## CITY OF OCEAN CITY CAPE MAY COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

## RESOLUTION 22-58-394

OPPOSING THE OCEAN WIND, LLC REQUEST FOR EASEMENTS ACROSS GREEN ACRES RESTRICTED PROPERTIES, AS WELL AS THEIR REQUEST TO GRANT CERTAIN ENVIRONMENTAL PERMITS IN AND WITH RESPECT TO THE CITY OF OCEAN CITY AS IT RELATES TO THE CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATIONS OF THE OCEAN WIND 1 OFFSHORE WIND PROJECT.

WE ASK THE BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES TO DECLINE THESE REQUESTS

WHEREAS, Ocean Wind, LLC has requested easements and permits that violate and potentially endanger the health and well being of Green Acres Restricted Properties in our community and that they have other viable options to accomplish their project.

WHREAS, that the City Council of the City of Ocean City, herby declares the following:

- 1. The City Council of the City of Ocean City strongly opposes any easement across our Green Acres Restricted Properties being granted to Ocean Wind, LLC.
- 2. The City Council of the City of Ocean City strongly opposes any Environmental Permits being granted to Ocean Wind, LLC in relation to our Green Acres Restricted Properties.
- 3. The City Council of the City of Ocean City finds it inappropriate that Environmental Permit requests would be requested at the State and Local level prior to the completion of the Federal Environmental Impact Study.
- 4. Once the Federal Environmental Impact Studies have been completed and the reports are released for review, the City Council of the City of Ocean City will be willing to review the Environmental Permit requests based on their merits.
- 5. The City Council of the City of Ocean City values our Green Acres Restricted Properties and does not want them exploited.
- 6. The City Council of the City of Ocean City was present for a presentation made by Orsted related to the Ocean Wind, LLC project. During that presentation the Orsted representative specifically stated that there were alternative paths that they could take to get their power lines to the power grid on the Mainland that did not include crossing throw Ocean City. One such option that she said was possible involved going around the island threw the inlet directly to the Mainland. When asked why they did not prefer that path, she indicated that it would be more expensive.
- 7. The City Council of the City of Ocean City strongly opposes Ocean Winds, LLC's requests because they have other reasonable options that they can pursue that do not include damaging and violating our cherished Green Acres Restricted Properties.

NOW THERE FORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Clerk shall forward a copy of this Resolution to the following: Cape May County Commissioners; District One Legislative; Congressman Van Drew; Governor, Phil Murphy; Ocean Wind, LLC, Joseph Fiordaliso, President Board of Public Utilities.

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OCEAN CITY, NJ 08226

May 26, 2022

Office of the Governor The Honorable Governor Phil Murphy PO Box 001 Trenton, NJ 08625

Dear Governor Murphy:

On behalf of the Ocean City Council enclosed is a copy of Resolution No. 22-58-394 "Opposing the Ocean Wind, LLC request for Easements across Green Acres Restricted Properties, as well as their Request to Grant Certain Environmental Permits in and with Respect to the City of Ocean City as it Relates to the Construction and Operations of the Ocean Wind 1 Offshore Wind Project. We Ask the Board of Public Utilities to Decline these Requests".

This resolution was brought forward by former Councilman Michael DeVlieger adopted by the Ocean City Council at a Regular meeting held on May 26, 2022.

If I can be of assistance to you, I can be reached at 609.703-0750.

Sincerely,

Robert S. Barr

Ocean City Council President

Enclosure

cc:\ Senator, Jeffrey VanDrew; Senator, Michael Testa; Cape May County Commissioners: Gerald Thornton, Director; Leonard Desiderio; E. Marie Hayes; Will Morey, District One Legislatives: Antwan McClellan; Erik Simonsen; Joseph Floridaliso, President Board of Public Utilities; Orsted, Senior Legal Counsel, Aaron Bullwinkel; Marc Reimer Orsted, Legal Counsel; Madeline Urbish, Director, Government Affairs