

Resolution Concerning the Proposed N. C. International Terminal at Southport

WHEREAS, The City of Boiling Spring Lakes is a coastal community where quality of life issues are paramount; and

WHEREAS, medical studies show people living near ports have a much higher risk of cancer, heart, lung and respiratory disease from port emissions; and

WHEREAS, dredging operations associated with the port could compromise the Castle Hayne aquifer, a public water source; and

WHEREAS, Boiling Spring Lakes is home to several endangered plant and animal species whose environment would be negatively impacted by air, water and noise pollution created by port operations; and

WHEREAS, the economic benefits of the proposed port to local communities, Brunswick County and the state of North Carolina have been grossly exaggerated, and discredited by a number of authorities; and

WHEREAS, the port would be located a few hundred feet in front of an operating two tower nuclear power plant and the largest ammunition port in the USA; and

WHEREAS, in almost five years of planning no essential private financial partner has emerged; and

WHEREAS, it is not clear how much of the \$3 billion project will be placed on the taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, competitive ports in Charleston, SC, Savannah, GA and Hampton Roads, VA have approved expansion projects, existing infrastructure and natural deep water harbors; and

WHEREAS, the required highway and railway infrastructure additions and improvements have not been committed; and

WHEREAS, traffic, public safety and emergency services impacts have not been analyzed; and

WHEREAS, all surrounding communities including Bald Head Island, Caswell Beach, Oak Island, Southport and St. James have either passed or are considering passing formal resolutions opposing the construction and operation of the proposed North Carolina International Port;

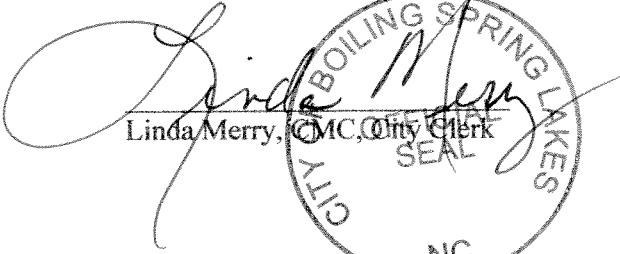
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the City of Boiling Spring Lakes stands in opposition to the following:

1. The City of Boiling Spring Lakes opposes any further funding and/or studies relative to the planning and construction of the North Carolina International Terminal in Southport, North Carolina.
2. The City of Boiling Spring Lakes opposes the construction and operation of the North Carolina International Terminal in Southport, North Carolina.

This resolution was passed by unanimous vote at the July 6, 2010 meeting of the Board of Commissioners.


Richard White, Mayor

Attest:


Linda Merry, CMC, City Clerk
