

RESOLUTION NO. 07-041

A RESOLUTION AS IT PERTAINS TO
FRESHWATER INFLOWS (REQUESTED BY MAYOR
ORTIZ)

WHEREAS, on February 1, 2005, the City Council approved Resolution No. 05-036 authorizing the City of Port Arthur's support of the Sierra Club in their efforts to protect freshwater inflows; and

WHEREAS, the Sierra Club is once again requesting the support of the City of Port Arthur in its efforts to protect freshwater inflow, as delineated in the request as attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

WHEREAS, although legislation was introduced during the 2005 legislative session and was passed by the Senate, the session ended with the bill awaiting final action in the house; and

WHEREAS, as a result, bays continue to be at the end of the line, both physically and legally, in receiving the fresh water they need from our rivers, and meanwhile, water users upstream continue to seek use of more and more river water; and

WHEREAS, the City of Port Arthur was not alone in recognizing how vital the issue is to the ecological and economic health of the coastal area, and in fact, sixteen (16) other coastal entities passed similar resolutions in 2004/2005, as delineated in Exhibit "B"; and

WHEREAS, it is an opportune time to again stress the importance that some form of legislation be passed in 2007 to ensure our bays receive enough fresh water from rivers to keep them healthy and productive; and

WHEREAS, in light of the foregoing, it is important for our governing body to speak out in favor to the 80th Texas Legislature to take steps to protect and maintain freshwater inflows.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORT ARTHUR:

Section 1. That the facts and opinions in the preamble are true and correct.

Section 2. That the City herein supports the National Wildlife Federation/Gulf States Natural Resource Center and the Sierra Club in their efforts to have the 80th Texas Legislature take reasonable steps to protect and maintain freshwater inflows.

Section 3. That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to Governor Rick Perry, Lieutenant Governor David Dewhurst, Senator Janek, Senator Williams, and State Representative Deshotel and State Representative Ritter as to urge their help in developing and enacting legislation to protect freshwater inflows.

Section 4. That a copy of the caption of the Resolution be spread upon the Minutes of the City Council.

READ, ADOPTED AND APPROVED on this 30th day of Jan., A.D. 2007, at a Meeting of the City Council of the City of Port Arthur, Texas by the following vote: AYES: Mayor Oscar Ortiz; Mayor Pro Tem Prince; City Council Lewis, Barker, Denderson, Beard, Williamson and Siniegal.

NOES: None.

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OSCAR ORTIZ, MAYOR

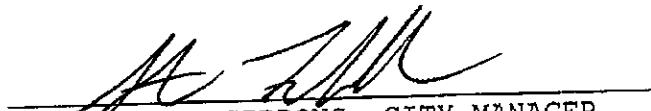
ATTEST:

Evangeline Green
EVANGELINE GREEN, CITY SECRETARY

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Mark Sokolow
MARK T. SOKOLOW, CITY ATTORNEY

APPROVED FOR ADMINISTRATION:



STEPHEN FITZGIBBONS, CITY MANAGER