in oil-bearing or gas-bearing geologic formations for the purpose of producing or recovering oil or gas; and

WHEREAS, many of the chemicals injected during fracturing may have adverse effects on human health and the delicate ecosystem of the Everglades; and

WHEREAS, use of well stimulation fracturing mixes may expose adjacent land and surface waters to the risk of contamination through open pit storage, truck transport on roadways, and activities during well development such as the exploratory well sought by Kanter; and

WHEREAS, Florida's water supplies and resources are better protected through the prevention of contamination and environmental degradation from the outset, rather than the cleanup of contamination and restoration of degraded environments after the fact; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission deems it to be in the best interest of the residents and citizens of the City of Dania Beach to express its opposition to the Kanter oil drilling permit application and related operations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DANIA BEACH, FLORIDA:

Section 1. That the foregoing "WHEREAS" clauses are ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and they are made a specific part of this Resolution.

Section 2. That the City Commission publicly expresses its opposition to the exploratory oil drilling operations sought by Kanter in the Florida Everglades, and urges Broward County and all municipalities in Broward County to consider the adoption of similar legislative expressions opposing the efforts of Kanter.

Section 3. That the City Commission opposes extreme well stimulation, hydraulic fracturing, acid fracturing, and any form of extreme well stimulation for purposes of resource extraction within the Florida Everglades.

Section 4. That the City Clerk is directed to send copies of this Resolution to the Broward County Commission and all cities within Broward County.

Section 5. That all resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict with this Resolution are repealed to the extent of such conflict.

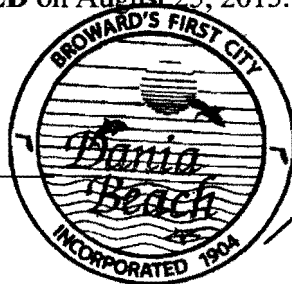
Section 6. That this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage and adoption.

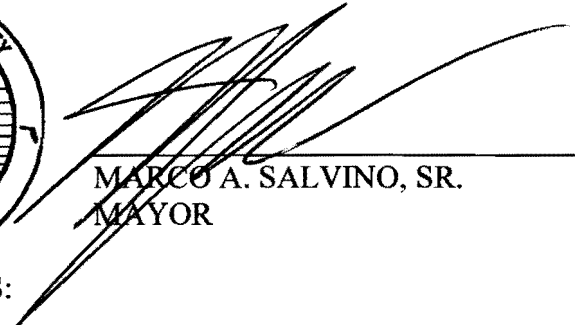
PASSED AND ADOPTED on August 25, 2015.

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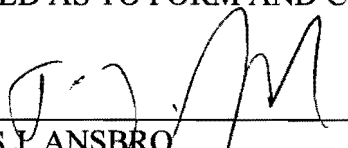
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CITY CLERK





MARCO A. SALVINO, SR.
MAYOR

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND CORRECTNESS:



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