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City of Pensacola

Memorandum

File #: 17-23 City Council 5/11/2017

LEGISLATIVE ACTION ITEM

SPONSOR: City Council Member Sherri F. Myers

SUBJECT:

RESOLUTION NO. 17-23 - OPPOSING OFFSHORE DRILLING ACTIVITES, INCLUDING SEISMIC AIRGUN BLASTING

RECOMMENDATION:

That City Council adopt Resolution No. 17-23 - Opposing Offshore Drilling Activities, including Seismic Airgun Blasting.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PENSACOLA, FLORIDA, OPPOSING OFFSHORE DRILLING ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING SEISMIC AIRGUN BLASTING

HEARING REQUIRED: No Hearing Required

SUMMARY:

President Donald Trump is set to sign an executive order that calls for a review of locations for offshore drilling and the regulations that govern it.

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.

Past City Councils have on numerous occasions affirmed and reaffirmed their opposition to such activities.

PRIOR ACTION:

City Council Actions:

1990 - Resolution No. 23-90 - opposing the leasing of the North Florida coastal area for offshore oil and gas drilling in the Eastern Gulf of Mexico

1999 - Resolution No. 33-99 - reaffirming its opposition to proposed leasing of the North Florida coastal area for offshore oil and gas drilling in the Eastern Gulf of Mexico

2001 - Resolution No. 10-01 - reaffirming its opposition to proposed leasing of the North Florida coastal area

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for offshore oil and gas drilling in the Eastern Gulf of Mexico

2005 - Resolution No. 20-05 - reaffirming its opposition to proposed leasing of the North Florida coastal area for offshore oil and gas drilling in the Eastern Gulf of Mexico

2009- Resolution 15-09 - reaffirming its opposition to offshore mineral explorations and extraction

FUNDING:

N/A

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

None

STAFF CONTACT:

Don Kraher, Council Executive

ATTACHMENTS:

1) Resolution No. 17-23 - Oppose Offshore Drilling Activities including Seismic Airgun Blasting

PRESENTATION: No