

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE PETITIONS FOR ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING SUBMITTED ON JUNE 4, 2020 BY FLORIDA KEYS AQUEDUCT AUTHORITY (FKAA) AND THE FLORIDA KEYS FISHING GUIDES ASSOCIATION (FKFGA), TO ADDRESS THE APRIL 13, 2020 NOTICE OF INTENT BY THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (FDEP) TO ISSUE A PERMIT TO FLORIDA POWER & LIGHT (FPL) TO OPERATE WASTEWATER TREATMENT AND EFFLUENT DISPOSAL FACILITIES (KNOWN AS THE COOLING CANALS) AT THE TURKEY POINT POWER PLANT; AUTHORIZING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO EXPEND AVAILABLE RESOURCES IF NECESSARY IN SUPPORT OF FKAA'S POSITION; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the Florida Keys Aqueduct Authority (FKAA), Key West's sole supplier of fresh water, in conjunction with the Florida Keys Fishing Guides Association (FKFGA), filed petitions on June 4, 2020, for an Administrative Hearing, challenging the FDEP's notice of intent to issue a new pollution permit to FPL to operate the cooling canals at Turkey Point Nuclear Plant; and

WHEREAS, past operations of the nuclear facility by FPL have resulted in the creation of a large saltwater (hypersaline) plume which continues to threaten the Florida Keys and Key West with loss of its fresh water supply drawn from wells in the Biscayne Aquifer; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission shares concerns with FKAA, and FKFGA and the Monroe County Board of County Commissioners that the proposed permit will jeopardize ongoing efforts to eradicate the hypersaline plume and have a negative impact on surrounding waters, and on the fresh water supply for over 87,000 residents of the Florida Keys, and the military installations located there.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: That the City Commission supports the Petitions for Administrative Hearing filed by FKAA and FKFGA on June 4, 2020 directed to the April 13, 2020 Notice of Intent by FDEP to issue a permit to FPL to operate wastewater treatment and effluent disposal facilities at the Turkey Point Power Plant.

Section 2: That the City Commission authorizes the City Attorney to expend available resources if necessary in support of FKAA's position.

Section 3: That this Resolution shall go into effect immediately upon its passage and adoption and authentication by the signature of the Presiding Officer and the Clerk of the Commission.

Passed and adopted by the City Commission at a meeting held this _____ day of _____, 2020.

Authenticated by the Presiding Officer and Clerk of the Commission on _____ day of _____, 2020.

Filed with the Clerk on _____, 2020.

Mayor Teri Johnston	_____
Vice Mayor Sam Kaufman	_____
Commissioner Gregory Davila	_____
Commissioner Mary Lou Hoover	_____
Commissioner Clayton Lopez	_____
Commissioner Billy Wardlow	_____
Commissioner Jimmy Weekley	_____

TERI JOHNSTON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

CHERYL SMITH, CITY CLERK