

**RESOLUTION
OPPOSING THE CHAPMAN RANCH WIND FARM DEVELOPMENT
IN THE CITY'S EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION**

WHEREAS, the Governor's Renewable Energy Report stated that "While renewable energy has grown rapidly in Texas, the industry is still young with much room for further growth"; and

WHEREAS, new wind farms have recently been proposed in the City of Corpus Christi's extraterritorial jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, there have been and there may be other companies in the future attempting to enter into lease agreements with landowners in the City of Corpus Christi's extraterritorial jurisdiction for the purpose of erecting wind turbines (wind farms); and

WHEREAS, no federal or state laws specifically protect the property rights of landowners adjacent to wind farms; and

WHEREAS, the developments in the Eagle Ford Shale area and significant international investment by industrial, chemical and manufacturing industries in the Coastal Bend contributed to tightening housing market conditions; and

WHEREAS, the primary growth trend for future single family homes, multi-family housing and commercial, retail and office development is on the south side of town, including the City of Corpus Christi's extraterritorial jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the City of Corpus Christi recently entered into a two-year agreement with Goody Clancy & Associates Inc., for Strategic Planning Services to develop a Strategic Comprehensive Plan for the entire City to integrate the growth of the City with a strategic outlook of the components of the plan to include a Vision and Principals Statement, a market and economic analysis of the City, transportation and utility analysis and a fiscal analysis to project 20 years into the future and provide the data needed for strategically managing the growth of the City; and

WHEREAS, the Corpus Christi Association of Realtors and the Builders Association of the Corpus Christi Area have adopted resolutions opposing development of wind turbines (wind farms) because of concerns the wind turbines (wind farms) within the City of Corpus Christi's extraterritorial jurisdiction could hinder future residential and commercial development and expansion of the local tax base; and

WHEREAS, the City of Corpus Christi completed a Joint Land Use Study (JLUS) in 2012 to promote compatible land use development in the areas surrounding the four airfields that Naval Air Station Corpus Christi uses for military pilot training missions, and to develop strategies to mitigate future development of wind farms and other incompatible land uses; and

WHEREAS, the City of Corpus Christi is rightly concerned with electromagnetic interference with navigational radar at Corpus Christi International Airport directly attributable to wind turbines (wind farms) in Nueces and San Patricio County; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI THAT:

The location and construction of wind turbines (wind farms) within the City of Corpus Christi's extraterritorial jurisdiction be opposed until the Strategic Planning Service work, including the Extraterritorial Jurisdiction and Annexation Plan, a Future Land Use Plan accompanied by zoning and urban design recommendations by Goody Clancy & Associates is completed; and

Deny the request by APEX Wind Energy Holdings, LLC, the developer of the Chapman Ranch Wind Farm, for easements across City-owned land for transmission lines related to the project; and

City staff be directed to review the City's existing wind power ordinance and other City ordinances to identify actions available to the Council, up to and including annexation, creation of an industrial district, and any other powers enumerated by state law, to regulate, control, restrict, or prohibit the construction or development of wind farms in the City's extraterritorial jurisdiction; and

If APEX Wind Energy Holdings, LLC, continues to pursue the Chapman Ranch Wind Farm project, that company be encouraged to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the City of Corpus Christi to address areas of concern, including impacts to residential and commercial development, electromagnetic interference with navigational radar at the Corpus Christi International Airport, and any potential conflicts with military pilot training operations at Naval Air Station Corpus Christi.

This resolution takes effect upon City Council approval on this the Twenty-fifth day of March, 2014.

ATTEST:

THE CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

Rebecca Huerta
City Secretary

Nelda Martinez
Mayor

Corpus Christi, Texas

Twenty-Fifth of March, 2014

The above resolution was passed by the following vote:

Nelda Martinez _____

Kelley Allen _____

Rudy Garza _____

Priscilla Leal _____

David Loeb _____

Chad Magill _____

Colleen McIntyre _____

Lillian Riojas _____

Mark Scott _____