

RESOLUTION NO. 2014 -48

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF COCONUT CREEK URGING THE 2014 GUBERNATORIAL CANDIDATES TO OPPOSE HORIZONTAL OIL DRILLING AND HYDRAULIC FRACTURING (FRACKING) IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA IF ELECTED; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS the Florida Department of Environmental Protection has issued a Consent Order against the Dan A. Hughes Oil Company, for the unauthorized use of hydraulic fracturing (fracking) in Southwest Florida, which may cause contamination to the underground water aquifers that supply drinking water to municipal and county water systems, endangering the health and safety of its residents;

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection Big Cypress Swamp Advisory Panel voted to recommend to deny the permit application for horizontal oil drilling to the Dan A. Hughes Oil and Gas Company Permit in Southwest Florida, for inadequate safeguards to drinking water, and threatening the habitat of federally endangered species, such as the Florida Panther;

WHEREAS, the United States Environmental Protection Agency, has issued a permit to the Tocala LLC company for oil exploration seismic testing in 103,000 acres of Florida Everglades, which supplies the underground water aquifers for Broward County drinking water systems; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Commission of the City of Coconut Creek believe that horizontal oil drilling and hydraulic fracturing (fracking) are a threat to the health and safety of the drinking water for the City's residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF COCONUT CREEK, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. Opposition to Horizontal Oil Drilling and Hydraulic Fracturing The Mayor and City Commission urge the 2014 gubernatorial candidates to oppose horizontal oil drilling and hydraulic fracturing (fracking) in the state of Florida if elected governor.

SECTION 2. Directions to City Manager. The Mayor and City Commission direct the City Manager to cause a copy of this resolution to be forwarded to all appropriate parties.

SECTION 2. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage and adoption.

Adopted this 24th day of July, 2014.



Lisa K. Aronson, Mayor

Attest:


Leslie Wallace May, MMC
City Clerk

Aronson	<u>Absent</u>
Tooley	<u>Aye</u>
Sarbone	<u>Aye</u>
Belvedere	<u>Aye</u>
Welch	<u>Aye</u>