

RESOLUTION NO 2019-18

A RESOLUTION OF THE PORT ARANSAS CITY COUNCIL SUPPORTING THE POSITION THAT ALL REGULATORY PERMITTING FOR OIL AND GAS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENTS HAVE EXTENDED DEADLINES FOR PUBLIC COMMENT PERIODS TO ACCOMMODATE THE TIME NEEDED FOR THE CITY OF PORT ARANSAS TO PROPERLY RESEARCH, EVALUATE, AND COMMENT ON SAID PERMITS, AND ASK FOR AN UP-TO-DATE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STUDY FOR ANY PROJECT THAT COULD POTENTIALLY IMPACT THE CRITICAL NATURAL HABITAT, BEAUTIFUL BEACHES, TOURISM INDUSTRY, AND THE PLACE WHERE WE RAISE OUR FAMILIES.

WHEREAS, there is currently in the state of Texas a crude oil export boom creating a competitive environment on the Texas Gulf Coast to build one or more VLCC (Very Large Crude Carrier) terminals, with several proposed sites located within the city limits of Port Aransas; and

WHEREAS, the City is still in the midst of the critical rebuilding process as a result of being directly impacted by Hurricane Harvey on August 25, 2017, placing a huge work load on our citizens and municipal staff, re-enforcing the need for extended review periods; and

WHEREAS, industrial development permits are reviewed by the public and reviewing agencies such as the US Fish and Wildlife, EPA, USACE, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), Texas Parks and Wildlife, and others, and such information contained within these permits should be the most updated and accurate scientific data available.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORT ARANSAS, NUECES COUNTY, TEXAS, AGREES THAT:

Section 1. City staff is hereby directed to immediately requests public comment extensions on any and all regulatory permits for industrial development in the immediate region that may impact the city's welfare.

Section 2. City staff is hereby authorized to hire legal counsel to assist in challenging the scientific and socio-economic data's age, accuracy, and soundness contained in any and all regulatory permits.

Section 3. City staff is hereby directed to request updated an Environmental Impact Study for any ship channel dredging projects beyond the currently authorized 54' depth.

PASSED and APPROVED by the Port Aransas City Council, County of Nueces, State of Texas, on this 21st day of FEBRUARY, 2019.

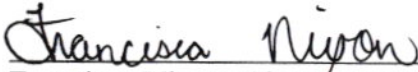


CITY OF PORT ARANSAS, TEXAS



Charles R. Bujan, Mayor

ATTEST:



Francisca Nixon, City Secretary