



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING

#20-0251

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

FROM: Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: June 2, 2020

TITLE: Ordinance Amending the City's Comprehensive Plan; Future Land Use Element and the General Sanitary Sewer, Solid Waste, Drainage, Potable Water, and Natural Groundwater Recharge Elements as Incorporated in the Infrastructure Element to Update the Goals, Objectives, and Policies Related to the City of Fort Lauderdale Water Supply Facilities Work Plan – Case No. L19002 – **(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)**

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission adopt an ordinance to amend the City's Comprehensive Plan, incorporating text amendments to the Future Land Use Element and the General Sanitary Sewer, Solid Waste, Drainage, Potable Water, and Natural Groundwater Recharge Elements as incorporated in the Infrastructure Element related to the update of the City's 10-Year Water Supply Facilities Plan.

Background

Chapter 163, Part II, Florida Statutes (F.S.), requires local governments to update their Comprehensive Plan 10-Year Water Supply Facility Work Plans (WSFWP) months after the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) approves an updated regional water supply plan. The 2018 Lower East Coast Water Supply Plan (LECWSP) was adopted by the District's Governing Board on November 8, 2018. On November 20, 2019, the proposed amendments to the Comprehensive Plan were reviewed by the Planning and Zoning Board. In their role, as the Local Planning Agency, the Planning and Zoning Board recommended, by a vote of 6-0, that the City Commission transmit the amendment to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity. The draft 10-year WSFWP 2020 Update was reviewed by the Development Review Committee (DRC) on November 12, 2019. The DRC record is available on file with the Department of Sustainable Development.

On January 21, 2020, the City Commission unanimously passed the proposed amendment on first reading by a vote of 5-0, and authorized staff to transmit the amendment to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (FDEO) and other applicable reviewing agencies. The FDEO and the SFWMD provided technical comments related to the WSFWP which are attached as Exhibit 1. The comments mainly focused on

clarifying tables and maps and did not result in changes to the overall findings of the plan. The draft 10-year WSFWP 2020 Update was revised by the City's Public Works Department water supply planning consultant, Hazen and Sawyer, based upon SFWMD comments. The updated WSFWP is provided as Exhibit 2. The SFWMD also recommended clarifying incorporation of the WSFWP into the Comprehensive Plan Infrastructure Element by adding policy language with the specific title and adoption date. The supporting amendments to the Future Land Use and Infrastructure Element goals, objectives, and policies are provided as Exhibit 3. Changes made to the Comprehensive Plan policies since first reading are shown with double strikethrough and double underline. Additional revisions were made to the policies to link the WSFWP to water conservation and capital improvement planning based upon SFWMD comments on the Advance Fort Lauderdale Comprehensive Plan update.

Requirements for the 10-year WSFWP 2020 Update address the development of traditional and alternative water supplies and management strategies, including water conservation and reuse. The data and analyses, including population projections and water demands must span at least a 10-year planning period and must be consistent with the 2018 LECWSP Update. Florida Statutes also require that the local governments incorporate the WSFWP and related policies into the potable water sub-element of the Infrastructure Element in addition to providing policies regarding water supply, water conservation and regional coordination in the Future Land Use, Conservation, and Capital Improvements Elements.

The related amendments to the Future Land Use and Infrastructure Elements in the existing Comprehensive Plan reflect the proposed language in the broader update to the City's "Advance Fort Lauderdale Comprehensive Plan Update", which will be presented for review by the City Commission on a future agenda. The revisions to the Infrastructure policies will also be incorporated into the Comprehensive Plan Update.

Review Criteria

As per Unified Land Development Regulations (ULDR) Section 47-24.8, Comprehensive Plan Amendment, comprehensive plan amendments shall be submitted to the Department of Sustainable Development for review by the Local Planning Agency (Planning and Zoning Board) and for approval and adoption by the City Commission, in accordance with the requirements of Florida Statutes, Chapter 163.

Comprehensive Plan Consistency

The proposed Comprehensive Plan amendments are 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, as well as Goal 1, of the Conservation Element by helping to conserve, protect and appropriately utilize the City's natural resources.

Public Participation

The WSFWP was presented at various public meetings related to the Comprehensive Plan update, including Planning and Zoning Board Special Meetings on August 22 and September 24, 2019, a Public Workshop/Open House on September 10, 2019, and the regular Planning and Zoning Board meeting on November 20, 2019. The staff report from the regular Planning and Zoning Board meeting is attached as Exhibit 4 and the Planning and Zoning Board meeting minutes are attached as Exhibit 5.

Per ULDR Section 47-27.10, Comprehensive Plan Amendment, newspaper notice shall be provided at least ten (10) days prior to the City Commission public hearing to consider adoption of the ordinance approving the text amendments. Newspaper notice was provided in the Sun-sentinel ten days prior to the public hearing on January 21, 2020 and second reading on June 2, 2020.

Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

Strategic Connections

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2024* Strategic Plan, specifically advancing:

- The Infrastructure Focus Area
- Goal 3: Build a sustainable and resilient community
- Objective: Secure our community's water supply and support water conservation measures

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

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – Florida Department of Economic Opportunity and South Florida Water Management Comments

Exhibit 2 – Draft 10-Year Water Supply Facilities Work Plan 2020 Update

Exhibit 3 – Amendments to the Future Land Use and Infrastructure Element Policies

Exhibit 4 – Planning and Zoning Board Staff Report from November 20, 2019

Exhibit 5 – Planning and Zoning Board Meeting Minutes from November 20, 2019

Exhibit 6 – Ordinance Adopting Comprehensive Plan Amendment

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