



AGENDA ITEM REQUEST

Policy and Guidelines for City Council Agenda

Only the Mayor, Councilperson, City Administrator or City Secretary will be allowed to put items on the agenda.

Items to be on the agenda must be in the City Secretary's office no later than 12:00 noon on the Wednesday preceding the council meeting.

Date August 7, 2023 for Council Session of August 15, 2023

Person Requesting: B.F. Hicks, board member, Franklin County Environmental Council, Inc., a Texas nonprofit corporation

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Agenda Item Request (will be worded as printed)

Discussion of Environmental Concerns set forth in attached page

Action Item: X (The council will vote on this item.) (resolution requested - attached)

Discussion Item: X (The council will only discuss this item no action will be taken.)

Citizen Participation: X (This item is for informational purposes only.)

Signature [Handwritten Signature]

Date Aug 7, 2023

City of Mount Vernon

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Environmental concerns:

- (1) Lithium development; oversight and protection of drinking water
- (2) Solar Installations – this is not a NIMBY issue – this is a protection for all of America - (provide photos of installation at Cunningham, Texas; water damage reports); Environmental Council requests city to require details on disposition of damaged and spent panels, posts, cables and batteries. Assurance that topsoil is not removed (no scraping and disposition of our topsoil in Franklin County, Texas)
- (3) BESS installations: New York – In NYC alone –over 100 fires and 6 deaths first half of 2023 tied to lithium battery fires; and three fires with last being explosion that took one week to extinguish at a BESS in Lyme, New York; report and information and photos from county in Tennessee with an installed BESS – similar to what Enel plans here – adopts moratorium after residents raise concerns; we do not want a BESS near Harvey Morris Addition and near the City of Mt. Vernon; we do not want a BESS period. Want details for disposition of batteries; evidence as to recycling plans including contractual bids and guarantees for removal of toxic wastes.
- (4) Plastic Recycling Plant - proposed – where are details and plans given the recent fire at a recycling plant
- (5) Lithium Extraction Facility planned to be “near to Mt. Vernon” – details; want location; want source for water and disposition of water used in the extraction facility

Resolution from City Council of City of Mt. Vernon requesting County Commissioners to refuse to grant any road agreements allowing construction of BESS facilities and utility scale solar installations in Franklin County, Texas, until Environmental Impact Studies are presented and Independent Agencies review fire hazards and dangers associated with these facilities, and adopted only after public hearings.