

## **RESOLUTION NO. 18-6-2**

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, 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.**

**WHEREAS**, 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; and,

**WHEREAS**, 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; and,

**WHEREAS**, seismic airgun noise has been shown to harm and injure dolphins, whales, endangered sea turtles, fish, and other marine life; and,

**WHEREAS**, exploratory and commercial drilling, extraction, and transportation of offshore oil and gas resources pose a significant risk of oil spills and chronic leakage; and,

**WHEREAS**, eventual offshore drilling may require significant onshore infrastructure, such as pipelines or refineries, which would harm the character of the coast; and,

**WHEREAS**, 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; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City of Cooper City 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; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City of Cooper City endeavors to be a good steward of the state and region's environment and its resources; and,

**WHEREAS**, exploration and development of oil and gas resources off the coast of Florida will not effectively address the long-term energy needs of our country; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and City Commission have determined that it is in the best interest of the City and its residents to recommend that it would be more economically and ecologically responsible to pursue non-polluting sources of renewable energy such as solar and wind, that pose less risk to the coastal environment and economic health before using uncertain methods of seismic airgun blasting for offshore oil and gas deposits.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA:**

**SECTION 1.** Offshore oil and gas drilling and exploration, including seismic airgun blasting, will put Florida's environment, beaches, marine resources and local economies at risk; therefore the Mayor and City Commission hereby expresses its opposition to these activities and urges the federal government not to pursue such practices off Florida's coast.

**SECTION 2.** The City Clerk is hereby directed to convey a copy of this resolution to all relevant parties.

**SECTION 3. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage and adoption.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 19 day of June, 2018.

  
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GREG ROSS  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
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KATHRYN SIMS  
CITY CLERK

**Roll Call**

Mayor Ross

Commissioner Sims

Commissioner Mallozzi

Commissioner Curran

Commissioner Green

Absent  
Aye  
Absent  
Aye  
Aye



## Cooper City Commission Meeting Agenda Item Request Form

Commission Meeting/Workshop Date: June 19, 2018

Requesting Department: Mayor Ross

Subject: Resolution 18-6-2, opposing off shore drilling

**Section:**

*Presentation*

*Consent*

*Regular*

*Discussion*

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**Background and Recommendation (attach backup material to Item Request Form):**

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. This includes the method of seismic airgun blasting. The effects on marine life from the blasts and the eventual deterioration of Florida's waters and shore line, threaten the quality of all life, economically and physically throughout the State of Florida.

Approval of Resolution 18-6-2 states that the Mayor and City Commission oppose the above activities and urge the federal government not to pursue such practices off Florida's coast.

**General Ledger Account Number(s) and Amount(s):**

N/A

**Approvals:**

Finance Director \_\_\_\_\_ City Manager [Signature] City Clerk \_\_\_\_\_

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