



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Regular Agenda the City Council Meeting of December 11, 2018

DATE: July 21, 2018

TO: Keith Selman, Interim City Manager

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Resolution Opposing Trafigura Project

CAPTION:

Resolution opposing the Trafigura Gulf Terminals offshore oil project.

PURPOSE:

The City is asking the Governor of the state of Texas to oppose the building of the Trafigura Gulf Terminals single point mooring buoy project. Since this project would not be required to comply with state regulations which include vapor recovery, the project may have a detrimental effect on the status of air attainment. This would increase costs for all industries and have a damaging effect on the local economy.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

The EDC Board, the Chamber of Commerce Board and the Corpus Christi Convention & Visitor's Bureau Board passed resolutions opposing the Trafigura project. The project is an offshore oil project, that is in national waters, about 15 miles off the Padre Island National Seashore. There is a concern about the effect of the project on our ozone air-shed and the need to maintain attainment status. In addition, there are concerns about safety, response times and abilities, as well as the financial impact on the Port of Corpus Christi (and on existing employers in the Corpus Christi area). There are also elements of Trafigura's application that are either incomplete, undisclosed, or as yet unknown. The EDC recommends that the City Council pass a resolution asking the governor to oppose the project due to the unknown impacts that it might have on the air-shed and the potential impact on our tourism industry (beaches), which are vital to the local economy.

ALTERNATIVES:

The Council could not pass a resolution and take no action.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

None

CONFORMITY TO CITY POLICY:

N/A

EMERGENCY / NON-EMERGENCY:

NON-EMERGENCY

DEPARTMENTAL CLEARANCES:

None

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

☐ Operating ☐ Revenue ☐ Capital ☒ Not applicable

Fiscal Year: 2018-2019	Project to Date Expenditures (CIP only)	Current Year	Future Years	TOTALS
Line Item Budget				
Encumbered / Expended Amount				
This item				
BALANCE				

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the resolution.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Resolution