

RES. NO.
2020-50

A Resolution of the City of Venice, Florida, Opposing the United States Environmental Protection Agency's Preliminary Approval to Discharge Fish Farm Waste into the Gulf of Mexico; and Providing an Effective Date

Mayor Feinsod noted the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued a permit and inquired if council wants to move forward with the resolution.

Ms. Stelzer read the resolution by title only.

Mr. Pachota called for a point of order and clarified if there is no motion then council does not have to vote.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Cautero, seconded by Council Member Moore, that Resolution No. 2020-50 be approved and adopted.

Discussion followed regarding permit being issued, the city's contact with Capital Consulting, and concern with jeopardizing federal funding.

Mr. Lavallee spoke on his communication with Capital Consulting.

Ms. Stelzer advised the resolution title was incorrect and stated title is "A resolution of the City of Venice, Florida, opposing marine fish aquaculture in the Gulf of Mexico; and providing an effective date".

Ms. Fernandez explained basis for the language provided.

Discussion continued regarding tabling item until more information is obtained, item not being in council's purview, including more qualified data in the resolution, ensuring proper review and vetting prior to council taking action, and postponing item to a future date.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Cautero, seconded by Dr. Fiedler, to postpone Resolution No. 2020-50 to the first quarter of 2021.

Mr. Pachota called for a point of order and requested clarification if the motion is being amended or a second motion is being made.

Ms. Stelzer advised a second motion is being made to postpone the resolution.

Discussion followed regarding who will be providing additional information to council.

Dr. Fiedler called for a point of order and noted she seconded the motion.

Discussion continued on having the Environmental Advisory Board (EAB) research item and make a presentation to council in the first quarter of 2021, expressing the city's position, researching actions taken by other

communities, not imposing a timeframe for EAB to present to council, and utilizing lobbyist.

Vice Mayor Cautero restated his motion.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Cautero, seconded by Dr. Fielder, to postpone Resolution No. 2020-50 until the Environmental Advisory Board is ready to present to council. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Mayor Feinsod, Mr. Cautero, Ms. Moore, Mr. Pachota, Dr. Neunder, Mr. Kelly and Dr. Fiedler

Recess was taken at 9:51 a.m. until 10:00 a.m.

B. COUNCIL ACTION/DISCUSSION

20-4812

Authorize Staff to Draft a Resolution Urging the Florida Legislature to Approve Medicaid Expansion for Certain Qualified Adults under the Age of 65 (Feinsod)

A motion was made by Dr. Fiedler, seconded by Council Member Kelly, to approve Item No. 20-4812.

Discussion followed regarding supporting a resolution, issue not relating to the city, postponing item to obtain a perspective from Capital Consulting, denial of Medicaid expansion in Florida, states benefiting financially from Medicaid expansion, protecting residents in the community, council remaining non-partisan and a-political, and the Florida Policy Institute.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Cautero, seconded by Dr. Fiedler, to postpone Item No. 20-4812 until the city manager can obtain a perspective and advice from Capital Consulting.

Discussion ensued on item not being relevant to the city.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Mayor Feinsod, Mr. Cautero, Mr. Kelly and Dr. Fiedler

No: 3 - Ms. Moore, Mr. Pachota and Dr. Neunder

20-4813

Approve 2021 Federal Legislative Priorities

A motion was made by Dr. Neunder, seconded by Vice Mayor Cautero, to approve Item No. 20-4813.

Discussion followed on ranking and order of priorities.

Mr. Lavalley advised he will include a memorandum to the Florida Legislature that clarifies there is no order of priority.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Mayor Feinsod, Mr. Cautero, Ms. Moore, Mr. Pachota, Dr. Neunder, Mr. Kelly and Dr. Fiedler