

RESOLUTION NO. 08-111

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, OPPOSING THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF A DEEPWATER PORT FOR THE OFFLOADING OF LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS (LNG) TO BE LOCATED APPROXIMATELY 8 TO 10 MILES OFF THE COAST OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE.

WHEREAS, a proposal to build a Deepwater Port approximately 8 to 10 miles off the coast of the City of Fort Lauderdale, due east of Oakland Park Boulevard, for the offloading of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) has been presented to the Maritime Administration (MARAD) for approval; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Lauderdale has concerns regarding this proposed project and the negative impacts that are likely to result from the construction of this Deepwater Port; and

WHEREAS, the City is concerned about the safety of its residents who are in close proximity to the project in the event of a terrorist act or other catastrophic event such as a hurricane or gas leak; and

WHEREAS, the City is a major tourist destination and is concerned with preserving the natural vista, the potential loss of biological resources and of current fishing grounds during the construction phase; and

WHEREAS, staff and the City Commission have reviewed the information we have received to date on this proposed project and wish to state that it is opposed to the approval of this project by MARAD and urge Governor Crist to deny the Deepwater Port license application;


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. That the City Commission finds that there are concerns with the proposed Deepwater Port project regarding the construction, proposed location and visibility of the Deepwater Port off our coast and these are of critical importance to the City of Fort Lauderdale.

SECTION 2. That the City urges Governor Crist to deny the proposed Deepwater Port license application due to the negative impacts that are likely to result from its construction.

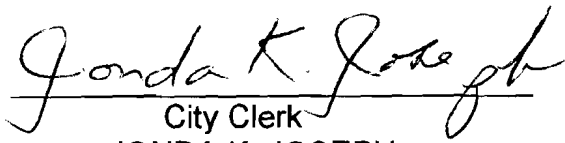
SECTION 3. That a copy of this resolution shall be sent to Broward County, MARAD and the Governor of Florida.

ADOPTED this the 20th day of May, 2008.



Mayor
JIM NAUGLE

ATTEST:



City Clerk
JONDA K. JOSEPH