

RESOLUTION NO. 79 OF 2019

A RESOLUTION OBJECTING TO THE ACCEPTANCE OF OUTSIDE EXPLOSIVE AND INDUSTRIAL WASTE FOR DISPOSAL AT CAMP MINDEN, AT THIS TIME, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

BY: COUNCILWOMAN LEVETTE FULLER

WHEREAS, thousands of citizens in North Louisiana, including many Shreveport residents, came together in 2015 to stop the open burn of 15 million pounds of M6 propellant at Camp Minden; and

WHEREAS, in 2015 the City of Shreveport passed a resolution (Resolution No. 16 of 2015) asking the EPA to ensure the safe disposal of the M6 propellant and to involve the community and local officials in the process; and

WHEREAS, several residents of Shreveport as well as an official representative of the city of Shreveport served on the Camp Minden Dialogue Committee that reviewed alternative technologies to open burning; and

WHEREAS, the Camp Minden Dialogue Committee, which included citizens, scientists, local officials, and representatives from the EPA, the Louisiana Military Department, and the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality issued a report, which included a statement that any technology brought in to dispose of the M6 propellant must be removed from Camp Minden, and that we would not become a permanent explosive hazardous waste disposal center; and

WHEREAS, in 2017 thousands of citizens mobilized again to prevent the burn chamber from remaining at Camp Minden and to prevent explosive hazardous waste from being imported into the state for disposal; and

WHEREAS, in 2017 the City of Shreveport passed a second resolution (Resolution No. 52 of 2017) opposing the continued use of the burn chamber after the disposal of the original 15 million pounds of explosive hazardous materials; and

WHEREAS, in 2017 the Governor's office issued a statement that the M6 propellant was disposed of; that the burn chamber would not be used again at Camp Minden, and the burn chamber would be removed from the site; and

WHEREAS, in 2017 the Louisiana Military Department issued a RFP asking for proposals to remove the Burn Chamber and all related equipment from the state of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, in the spring of 2019, General Curtis of the Louisiana Military Department testified to the House Appropriations Committee that the Burn Chamber had been sold and that the buyer was considering siting it in Northwest Louisiana, excluding Bossier and Webster parishes; and

WHEREAS, the risks and concerns about importing and burning explosive hazardous wastes have not changed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Shreveport City Council in due, regular and legal session convened, that because of the risk to the citizens of the Greater Shreveport Community and their property, the Shreveport City Council opposes the siting of the burn chamber in Northwest Louisiana and the importation of explosive hazardous waste into our community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall be sent to the Governor of the State of Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if any provisions or item of this resolution or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications, and to this end, the provisions of this resolution are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions or parts thereof in conflict hereby are hereby repealed.

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

City Attorney's Office