

PRESENTED BY CANTON CITY COUNCIL

*An Informal Resolution Respectfully Submitted By
Council-At-Large Members Cirelli and Smuckler &
Ward 7 and Ward 9 Members Barton & Horner
on this 3rd day of January, 2011*

WHEREAS, The hydraulic fracturing, aka “fracking,” of underground shale is being utilized to commercially extract natural gas in Ohio and is being contemplated and/or implemented in Stark County; and

WHEREAS, According to credible news sources and anecdotal evidence, fracking has resulted in the damage of nearby water well casings and the pollution of wells with unregulated toxic chemicals; and

WHEREAS, Large mining apparatus with increased related traffic are necessary to fracking as is the transport, high-pressure use and collection of large amounts of toxic chemicals which also pose a risk of air, land and water pollution; and

WHEREAS, Numerous political subdivisions, other state authorities and medical associations are calling for moratorium on fracking in their respective areas to protect their ecosystems; and

WHEREAS, The City of Canton and its neighboring customers rely on the city’s large, pure aquifer as a magnificent health and economic resource; and

WHEREAS, The City of Canton is charged with protecting the health, safety and welfare of its residents and water customers via its police powers and constitutional home rule authority under Ohio law; and

WHEREAS, The City authorities are conducting legal research and pursuing due diligence investigation into safeguarding our residents, lands, water transport and aquifers via future local legislation from the potential threats of fracking.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: that we, Members of City Council of Canton, Ohio go on record strongly urging our Ohio General Assembly and Governor’s Administration to place a moratorium on the future use of hydraulic fracturing of shale for the commercial extraction of natural gas until the safety of the processes and related chemicals have been fully investigated and vetted through the Ohio and U.S. Environmental Protection agencies.

This Council collectively fears the adverse effects and possible irreversible damage to our water systems and supplies that pose a threat to our health, safety and welfare and that of our future generations.

The Clerk of Council is to forward certified copies of this Resolution to the Governor’s office, the Leadership of the Ohio House and Senate and the Senator and Representatives serving the City of Canton in the Ohio General Assembly as well as the Stark Council of Governments.

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~~feel indifferent, I don't like that but I wish I could do more for him because he does so much for his...I'm not in his Ward anymore or we all go around different, you know, different Wards but that guy in my memory is the best Councilman that I've ever seen. So, thank you very much. The Mayor, I'm a conservative, I didn't vote for you but (Laughter) you came to my office and you talked to us, so did your previous Mayor and I love her to death too. You talked to us and that's what I like and thank you for that. But uh...and Joe Martuccio, I just wanted to say I've kind of met you here and there and you've always been a kind person and I think you're very honest but I just wanted to spread that. Thank you. And I wanted to say one thing about landlords, landlords, a lot of them have a lot of misgivings but in the last three years the people that occupy their properties that become so...they're terrible, not all...I'm just saying in the last...things have degraded so much in the last three years. So, please give an understanding to landlords, that's what we have to do to be a fair....a lot of...a lot of stuff that we do, we have to be, you know, (inaudible) You see even with great landlords make, you know, make their houses so nice, they trash...um...so we have to use our discretion so please give them discretion too. I think that's fair, so, but...thank you very much and I like to be positive so, you're a great bunch of people. Thank you.~~

~~PRESIDENT PRO TEM DOUGHERTY: Thank you very much for coming down this evening.~~

INFORMAL RESOLUTIONS

PRESIDENT PRO TEM DOUGHERTY: We are now under Informal Resolutions. Madame Clerk will you please read Resolution 1.

#1. CIRELLI, M., SMUCKLER B., CNL-AT-LRG, BARTON, P. WARD 7 CNCL MBR & HORNER, B. WARD 9 CNCL MBR: URGING GOVERNOR & OHIO GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO PLACE A MORATORIUM ON FUTURE USE OF HYDRAULIC FRACTURING. - ADOPTED

PRESIDENT PRO TEM DOUGHERTY: Member Prater.

MEMBER PRATER: Mr. President, I move we adopt Informal Resolution #1.

MEMBER CIRELLI: Seconded.

PRESIDENT PRO TEM DOUGHERTY: It's been moved and seconded to adopt Resolution 1. Any discussion? Roll call...sorry voice vote, all those in favor, signify by saying aye. Those opposed no.

NO REMARKS

RESOLUTION #1 PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE

PRESIDENT PRO TEM DOUGHERTY: Informal Resolution 1 has been adopted.

COMMUNICATIONS

~~PRESIDENT PRO TEM DOUGHERTY: We're now under Communications. Let the journal show that all Communications are received as read.~~

~~**NOTE: ALL COMMUNICATIONS WHICH FOLLOW, LISTED BY AGENDA TITLE, ARE ON FILE IN THEIR ENTIRETY IN THE COUNCIL OFFICE WITH THE AGENDA ITEMS FILE DATED JANUARY 3, 2011.**~~

*PRESENTED BY
CANTON CITY COUNCIL*

*An Informal Resolution Respectfully Submitted By
Council-As-A-Whole
on this 7th day of March, 2011*

WHEREAS, The passage of House Bill 133 would create the Oil and Gas Leasing Board and establish a procedure by which the Board may enter into leases for oil and gas production on land owned or under the control of a state agency for the purpose of providing funding for capital operating costs for the agency; and

WHEREAS, Drilling on state lands would negatively impact the aesthetics and environmental qualities of state lands; and

WHEREAS, The natural beauty of our State parks should be preserved; and

WHEREAS, Allowing such drilling could adversely affect our water, air and land through potentially serious nuisances and pollution of various types; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: that we, Members of City Council of Canton, Ohio go on record opposing House Bill 133 which would allow drilling in state owned recreational and park lands.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING MARCH 7, 2011

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: We're now under Informal Resolutions. We have two this evening, our first is Informal Resolution 10, Opposing House Bill 133. Leader.

#10. COUNCIL-AS-A-WHOLE: OPPOSING HOUSE BILL 133. - ADOPTED

MEMBER DOUGHERTY: Mr. President, I move we adopt Resolution #10.

MEMBER PRATER: Seconded.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: It's been moved and seconded that you adopt Resolution 10. Any remarks?

MEMBER CIRELLI: Mr. President, may we have our Clerk of Council read it please, thank you.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Yes, Madame Clerk.

CLERK TIMBERLAKE: The passage of House Bill 133 would create the Oil and Gas Leasing Board and establish a procedure by which the Board may enter into leases for oil and gas production on land owned or under the control of a state agency for the purpose of providing funding for capital operating costs for the agency; and *WHEREAS*, Drilling on state lands would negatively impact the aesthetics and environmental qualities of state lands; and *WHEREAS*, The natural beauty of our State parks should be preserved; and *WHEREAS*, Allowing such drilling could adversely affect our water, air and land through potentially serious nuisances and pollution of various types; and *NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED* that we, Members of City Council of Canton, Ohio go on record opposing House Bill 133 which would allow drilling in state owned recreational and park lands.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Thank you Madame Clerk. Any remarks other than that, Member Cirelli.

MEMBER CIRELLI: Thank you Mr. President. I know that all of Council is going to support this because to me and I think everybody else, our State parks are kind of like sacred places that we want to keep them as they are for the betterment of our youth, for the people today and for the people of tomorrow. I don't think we need to turn them into commercial developments. Thank you sir.

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: Thank you Member Cirelli. Any other remarks? Hearing none, by voice vote, all those in favor of Informal Resolution 10, signify by saying aye. Those opposed no.

NO REMARKS

RESOLUTION #10 PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE

PRESIDENT SCHULMAN: The ayes have it and the Resolution carries. Thank you Member Cirelli. ~~We're now on Resolution #11. Leader.~~

~~#11. COUNCIL AS A WHOLE: RECOGNIZING THE CANTON COMMUNITY KIDSUMMIT AGAINST DRUGS FOR THEIR COMMITMENT TO OUR YOUTH. ADOPTED~~

~~MEMBER DOUGHERTY: Mr. President, I move we adopt Resolution 11.~~

~~MEMBER PRATER: Seconded.~~