



City of Hallandale Beach City Commission Agenda Cover Memo

Meeting Date:	May 2, 2018		Item Type: <i>(Enter X in box)</i>	Resolution X	Ordinance	Other	
Fiscal Impact: <i>(Enter X in box)</i>	Yes	No	Ordinance Reading: <i>(Enter X in box)</i>	1st Reading N/A		2nd Reading N/A	
		X	Public Hearing: <i>(Enter X in box)</i>	Yes	No	Yes	No
					X		
Funding Source:	N/A		Advertising Requirement: <i>(Enter X in box)</i>	Yes		No	
Account Balance:	N/A		Quasi-Judicial: <i>(Enter X in box)</i>	Yes		No	
Project Number :	N/A		RFP/RFQ/Bid Number:	N/A			
Contract/P.O. Required: <i>(Enter X in box)</i>	Yes	No	Strategic Plan Priority Area: <i>(Enter X in box)</i>				
		X	Safety <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
			Quality <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
			Vibrant Appeal <input type="checkbox"/>				
Sponsor Name:	Vice Mayor Michele Lazarow		Department: City Manager's Office	City Commission			

Short Title:

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HALLANDALE BEACH, FLORIDA, EXPRESSING THE CITY'S OPPOSITION TO OFFSHORE DRILLING ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING SEISMIC AIRGUN BLASTING; PROVIDING FOR THE CITY CLERK TO TRANSMIT TO ALL RELEVANT PARTIES; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Staff Summary:

BACKGROUND:

The United States government has expressed interest in opening the Atlantic Ocean and Eastern Gulf of Mexico to offshore oil and gas development and exploration, including risky methods such as seismic airgun blasting. Seismic airguns fire intense blasts of compressed air, one of the loudest manmade sounds in the ocean, every 10-12 seconds for days, weeks, or months on end. It has been shown to harm and injure dolphins, whales, endangered sea turtles, fish, and other marine life. Offshore drilling activities pose threats to treasured vacation destinations on Florida's Coasts, which are of intrinsic economic value for numerous industries, provide essential nursery habitats for recreational and commercially important fisheries, and act as natural buffers from storm surge and hurricanes.

The city of Hallandale Beach recognizes that the tourism and fishing industries, which depend on a healthy and vibrant coastal environment, both serve as major economic drivers benefiting the current and future residents, property owners, and visitors to Florida. Further, the city endeavors to be a good steward of the state and region's environment and its resources. Therefore, the attached resolution makes explicit the city's opposition to offshore drilling and airgun blasting off the coast of Florida.

FISCAL IMPACT:

N/A

Proposed Action:

Vice Mayor Lazarow requests the City Commission support this resolution in opposition of offshore drilling and airgun blasting off the coast of Florida.

Attachment(s):

Exhibit 1 – Resolution