

TOWN OF DAVIE TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM/PHONE: Russell C. Muniz, Town Clerk / 797-1023

SUBJECT: Resolution

AFFECTED DISTRICT: Townwide

TITLE OF AGENDA ITEM: A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF DAVIE FLORIDA SUPPORTING ATTEMPTS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR TO ACQUIRE THE MINERAL RIGHTS OF THE BIG CYPRESS NATIONAL PRESERVE THEREBY AVERTING OIL EXPLORATION.

REPORT IN BRIEF: The National Parks Service recently recommended approval for the first of 26 proposed oil exploration plans in Big Cypress National Preserve. Several environmental groups such as the Sierra Club and the National Parks Conservation Association are against the oil exploration plans as the preserve is home to several endangered species. The plan calls for 14,700 small underground explosions over 41 square miles that would be analyzed for seismic evidence indicating the presence of oil. The Collier Company maintains mineral rights for the preserve, and is seeking either monetary compensation, or developable land from the Department of the Interior in exchange for the mineral rights.

PREVIOUS ACTIONS: N/A

CONCURRENCES: N/A

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

RECOMMENDATION(S): Motion to approve resolution.

Attachment(s): Resolution

Resolution _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF DAVIE FLORIDA SUPPORTING ATTEMPTS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR TO ACQUIRE THE MINERAL RIGHTS OF THE BIG CYPRESS NATIONAL PRESERVE THEREBY AVERTING OIL EXPLORATION.

WHEREAS, the National Parks Service recently recommended approval for the first of 26 proposed oil exploration plans in Big Cypress National Preserve, and

WHEREAS, the plan calls for 14,700 small underground explosions over 41 square miles, and

WHEREAS, the oil exploration would disturb the native habitat of panthers, black bears, and many other protected species, and

WHEREAS, the Department of the Interior is attempting to acquire the mineral rights of the preserve from the Collier Company to avert the exploration for oil and protect this preserve.

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

SECTION 1. That the Town of Davie hereby supports attempts by the Department of the Interior to acquire the mineral rights of the Big Cypress National Preserve, and objects to any proposal for oil exploration within the preserve.

SECTION 2. The Town Clerk is directed to send a copy of this resolution to Governor Bush and Interior Secretary Norton.

SECTION 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2002

Mayor/Councilmember

ATTEST:

Town Clerk

APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____ 2002