

RESOLUTION NO. 15R-08-196

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL 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, APPROXIMATELY SIX MILES WEST OF MIRAMAR'S CITY LIMITS; SUPPORTING EFFORTS OPPOSING EXTREME WELL STIMULATION, HYDRAULIC FRACTURING, ACID FRACTURING AND ANY FORM OF EXTREME WELL STIMULATION FOR PURPOSES OF RESOURCE EXTRACTION; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY VICE MAYOR HAYWARD J. BENSON, JR.)

WHEREAS, the City 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 approximately six miles west of Miramar's City limits in the Florida Everglades; and

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

WHEREAS, the City, along with many local agencies, have expressed substantial concerns 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 supplies, plant and vegetation, as well as the possible harm and injury to wildlife; and

WHEREAS, extreme well stimulation such as hydraulic and acid fracturing (also known as "fracking") is the process of pumping a complex mix 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- or gas-bearing geologic formations for the purpose of producing or recovering oil or gas; and

WHEREAS, many of the chemical constituents injected during fracturing have documented adverse effects on human health and the environment; and

WHEREAS, there have been more than 1,000 documented cases of water contamination near fracking sites; and

WHEREAS, use of these well stimulation fracturing mixes exposes 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 Miramar to present its vehement opposition to the Kanter oil drilling permit application and resultant operations, since the City of Miramar is the municipality closest to the location of the proposed drilling and the area most likely to suffer substantial adverse impacts associated with the exploratory oil drilling sought by Kanter.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA AS FOLLOWS:

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

Section 2: That it hereby publicly expresses its vehement opposition to the exploratory oil drilling operations sought by Kanter Real Estate LLC in the area approximately six miles west of the Miramar City limits, and urges Broward County and all municipalities in Broward County to consider similar legislation opposing the efforts of Kanter.

Section 3: The City hereby opposes extreme well stimulation, hydraulic fracturing, acid fracturing, and any form of extreme well stimulation for purposes of resource extraction.

Section 4: The City Attorney is hereby authorized to file all pleadings, documentation or other appropriate papers in opposition to the Kanter application.

Section 5: The City Clerk is directed to send a copy of this Resolution to Broward County and all cities within Broward County.

Section 6: This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

DATED this 31 day of August, 2015.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on first reading this 31 day of August, 2015.



PRESIDING OFFICER

ATTEST:



CITY CLERK

MOTION	<u>Bates</u>
SECOND	<u>Thurston</u>
M. BATES	<u>Yes</u>
H. BENSON	<u>Yes</u>
H. BERGER	<u>Yes</u>
K. THURSTON	<u>Yes</u>
R. KAPLAN	<u>Yes</u>

Approved as to Form



W. Earl Hall
City Attorney

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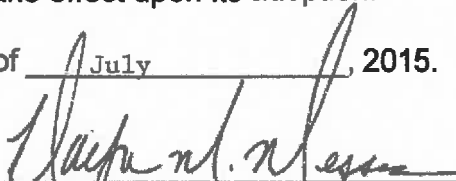
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PASSED AND ADOPTED this 15 day of July, 2015.



Mayor/ Wayne M. Messam



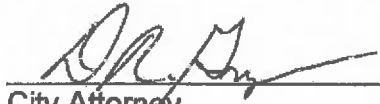
Vice Mayor, Darline B. Riggs

Attest:



City Clerk, Denise A. Gibbs

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have approved this RESOLUTION as to form:

 7/23/15

City Attorney
Weiss Serota Helfman
Cole & Bierman, P.L.

<u>Requested by Mayor Messam</u>	<u>Vote</u>
Commissioner Winston F. Barnes	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Maxwell B. Chambers	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Yvette Colbourne	<u>Yes</u>
Vice Mayor Darline B. Riggs	<u>Yes</u>
Mayor Wayne M. Messam	<u>Yes</u>

Broward mayors stiffen resolve against Everglades drilling

By **Brian Ballou**
South Florida Sun-Sentinel

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A proposed drilling project in the Everglades, five miles west of Miramar, is being met with growing opposition by Broward County mayors and communities.

"We will have an item on our next agenda to oppose any drilling in the Everglades, especially in that area," said Pembroke Pines Mayor Frank Ortis. "It just bothers me that this company submitted an application to drill without even asking the surrounding communities that it will have the greatest effect on."

That city's next commission meeting is Aug. 5, and Commissioner Jay Schwartz plans to have a workshop on Aug. 20 to explain the project to the public and gather opinions from the community.

Ortis and other mayors in Broward County have been contacted this week by Miramar Mayor Wayne Messam, who asked for their support to oppose the exploratory drilling project by Kantor Real Estate LLC., based in Miami, which submitted an application earlier this month to the state. The company owns about 20,000 acres of Everglades land and is planning to drill as deep as two miles to assess the feasibility of extracting oil. Kantor issued a statement days ago saying the project would be environmentally friendly.

Sunrise Mayor Michael Ryan said he plans to support Miramar's resolution, and on July 31 his city will vote on its own resolution opposing drilling in the Everglades. The city also plans to seek out possible legal options to prevent the project.

"I'm deeply concerned about the expansion of drilling in the Everglades in the traditional sense and in the new methods with fracking," he said. "We can't rely on the drilling industry to be the environmental stewards of the Everglades. Given the delicate nature of the aquifer, we don't want this to be another BP disaster."

Many cities and towns in the region draw most, if not all, of their drinking water from the Biscayne Aquifer which runs through the section of Everglades specified the Kantor project.

Environmental groups have already sounded off against the project, saying it would damage the ecological system of the Everglades. For decades, there has been drilling in the Everglades, but no recent major projects have been so close to actual development.

Broward County Commissioner Barbara Sharief said the County Commission may seek a class-action lawsuit against Kantor to stop the drilling project.

"We are 100 percent opposed to drilling in the Everglades," she said. "Our Everglades is a precious ecosystem and it takes a lot of chemicals to go down two miles."

"I think many folks are concerned about this hyper-expansion of drilling activity and the consequences it could have on our drinking water," Ryan said.

Pembroke Pines Commissioner Angelo Castillo sounded off on his Facebook page about the drilling project, stating, "These people have lost their friggin' minds wanting to drill for oil in the Everglades....NO!"

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