



TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Lee R. Feldman, ICMA-CM, City Manager

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TITLE: Ordinance Amending the City of Fort Lauderdale Comprehensive Plan to update the Goals, Objectives and Policies of the Infrastructure, Conservation and Capital Improvement Elements to Incorporate the Updated 10-Year Water Supply Facilities Work Plan - Case T14011

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission approve on first reading an ordinance amending the Infrastructure, Conservation and Capital Improvement Elements of the City of Fort Lauderdale Comprehensive Plan to incorporate the updated Water Supply Facilities Work Plan (WSP) and authorize the transmittal of the Comprehensive Plan text amendment and associated WSP to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (FDEO) and other applicable reviewing agencies.

Background

The City of Fort Lauderdale is required to update the City's 10-Year Water Supply Facilities Work Plan (WSP) pursuant to Florida Statutes and provide corresponding language consistent with the WSP and the regional water supply plan in the Goals, Objectives, and Policies of the City's Comprehensive Plan. The intent of the Water Supply Plan is to ensure adequate water supply, strengthen the City's position to compete for funding assistance and ensure local needs are considered by the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD). Chapter 163, Part II of the Florida Statutes states that Comprehensive Plan amendments related to the WSP must be adopted within 18 months after the SFWMD approves an update to its regional water supply plan. The SFWMD plan, entitled *2013 Lower East Coast Water Supply Plan Update*, was adopted on September 12, 2013; therefore, the City's Comprehensive Plan amendments must be adopted by March 12, 2015.

The WSP is incorporated in the City's Comprehensive Plan by reference in the Infrastructure Element. Related Goals, Objectives and Policies are also located in the Conservation and Capital Improvements Elements. As shown in the *Proposed Goal, Objective and Policies Text: Water Supply Plan* (Exhibit 4), the associated Comprehensive Plan text amendments ensure that the updates meet statutory

requirements. To accomplish this, the proposed amendment updates Objective 2.3 of the Infrastructure Element to reference the SFWMD's 2013 Lower East Coast Water Supply Plan and extends the City's commitment to meet potable water service demands of the City through 2025. The amendment adds Policy 2.3.8 to the Infrastructure Element, which aligns the Comprehensive Plan with the City's current Consumptive Use Permit goal of reducing water demand through conservation strategies. The amendment replaces Policy 1.4.1 of the Conservation Element to ensure that the City continues to monitor wellfields and address impacts of climate change. It also amends Objective 1.6, Policies 1.6.2-1.6.5 and adds Policy 1.6.1 to the Capital Improvement Element of the Comprehensive Plan to ensure that current language is used, such as referencing the City's Community Investment Plan, which replaced the Capital Improvements Plan.

The proposed Comprehensive Plan amendment is consistent with the City's current Comprehensive Plan, specifically Goal 2 of the Infrastructure Element, in that it ensures that the City develops and maintains an adequate water supply, treatment and distribution system, which meets the existing and projected needs of the service area in an efficient, economical, and environmentally sensitive manner. It also furthers Goal 1 of the Conservation Element by helping to conserve, protect and appropriately utilize the City's natural resources.

The City's Planning and Zoning Board (PZB), acting as the Local Planning Agency, recommended that the City Commission transmit the amendment to the FDEO by a vote of 9-0 on November 19, 2014. The PZB staff report, which includes the proposed Comprehensive Plan text changes and Comprehensive Plan amendment staff report, is attached as Exhibit 1. The PZB meeting record is attached as Exhibit 2, respectively. The executive summary of the WSP is attached as Exhibit 3 and the proposed WSP is attached as Exhibit 5.

The City Commission shall now hold a public hearing to consider the proposed Comprehensive Plan amendment and the record and recommendations forwarded by the Department of Sustainable Development and PZB.

Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

Strategic Connections

This item is a *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2018* initiative, included within the **Infrastructure Cylinder of Excellence**, specifically advancing:

- **Goal 2:** Be a sustainable and resilient community.
- **Objective 6:** Secure our community's water supply.

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Vision Plan: We Are Ready*.

Attachments:

Exhibit 1 - Staff Report from the November 19, 2014 PZB Meeting
Exhibit 2 - Minutes from the November 19, 2014 PZB Meeting
Exhibit 3 - Executive Summary of the WSP
Exhibit 4 - Proposed Comprehensive Plan Changes
Exhibit 5 - Proposed WSP
Exhibit 6 - Proposed Ordinance

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