

City of South Daytona

Office of the City Manager

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MEMORANDUM

To: James L. Gillis Jr., City Manager
From: Becky Witte, Deputy City Clerk
Re: Consideration of approving Resolution No. 2023-35 to support Ormond Beach in its opposition to the Belvedere Fuel Farm Project.
Date: September 21, 2023

The City of Ormond Beach has requested collective opposition from members of the Volusia League of Cities regarding the proposed fuel farm project by Belvedere Terminals Company, LLC, located at 874 Hull Road, Ormond Beach. While 874 Hull Road, Ormond Beach is under the jurisdiction of Volusia County, it adjoins the corporate boundaries of the City of Ormond Beach.

The Ormond Beach City Commission is concerned about the potential environmental degradation this project might inflict on our region and the impacts on our quality of life and safety. The Commission has also reached out to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, providing information on the project's potential environmental implications.

The City of Ormond Beach has additional concerns regarding the anticipated increase in traffic, primarily trucks carrying potential pollutants. Roads like Harmony and Hull, which residents frequently use to reach the Ormond Beach Sports Complex, would be at heightened risk of accidental spills and associated environmental harm. Events such as Bike Week and Biketoberfest, that bring thousands to our area, escalate the likelihood of such spills and threats of fire from traffic incidents.

In support of the Ormond Beach City Commission and the Volusia League of Cities, staff recommends the City Council pass Resolution No. 2023-35 to support Ormond Beach in its opposition to this project.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-35

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SOUTH DAYTONA, FLORIDA, IN OPPOSITION TO THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF THE BELVEDERE FUEL FARM NEAR ORMOND BEACH IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF VOLUSIA COUNTY AT, OR ABOUT 874 HULL ROAD, ORMOND BEACH, FLORIDA; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the proposed Belvedere fuel farm would consist of 16 tanks, some 40 feet tall, that will store more than 20 million gallons of gasoline, diesel, ethanol, biodiesel, additives, and propane and will feed a constant stream of tanker trucks (approximately 164 trucks per day), and

WHEREAS, this is an extreme use of commercial zoning which has proximity to the residential neighborhoods of Bear Creek Retirement Community, Ormond Lakes, Ormond Grande Townhomes, Village of Pine Run as-well-as the Ormond Beach Sports Complex with its 29 sports fields. The presence of such a high-use terminal in proximity to residential and recreational facilities with its traffic and noise generated 24-hours a day would negatively impact the quality of life of many tax-paying residents, and

WHEREAS, there are potential safety issues that would exist with the proximity of Ormond Beach Municipal Airport and airport runway, which averages 119,000 operations (takeoffs or landings) per year. Operations include providing flight instruction to student pilots. The risk of potential collisions and catastrophic effects are a major concern, and

WHEREAS, there are numerous environmental concerns which would be created. Air quality is impacted by the release of harmful chemicals during fuel storage, transfer, and loading operations. These chemicals can cause a variety of health problems including eye, nose, and throat irritation; headaches and loss of coordination; damage to the liver, kidneys, or central nervous system. Fuel farm emissions, such as benzene, are known to cause cancer. There is also the risk of spills and leaks, which can release large amounts of pollutants into the environment. Spilled fuels can contaminate soil, groundwater, and surface water, posing risks to the aquifer and impacting our drinking water. Storage of flammable and combustible materials also adds additional risks.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH DAYTONA,
FLORIDA:**

Section 1. The City Council of South Daytona supports the efforts of the Volusia League of Cities and its members to oppose the construction of the Belvedere Fuel Farm in unincorporated Ormond Beach, and recommends the developer seek a more suitable location in a more remote location outside Volusia County.

Section 2. That this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

THIS RESOLUTION APPROVED ON FIRST AND ONLY READING this 26th day of September 2023 by the City Council of the City of South Daytona, Florida.

CITY OF SOUTH DAYTONA, FLORIDA

William C. Hall, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
James L. Gillis Jr, City Manager

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

Wade C. Vose, City Attorney