

RESOLUTION NO. 30 , 2018

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONCERN FOR THE STATE OF OHIO TO STRENGTHEN REQUIREMENTS FOR SITING NATURAL GAS PIPELINES

WHEREAS, the City of Montgomery recognizes that the State of Ohio has a growing economic interest in supplying natural gas to businesses and residents throughout the State, and high-pressure natural gas pipelines are being installed throughout Ohio and the region to transmit this gas; and

WHEREAS, high-pressure natural gas pipelines, if ruptured or damaged, can pose significant risk to public safety and the environment due to the high operating pressure and the highly flammable, explosive, and toxic properties of the products being transported within such pipelines; and

WHEREAS, the City of Montgomery believes that the regulation of the location of high-pressure pipelines carrying potentially flammable, explosive liquids is paramount to preserve public safety and the environment, and the City wishes to advocate that the State of Ohio pass legislation, consistent with the laws in other states, to more closely regulate and allow for local input concerning the location of such pipelines within Ohio communities; and

WHEREAS, Duke Energy currently has an application pending with the Ohio Power Siting Board to construct a pressurized pipeline throughout Hamilton County.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Montgomery, Hamilton County, Ohio, that:

SECTION 1. The Council and Administration of the City of Montgomery, Ohio recommend that the State of Ohio enact updated legislation to require appropriate and safe

setbacks, allow local input from impacted jurisdictions, and require its agencies to consider public safety in the siting criteria to be considered when weighing a request to construct pressurized pipelines throughout the State of Ohio.

SECTION 2. Until updated regulations can be enacted to add public safety as a specific criteria, the City asks that the Ohio Power Siting Board weigh public safety and the potential dangers to residents throughout Southwestern Ohio when reviewing the application by Duke Energy for the location of the natural gas pipeline within the Greater Cincinnati community.

SECTION 3. A copy of this Resolution shall be presented by the Clerk of Council to our local State Representatives and Senators and the appropriate State agencies concerning the siting of the current pipeline throughout Hamilton County, Ohio.

SECTION 4. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

PASSED: November 7, 2018

ATTEST: Connie M. Gaylor
Connie M. Gaylor, Clerk of Council

Christopher P. Dobrozi
Christopher P. Dobrozi, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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