

TOWN OF DAVIE
TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM/PHONE: Gary P. Shimun, Town Administrator

PREPARED BY: Russell C. Muniz, CMC Town Clerk

SUBJECT: Resolution

AFFECTED DISTRICT: Town-wide

ITEM REQUEST: **Schedule for Council Meeting**

TITLE OF AGENDA ITEM: OPPOSITION - A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF DAVIE, FLORIDA, EXPRESSING OPPOSITION TO A PROPOSAL KNOWN AS THE CALYPSO DEEPWATER PORT PROJECT THAT WOULD BRING LIQUIFIED NATURAL GAS TO FLORIDA VIA UNDERWATER PIPELINES, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

REPORT IN BRIEF: A recently proposed project known as the Calypso Deepwater Port is slated to begin development off of the East Coast of Florida. The project is intended to deliver Liquefied Natural Gas to Florida via a pipeline from a buoy located 10 miles offshore. The Town of Davie opposes the project as it may have detrimental environmental effects for years to come.

PREVIOUS ACTIONS: N/A

CONCURRENCES: N/A

FISCAL IMPACT: not applicable

Has request been budgeted? n/a

RECOMMENDATION(S): Motion to approve the resolution.

Attachment(s): Resolution

RESOLUTION _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF DAVIE, FLORIDA, EXPRESSING OPPOSITION TO A PROPOSAL KNOWN AS THE CALYPSO DEEPWATER PORT PROJECT THAT WOULD BRING LIQUIFIED NATURAL GAS TO FLORIDA VIA UNDERWATER PIPELINES, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Calypso LNG, LLC and Calypso U.S. Pipeline, LLC are proposing a project known as the Calypso Deepwater Port Project; and

WHEREAS, the proposal seeks to locate two buoys eight and ten miles off of the East Coast of Florida for exploration and transmission of natural gas; and

WHEREAS, aboard the buoys the gas will be cooled down into a liquefied state and be transported ashore via vessels and captured natural gas would also be transported ashore via a sub sea pipeline that will connect with the Florida Gas Transmission pipeline system; and

WHEREAS, the exact long term risk to Florida's reef system and marine ecosystem are unknown at this time; and

WHEREAS, environmentalists cite the risk of spills and subsequent pollution, and damage to Florida's fragile reef system, as too great a price to pay for the possibility of acquiring natural gas off of Florida's East Coast.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF DAVIE, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. The Town Council adamantly opposes adamantly objects to any proposal that may irreparably harm Florida's shoreline and ecosystem, thereby further impacting Florida's tourism industry and economy.

SECTION 2. The Town Council urges Governor Crist and other lawmakers to oppose this project amid concerns over the safety of the projects and its potential long term damaging effects on Florida's shoreline, ecosystem, and fragile reef system thereby further impacting Florida's tourism industry and economy.

SECTION 3. The Town Clerk is hereby directed to provide copies of this resolution to the Broward County Legislative Delegation, the Senate President Ken Pruitt, House Speaker Marco Rubio, and Governor Charlie Crist.

SECTION 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2008

MAYOR/COUNCILMEMBER

ATTEST:

TOWN CLERK

APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2008