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FRIENDSWOOD - The city's opposition to a proposed ethane pipeline running through this north Galveston County community has come to an end.

"Essentially the issue is now dead," Friendswood Mayor Harold Whitaker said Tuesday.

The City Council has voted 6-1 to not appeal a summary judgment issued by state District Judge Dwight Jefferson last month in favor of Exxon Pipeline Co.

The city spent more than \$400,000 on the pipeline issue, Whitaker said.

Exxon Pipeline filed suit in December over the city's denial of permits for construction of the 16-inch pipeline despite the company meeting all city regulations and ordinances.

The Texas Railroad Commission ruled in the pipeline company's favor in May when it dismissed a complaint filed by the city over an operating permit.

The company and city have been at odds since November 1995 over the pipeline.

The proposed pipeline would connect with an existing pipeline the company plans to use to transport ethane from South Texas to chemical plants in Mont Belvieu and Baytown.

Ethane is a component of natural gas used to make plastics. When pressurized, the odorless and colorless gas liquefies.

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Exxon first sought to transport the ethane through a crude-oil pipeline that runs under numerous Friendswood subdivisions, but dropped the plan after residents raised safety concerns.

The company then proposed to build a new pipeline through less-populated areas, noting that the new route addressed the safety and land-use issues raised by the city.

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