



City of Coral Gables
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
January 12, 2021

ITEM TITLE:

RESOLUTION. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA URGING THE BAHAMIAN GOVERNMENT TO REVOKE OFFSHORE OIL DRILLING EXPLORATION LICENSES AND PERMANENTLY BAN OFFSHORE DRILLING ACTIVITIES IN THE BAHAMAS (Sponsored by Commissioner Keon) (Sponsored by Mayor Valdés-Fauli)

BRIEF HISTORY:

The Bahamas Petroleum Company (“BPC”) has been granted an offshore oil drilling exploration license by the Bahamian government that allows them to construct offshore oil drilling wells 150 miles off the coast of Florida. Offshore drilling like this can pose threats to destinations along the Florida coast, including the City of Coral Gables.

In Resolution 2018-235 the City Commission expressed its opposition to offshore drilling and exploration activities in the State of Florida as the City endeavors to protect the environmental health of all marine habitats in the Caribbean and the Atlantic, and particularly, off the coast of the City and Biscayne Bay.

The City urges the Bahamian government to revoke BPC’s offshore oil drilling exploration license and permanently ban offshore oil drilling activities in the Bahamas, and further urges Miami-Dade County and the State of Florida to oppose such offshore oil drilling and work with the Bahamian government in such efforts.

ATTACHMENT(S):

- 1. Draft Resolution**