

RESOLUTION NO.: 166 - 2017

OF

JUNE 12, 2017

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWBURGH  
SUPPORTING PROPOSED STATE LEGISLATION TO ESTABLISH  
TANKER-AVOIDANCE ZONES IN THE HUDSON RIVER

WHEREAS, in June 2016, the U.S. Coast Guard announced that it was soliciting comments and concerns from the public on a proposal to establish a large number of anchorage grounds for commercial vessels in the Hudson River that commercial tankers would use as rest stops; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 244-2016 of September 12, 2016, the City Council of the City of Newburgh announced its firm and unequivocal opposition to the proposed anchorages; urged the U.S. Coast Guard to conduct public meetings; and demanded further and additional information concerning the multitude of impacts the proposal would have on the City's environment, residents and economy; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 72-2017 of March 13, 2017, the City Council of the City of Newburgh adopted the Hudson River Waterfront Alliance pledge to join in the collaborated efforts to examine the impacts of proposed anchorage sites, provide information to residents and stakeholders and to protect and preserve the interests of the Hudson River communities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Newburgh is home to a rapidly developing Hudson River waterfront, as well as a large historic district listed on the National Register of Historic Places and Washington's Headquarters Historic Site, both having majestic Hudson River views, which the integrity of these economic, historic and scenic assets are threatened by the U.S. Coast Guard's proposal; and

WHEREAS, the City of Newburgh has documented its concerns about the anchoring of petroleum-carrying tankers, including disrupting the economic vitality of the waterfront, endangering drinking water supplies, damaging fish habitat and detracting from scenic beauty and quality of life along the river as described in Resolution No. 244-2016 of September 12, 2016 and Resolution No. 72-2017 of March 13, 2017; and

WHEREAS, New York State Assembly member Didi Barrett has introduced Assembly Bill A06825, which would enable New York State agencies to consider environmental impacts in designating "tanker-avoidance zones"; and

WHEREAS, New York State Senator Sue Serino has introduced the same measure in the Senate as Bill S05197; and

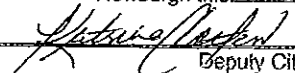
WHEREAS, this proposal would enable New York State to take a stronger role in controlling the placement of any anchorage areas for petroleum-carrying vessels, to ensure that the needs of the Hudson River and riverfront communities are protected;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Newburgh expresses its support for Assembly Bill A06825 and Senate Bill S05197; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk of the City of Newburgh, New York forward copies of this resolution to Assembly Member Frank Skartados, Assembly Member Didi Barrett, N.Y. Senator William Larkin, N.Y. Senator Sue Serino, the New York Conference of Mayors, Riverkeeper Campaign Advocacy Coordinator Jeremy Cherson and Scenic Hudson Advocacy Associate Rebecca De La Cruz.

I, ~~Karina Cotten~~, Deputy City Clerk of the City of Newburgh hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing with the original resolution adopted by the Council of the City of Newburgh at a regular meeting held 6/12/17 and that it is a true and correct copy of such original.

Witness my hand and seal of the City of Newburgh this 13th day of June 2017

  
Deputy City Clerk