

RESOLUTION 04-02-2007

BAY AND ESTUARY INFLOWS

WHEREAS,

freshwater inflows to the Matagorda/Lavaca Bay system are important to commercial and recreational fisherman, bird watchers and other citizens living and working in Palacios and surrounding areas; and

WHEREAS,

the sportfishing industry makes a tremendous contribution to the economy of the Palacios area through the tourism it attracts; and

WHEREAS,

the commercial fishing industry provides many jobs in the Palacios area and supplies fresh fish to local restaurants and markets around the area; and

WHEREAS,

the Palacios area is an international birding destination because of the tremendous diversity of birds occurring here; and

WHEREAS,

the sport and commercial fishing industries, birdwatching, and other nature-related tourism activities help support a variety of businesses in the Palacios area, including hotels and restaurants, tour guide operators, marinas and boat dealers, fishing equipment and supply outlets, and bait dealers and fish houses; and

WHEREAS,

sport and commercial fishing and other tourism industries can be harmed by the failure to ensure that sufficient freshwater flows reach the Matagorda/Lavaca Bay system; and

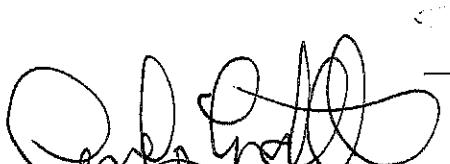
WHEREAS,

in light of the foregoing, it is important for our governing body to speak out strongly in favor of the Texas Legislature taking steps to protect freshwater inflows.

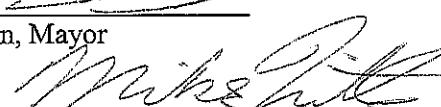
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Palacios that:

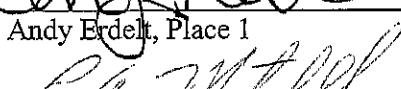
We respectfully urge Governor Rick Perry, Lieutenant Governor David Dewhurst, Senator Glenn Hegar, and Representative Mike O'Day to develop and enact legislation to protect freshwater inflows.

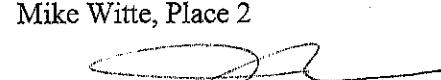
Passed and Approved on this the 20th day of February, 2007.


Andy Erdelt, Place 1


Joe Morton, Mayor


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ATTEST:


Patsy S. Gibson, City Secretary

