

SPECIAL MEETING of the Burrillville Town Council to be held Thursday, September 22, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Auditorium of the Burrillville High School, 425 East Avenue, Harrisville, for and within the Town of Burrillville.

PRESENT: Council President John F. Pacheco III and Councilors Stephen N. Rawson, Nancy F. Binns, Michelle D. Bouchard, Kimberly Brissette Brown, Donald A. Fox and David J. Place

MEMBERS ABSENT:

RE: Invenergy Thermal Development LLC's Application to Construct the Clear River Energy Center Power Plant in Burrillville, RI

1. Consider and act on a motion to adopt a resolution opposing Invenergy Thermal Development LLC's Application to Construct the Clear River Energy Center Power Plant in Burrillville, RI, to authorize Council President John F. Pacheco III to testify before the Energy Facility Siting Board to present the position of the Town of Burrillville and to approve the Council President's testimony as presented to the Town Council on September 22, 2016 as it may be amended.
2. Adjournment

The Town of Burrillville will provide accommodations needed to ensure equal participation. Please contact the Burrillville Town Clerk at least three (3) business days prior to the meeting so arrangements can be made to provide such assistance at no cost to the person requesting it. A request for this service can be made in writing or by calling (401) 568-4300 (voice) or "via RI Relay 1-800-745-5555" (TTY).


JOHN F. PACHECO III
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Burrillville Town Council
CC: Michael C. Wood, Town Manager
Oleg Nikolyszyn, Town Solicitor
Louise R. Phaneuf, Town Clerk
FROM: John F. Pacheco III
DATE: September 15, 2016
RE: Proposed Power Plant – Council Position



Since Invenergy first submitted their application to the Energy Facility Siting Board to build a power plant on Wallum Lake Road we, the Burrillville Town Council, have maintained a neutral position. It was, and remains, my opinion that it was the correct course of action. Waiting allowed us time to come to a fully informed decision and to allow our boards and town officials to work without undue influence.

Now, the Burrillville Planning and Zoning Boards, the Building Official and the Tax Assessor have filed their formal advisories. Our expert consultants have provided detailed reports. And – we have heard from many Burrillville residents on many occasions.

I would like to recommend that the time has come for a formal vote of the Town Council relative to the Invenergy application. To that end, I am calling a special meeting on Thursday, September 22, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the Burrillville High School.

As your Council President, I respectfully ask that you review the attached draft of a resolution in opposition to the siting of the power plant on Wallum Lake Road. It's my hope that the Town Council will join me in unanimously adopting this resolution.

RECOMMENDATION to adopt a resolution opposing Invenergy Thermal Development LLC's application to Construct the Clear River Energy Center Power Plant in Burrillville, RI, to authorize Council President John F. Pacheco III to testify before the Energy Facility Siting Board to present the position of the Town of Burrillville and to approve the Council President's testimony as presented to the Council on September 22, 2016 or as it may be amended.

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Burrillville Town Council

Resolution Opposing the Siting of the Clear River Energy Center in Burrillville, RI

- WHEREAS, on October 29, 2015 Invenergy Thermal Development LLC filed an application to Construct the Clear River Energy Center Power Plant in Burrillville, RI with the Rhode Island Energy Facility Siting Board (EFSB); and
- WHEREAS, in the months since the filing of that application, the Town of Burrillville has conducted extensive study of the application with and through credentialed professionals, including studies of noise, water, traffic and air quality, among others; and
- WHEREAS, after considering expert testimony and conducting thorough public hearing the Burrillville Planning Board and Zoning Board of Review have advised the EFSB that Burrillville, RI is not a suitable site for the Clear River Energy Center; and
- WHEREAS, the Burrillville Building Inspector and Burrillville Tax Assessor, have also submitted advisory opinions to the EFSB expressing the impact the proposed Clear River Energy Center would have on the Town of Burrillville; and
- WHEREAS, during the past eleven months, many citizens of the Town of Burrillville have expressed clear opposition to the siting of the Clear River Energy Center for reasons including the impacts on property, environment, water and traffic; and
- WHEREAS, the Burrillville Town Council joins with the citizens and officials of Burrillville expressing concerns and objections to the siting of the Clear River Energy Center in Burrillville, RI, as delineated in the testimony of Council President John F. Pacheco III.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Town Council of the Town of Burrillville, do hereby oppose the siting of the Clear River Energy Center in Burrillville, RI.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the testimony of Council President John F. Pacheco III, as it may be amended, is hereby adopted and incorporated by reference into this resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Burrillville Town Council President John F. Pacheco III, is hereby authorized and directed to testify before the EFSB to express the opposition of the Town to the siting of the Clear River Energy Center in Burrillville, RI.

Adopted this 22nd day of September 2016

John F. Pacheco III, President
Burrillville Town Council

ATTEST: _____
Louise R. Phaneuf, Town Clerk