

Resolution of the City of Atlantic City

No. 297

Approved as to Form and Legality on Basis of Facts Set Forth

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A RESOLUTION OPPOSING SEISMIC TESTING AND OFFSHORE DRILLING ACTIVITIES

Council Members GILLIAM & SMALL Present the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, the United States Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) is currently in the process of offshore oil and gas including risky methods, such as seismic blasting; and

WHEREAS, seismic air guns fire intense blasts of compressed air, one of the loudest man-made sounds in the ocean. These dynamite like blasts can occur as frequently as every 10 seconds, for days to weeks at a time and are loud enough to harm marine and aquatic life; and

WHEREAS, the full impact of seismic testing and offshore drilling in the Atlantic Ocean is not yet fully understood by scientists, the oil and gas industry, BOEM or the Federal Government, and lower impact alternative technologies may be available for exploration in the near future; and

WHEREAS, exploratory and commercial drilling, extraction and transportation of offshore oil and gas resources pose a significant risk of a catastrophic Oil spill which would adversely affect the City of Atlantic City; and

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

WHEREAS, the City of Atlantic City is a municipality where a major and significant economic force is tourism related to the appreciation of our coastal environment and beach related activities, which are also the primary factors contributing to the high quality of life which the Cities residents enjoy and which attracts tourists and new business opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Atlantic City believes that more research should be done to fully understand and to better address the impacts of seismic testing and the options for mitigating those impacts before exploration begins including incorporation of the National Marine Fisheries Services soon to be released acoustic guidance document; and

WHEREAS, the exploration and development of oil and natural gas off the Atlantic Coast will not effectively or fully address the long-term energy needs of our country; and

WHEREAS, the City feels that it would be more economically and ecologically responsible to pursue nonpolluting sources of renewable energy through solar, wind and biomass energy production projects that pose less risk to our coastal environment and economic health before using uncertain methods of seismic blasting for offshore oil and gas exploration

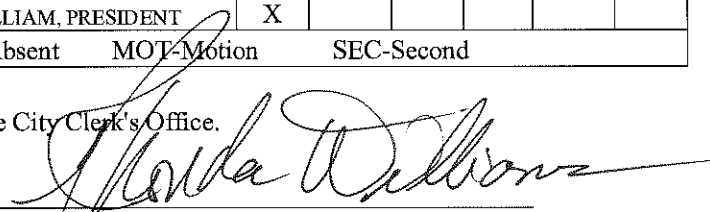
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Atlantic City affirms its opposition to seismic testing and offshore oil and gas development off of the New Jersey Coast and the entire North Atlantic, Made Atlantic and South Atlantic Planning areas.

April 9, 2015 9:13 AM

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DELGADO				X			MOORE				X		
MALIK	X						RANDOLPH	X					X
MANCUSO	X						SMALL	X				X	
MARSH	X						TIBBITT				X		
GILLIAM, PRESIDENT								X					
X-Indicates Vote NV-Not Voting AB-Absent MOT-Motion SEC-Second													

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DATE OF ADOPTION: APRIL 08, 2015



/s/ Rhonda Williams, City Clerk